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**Town Announcements**

**Youth Sports Funding Application Process Now Open!**

The Town of Mammoth Lakes annually awards funds to supplement organized, non-profit and self-sustaining youth sports programs that may be in need of additional funding to *provide enhanced programming or to foster greater participation from low-income residents*. The Town in partnership with Mono County annually allocate \$36,800 for programs that directly benefit youth throughout the county. The funding application period opened on February 25 and funding applicants are required to complete an online application by 5:00pm on Friday, March 22. Applications can be found online at [www.mammothparksandrec.com](http://www.mammothparksandrec.com). For additional information regarding this program, please contact Katrina Kelly, Recreation Supervisor at [kkelly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](mailto:kkelly@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov) or call (760) 965-3697.

**Plan Your Summer of Adventure at the Expanded Summer Recreation Expo**

It's all recreation, all the time with the Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department. Mark your calendars for the annual Summer Recreation Expo on Tuesday, March 26 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Mammoth High School Gym.



Discover a new summer adventure for yourself, your family or your friends at the expanded and transformed Summer Recreation Expo. This one-stop-shop for everything recreation is your opportunity to plan your summer of adventure by interacting, learning, or registering for the many diverse summer signature programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department along with the plethora of activities, events, leagues, trails and recreation products offered in our community.

*"We are committed to connecting with each and every community member to provide enhanced, innovative and age-appropriate programs that promote 'healthy and active' lifestyles. I highly encourage you to join us on March 26 - summer is right around the corner!"* stated Stuart Brown, Parks and Recreation Director.

The Summer Recreation Expo is a FREE event and all attendees will be entered in a drawing to win some great raffle prizes throughout the night, including one family VIP early registration for Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department summer camps!

The Summer Recreation Expo includes something for everyone! Engage and learn more about programs offered by over 40 recreation providers: The Town of Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department, Mono Arts Council, Hayden Cabin, Mono County First Five, Snowcreek Athletic Club, Mono County Behavioral Health, Mammoth Lakes Library, Playhouse 395, Sierra Mountain Guides, Friends of the Inyo, Eastside Velo, Mono County District 1 Recreation, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, Mammoth Mountain Bike Team, Rock Creek Pack Station, Mammoth Lakes Swim Team, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, TEEN CERT, Mono County Nutrition Task Force, Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, Mammoth AYSO Soccer, City of Bishop Parks and Recreation Department, Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserve / SNARL, Mammoth Lakes Trail System, Mammoth Lakes Recreation, Eastern Sierra Tri Club, Ground Up Climbing Guides, ASO Mammoth, Footloose Sports and more!

For additional information about the Summer Recreation Expo or to reserve a table (space is limited), please contact Lauren Plum at (760) 965-3699 or visit [www.MammothParksandRec.com](http://www.MammothParksandRec.com).

**Town Council Allocates \$125,000 for Special Event Funding**

On February 20, 2019, Town Council accepted the Special Event Funding recommendations presented by the Event Funding Committee. A total of 35 applicants applied for special event funding in 2019 - \$320,933 requested, compared to 16 in 2018. Overall, 20 events were funded, including seven new events: Mammoth Ultra Marathon, Mammoth Film Festival, Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey Classic, Mammoth Biathlon, 2020 Backcountry Games, Mammoth Lakes Turkey Trot and the Footloose Sports Freedom Mile.

In 2017, the Town Council adopted an Economic Development Strategy for Special Events in recognition of the important role special events play in enhancing the economic vitality of Mammoth Lakes, particularly during the summer months and shoulder seasons. Town Council adopted the fiscal year 2018/19 budget that included \$125,000 of special event funding for this purpose. The intent of this funding is to support the mission of the Economic Development Strategy, including the defined strategies, goals, objectives and desired outcomes. The Committee spent considerable time reviewing each and every application and made their recommendations that best aligned and were congruent with the economic development strategy and established special event mission and associated goals.

A summary of the recommendations by Tiers is listed in the table below.

Tier	Funding Recommendation	Allocation of Funding
<b>One – Primary Driver</b>	\$50,000	<b>40%</b>
<b>Two – In-Market Animation</b>	\$72,500	<b>58%</b>
<b>Three – Community Events</b>	\$2,500	<b>2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Town Meetings & Events

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### Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20, 2019** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

### Commission/Committee Meetings

March 13      Planning & Economic Development Commission Mtg., Ste. Z, 2:00PM  
April 2        Recreation Commission Meeting, Suite Z, 9:00AM

### Notify Me!

Receive updates sent directly to your email or phone from the Town of Mammoth Lakes by subscribing to "Notify Me." Found on the left side of [www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov), stay current with Public Service Announcements, Emergency Alerts, Town e-News, Recreation This Week, No Burn Announcements, DNDP updates, bid postings, news flash, calendar items, and more! Make smart decisions, subscribe today.

## Department Updates

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### PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

- [Instructional Basketball](#) continues tonight, Thursday evening from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the Mammoth Middle School Gym.
- Community Yoga is offered every Sunday evening at the community center! Come stretch those newly honed shoveling and riding muscles with free yoga at the community center each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. A suggested donation of \$5-\$10.
- Spots are available in the March session of [Toddler Time](#). Held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00am at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, this program is designed to introduce structure and routine to young children to help them transition into preschool or kindergarten. Each session costs \$48 with a 50% sibling discount; payment is requested at time of enrollment, drop in rates are available. Call Carole Mills at (209) 480-2699 for more information.
- [SMG Backcountry Tours](#) continue each Wednesday through April 17. \$250 for a full day of education on accessing the backcountry. Get away from the crowds and take the plunge today! Open to all levels 13 years of age and up, two people minimum required for the class to take place by the previous Sunday, and equipment rentals available through SMG separately. Take advantage of epic conditions and register today!
- Check out [2018/19 Winter Recreation Handout](#) outlining trails for Nordic Skiing, Snowshoeing, Fat Biking, Snowmobiling and more! I went out to Deadman Summit area last weekend for a xc ski and it was amazing! Get out there and explore!
- League play for Adult Indoor Soccer continues each Sunday evening at the Mammoth High School gym. Check out a [full schedule](#) and take in a game this weekend!

<b>3/3/2019</b>	La Palma	<b>4</b>	Black Tie	<b>1</b>
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	Junk Show United	<b>9</b>	Team Furloughed	<b>FORFEIT</b>
	Bishop FC	<b>7</b>	Niupi FC	<b>0</b>
	G.T.O.	<b>6</b>	Ski School	<b>3</b>

- [Adult Volleyball](#) continues to play on Wednesday evenings at the Mammoth Middle School Gym. Matches take place at 6:00 or 7:30 p.m. Come check out a match next week!

<b>3/6/2019</b>	Block Party	25-19, 26-24	Get Plowed
	Dawn Patrol	25-15, 21-25, 27-25	Family Ramirez
	Thundercats	25-15, 25-12	Tora! Tora! Tora!
	GTO	25-15, 25-13	Profanity

- The Mammoth Ice Rink is closed for the season. Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the ice this season, we look forward to welcoming you back next winter!
- Time to start planning your summer. Check out our [Annual Calendar of Camps and Programs](#), [peruse our summer camp offerings](#), update your [Active account](#) and start adding to your wishlist because summer camps and programs go on sale Monday, April 1 promptly at 8:00am PDT!

**MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...**

**Winter Parking Restrictions in Effect**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department is reminding citizens that there is no street parking from November 1 through April 30. Vehicles found parked in violation of these ordinances are subject to receiving a parking citation and/or in some cases, vehicles may be impounded at the owner's expense.

**10.12.100 - Winter Parking Prohibition**

The parking or standing of vehicles in designated areas on the roadside of the snow stakes along any town road from November 1 through April 30 is prohibited unless the location has been designated for winter parking as specified herein.

**10.12.106 - Obstructing Snow Removal**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, abandon, or otherwise leave unattended any vehicle as defined in Section 670 of the California Vehicle Code on any town right-of-way at any time or in any manner which will obstruct, hinder, delay or otherwise inconvenience any town officer, employee or town contractor during snow removal operations or which will leave the vehicle in such a position that it is subject to damage by town officers, employees or town contractors engaged in snow removal operations



### **10.12.110 - Towing Of Parked Vehicles**

Any member of the California Highway Patrol and any designated employee of the police department of the town, may remove any vehicle parked or left standing upon any town road in violation of this article during the period of November 1 through April 30.

Please note: the Town's easement is 10 foot off the edge of pavement, so please park accordingly.

## **HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...**

### **Work for the Town of Mammoth Lakes**

As we continue to grow and expand our workforce, the Town is pushing recruitment efforts with a number of exciting temporary and year-round employment opportunities! The Town of Mammoth Lakes knows our employees are our most valuable assets, which is why we strive to attract and retain the best talent. If you're committed to public service and you want to be part of the changing face of local government, apply now! Visit our [career portal](#) for more information.

## **Public Service Announcements**

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### **Fly to Mammoth Lakes!**

Fly to Mammoth Lakes with fares starting from \$79 one way\*

Mammoth Yosemite Airport is only 10 minutes away making travel to Mammoth Lakes even easier. You can reach Mammoth Lakes from over 100 cities worldwide – including New York, Chicago, Dallas, and Sydney. Enjoy convenient year-round flights to Mammoth Lakes via Los Angeles (LAX) and flights from Denver, San Francisco, Burbank, and Orange County available during the winter season. Go to [VisitMammoth.com](#) to get detailed information on commercial air service to Mammoth Lakes.

Airport shuttles, hotel shuttles and car rental agencies are available at the Mammoth Yosemite Airport. Be sure to check with your individual hotel to see if airport pick-up is available. And once you're booked, you can track your flight.

\*Restrictions apply. See site for full terms and conditions.

### **Leash Your Dog – It's The Law**

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department would like to remind citizens that the Town of Mammoth Lakes has several ordinances to keep their animals and the public safe. The Mammoth Lakes Police Department has responded to an increasing number of dog-related incidents and may issue citations for dog owners in violation of the following ordinances:

***MLTO 6.12.010 License (Required)*** – *If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes limits the owner of any dog over the age of six months shall procure a town dog license and pay thereafter an annual license fee for each dog.*

***MLTO 6.12.210 Dog at large*** - *It is unlawful for any person owning, harboring, or having the care, custody or possession of any dog within the town limits of Mammoth Lakes to allow such dog to run at large. All such dogs shall be kept securely fastened*

*by a chain, rope or leash unless securely confined within private property legally controlled by the person in possession of the dog. Further, any dog off the premises of its owner, or the person charged with the care, custody or possession of the dog, shall be presumed to be at large unless it is securely fastened to a rope, chain or leash not exceeding six feet in length and is under the immediate physical control of a competent person.*

Pet ownership comes with the responsibility of humane care and management of their animal, along with a legal obligation as well. A dog owner is liable for a victim's injuries if their dog bites and injures the victim. These ordinances also apply at Town parks and facilities. Additional ordinances regulating the responsibilities of pet owners can be found in the Town of Mammoth Lakes Municipal Code ([https://library.municode.com/ca/mammoth\\_lakes/\\_codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/ca/mammoth_lakes/_codes/code_of_ordinances)).

### **When To Make A Bear Call**

#### **DO NOT CALL:**

- Bear walking through your property or neighborhood
- Bear in a tree

#### **OPTIONAL NON-EMERGENCY - call Wildlife Expert Steve Searles at (760) 934-2327:**

- Bear on porch or deck
- Bear in unoccupied vehicle
- Bear making regular visits to property or under deck or house

#### **EMERGENCY - CALL 911:**

- Bear inside any building or home
- Bear seen trying to open window or door of occupied dwelling
- Bear in confined space with human beings
- Bear apparently confronting human beings

### **Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions**

Some of the most frequently asked questions about legal rentals and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) are:

#### **What is a transient rental?**

A transient rental is any unit that is occupied for the purpose of sleeping, lodging, or similar reasons for a period of 30 consecutive days or less in exchange for a fee or similar consideration.

#### **Can I rent my unit as a transient rental?**

Only some zones within the Town of Mammoth Lakes permit transient rentals. The following zones permit transient rentals:

- RMF-2 (Residential Multi-family 2)
- CL (Commercial Lodging)
- CG Commercial General)
- R (Resort, including master plan areas)
- SP (Specific Plan, including North Village and Clearwater)

This list is intended as a guide only. Although the above zones permit transient use generally, other regulations, such as those found in master plans, CC&Rs, or project conditions of approval may prohibit transient rental within a particular development. Generally, transient rental of single family homes is prohibited. A zoning map can be found on the Town's website.

### **What is transient occupancy tax (TOT)?**

Transient occupancy tax, or TOT, is a 13% tax that is charged "for the privilege of occupancy of any transient occupancy facility." The tax is required to be paid to the operator of the transient occupancy facility at the time the rent is paid. It is the operator's responsibility to remit the TOT to the Town.

### **Do I need to pay TOT?**

If you are renting your unit as a transient rental, even if it is only for one weekend a year, you need to pay TOT. This includes single-family homes and other units that are not permitted to rent nightly, but may be doing so illegally. TOT shall be remitted for each night the unit is rented.

### **Do I need a business tax certificate?**

Yes, if you are renting your unit on a transient basis.

### **Do I need a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Yes. You are required to purchase a transient occupancy certificate for each rental unit to post in your transient rental property. This is included as part of Schedule E or F in the business tax certificate application.

### **What is the difference between a business tax certificate and a transient occupancy tax certificate?**

Business tax is an annual tax and is required for all business activity. The transient occupancy tax certificate is a one-time purchase that is non-transferable. This certificate is required to be posted in your transient rental unit.

### **Do I need a business tax certificate if all of my rentals are handled through a reservation company?**

If all of your rentals are handled through a reservation company, most reservation companies will purchase the transient occupancy tax certificate and collect and remit the TOT to the Town. You may wish to check with your reservation company to confirm that this is being taken care of. If you rent your unit by owner in addition to renting with a property management company, you are also required to obtain a separate business tax certificate and transient occupancy tax certificate.

### **How do I apply for a business tax certificate?**

The Town's website contains information regarding business tax certificates, including an application for a business tax certificate: <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=182>. Transient Rentals fall under schedule F for condominium rentals and schedule E for hotels, motels, lodges, and campgrounds. This application can be mailed back to the Town, or submitted in person. The total cost for one unit is \$118.00 (\$65.00 application fee, \$5.00 planning review fee, \$25.00 fee to rent one unit, \$23.00 TOT certificate fee). Additional costs apply for additional units. Business tax certificates are required on or before the first day

business commences; penalties will apply for late filings. If you have additional questions regarding this process please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273.

### **Do I have a business tax certificate?**

To find out if you have a valid business tax certificate on file, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 273 or your property management company.

### **What is illegal rental activity?**

Illegal rental activity is any rental activity that is not consistent with the Town's Zoning Ordinance, or any rental activity that is not compliant with the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. This can include transient rental of units located in zones that prohibit transient rentals. It can also include transient rentals in a zone where it is permitted, but when the TOT is not remitted to the Town.

### **How can I report illegal rental activity?**

If you suspect illegal rental activity, you may submit an anonymous tip via the Town's TOT hotline at (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or on the Town's website via the Transient Occupancy Tax information page. Please include any information that you have that would substantiate the claim, along with the property address and owner's name if you have it. You may also email [tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:tot@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us). Note that emails are not anonymous, however, staff will do its best to keep your information private.

### **Questions & Anonymous TOT Hotline**

If you have questions about TOT enforcement, or if you would like to report suspicious activity or rental advertisements please contact our anonymous hotline. The Town will follow-up on any reports submitted. The Hot Line Number is (760) 934-8989 ext. 275 or email your information to: [TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us](mailto:TOT@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us).

## **Register for CodeRED**

Residents of Mono County can register their cell phones to receive emergency CodeRED (reverse 911) alerts from Mono County. This is a county public service available to all Mono County residents so please tell your friends and neighbors in Mono County that they can register for this service. CodeRED announcements are for personal notification and will not replace CERT CAHAN notification. Here is how to sign register/sign up using the INTERNET:

- Go to [monosheriff.org](http://monosheriff.org)
- Scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
- Click on it and follow directions.

## **Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance**

In 2003, the Town adopted Exterior Lighting Ordinance 17.36.030 to eliminate light pollution and preserve views of our starry skies. The outdoor lighting ordinance was adopted to encourage residents to administer a lighting system that not only promotes public safety and night-time ambiance but to maximize energy conservation. To eliminate glare and light trespass into neighboring properties and roadways, the outdoor lighting fixtures on your property should be shielded and re-



directed to shine downward or changed out to a lower wattage. More information about responsible lighting can be found at [www.crlaction.org](http://www.crlaction.org).