



Town of Mammoth Lakes

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Town News

Week of May 28, 2012

News from the Town Manager

Town Council Special Meeting – May 30

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes was called by the Council to be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 commencing at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers/Suite Z, Minaret Shopping Center, Old Mammoth Road.

Said special meeting shall be for the purpose of:

CONSENT AGENDA: (1) Approve the Resolution approving the Fourth of July Parade Caltrans Encroachment Permit. (2) Award the contract to Black Gold Asphalt for the 2012 Tennis Court and Bike Path Sealing Project, and (3) Approve the Resolution approving the project and modifying the budget appropriations for the Meadow Lane Connector Path for fiscal year 2011-12.

CLOSED SESSION: Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation.

Town Council Meeting – June 6

The next meeting of the Town Council will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Airport Commission joint workshop. Visit the [Streaming Media Archive](#) to review the previous meeting minutes or view the webcast Town Council meeting.

Town Clean-Up Day Thanks!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes would like to thank the community for taking pride in their neighborhood on Saturday, May 19 and cleaning up our town.

New this year, the Town in partnership with Mammoth Disposal and Sierra Conservation Project, set-up several Town Clean-Up Day Stations conveniently located throughout town. Each station accepted trash, recycling material, heavy metal, green waste, furniture and appliances. Unlike previous Town Clean-Up Days, Town staff, volunteers and Mammoth Disposal personnel were able to focus their energies on collecting and transporting trash to-and-from central stations, rather than picking up thousands of orange bags spread throughout town. This new strategy combined with the hard work of the volunteers enabled a far more efficient process for making our Town look beautiful for the summer season.

Town Clean-Up Day is an immense undertaking that would not be possible without the generous support of our many partners, local businesses and non-profit

organizations, volunteers, and assistance from the entire community. The Town would sincerely like to thank the following individuals and organizations involved in cleaning up our town:

- Mono County Board of Supervisors for waiving the tipping fees at the Benton Crossing Landfill.
- Mammoth Disposal General Manager Pat Fenton and staff.
- Sierra Conservation Project for placing and collecting the recycling carts at each station.
- Town Staff for organizing the event and staffing the many stations.
- Mammoth Mountain Ski Area and the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District for allowing the placement of the Town Clean-Up Day Stations on their property.
- Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce for promoting this community day to our local businesses.
- The Sheet for donating advertising space.
- Station Coordinators:
 - Mammoth Creek Park: Jo Bacon
 - Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station: Mammoth Disposal & USFS/MLFD staff
 - Fire Station 1: Tony Fryer & John Connolly
 - Fire Station 2: John Joseph
 - Canyon Lodge: Stephanie Daniel & Emily Kralovetz
 - Eagle Lodge: Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra - Lee Ackers, Jack & Kathy Copeland
 - Mammoth Lakes Community Center: Sandy Hogan
 - 407 Manzanita: Jessica Morris, Ellen Clark & Patricia Kent
 - Cnr. Joaquin & Dorrance: Stuart Brown & Johnny Goetz
- The Town would also like to thank Greg Eckert, Robert Schaubmayer & family, Bill Sauser, Steve Searles and Leigh Gaasch for their tireless work cleaning up Sierra Valley Sites.

We'll see you on May 18 next year for Town Clean-Up Day!

MLPD Community Hispanic Town Hall Meeting – June 8

The Mammoth Lakes Police Community Hispanic Advisory Committee has finalized plans for the next Town Hall meeting scheduled for Friday, June 8 at 4:30 p.m. The Town Hall meeting will be held at the Grand Sierra Lodge, 1111 Forest Trail.

Presentations will be made by representatives from the Mexican Consulate, the Mono County Superior Court on the CASA Program, the Department of Motor Vehicles on licensing, and a joint presentation on disciplining children by the Mammoth Unified School District and Wild-Iris. There will also be an Open Forum where questions can be asked of representatives of these agencies along with the Police and Fire Departments of Mammoth Lakes and the Mono County Sheriff's Department.

Interpreters will be present and it will be possible for attendees to ask questions anonymously by way of using index cards. Food will be provided and there will be supervised child care.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee was created in late 2010 in an effort to build trust and improve communications between the Police Department and the Hispanic community of Mammoth Lakes.

Town Of Mammoth Lakes Dog License/Vaccination Clinic - June 9

It's time to renew Town of Mammoth Lakes dog licenses for the upcoming fiscal year. Join us for our annual license sale/vaccination clinic in the Police Department parking lot on Saturday, June 9 from 4 to 5:30 pm.

If your dog does not need a rabies vaccination update, you can just purchase a license for \$13 if your animal is spayed/neutered or \$30 if it is not. You don't need to bring your pet to the clinic unless it needs a vaccination update. Dr. Gaylon TeSlaa and the staff of Alpen Veterinary clinic will be on hand with low cost vaccinations for both dogs and cats.

Please bring proof of spay/neuter if applicable, and proof of a current rabies vaccination if your dog is not due this year. If you are paying by check, and will be purchasing a license and vaccinations, remember that you will be paying two separate bills.

For everyone's safety, please have your dog on a leash and your cat in a carrier. If your animal doesn't do well with others, please leave it in your car until you complete your paperwork, and the vet will come to your vehicle to administer the shots.

By law in California, all dogs over the age of 4 months must have a license and be vaccinated against rabies. Mammoth Lakes does not require a license for cats.

If you don't live in Mammoth, but can't make any of the Mono County clinics, you are welcome to bring your animals for vaccinations. We won't, however, be able to sell you a Mono County dog license.

You may now purchase 2012-13 TOML dog licenses at the MLPD front counter, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3 pm. Please bring proof of spay/neuter and current vaccination, or we cannot sell you a tag. For further information contact Mammoth Lakes Police Department at (760) 934-2011, ext. 0.

Notice Of Vacancies: Planning Commission, Recreation Commission, and Transportation Commission

Notice Is Hereby Given that three terms of office will become vacant on the Planning Commission; four terms will become vacant on the Recreation Commission; and two terms of office will become vacant on the newly formed Transportation Commission. These terms of appointment are for four years and expire on July 31, 2016. One vacancy on the Recreation Commission is for an unexpired term, and that one appointment will expire on July 31, 2014.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. The Recreation Commission meets on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The Transportation Commission is a newly formed commission combining the Airport and Mobility Commissions, and their schedule will be approved at their first meeting.

Interested parties should file an application with the Town Clerk on or before Friday, June 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Application forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Offices, Minaret Village Shopping Center; or by writing to P.O. Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, Attention: Town Clerk; by phoning 934-8989, ext. 267; or by emailing the Town Clerk at jgray@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us. The form can also be found on the Town's website, www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Calls for Service/Officer Observations

100, including 0 business/building checks

Crime Incident Reports

17 reports, including 5 arrests

Traffic Stop/Citations/Traffic Collisions

23 stops; 4 citations; 11 parking citations; 1 skate park citation; 0 collisions

Animal Control Incidents

1 incident; 1 report

Wildlife

4 calls; 1 report

Projected Average Resort Occupancy

Friday, May 25, 2012 - Sunday, May 27, 2012 = 53%
(53% same weekend in 2011, same in 2012)

Monday, May 28, 2012 - Thursday, May 31, 2012 = 24%
(18% same midweek in 2011, up 6% in 2012)
Twitter

Follow 'TownofMammoth' daily on Twitter at www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Community News

Goodbye Winter, Hello Summer!

Mammoth will be one of the only resorts in the country open for skiing and riding this Memorial Day Weekend, but that's not new. What is new and exciting is that we're opening all of our summer activities - mountain biking, golfing, scenic gondola rides, climbing wall and kids' zipline - on the same weekend! So - come say goodbye to winter's last runs and welcome summer on the golf course, out on the bike trails and with post-hike drinks on the Yodler sundeck.

SKI/RIDE + BIKE + GOLF

Can you do it all in one day? Test your tolerance for fun this Memorial Day Weekend with these one of a kind tickets you can only get at Mammoth!

SKI/RIDE + BIKE + GOLF TICKET - \$99/day

The ultimate challenge for the outdoor enthusiast - 9 holes at Sierra Star Golf Course plus unlimited skiing, snowboarding, and mountain biking - all in one day!

SKI/RIDE + BIKE TICKET - \$79/day

Tackle the mountain on your skis, board and two wheels with as much skiing,

snowboarding, and mountain biking as you can fit into one day!

SKI/RIDE + GOLF TICKET - \$79/day

Hit the slopes then hit the links when you play 9 holes on the verdant green fairways of Sierra Star after a full day on the mountain.

Call 800.MAMMOTH (800.626.6684) to book now!

Celebrate The First 50 Days of Fishing Season!

Trout season is in full swing and is starting strong with warm temperatures and big hungry fish. It's the "50 Days of Fishmas" in Mammoth Lakes until Monday, June 18, 2012. Don't forget to purchase your tickets for a chance to win a 14 foot Klamath Deluxe S Boat, Honda 8 marine HP motor, and an EZ Loader trailer. Visit EasternSierraFishing.org for all the details.

Bluebird Imaging & Gallery Grand Re-Opening Reception – May 25

Bluebird Imaging and Gallery has moved across town to the Mammoth Luxury Outlet Mall. The community is invited to the Grand re-Opening Reception on Friday, May 25 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., and the ribbon cutting ceremony on June 12 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy live music and wine and appetizers served!

Memorial Day Weekend Spring Race Camps – May 26

Perfect your racing skills with expert coaching from world-class ski racers! Join US Ski Team members Stacey Cook, John Teller, Steven Nyman and TJ Lanning this Memorial Day Weekend for the Speed Racing Camp, where you'll focus on the technique and tactics of the speed skiing disciplines. Join X Games Gold Medalist John Teller May 19 & 20 to hone your head to head racing chops at the Skier Cross Camp.

Final Registration for Mammoth AYSO Soccer – June 2

Final registration for Mammoth AYSO fall soccer is **Saturday, June 2, 2012** from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM at Shady Rest Park. Join us for a complimentary Challenger Sports Soccer Clinic, and register your player or yourself as a volunteer parent, coach or referee. We need your Help! The cost is only \$65 per child, or \$55 for the 2nd or \$45 for the 3rd child. Fees include a new Challenger Sports uniform, team photo, great coaching, tournaments and awards! Age Divisions: U5 & U6 Coed / U8 / U10 / U12 / U15 & U19. For complete registration information, call (760) 709-2481, email: Mammothayso@gmail.com or visit www.Mammothayso.com.

National Trails Day With Friends Of The Inyo And MLtpa

Grub, brush and rock! Find out what that means on National Trails Day. Join Friends of the Inyo, MLTPA and the Inyo National Forest for the first Summer of Stewardship Trail Day event of 2012! June 2 is National Trails Day, and we'll be clearing the trails of the Mammoth Lakes Basin for early summer access. Volunteers will remove logs and debris from trails and pick up trash while learning trail maintenance skills from Inyo National Forest staff. Those interested in being regular members of the Mammoth Lakes Trail System volunteer trail crew should come on June 2 to get trained up for future SOS projects and other trail needs throughout the summer. **When:** 8:30 a.m. **Where:** Pokonobe Lodge on Lake Mary for a bagel breakfast, safety talk and work assignments. **What:** Head to a nearby Lakes Basin trail for a morning of maintenance and training, then back to Pokonobe for lunch and

raffle prizes. **Who:** Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome! Please dress for trail work with sturdy, close-toed shoes, hat, long pants and a long-sleeve shirt. Gloves and tools provided. More info: www.friendsoftheinyo.org, www.mltpa.org, or call Drew at (760) 873-6500, or email: drew@friendsoftheinyo.org.

Recreation Highlights

Never Have A Slow Day In Mammoth Again!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Recreation Department is proud to present the new 2012 Summer/Fall Recreation Guide. The guide is the definitive source for recreation in Mammoth Lakes packed-full of programs, events and activities for kids of all ages. Pick up your copy from any Certified Rack located throughout Mammoth Lakes, visit the Town Offices, Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center, or log onto www.MammothRecreation.com. Whether you're looking for family fun at our many parks, challenging your endurance on our many trails or replenishing your spirit in the great outdoors, we hope you'll take advantage of what our team has created, and what awaits you in Mammoth Lakes...Your recreation Nirvana!

New 2012 Summer Fees

For 2012, the Recreation Department has replaced resident and non-resident fees with "Early Bird" (EB) fees or "Regular" (Reg.) fees. Early Bird fees provide a 20% discount on camp programs if purchased 10-days in advance. This discount does not apply to the daily drop-in rate or facility rental fees. A \$5.00 family discount per child is also offered after the first family member has paid the EB or Reg. camp price.

Whitmore Pool Is Open For Lap Swim

Lap swimming at the Whitmore Pool is now offered midweek between 6:30 – 8:30 a.m., excluding Wednesday for Tri Club Training. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for evening lap swim between 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$4.50 drop-in; \$100 Adult Season Pass; \$155 Family Season Pass (good for recreation swimming as well), or purchase the new 5 Swim pass \$20 (6th swim free!). The Pool will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012 for Memorial Day. The Whitmore Pool public opening and FREE Swim Day is Saturday, June 23, and swim lessons begin June 25, 2012. Call the Recreation Department Office at (760) 934-8989 ext. 237 for all the details.

Stroke Improvement Classes: Join certified swim instructors/coaches every Monday morning for some training! Classes are designed to improve the four competitive strokes, as well as get you trained up for that triathlon you signed up for this summer! Classes run 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. through August 27. Cost is only \$10 per session.

Mountain-Bike Camp - June 22

Join the Recreation Department staff and local pro bike-shop riders in this intensive three-day (Wednesday–Friday) camp from **June 20–22, 2012**. We'll bike all over Mammoth (and Mammoth Mountain Bike Park). For ages 9-13 years old, the fee is only \$126/\$105 Early Bird if you register at least 10 day in advance. Register at the Recreation Department Office or call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for information.

U.K. International Soccer Camp: Session 1 – June 25

Professional British soccer coaches will once again host these popular camps. Coaches provide a safe, educational, and FUN program for ages 4–16 years old. The first 5-day session begins **Monday, June 25, 2012**. The cost is only \$105 for weekly morning sessions (\$35 per day), or \$165 for weekly full-day sessions (\$45 per day). Register at the Recreation Department Office or call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for information.

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.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us, 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!

Get Gymnastics Fever!

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. This program is also a recipient of Measure R funding with \$7,000 of gymnastic equipment. 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.
- 8-12+ yr. olds – Tuesday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Invitation only.

Five session Punch Cards are available for \$60 for the first family member and \$55 for each additional family member. Private lessons are available upon request, please inquire with the instructor. Drop-ins cost \$15 per session are welcome and encouraged - First one is FREE! Please call (760) 934-8989 ext. 222 for more information or to register your aspiring Gymnast!

Zumba Fitness

Party yourself into shape with Zumba® Fitness offered by Kaysie Williams from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Community Center, 1000 Forest Trail. Cost: 10 punch-\$77.50; 5 punch-\$42.50; Drop-In rate \$10 per class and your first class is only \$5!

Sports & Recreation Calendar

- On-going Gymnastics/Tumbling Program at the Community Center
- On-going Zumba Fitness at the Community Center
- On-going Little Sluggers Instructional T-ball
- On-going Lap swimming at Whitmore Pool
- OPEN Tioga, Sonora and the Lakes Basin
- May 26 Memorial Day Madness at Mammoth!
- May 26 Speed Race Camp with US Ski Team Members

- May 28 Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Closing Day
- June 2 National Trails Day
- June 2 Mammoth AYSO Final Registration & FREE Soccer Clinic @ Shady Rest Park
- June 8 Mammoth Roller Rink OPENS!
- June 12 Recreation Commission Meeting, Measure R Spring Applicant Presentations/Recommendations
- June 20 Mountain Bike Camp
- June 23 Whitmore Pool Public Opening & FREE Swim Day
- June 25 UK International Soccer Camp, Session 1

Public Service Announcements

Free, Real-Time Property Information Now Available!

The Town of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County are proud to present ParcelViewer, the Town and County's official web-based property information system. This free, public, on-line service can be relied upon to provide convenient, accurate and up-to-date information, based on the official Assessor's data-base. Use ParcelViewer to view and print customized parcel information and maps, including:

- Zoning Information
- Property Addresses
- Complex Names/ Condo Unit Numbers
- Parcel Lines*
- Valuation Data
- Acreage
- Aerial imagery of surrounding properties and more!

Visit ParcelViewer today at <http://gis.mono.ca.gov/parcelviewer/>

California Mandates Recycling for Business and Multi-Family Residential Locations

A new State of California Bill (AB 341) directed by CalRecycle mandating commercial recycling in California goes into effect July 1, 2012. The Town of Mammoth Lakes will be providing education and outreach to help the community comply with the new regulations.

The goal of AB 341 is to increase the statewide recycling rates to 75% by 2020. Starting July 1 2012, businesses and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more of waste per week, including multi-family units of five or more will be required to recycle. The purpose of this new law is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting commercial solid waste to recycling efforts while expanding opportunities for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California.

Please use the following link for additional information provided by CalRecycle that addresses the "Frequently Asked Questions:"
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/Recycling/FAQ.htm>.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (TOML), Sierra Conservation Project (SCP) and Mammoth Disposal (MD) are taking active steps to assist businesses and multi-family residences to comply with the new regulations.

Brian Robinette, owner of Sierra Conservation Project commented, "This is a big step in the right direction for recycling and diverting recyclables from our local landfills.

The new regulation will give the extra incentive needed to make recycling programs a reality at all Mammoth Lakes business and residential locations.”

The TOML, SCP and MD have been working together for several years to develop and grow recycling programs here in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Johnny Goetz, Town of Mammoth Lakes Senior Building Inspector states, “Now is a great time for local businesses to take advantage of the numerous recycling opportunities we have available in Town. Condominium complexes can also take advantage of the TOML and SCP’s recycling programs which are currently providing start-up infrastructure to the complex at no cost - while supplies last.”

The TOML and SCP have applied for additional grant money to continue to offset the start-up cost for multi-family and businesses here in town. Bear proof recycling containers are provided to participating condo complexes, and are serviced by SCP.

Pat Fenton, General Manager of Mammoth Disposal added, “Recycling is at the core of the company’s goal of sustainability, and it’s the core of our commitment to business owners and the Town of Mammoth Lakes to meet this mandate.”

The following recycling programs are currently available within the Town of Mammoth Lakes:

- Commercial cardboard recycling
- Restaurant and bar programs
- Lodging and hospitality programs
- Business recycling
- Office recycling
- Residential recycling
- Aluminum, plastic, and glass
- E-Waste
- Used oil and batteries

Some of the benefits of recycling identified by CalRecycle are creating jobs in California, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, keeping valuable materials out of landfills, and creating a healthy environment for the community and future generations by recovering natural resources.

For more information regarding recycling programs and opportunities within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, contact Johnny Goetz at (760) 934-8989 ext. 244 or jgoetz@ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us.

Town & MLFD Identify Potential Safety Issue

The Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Development Department (Town) and Mammoth Lakes Fire Department (Fire District) have identified an issue with inserted wood burning fireplace installations in town. If you have either a pellet/gas insert installation or a masonry flue/chase, these types of appliances or installations are not an issue. The issue is that wood burning inserts placed into zero clearance fireplace boxes (fireplace) with factory built metal flue pipes and wooden chases may not have adequate clearance to combustible materials (wood, plywood, and/or sheetrock behind the rock, brick, metal and/or wooden material that doesn’t allow you to see on the interior surface of the fireplace façade). This issue can exist in all types of residential occupancies, from single family to multi-family projects. As a result of the clearances that may not have been met, combustible materials are igniting and several fires have resulted around town. Thus far there have been no

injuries, but both the Town and Fire District feel that we cannot wait until something tragic occurs before we take necessary action. At this point both agencies are hoping to educate the town population to the concern.

The original fireplace contained fires that never obtained very high burning temperatures, due to the amount of heat that went up the flue. Once the insert was installed, the appliance burned much more efficiently causing the combustibles surrounding the original installation to be exposed to significantly greater heat levels. Another factor is the amount of use the insert is experiencing. The issue is occurring throughout town; no certain complex, no certain installer, no certain type of product, nor any other common characteristic that allows the agencies to narrow down the likely installations of concern. One complex in town had 23 of 60 units show some sign of heat damage to combustibles.

Permitted installations during the last 18 to 24 months that followed the manufacturer's installation instructions have been installed correctly. The Town and Fire District do not mean to alarm anyone, but strongly believe that this situation is serious enough to inform the public on the use and installation of these types of wood burning installations. If you need any further assistance or have any questions, please contact the Fire District at (760) 934-2300 or Town at (760) 934-8989, ex 244. For more information: <http://mammothlakesfd.intuitwebsites.com>

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Frequently Asked Questions

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Do I need a business tax certificate?

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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 x245.

10. 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 x245 or your property management company.

11. 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.

12. 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 x275 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.

13. 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:

1. Go to monosheriff.org
2. scroll down left side panel to CodeRED community notification system;
3. click on it and follow directions.

Leash Law Reminder

Mammoth residents and visitors are reminded that the Town has a leash law, and it is a violation of the ordinance to allow your dog to run loose off of your property. While budget cuts eliminated the Animal Control Officer position, the laws pertaining to controlling your pets did not change, and you can still be cited by Mammoth Lakes Police Department officers if your dog is at large. The PD is currently receiving a large number of complaints from several neighborhoods, and will be targeting patrol time in those areas when possible to apprehend loose dogs and to cite their owners. In addition to the citation fine, you could also be charged boarding fees by Mono County Animal Control if we choose to impound your dog at the Whitmore Shelter.

At-large dogs are a traffic hazard, and even the most well behaved dog can bite if provoked. If your loose animal causes a traffic collision or injures/bites someone, you would likely be liable for damages, which could add up to thousands of dollars. Please respect your neighbors, AND your pet and obey the leash law.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Save Lives

The Town of Mammoth Lakes has launched a community outreach effort to inform community residents that on July 1, 2011 many homes will be required to install carbon monoxide detectors.

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that carbon monoxide kills approximately 500 people each year and injures another 20,000 people nationwide. In an effort to prevent these accidental deaths and injuries, the California legislature enacted SB 183 (Lowenthal) which mandates owners of dwelling intended for human occupancy to install carbon monoxide devices in existing dwelling units having a fossil fuel burning heater or appliance, fireplace, or attached garage.

CO devices must be installed in all specified single-family dwellings by July 1, 2011. All other specified dwelling units must have CO devices installed by January 1, 2013.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM) has developed a list of certified CO devices that meet the requirement specified within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010.

For a complete list of currently approved devices please visit the SFM's website at http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/licensinglistings/licenselisting_bml_searchcotest.php. Under the search categories provided select Carbon Monoxide Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors for a complete list of devices.

Further details contained within the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2010:

- Owners shall install CO devices in a manner consistent with building standards applicable to new construction for the relevant type of occupancy if it is technically feasible. See the 2010 California Building Code, Section 420.4, and the 2010 California Residential Code, Section R315.
- CO devices shall produce a distinct audible alarm.
- CO devices may be combined with a smoke detector, if the combination device meets all specified SFM listing and approval requirements.
- Violation of Health & Safety Code Section 17926 is an infraction punishable by a maximum fine of two-hundred dollars for each offense.
- A local enforcement agency shall provide the property owner a 30-day notice to correct.
- Local jurisdictions are authorized to adopt ordinances requiring CO devices if the ordinance is consistent with the requirement of this bill.

For a full list of this legislation's stipulations please review the Department of Housing and Community Development's Information Bulletin 2011-01 at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/shl/infobulls/IB2011-01.pdf>.

Town Outdoor Lighting Ordinance

In 2003, the Town implemented an outdoor lighting ordinance 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.