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Town Announcements

Town of Mammoth Lakes to Host 2019 Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake

The Town of Mammoth Lakes in partnership with Crowley Lake Fish Camp is extremely proud to host the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at Crowley Lake on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

The Independence Day fireworks show promises to be a bright and striking display of color in the Eastern Sierra night sky. This year's "Sky Concert" will propel over 772 shells into the Eastern Sierra sky for a mesmerizing 20 minutes beginning at approximately 9:15 p.m. (weather permitting). The show will simulcast live on KMMT 106.5 – tune in and enjoy!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to acknowledge L.D.C. and Mono County Community Services Area 1 for their generous donations and long-standing support of this generational community event at Crowley Lake.

Since incorporating in 1984, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has been celebrating Independence Day with a spectacular fireworks show. The Town contracts Pyro Spectaculars by Souza to light up the sky above Crowley Lake. Souza is well known for doing some of the largest and most spectacular fireworks displays in the world.

Admission to the Fourth of July Fireworks Show is once again only \$25.00 per car, RV, or truck (excludes camping), and \$5.00 per individual/bike (walking/riding).

Prior to the spectacular fireworks show, kick back on the Crowley Lake Fish Camp and enjoy live music playing from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The Pelican Point Grill will be serving BBQ and holiday specials including cold beverages from Noon - 8:30 p.m.

4-day camp permitting at Crowley Lake Fish Camp for the Fourth of July begins Wednesday, July 3 and ends on Saturday, July 6, 2019. The entire lake shore at the South Landing of Crowley Lake will be open for camping, and the fee is only \$125 per vehicle including the Independence Day fireworks show. The North Landing/North Shore of Crowley Lake will be closed beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, thru 12:00 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2019.

To ensure a safe holiday experience for everyone, please observe the following:

- No personal fireworks are permitted within Mono County, including the Inyo National Forest (INF), and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands. Be smart; leave the fireworks to the professionals!
- Due to EXTREME FIRE DANGER, the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Long Valley Fire Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, California

Highway Patrol and Mono County Sheriff will enforce a "zero tolerance" policy with respect to the possession and use of fireworks. Fireworks violations will be strictly enforced.

- Please obey road closure and no parking signs. Parking or stopping is NOT permitted along Highway 395 or Crowley Lake Drive at any time. Do not park in fire lanes.
- The Mono County Sheriff's Office will be patrolling Crowley Lake during the fireworks show. Do not boat within 100 yards of the fireworks detonation site at Hilton Bay. Proper night-time navigation lighting is required on all vessels.
- Help us keep Mono County clean. Please use designated trash facilities.
- Do not drink and drive. Please use a designated driver or plan to camp at Crowley Lake Fish Camp.

Please enjoy our national holiday in a safe and responsible manner. For additional information, please contact the Town of Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department at (760) 965-3690, or visit www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo County Awarded Prestigious Herman C. Bliss Partnership Award

On June 4, 2019 at the 10th Annual Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Western-Pacific Region Airports Conference, the Herman C. Bliss Airports Partnership Award was presented jointly to the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo County.

The award was granted in recognition of the important partnership developed between the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo County to cooperatively develop their respective airports and to develop a regional solution to the aviation needs of California's Eastern Sierra Region.

Town of Mammoth Lakes Public Works Director, Grady Dutton accepted the award on behalf of the Town. He thanked Mr. Bliss, who presented the award and Mr. Mark A. McClardy the Director of the Western-Pacific Region, stating that, "It has been a long-time goal of both agencies to realize a vision of cooperation in the region and we are honored to receive this prestigious award."

The Herman C. Bliss Airports Partnership Award was created in 2005 to recognize the service of long-time FAA Western-Pacific Region Airport Division Manager Mr. Herman C. Bliss. The 2019 award included three nominees from the West-Pacific Region.

Mr. Dutton worked with Mr. Bliss in the mid-90s when Mr. Dutton was the Senior Director, Public Works for the Port of San Diego/San Diego International Airport Lindbergh Field.

This prestigious award is presented to an airport, a consultant, a state or local government employee or organization that has provided unparalleled leadership and accomplished the most noteworthy/important achievement in at least one of the following areas:

- Developed and/or implemented specific programs or activities resulting in enhanced airport/ aviation safety;
- Performed outstanding and/or unique accomplishments, directly linked to airport/aviation safety, or in support of airports programs;
- Developed/implemented other noteworthy accomplishments that have provided substantial benefit to aviation within the Western Region.

The Western-Pacific Region includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The FAA presents three annual awards for Airport Safety, Airport of the Year and the Herman C. Bliss Partnership Award.

New Program To Help Homeowners Improve Home Health, Safety and Energy Efficiency Issues

Grant funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development to the Town of Mammoth Lakes will help homeowners improve home health, safety and energy efficiency issues.

Mammoth Lakes Housing will offer deferred payment loans to income eligible homeowners for essential repairs, such as energy efficient window replacements, EPA compliant woodstoves, energy efficient appliances, plumbing repairs, handicap accessibility improvements, exterior siding repairs, and similar projects. In addition to assisting individuals and families live in safe conditions, the program also helps maintain the condition of the housing stock within the Town.

Program and Contact Details

Mammoth Lakes Housing is the Program Operator and all inquiries about the program, including qualifying income levels and program guidelines can be found on their website at www.MammothLakesHousing.org under "Rehab & Weatherization Resources" or by calling (760) 934-4740.

The maximum loan amount is \$50,000 per home. A limited number of \$10,000 grants are available to senior citizens (62+), persons with disabilities, and very-low income households. Deferred payment loans for rehabilitation are zero interest, no payment loans for the period the homeowner continues to live in the home as their primary residence. The loan is repayable when the home is sold, refinanced, title transferred, converted to a rental, or other qualifying event. There is a limited amount of funding available and loans will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

This program will be implemented in accordance with Fair Housing provisions. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of his or her religion or religious affiliation, age, race, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, marital status, familial status, physical or mental disability, or sexual orientation.

June 5, 2019 Town Council Highlights

- Major Hoff recognized Recreation Supervisor John Connolly for twenty years of service with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. John started with the Town as a substitutive recreation instructor in 1995. In 1996, John was promoted to the Teen Coordinator/Recreation Leader position, and in 1999 began his tenure as a Recreation Supervisor.

For over twenty years as a Recreation Supervisor, John created authentic, diverse and award-winning programming. *"On behalf of the entire Parks and Recreation Team, I would like to thank John for his commitment to building the successful summer camp program we have today, and for leading and positively influencing our valued, dynamic and passionate team of camp counsellors,"* Parks and Recreation Director Stuart Brown.

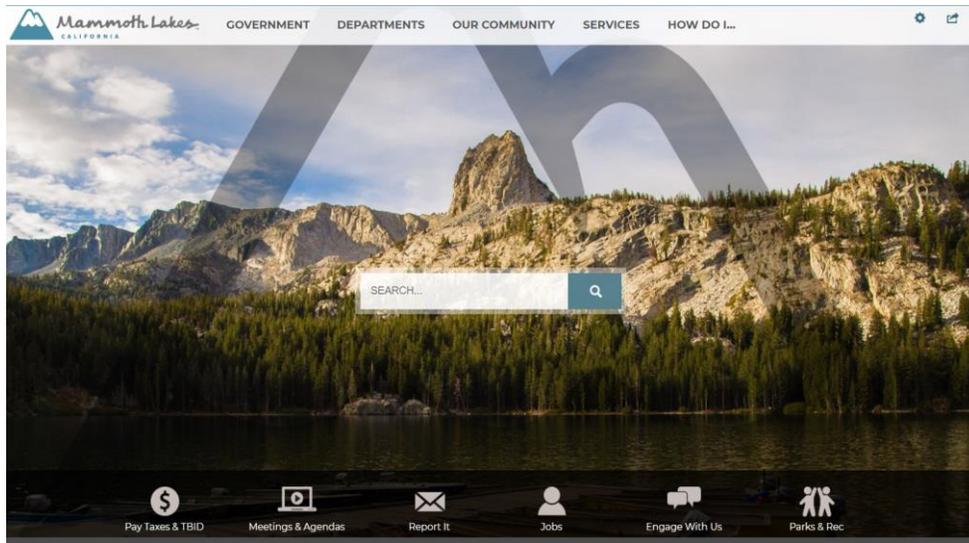


- Town Council adopted a Proclamation declaring June, 2019 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

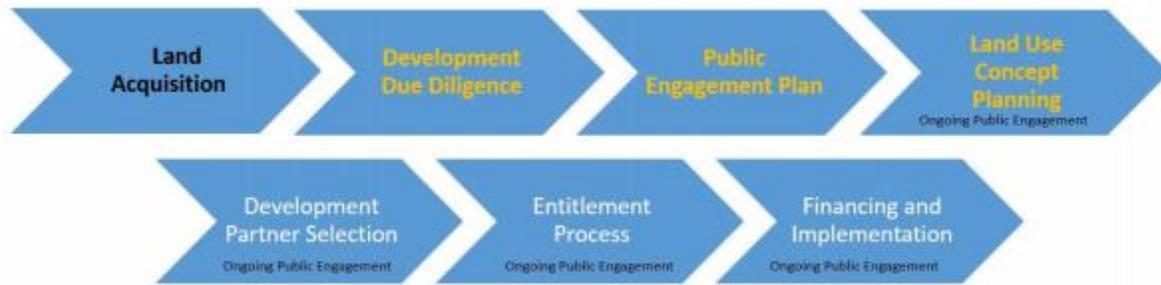


- Staff presented the new EngagementHQ platform to Town Council. 'Bang the Table' was founded in Australia in 2007 by two city planners. Since then, they have become the global leaders in Online Community Engagement, with more than 11 years of research, practice and real-world experience. The platform EngagementHQ has supported agencies of all sizes launch more than 10,000 public consultations in five countries. Online Engagement: Helps you reach a wider audience, Builds community capacity, Develops a deeper understanding, Enables Public to Public interaction and serves as a Litmus test for in-person engagements.

EngagementHQ is a platform approach to online engagement. It brings together 8 tools and 14 communication/participation widgets that can be easily deployed on individual project pages. The tools collect qualitative, quantitative and geospatial data from participants. Combined with the widgets, it elevates awareness and education of the project along with the opportunity to provide valuable input all in one place. To access the online engagement platform, click on the "Engage With Us" icon at the bottom of the Town's homepage (see below) or visit <https://engage.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov>.



- Staff provided a monthly Parcel update to Town Council. Highlights of the update are listed below:
 - Conceptual Land Use Planning Title - During the May 15th Town Council meeting staff was asked for a more user-friendly name for the “conceptual land use planning” process. This process will now be referred to as “Plan The Parcel” which is similar to the language we have used for master planning efforts in the past.
 - Staff was asked to clarify how the conceptual land use planning process (Plan The Parcel) fits into the overall process for the project. The flowchart below shows the relationship between the conceptual land use planning process and the entire process.



- Public Outreach (General) – Amy Callanan is the lead staff member responsible for all forms of public outreach related to this project.
- There was a request for additional information regarding the charrette scheduled for Tuesday, August 20 - Friday, August 23. LWC and staff are developing a detailed schedule and information for the process, but initial details include:
 - Staff will brand this work effort as a multi-day design workshop rather than calling it a “charrette” to ensure the public understands the purpose of the work effort.
 - Staff has outlined the hours of the work effort and will provide additional details as they are available. Hours available for Public participation will be:
 - Tuesday, 8/20 - 6pm-8pm (Opening Presentation, recorded on Granicus)
 - Wednesday, 8/21 - 9:30am-12pm and 1pm-5:30pm
 - Thursday, 8/22 - 9:30am-5:30pm and 7pm-8pm
 - Friday, 8/23 - 9:30am-1pm and 6pm-8pm (Closing Presentation, recorded on Granicus)
 - Staff is working with our public outreach consultant, Pat Davis Design Group, on creative ways to engage the public in the workshop.
 - Upon completion of a detailed schedule and information staff will send out a press release and will create a Facebook event.

Project Schedule

Following is an updated outline schedule provided by LWC. A more detailed schedule will be provided to include additional public outreach and conceptual planning detail.

April/May 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project kickoff: April 4 • Prepare Public Outreach Plan: draft complete • Prepare detailed schedule of meetings/events: June • Schedule public interest interviews: scheduling underway
May/June 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public interest interviews: Tentative May 7 and 8 • Prepare public interest interview summary
June/July 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #1: June 26 • Internal Team work session • Prepare rough preliminary land use plan concepts
July/August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rough preliminary concepts available to public • Multi-day Design Workshop “Plan The Parcel” • Prepare preferred conceptual land use plan and narrative
September/October 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #2
October/November 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare final conceptual land use plan and narrative
November/December 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council/PEDC Workshop #3

- Town Council adopted resolutions for special event road closures on June 15, 23, 29 and July 4 for the annual Chamber of Commerce Parade.
- Town Council adopted a resolution assigning funds from the Town's Tourism Reserve to complete the Town's wayfinding project (\$100,000) and Mammoth Lakes Tourism Request for two years of Special Event funding, \$150,000 each year (\$300,000) as outlined in exhibit A - Budget Amendment.
- Town Council authorized staff to proceed with the proposed Community Recreation Center as presented as Alternate B in the Staff Report. Action included:
 - Move expeditiously forward with the project to minimize cost escalation.
 - Proceed with design and development of the fabric tensile structure with HMC and Vanir.
 - Update environmental analysis as necessary.
 - Submit to planning any variances necessary.
 - Review final design with Recreation Commission and Design Review Committee.
 - Bid the project with enough phases to maximize the existing budget.
 - Return to Town Council with a contract award.

With a focus on bringing a project to Town Council that would not exceed \$13M for all components, the team decided to take a broader approach that included two new alternatives. Alternative A was a bare bones steel roof structure with no support amenities, while Alternative B was a fabric tensile structure (manufactured by Sprung). A summary of the analysis of the two alternatives is identified in the table below.

“Tensile Fabric Structure vs Metal Rink and Roof”

Category	Sprung	Rink / Roof
Life cycle	65 years	100+ framing, 40 roofing
Construction Costs	\$11.5M	\$14 - 15.5M
Support Facilities	Complete	None
Planning (Env., Zoning)	Under review	Complete
Programming	Expanded over previous design	Limited
Constructability	Easy	Difficult
Construction Time	10-12 months	18 -24 months
Management	TOML	Construction Manager
Bid Risk	Low	Med-High

Proposed Schedule

- Preliminary Design - Completed
- Revised Environmental Disclosure – Begin June 2019 – End Fall/Winter 2019
- Planning/Zoning issue (if any) resolution - Begin June 2019 – End Fall/Winter 2019
- Final Design – Fall/Winter 2019
- Bid, Award – Spring 2020

- Acquire structure, Chiller, Boards etc. (Upon successful bid)
- Facility Opening – Est. December 2020

Conceptual Renderings



- Town Council directed staff to make no adjustment to the Transient Occupancy Tax revenue based on current and political commitments and directed staff to continue to work under the current allocation as included in the proposed budget for FY19-20.
- Town Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed fees and charges and after taking public comments and consideration of the proposed fees, adopted the proposed resolutions establishing and updating a master schedule of fees and charges for Town services. See highlighted fee changes below:

Financial Services / Administration Fees

The Finance department has been using the minimum \$500 charge for enforcement charges on all cases as authorized in our municipal code. The intent of this change is to memorialize the minimum amount to be \$500 per enforcement case. This charge is associated with an estimate of staff time, software expense and other supplies to conduct enforcement cases. Some enforcement cases require the Town to rent the illegal facility in order to identify its exact location. In those circumstances, the enforcement charged will be \$500 plus the recovery of cost of rental.

Community and Economic Development – Building Division

New Structures and Additions permit fee is based on the square footage construction costs from the International Codes Council's Building Valuation Table as adopted by the Town and multiplied by a factor of 0.032. The increase reflected in this table represents approximately 3.5% increase over the prior year fees.

Public Safety

Public Safety has a slight increase of \$5 for fingerprinting services and a decrease in concealed weapon permit fees due to penal code limits.

Airport Fees

The Airport has added a cost accounted fee relating to asphalt damage caused by fuel spillage or other mishap, and a new fee for parking in an unauthorized area.

Public Works / Engineering Fees

Public Works has added a fee for snow storage on town owned property.

Community and Economic Development – Planning Division

There are no recommended changes to the Community and Economic Development Planning Division Fees.

Development Impact Fee and Affordable Housing Fee

Development Impact Fees (DIF) are adjusted annually on July 1 of each fiscal year by a percentage equal to the Construction Cost Index as published by Engineer News Record for the proceeding twelve months. For this fiscal year, the percentage of increase is 1.5% and is reflected in the proposed fee schedule. The Housing Fee is set through the impact fee study and may be updated after a review of the study or a new study is completed. At this time no adjustment is recommended. However, a review of the last study completed to set the fees will be reviewed and if adjustments to the housing fee may be considered at that time.

Other Fees and Charges

The Master Fee Schedule includes the majority of the service related fees and charges for the Town, but is not all-inclusive. There are some fees and charges specifically enumerated by ordinance and tied to a specific permits or licenses. It does not include taxes, fines or penalties.

- Town Council:
 - Adopted a resolution establishing the Town of Mammoth Lakes appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
 - Adopted a resolution reaffirming the Town of Mammoth Lakes Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
 - Adopted a resolution reaffirming the Town of Mammoth Lakes Reserve Policy for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
 - Adopted a resolution reaffirming the Town of Mammoth Lakes Debt Policy for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

- Adopted a resolution approving the Annual Budget for the Town of Mammoth Lakes for Fiscal Year 2019-20, as presented or with Council directed modifications.
- Town Council authorized the Mayor to finalize and submit a letter to Madera County Board in support of Mono County's request for consideration of a county boundary line adjustment. The primary reason for the request is related to the provision of emergency services to the Reds Meadow Valley/Middle Fork San Joaquin River area of eastern Madera County. The Mono County letter outlines the concerns that need to be addressed. The Town also provides services to the area and acts in a support role for emergency and other public services provided to visitors and workers in the area. The majority of the area also falls within the Town's planning area boundary.
- Town Council will provide a comment letter to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding rule changes related to requiring citizenship or legal immigration status to qualify for federal subsidized housing.

June 26 Town Council Highlights

- Town Council presented a 20-year service recognition award to Finance Manager, Cyndi Myrold.



- Town Council presented a 20-year service recognition award to Public Works Maintenance Lead Worker, Lance Miller.



- Town Council recognized retiring Airport Manager, Brian Picken for his dedicated service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.



- Town Council approved the Proclamation declaring July, 2019 as Cancer Recovery Month.



- Police Chief Al Davis awarded MLPD Officer Hansen and CHP Sergeant de Geus the Chief's Award for their outstanding service to the Town of Mammoth Lakes in the production of "Every 15 Minutes."



- Town Council accepted the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Sustainable Recreation and Tourism Grant in the amount of \$618,750.
- Town Council adopted the Proclamation declaring July, 2019 as Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Accepting the Proclamation on behalf of the Department was the Recreation Commission Chair, Betsy Truax.



- Town Council authorized the consulting agreement with Wallace Environmental Consulting, Inc., for preparation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for certain projects in the Mammoth Yosemite Airport Capital Improvement Program (ACIP).
- Town Council adopted a Legislative Platform. State and Federal legislators are constantly proposing new legislation that has the potential to impact the Town and its operations, both positively and negatively. The Town has not previously taken formal positions regarding various legislative and policy matters; but rather, has taken action by sending position letters on various legislative matters on a case-by-case basis.

A Legislative Platform identifies priority policy areas for the Town. This allows staff the ability to act quickly when new legislation is proposed by preparing position letters and taking other action as needed, without bringing each individual item to the Council for discussion and approval. Staff has prepared a Legislative Platform for the Town, which identifies a number of priority policy areas of interest to the Town.

- Town Council approve a letter opposing AB 516. This measure that would eliminate the ability for cities and law enforcement to adequately enforce state and local vehicle violations. AB 516 would:
 - Prohibits cities from removing cars in violation of a 72-hour violation in a timely manner, allowing a car to remain unmoved for a minimum of 10 business days, or two weeks, after a violation has already occurred.
 - Prohibits removing cars if they have five or more unpaid parking tickets or traffic violations.
 - Prohibits the use of a boot on cars that have five or more unpaid parking tickets or traffic violations.

If passed, AB 516 could have significant ramifications for our local Police Department. Staff recommends that the Town Council authorize staff to prepare a letter for the mayor's signature that would oppose this bill.

- Town Council continued the Agreement with Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access (MLTPA) to provide support services for the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Grant.

Town Meetings & Events

Town Council

The next regular meeting of the Mammoth Lakes Town Council has been scheduled for **Wednesday, July 17** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Suite Z with a tentative 2019/20 budget presentation. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Commission/Committee Meetings

July 10 Planning & Economic Development Commission Mtg., Ste. Z, 2:00PM

August 6 Recreation Commission Meeting, Ste. Z, 9:00AM

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Department Updates

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS...

Main Street Sidewalk Construction Project

This summer, the Town continues to invest in our "feet first" efforts, encompassing pedestrian connectivity and safety with multiple sidewalk construction projects. Construction for the south side of the Lower Main Street Sidewalk project began on April 15, 2019. The sidewalk, which is consistent with the design along the north side of Main Street, will extend from Manzanita Road to Laurel Mountain Road. Also included is a section on the north side from Sierra Blvd. to Mountain Blvd. Construction for all these projects is expected to last through the end of summer.

During construction, all business access will be maintained and kept open. However, much of the Frontage Road parking near the proposed sidewalk will be closed for a portion of the project. Business owners should keep an eye out for an informational meeting to be held prior to the start of construction.

The Town is excited to complete this project, the largest phase of the program that represents an investment of over \$8 million and includes (from west to east):

- Minaret Connector from 8050 to the Mammoth Brewing - substantially complete
- Utilities undergrounding from Mountain to Minaret - complete
- Upper Main Street Wall and Sidewalk from Mountain to Minaret - substantially complete
- Lower Main Street Sidewalk, north side from Post Office to Forest Trail - substantially complete; and,
- Lower Main Street Summer 2019 as described above.

For additional information about the Main Street Sidewalk Construction project, please contact Haislip Hayes at (760) 965-3652 or via email at hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS...

Summer Camps

- Wilderness I and Mountain Bike Camp I conclude today. It has been a fun week of exploration hiking or biking around the Eastern Sierras. Some modifications were made to the itinerary due to snowpack but the kids had an awesome time. Next week we are gearing up for Climbing Camp II, Wave Rave Skate Camp II with openings available in both camps [Register Today!](#)

Mammoth Softball Tournaments

- [Reserve your spot in the Mammoth Coed Softball Tournament today!](#) Our annual coed softball tournament will be held the weekend of July 20-21. This tournament attracts teams from all over California as they swing for the fences at 8,000 feet. Team fee is only \$375 with a \$100 deposit due at time of registration.

Tennis Lessons

- Drop-In Adult Tennis Clinics are scheduled every Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30pm at the Community Tennis Courts on Forest Trail. Join our tennis pro, Kyle Osland, for these weekly group sessions for intermediate players 16 years and older. Drop-in Fee is only \$10 per session. Punch cards available for purchase at the Town Offices (credit card, cash or check) or at the Community Tennis Courts (cash or check) prior to clinics.

Shady Rest Park 18-hole Disc Golf Course

- The Mammoth Ranger District of the Inyo National Forest is [seeking input from the public](#) regarding the proposed 18-hole disc golf course adjacent to Shady Rest Park.

Whitmore Pool

- The [Whitmore Pool](#) is now open 7-days a week! The facility includes a six-lane 25-meter pool, children's wading pool, restrooms, hot showers, lawn area, shade structure, complimentary Wi-Fi, and concessions. American Red Cross-certified personnel staff the pool. Swim lessons and youth camps are offered throughout summer.

Softball League Scores and Standings

- Men's and Coed Softball league began last week. Check out a full schedule of games along with scores and standings at : <https://ca-mammothlakes2.civicplus.com/747/Softball-Leagues-Tournaments>. Men's league plays every Monday and Wednesday and the Coed League plays every Tuesday and Thursday excluding byes. Please note there is a league wide bye on Wednesday, June 3 and Thursday June 4 next week. Swing by Shady

Team	Wins-Losses
Rolling Thunder	3-0
XRC	2-2
The Originals	2-1
MaxBP	1-1
Goodlife	1-2
Los Paisas	0-4

Team	Wins - Losses
Free Agents	3-0
Hit It N Quit It	2-1
Dirt Bags	2-0
Clocktower	1-2
Black Tie	1-1
Ballz Deep	0-3
Bargain Ballers	0-2

TRAIL NEWS...

On Saturday, July 6 please join us with Footloose Sports and Sierra Eastside Mountain Bike Association (SEMBA) for a day of trail work at Earthquake Fault. Meet the Mammoth Lakes Trail System Crew at Earthquake Fault at 8:30 a.m. for a delicious free bagel breakfast provided by Old New York Deli and Bagel. After a safety talk and assignments from our expert trail crew leaders, we'll begin our morning of trailhead maintenance, trail work and general cleanup. Thanks to the generosity of Volunteer Eastern Sierra, the day will wind down with a gourmet lunch from Bleu Handcrafted Foods, followed by a raffle and lots of great giveaways! This year, Trail Days is going green! So please bring your own plates and silverware to prevent the need for single use products! Be sure to dress for trail work. Walk, bike ride or carpool if you can.

MAMMOTH LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

Mammoth Lakes Police Department is proud to offer residents complimentary bicycle helmets for children courtesy of the California Department of Public Health. Please contact Community Service Officer Kari Orr to schedule a fitting at (760) 965-3710 or by email at: korr@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.



MLPD continues to sell dog licenses valid through 6/30/20 for Town of Mammoth Lakes Residents. Licenses can be purchased during normal business hours at 58 Thompsons Way and the cost is \$20.00 (on or after July 1, a \$5.00 late fee will be added). Unaltered dog licenses are \$50.00. Owners must provide proof of a current rabies vaccination. California law requires all dogs over the age of 6 months to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. If you live within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, you are required to license your dog.

Speaking of the dogs of Mammoth Lakes. MLPD has received numerous reports of dogs being off-leash at Shady Rest Park. There are thousands of acres of forest surrounding Mammoth Lakes in which to play and walk with your dog(s) off-leash. Please respect the other citizens and visitors using Shady Rest Park who are not comfortable being around dogs off leash. We also ask that you pick up after your dog while in Town limits.

The Police Department reminds all visitors and residents to please keep safety in mind while enjoying beautiful Mammoth Lakes during the summer with the following safety tips:

Driver Safety

- Be aware of the pedestrian crosswalks on Main Street

- Be courteous to bicyclists and give ample room when passing
- The sun is powerful at higher elevation, never leave children or pets in unattended vehicles, even if the outside temperature feels reasonable

Bicycle Rider Safety

- Obey the rules of the road – stop at red lights and stop signs, use hand signals, etc...
- Wear a helmet and bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding
- Ride with traffic, never against it
- Bicycle lighting is required at night
- Bicyclists must use the bicycle lane when on a roadway equipped with such lane and the bicyclist is moving slower than the normal speed of traffic

Pedestrian Safety

- It's dark at night in Mammoth Lakes - Do not assume drivers can see you
- Pedestrians do not automatically have the right of way

Altitude Safety

- Drink plenty of water
- Moderate activity on the 1st day at elevation
- Use sunscreen and lip protection
- Always bring along layers, the weather can be unpredictable
- Water is cold and fast moving year-round at this elevation

Wildlife Safety

- Bears are present – Keep your doors locked and do not leave food in your vehicle
- Secure dumpsters after use and do not leave trash/food unattended outdoors
- Black bears are easily scared off by yelling, loud noises and waving your arms
- Slow down! Speeding kills wildlife and collisions with wildlife will cause major damage to your vehicle

Hiker Safety

- Let someone know where you are going
- Bring enough food, clothing, and reasonable safety equipment for the nature of your hike
- Be aware that cellular phone service may not work in the backcountry

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

This monthly contribution is focused on clarifying the differences between taxes, fees and the tourism business improvement district assessment. The Finance Department collects and enforces business tax, transient occupancy tax (TOT), Tourism Business Improvement District assessment (TBID) and Cannabis Tax. If you have questions or would like assistance with a business in Mammoth Lakes, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 965-3660.

Tax vs Fee vs TBID

One of the primary functions of the Finance Department is to collect business tax, transient occupancy tax (TOT), the Tourism Business Improvement District or (TBID) assessment and cannabis tax. Business tax is an annual tax (commonly referred to as a business license) and is a flat rate or calculated on gross receipts. TOT is a 13% tax associated with transient lodging rentals and makes up approximately 60% of

the Town’s general fund budget revenue. TBID is a varying percentage depending on business type and is collected from lodging, retail, restaurant and ski resort businesses. When “fees” are collected by the Town, they are done so in order to offset the staff cost of processing or conducting a service, benefit or convenience to the community, e.g., business tax certificate renewal fee. Cannabis tax was proposed and approved on the June 5, 2018 ballot. Cannabis tax is collected at a varying rate depending on business type and is collected from laboratory testing, cultivation, distribution, manufacturing and retail sales. Gross revenues on cannabis retail sales are also subject to the TBID retail rate and remitted to Mammoth Lakes Tourism for promotion of the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The chart below outlines the differences and rates of the revenue sources.

TAX	FEE
<p>The purpose of a tax is to raise revenue for ‘general use’ for the public benefit. Taxes are applied uniformly to all in the taxed district.</p> <p>The Supreme Court described tax as an ‘enforced contribution to provide for the support of the government.’</p> <p>A tax does not have to produce any identifiable benefit to the payer or reflect governmental costs.</p> <p>A tax increase requires voter approval.</p>	<p>The purpose of a fee is to off-set the regulatory burden incurred by the government, directly related to a specific regulatory purpose.</p> <p>A fee should reasonably approximate the payer’s fair share of the costs incurred by the government in providing the service, benefit, or convenience.</p> <p>A fee must produce an identifiable benefit to the payer or reflect governmental costs.</p> <p>A fee does not require voter approval.</p>
Tourism Business Improvement District Assessment	Local Cannabis Tax
<p>A TBID is an involuntary charge that business owners pay for a service that provides a special benefit to their business. The amount of the assessment is directly related to the amount of the benefit their business receives. In Mammoth Lakes, the Town Finance Department collects the TBID from local businesses and remits the assessment to Mammoth Lakes Tourism to be spent on community marketing and promotional efforts.</p> <p>TBID assessments need approval by a weighted majority of the affected business owners that cast votes. The TBID is collected on gross receipts using the following percentages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1% on lodging revenue • 1.5% of retail revenues • 1.5% of restaurant revenues • 2% of lift ticket and ski schools sales for ski resort revenues 	<p>The local cannabis tax was placed on the ballot and approved June 5, 2018. The measure passed with an 81% yes vote. The approval imposed the following percentages on gross receipts per business type.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1% tax on cannabis laboratory testing • 2% tax on cannabis cultivation • 2% tax on cannabis distribution • 2% tax on cannabis manufacturing • 4% tax on cannabis retail sales

The purpose and intent of taxes, fees and TBID are the subject of frequently asked questions to the Finance Department. Currently, TOT, TBID and cannabis tax are remitted to the Town on a monthly basis. Additional information on taxes and TBID is available on the Town of Mammoth Lakes website. Click the following links for information on [business tax](#), or [TBID](#). A spreadsheet showing the collections of TOT and TBID by month is available [here](#).

If you have questions about the differences between a tax, fee or the TBID assessment, please contact the Finance Department at (760) 965-3660.

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

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:

MLMC: 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.*

MLMC: 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).

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. 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.

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
- 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.