

### **Town Tree-Lighting Ceremony**

Welcome in the festive season at the official Town Tree-Lighting Ceremony on **Friday, December 3, 2010**, in the Footloose Sports parking lot. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., enjoy complimentary hot beverages provided by the Recreation Department and delicious crepes for sale by Java Joint. The kids won't want to miss Santa's arrival, escorted by the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department. Join Santa after he magically lights the Town Christmas Tree for photos by Speed of Light for a nominal fee. Guests are also invited to visit the Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative booth for your FREE Holiday Ornament (limited to first 250). This program is funded by California utility customers and administered by SCE under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

### **Town Council Unanimously Adopts 2010 Measure R Fall Recommendations**

On December 1, 2010, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council unanimously adopted the Recreation Commission's recommendation to fund 9 projects for a total request of \$619,908.92. 2010 Fall Measure R recipients included: (1) ESNA-Winter Biathlon Equipment (\$6,000), (2) High Sierra Striders-Mammoth Track Project (\$300,000), (3) MLTPA-MLTS: Completion of TOML Component (\$200,520), (4) TOML-Biathlon Rifle Storage (\$984.92), (5) TOML-Gymnastics/Tumbling Program Equipment (\$6,964), (6) TOML-Parks and Recreation Master Plan CEQA (\$40,000), (7) Mammoth Nordic Foundation-Winter trail grooming (\$5,440), (8) TOML-MLTS Matching Funds: Enhanced Signage & Wayfinding (\$20,000), and (9) TOML-Trails End Park Design Completion (\$40,000).

The Measure R fall Funding Cycle opened on Friday, September 10, 2010 and closed on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Fourteen Measure R applications were received for a total request of \$2,218,762.92. Measure R is a financing vehicle for the creation of additional and/or the enhancement of existing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of Mammoth Lakes. The Measure R or "Mammoth Lakes Recreation, Trails and Parks Investment Initiative" Ordinance No. 08-01 was adopted by the Mammoth Lakes Town Council on February 20, 2008, and approved by the voters of Mammoth Lakes on June 3, 2008. The Ordinance imposed a Transactions and Use Tax in the amount of one-half percent for the purpose of funding Recreation, Trails and Parks.

### **Mammoth Lakes is Your Recreation Nirvana!**

Never have a slow day in Mammoth again by picking up your copy of the 2010-11 Winter/Spring Mammoth Recreation Guide! Produced by the Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department in partnership with Eastside Ventures, the handbook is the definitive guide for everything recreation in Mammoth.

The Mammoth Recreation Guide is designed for both the resident and visitor, encapsulating everything they need to know and do in one of the world's most spectacular playgrounds. The guide covers events and activities from November 2010 through May 2011 and is comprised of Town of Mammoth Lakes programs and events, a comprehensive and all-inclusive Recreation Calendar of Events (located conveniently in the middle of the guide), winter recreation/trail and transit maps, outdoor and indoor recreation opportunities, recreation listings and all-important winter snow-safety information. The comprehensive and easy-to-use guide is available online: [www.townofmammothlakes.com](http://www.townofmammothlakes.com) and from our many advertisers listed in the guide, including the Mammoth Lakes California Welcome Center, Town Offices and from the Recreation Department offices located in the Minaret Village Mall above Giovanni's. The Recreation Department would like to thank the many local businesses that supported the guide, and the many organizations who supplied valuable recreation content and programming. Enjoy!

## **Town Council Makes Appointments to the Recreation Commission**

Three 4-year terms expired on the Recreation Commission, and applications closed for the vacant positions on September 24, 2010. The Town Council interviewed the applicants and made appointments to the Commission at a special meeting held on November 18, 2010. The Town Council re-appointed Tony Colasardo and appointed Crowley Lake resident Patricia Agnitch to the Recreation Commission with terms expiring on July 31, 2014. The Town Council decided to leave a vacancy on the seven member commission, so that they could make the commission a five member body when the next terms expire on July 31, 2012. The Town Council would like to recognize Shields Richardson and Dieter Fiebiger for their dedication and commitment to recreation in our community serving as members of the Recreation Commission.

Tony Colasardo currently serves as the Vice Chair and has been on the Recreation Commission for 12 years. Tony is 30 year resident of Mammoth Lakes and is an owner of Footloose Sports. Patricia Agnitch resides in Crowley Lake and has over 34 years of experience in the recreation profession, ranging from a Recreation leader to the Assistant Director of Community Services in the City Beverly Hills from 1974-2008. Tony and Patricia join Commission Chair Bill Sauser, Teri Stehlik, Knud Svendsen and Sean Turner. The next regular meeting of the Recreation Commission is Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

## **Wild & Scenic Film Festival**

After the Official Town Tree Lighting Ceremony, head right over to the Mammoth Lakes Arts Center for the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, hosted by Friends of the Inyo! The nation's largest environmental film fest comes to Mammoth for a third year. Roam with wolves, climb Oregon's tallest trees, surf Wyoming and ski Japan before circling back to the Eastern Sierra for some local highlights. There'll be great raffle prizes, too, plus snacks and libations. What a great way to celebrate conservation and the start of a promising winter? Tickets: \$10, available in advance at Access Art & Business Center, or through Friends of the Inyo. Get a free ticket when you join FOI or renew your membership, in advance or at the show. Go to [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org) for complete film listings and membership offer information, or call (760) 873-6500. The tour continues in Bishop December 4 and Lone Pine December 9, 2010.

## **ESV Social at Petra's**

Club members (and a guest) are cordially invited to a social night at Petra's Restaurant on **Tuesday, December 7, 2010** at 6:00 pm. We're gathering to celebrate the past riding season, discuss next year's ride calendar, perhaps watch some slide shows from the previous summer's outings, present some season-ending awards, and enjoy some great food and beverage. There will also be some discounted Fall Century t-shirts and jerseys available (ho-ho-ho great holiday stocking stuffers!). Petra's will be serving up some delicious fare, and club members who RSVP may attend for just \$20 (ESV will be subsidizing a portion of the cost of the meal). For those who hosted a club ride this year, your attendance will be "gratis" (our way of saying "thank you" for stepping up and getting involved). Reservations are limited to the first 65 who sign up (that's the capacity).

## **Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at Community Center**

This year-round program is designed to introduce children from 3-18 years old the wonderful and exciting sport of gymnastics. Offered by Michelle DeJong, a level 8 competitive gymnast and Level 1-5 gymnastics coach, participants will learn to tumble and more in a safe and structured environment. Three age sessions are available at the Community Center on Forest Trail.

- 3-5 yr olds – Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

- 5-8 yr olds – Saturday: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
- 8-12+ yr olds – Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday: 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fees are only \$50/month (8 sessions) for residents and \$60/month for non-residents. Five session Punch Cards are available for \$50 and Private lessons are available upon request at \$20 for 30-45 minutes. Drop-in's are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

### **“Hot Shots” Co-ed Basketball League Has Begun!**

The “Hot Shots” Co-ed Basketball League has begun practice with games scheduled to commence in December. “Hot Shots” will improve the basic basketball techniques of shooting, dribbling, passing, offense, defense, and the rules. Parents are actively involved as coaches, scorekeepers or referees. Practice is underway from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Elementary School MPR and is scheduled every Tuesday – Thursday. Games begin in December on the same day and time. Register at the Recreation Department office located above Giovanni's. Cost is only \$30 per player.

### **We Still Want to Hear From You!**

The Recreation Department would still like to hear what you have to say about our service, programs and parks/facilities. If you participated in one of our [summer programs](#) this year or enjoyed one of our parks or facilities, please take the time to complete the [Customer Satisfaction Survey](#) and as a thank you, we will randomly draw two (2) Summer Camps of your choice and one (1) 2011 Whitmore Pool Family Pass. Customer Satisfaction Survey's are available online at: [www.townofmammothlakes.com](http://www.townofmammothlakes.com) or for collection from the Recreation office located in the Minaret Village Mall, above Giovanni's. Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for additional information. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Upcoming Events**

- Nov. 2: “Hot Shots” Basketball Practice begins (Games commence in December)
- Nov. 3: Gymnastics/Tumbling Program begins at Community Center
- Dec. 3: Official Town of Mammoth Lakes Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Dec. 3: Wild & Scenic Film Festival
- Dec. 4-5: Dave McCoy GS – Far West Masters
- Dec. 6-10: Rokka Ski and Race Week
- Dec. 7: Recreation Commission Meeting
- Dec. 7: ESV Social at Petra's
- Dec. 8-12: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mammoth Film Festival
- Dec. 11: DSES Island Extravaganza
- Dec. 11: Volcom Peanut Butter and Rail Jam
- Dec. 11: Rokka and Ullr League GS
- Dec, 11-14: Western Region FIS Devo GS and SL
- Dec. 12: Unbound Freestyle SL
- Dec. 13-17: LA Council Ski and Race Week
- Dec. 13: Mammoth Lakes Trail System Open House, hosted by MLTPA
- Dec. 16: June Mountain Opening Day
- Dec. 16: Mammoth Snowmobile Adventures Opening Day
- Dec. 18: Night of Lights

## Contact Us

All the winter/spring events, programs and activities are listed on [www.townofmammothlakes.com](http://www.townofmammothlakes.com) and in the 2010-11 Winter/Spring Mammoth Recreation Guide. Please contact the Recreation Department at (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 to register for a program, for additional information or to forward your comments and suggestions.

## Subscribe Online

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