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SAVED BY THE PLOW

PCT hiker survives fall into river, night in wilderness

By Rea

Marcus Mazzaferri was pretty excited to hike the Pacific Crest Trail in such an epic snow year—the 25-year-old from Northeastern Ohio started his trek on April 1 at the trail's southern terminus on the border of Mexico. "I was very much looking forward to it," said Mazzaferri. "It was definitely a special year to do to this, it would be a challenge, but I would be able to see sections in a way that nobody has ever seen them before."

He made quick progress in the first few hundred miles, but once he hit the snow-bound Sierra, his pace slowed significantly. And on Friday, June 2, his PCT adventure almost came to a tragic end, when Mazzaferri, attempting to ford Return Creek 15 miles north of Tuolumne Meadows, was swept off his feet and into the gushing stream.

After losing his backpack to the current, he was left with nothing but his clothes and his running watch. Somehow, he managed to retrace his steps and find rescue by the National Park Service crews plowing the Tioga Pass Road.

"Every day is a good day right now," he said in a phone interview from Portland, Oregon, where he is recuperating from his experience. "I'm crazy lucky for sure."

Mazzaferri said there was "a pull to hiking alone," but that he wouldn't recommend it to those traveling in the more hazardous sections, like he was.

"I think if you've hiked a long distance, you feel like you have so much momentum behind you...in a way, you've made it over so many things, you kind of feel like there's almost nothing that

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PHOTO COURTESY MARCUS MAZZAFERRI

PCT hiker Marcus Mazzaferri enjoys a massive breakfast after he found his way out of the Yosemite wilderness after falling into a freezing river. Mazzaferri was picked up by a plow on the Tioga Road.

STEERING CLEAR



PHOTO: LUNCH

Bryor Minton (District 1) had the fastest time of the night on Wednesday, July 14 in the Steer Wrestling competition at the State Rodeo Finals at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. His time was 6.36 seconds. For more High School Rodeo Championship photos, see p. 22.

GROCERY OUTLET IS IN

Mammoth PEDC approves design review for new grocery store in Mammoth

By Giles

This week, The Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) approved a Design Review and Lot Adjustment for a new Grocery Outlet store to be located at 37 and 77 Old Mammoth Road (adjacent to the Shellmart).

Developers representing Grocery Outlet propose building an 19,850 square foot supermarket on approximately 1.37 acres of existing vacant land in the Downtown zoning district. The proposed building will be located on the western boundary of the site, directly adjacent to Old Mammoth Road. Parking, as proposed, will include 49 spaces located to the sides and rear of the building.

One of the lots Grocery Outlet plans to develop, 37 Old Mammoth Road, is

colloquially referred to as "The Old Grumpy's Lot" for the sports bar and restaurant that sat at the site from roughly 1950 to 2000. The building that housed Grumpy's was demolished in 2000 after being rendered structurally unsound as a result of a fire that occurred in 1999. Since that time, the site has been used for snow storage.

Grocery Outlet proposes constructing a one-story building that ranges from 20 to 30 feet in height. Unlike other Grocery Outlet stores, this one will be painted in earth tones, like "Middlebury Brown" and "Caramel Apple" and "Guacamole Green" in accordance with the Town's color handbook, which requires "natural, earth-tone colors." Initially, Grocery Outlet sought a red, metal roof, in keeping with

what Grocery Outlet Construction Manager Pat Davis called "the corporate color scheme," but the Commission asked that they return with another more "rust-colored" option.

Davis told commissioners the store would employ between 28 and 30 people, and that each store is locally owned and operated. Davis said that this store size is "the sweet spot" for Grocery Outlet with regard to success in similar communities to Mammoth Lakes. "We opened thirty stores this year," said Davis at Wednesday's PEDC meeting. "They ranged from Burns, Oregon, which is even smaller than Mammoth Lakes, to Cloverdale, California. We also opened four new stores in Los Angeles this year. This store is neither small nor

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POP UP: THE QUESTION

The future has come to Lone Pine, and Lone Pine's not sure what to make of it.

Approximately three weeks ago, a pair of entrepreneurs decided to park a 30-foot Airstream trailer across the street from Elevation, an outdoor retail store located on Main Street.

The Airstream has been renovated into a mobile retail outlet, called Whitney Gear, designed to compete against the brick-and-mortar store.

Whitney Gear complied with all the rules on the books. It has a peddler's license. And it doesn't have to pay for the approximately three parking spaces it occupies. It's free.

That alone, not having to pay rent to operate a shop, gives them a natural, competitive advantage.

Never mind that Whitney Gear gets to cherry-pick the optimum three months it wishes to operate versus running its business year-round.

As Whitney Gear co-owner Charlie Brown boasted at the Inyo County Supervisors meeting on June 14, "We [he and partner Mary Scudder] happen to be smarter than the average bear."

According to The Sheet's Charles James, "While some local businesses, including the Chamber of Commerce, have voiced opposition to its presence, other business owners contacted by The Sheet expressed a range of opinions ranging from indifference to admiration and support for the new business.

Inyo's District 5 Supervisor Matt Kingsley has made it very clear that he's no fan of Yogi and Boo-Boo.

He opposes Whitney Gear's usage of the public right-of-way to peddle merchandise for private gain.

On the agenda at Tuesday's Board meeting was a proposed ordinance, pushed by Kingsley, to essentially ban mobile businesses like Whitney Gear.

Officially, the Board considered whether or not to add a subsection to County Code which would have "prohibited parking a vehicle upon a street or road for the principal purpose of selling goods or services out of the vehicle."

Current code prohibits parking a vehicle to advertise it for sale, us-

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-Danny DeVito as Frank Reynolds

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ing it as a sign-holder, or parking it for construction and/or repairs other than emergency repairs.

Problem is, an outright ban would have the unintended consequence of banning businesses Supervisors have no issue with. For example, Lone Pine resident and veterinarian Cheryl Howerton expressed concern at the Supes' June 7 meeting about how such an ordinance would affect her plans to start a mobile veterinarian service.

Never mind that every kid in Inyo County would howl if Supes passed an ordinance which would effectively ban ice cream trucks.

County Counsel Marshall Rudolph suggested Supervisors conduct a workshop before jumping into an ordinance, as there are various ways to regulate mobile businesses which have not been considered.

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Charlie Brown and Mary Scudder, owners of Whitney Gear.



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LOCAL NEWS

MORE POT ON THE BLOCK

Cannabis oil extraction facility approved for Industrial Park

By Giles

On Wednesday June 14, Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission voted 3-2 to approve the implementation of a new Cannabis Oil Extraction Facility in the Mammoth Lakes Industrial Park. The business, Fluids Manufacturing, Inc., will occupy two units, not attached to one another, at 160 and 219 Commerce Drive respectively.

Fluids Manufacturing, Inc. also applied for a permit to cultivate marijuana at 219 Commerce Drive. The company says it does not intend to grow marijuana plants at that site. It simply plans to store cannabis plant products and package them for shipment and distribution elsewhere, which constitutes cultivation under California Law. No cannabis products would be sold at the site, but they would be produced for wholesale exchange with other registered cannabis collectives, in keeping with California law.

Under existing California law, companies that facilitate the transfer of cannabis products with licensed medical cannabis dispensaries and

their patients are required to operate as nonprofit collectives. Like ABC stores, they are required to keep complete records. Mammoth Lakes resident Michael Baker asked Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Al Davis if his department has had a chance to audit the records of the existing medical cannabis collectives in town, Green Mammoth and Mammoth Lakes Wellness. Chief Davis replied that his staff had not.

"We have not ever conducted audits of the existing cultivation entities," said Davis at Wednesday's meeting. "The code allows for audits to be carried out once per year... the idea is to see the money spent and money that comes in to

the business." When asked by Commissioner Paul Chang why no audits had been carried out thus far by his department, Chief Davis said, "We do not have the staffing now, but

we did when the ordinance was passed."

Currently, the sale of cannabis products within the Town of Mammoth Lakes does not carry a separate tax beyond the local sales taxes. As of November 2016, when Proposition 64 passed, legalizing recreational marijuana and paving the way for commercial cultivation and sale in

California, at least 24 California municipalities imposed a special local tax on marijuana sales. For example, the City of Santa Barbara imposes a 20 percent sales tax on all gross

receipts for medical and recreational marijuana sales, with the intent of covering the cost of regulating those practices incurred by the city.

According to Chief Al Davis, it is the responsibility of local law enforcement to carry out audits of the business records of Medical Cannabis Collectives to ensure that collectives are truly functioning as nonprofits. "Town staff has addressed a lot of these issues in public forums, and there is a presentation in the works to Town Council to ask for them to consider recommendations regarding commercial grows and audits," said Davis.

Commissioner Chang expressed his concern that it "seems not intuitive for us to let something like this pass and ignore what's in front of us... because we just don't have enough man power to deal with it." Chang asked why staff was making applicants jump through regulatory hoops if they know they can't enforce those regulations. "If we can't satisfy the audit procedure, how can we continue to load the system

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If we can't satisfy the audit procedure, how can we continue to load the system with operations we have no control over?

-Paul Chang

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A TECHY SOLUTION TO A TECHY PROBLEM

Mono County discusses transient occupancy and enforcement options at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting

By Ben Trefry

There is much to be said about Airbnb's impressive rise—a recent valuation pegged it as more valuable than Hilton and Hyatt combined. Local governments have struggled for years with enforcement of transient rental ordinances, and at a recent board meeting, Mono County saw a presentation from Host Compliance – a Silicon Valley startup whose business is making that job easier. The County is exploring their services as a way to clamp down on an unruly industry and reduce the number of staff hours wasted on near-futile online “trolling” efforts and difficult enforcement.

With that in mind, Mono County is working hard to prevent the vacation rental industry from getting out of hand. “The County is in the midst of amending its policies and laws regarding the transient rental of single family homes,” says Scott Burns, Mono County's Community Development Director. Mono County Finance Director Janet Dutcher says the huge variety of homeowners and quasi-companies that deal in short-term rentals makes it tedious to pinpoint and enforce non-compliance, yet it has to be done. “We can't allow somebody to continue illegally if we know about it,” says Dutcher.

According to Dutcher, many short-term rentals operate without County approval – whether because of the relative difficulty of getting the required certificates, a desire to avoid paying taxes, or simply being unaware of the fact that all vacation rentals must be certified. Dutcher believes that education and outreach can help dispel misinformation and bring ignorant hosts into compliance. “It's important to let the public know that we have enforcement tools to make sure that the tax [Transient Occupancy Tax] is being collected and calculated correctly,” Dutcher said at the Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting on June 13.

However, outreach efforts still leave the hosts who are intentionally non-compliant and are very difficult to control. “I've had some conferences with people who have gotten caught who have accused me of violating their civil rights because they don't want to collect a tax, and they don't think they have to pay a tax,” added Dutcher at the same meeting.

In addition to concerns about non-compliance, staff reported hearing complaints from locals worried that allowing more transient rentals will harm communities by replacing locals with tourists and reducing the everybody-knows-everybody dynamic of small towns. “The challenge will be to balance the needs of our tourism economy, including providing sufficient transient accommodations, while minimizing negative impacts to neighborhoods and the local housing stock that could be caused by excessive transient use of single

family homes,” said Burns. “Those laws that deal with allowing transient rental of single family homes... are being adjusted to better reflect the attitudes of individual neighborhoods and communities,” Burns said.

According to John Morris, member of the Mammoth Lakes Tourism board and Director of Operations at Snowcreek Resort, 70% of the Town of Mammoth

Lakes's income comes from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which Morris says depends on tourists having many attractive options for their stays, including transient and nightly rentals in homes and condos. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, Mono County (tax revenue from rentals within Mammoth Lakes boundaries does not go to the County) pulled in well over \$2 million from TOT, mainly from hotels and campgrounds.

The TOT is a flat rate – 12% in Mono County and 13% in the Town of Mammoth Lakes – that hosts either pass on to their guests or cut out of their profits. This means that illegal, untaxed rentals have a competitive advantage over legal ones. “The Town needs to have a very robust enforcement effort,” said Morris, “in order to make sure that the sharing economy is fair for everyone and that the Town can collect tax money for essential services.”

But, as Dutcher says, the massive amount of work that traditional policing takes is often not justified by the increased tax revenue. For example, Mono County collected approximately \$15,000 from audits of illegal rentals in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, which Dutcher suggested was not enough to cover the staff hours invested in recovering those funds. Dutcher says staff spend on average 4 to 6 hours a month enforcing illegal transient rentals.

“[The] well established hotels or RV parks, they file their returns... and we have a good relationship – we're helping them improve their record-keeping. It's hard [with short term rentals] because [some owners] won't comply with our records requests or we'll have to go get a subpoena,” she says. “It's not a lot of dollars that we pull in [by doing this] but it's a lot of staff time.”

Enter Host Compliance – a Silicon Valley startup founded by Ulrik Binzer, which aims to make it easier for governments to keep an eye on transient rentals. Binzer presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, June 13 about his company's product.

Host Compliance has a data

mining application that searches through online listings and finds which ones may be non-compliant. Those that have been flagged are analyzed by staff, and local governments are notified with the listing details if a rental has a high chance of being illegal. For a fee, it will figure out addresses of the rentals – as these are not directly available from the listing. Hosts will also be notified that they may be non-compliant.

The company offers a range of other services on a tiered business model where each tier of service comes with a new feature and a price increase, and its clients include the City of Oakland, Toronto, Marin County, and Seattle. Host Compliance will help governments write effective ordinances to regulate transient rentals, check whether rental properties are properly zoned, and even set up a 24-hour hotline for neighbors to report illegal rentals.

As reported in The Sheet's December 10 article “Hot TOT,” Host Compliance presented for the Town of Mammoth Lakes last fall, and the Town – with its thousands of nightly rentals – was initially interested in a contract with the company.

Supervisor Bob Gardner asked at the board meeting whether Host Compliance would be willing to put the Town and the County on the same contract so they could cooperate and save on the cost of service. Binzer replied that it is indeed possible, but that such contracts often slow down enforcement. “We have done that in many places... That said, my experience is that when you get multiple stakeholders, it just slows down things,” said Binzer.

Because pricing is dependent on the number of rentals in the area, Mono County's costs would be very low—under 8 thousand dollars a year for the highest tier of service, according to Host Compliance's cost calculator on its website. The Town of Mammoth Lakes, with almost four thousand rentals, would require a custom pricing quote. For now, though, there are no concrete plans for either entity to sign up.

“It's not a lot of dollars that we pull in [by doing this], but it's a lot of staff time.”

-Janet Dutcher

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CAUGHT... IN JAIL

By Bodine

A suspect wanted in connection with an attempted murder in Lone Pine on May 23 was arrested Sunday, June 11 by Inyo County Investigators. Thirty-year-old Bishop resident Jeffrey Barnes was arrested while already in custody at Inyo County Jail. He was being held on home invasion and robbery charges stemming from a separate incident in Lone Pine in March.



Jeffrey Barnes.

Barnes was originally arrested on Tuesday, June 6 following a motorcycle chase with Inyo County Sheriff's deputies. Barnes was one of four suspects involved in a home invasion and robbery of a Lone Pine residence. The resident was also assaulted.

The suspects include Oscar Alvarado, Emilio Orozco, Barnes and Mario Torres. Alvarado and Orozco were arrested Friday, June 2.

Torres, 29, turned himself into Inyo County Sheriff's deputies on June 11 and is in custody at Inyo County Jail. He was charged with robbery with enhancements and special allegations. His bail is set at \$250,000.

According to a press release from the Inyo County Sheriff's Department, an employer made a request for a welfare check on an individual who did not show up to work in Lone Pine on May 23. Deputies responded to the residence of that individual on Post Street in Lone Pine to find an as yet unidentified male subject the victim of gunshot wounds. The victim had been

in critical condition, according to the Inyo County Sheriff's Department, but his condition is currently unknown.

According to the press release, there was evidence found at the residence to indicate that the wounds were not self-inflicted. The press release also states that Barnes is the only suspect charged at this time and the case investigation is still ongoing and anyone with information is urged to call the Inyo County Sheriff's Department at 760.878.0393.

Barnes was charged with seven felonies including robbery, burglary, attempted murder, grand theft, and receiving stolen property and a single misdemeanor of driving on a suspended license. Bail for Barnes has been set at \$770,000.

SHADY SIDE OF THE STREET IN BISHOP

Press Release

The City of Bishop is partnering with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to provide shade trees around businesses located in downtown Bishop. The program, made possible through a generous donation from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, makes trees available to commercial property owners in downtown Bishop on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as funding is available.

The tree planting program is intended to implement one of the strategic goals described in the City's 2015 General Plan Economic Development Element goal to enhance the community and make downtown an attractive destination. The tree program is anticipated to provide numerous benefits to Bishop, including downtown beautification, increasing the pedestrian friendliness of downtown, providing shade for parking, providing traffic calming benefits along Highway 395, reducing stormwater runoff, replenishing groundwater aquifers, and reducing energy use associated with cooling.

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power provided the City of Bishop with \$20,000 to purchase trees and materials associated with planting and ensuring they become and remain established, while the City of Bishop is contributing staff and materials to put the trees in the ground. Although potential program

participants have several tree options to choose from, all the trees selected as part of the program are drought tolerant, appropriate for the unique Bishop climate, and cause minimal damage to sidewalks over their lifespan.

"These trees will make a significant difference in increasing the quality of life and improving downtown Bishop's character as a beautiful destination for residents and visitors," said City Administrator Jim Tatum. "The City is proud to be able to provide these trees to the business community, and appreciates LADWP's generous and lasting contribution towards improving the environment of our downtown."

"Promoting sustainability is a key objective of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power," LADWP General Manager David Wright said. "That's why this program is a home run for the City of Bishop and for LADWP, a huge partner in the Owens Valley community for over a century. It allows us to assist in the beautification of the City where our Northern District Headquarters is located, and increase the energy and water efficiency of local business owners. We couldn't be more proud to provide this support."

The tree planting program is available to all commercial property owners in the City of Bishop. Preference will be given to applicants where trees and shrubs would have the greatest impact on increasing shade for parking and to improve walkability, traffic calming, where irrigation could be provided most efficiently, and where landscaping would provide the greatest return on investment in enhancing the attractiveness of the community overall. Property owners interested in participating in the program are encouraged to contact Elaine Kabala at the City of Bishop to learn more about the project and obtain an application at ekabala@cityofbishop.com or 760.873.8458.

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By Kirk Stapp

William Hettinger's book, "Living and Working in Paradise: Why Housing Is Too Expensive and What Communities Can Do About It" identifies three externalities that impact the housing market in resort communities, leading to a free market failure in the form of unaffordable housing costs and displaced local workers and residents.

The first externality leading to a free market housing failure is topographical constraints, such as beaches, wetlands, mountain terrain, or being surrounded by a national forest. With limited developable land, housing prices increase dramatically.

Secondly, growth-management, land-use, density, lot size, building height and developer fees impact the supply side of the housing equation and increase housing prices. Community leaders need to decide when and at what level to intervene or not to intervene.

Third, there is a second-homeowner factor, which alters the demand side of the housing equation. Free-market housing units are purchased by wealthy second-home buyers using external economies, bidding up the price of units beyond what local residents can afford.

Hettinger studied four tourism communities: Aspen, Whistler, Martha's Vineyard and Provincetown, Massachusetts at various stages in addressing their housing needs. Aspen recognized in the early '60s that housing affordability was a community problem. In 2016, Aspen had a total of 5,929 housing units. Of those, 2,062 were deed-restricted for local workers and residents [Deed-restricted units as a percentage of total housing units: Aspen, CO 35%, Crested Butte, CO 19%, Telluride, CO 15%, Vail, CO 10%, Jackson Hole, WY 8%, Mammoth Lakes, CA 2%].

Whistler, after studying Aspen's approach to workforce housing, concluded that providing housing for local residents was an important component of a successful resort community. The community's master plan included a significant number of affordable housing units.

Martha's Vineyard, an island community, experienced an explosion in popularity during the 1990s. A housing crisis ensued as well as a significant worker shortage. Community leaders leveraged local assets to create housing for its community members.

Provincetown's intervention was limited to meeting its state's minimum mandate—10 percent of their housing units were required to be affordable. Provincetown's affordable housing programs currently house an estimated 6.6% of the town's population.

A brief history of Mammoth Lakes workforce housing interventions. Between 1984 and 2002, Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) converted the Glass Mountain Apartments to 26 affordable

rental units and a private developer constructed the rent-restricted Bristlecone Apartments (30 units) which could eventually be converted to market-rate units.

In 1989, the Shady Rest Parcel (located behind Center Street) was zoned for affordable housing. Currently it is the only land zoned for affordable housing within the Town limits. Development of this parcel, as intended and outlined in the adopted Master Plan, is feasible and critical to meeting some of the Town's housing needs (The property is currently owned by private investors).

During the IntraWest construction boom (1999-2006), construction workers competed with service workers for housing. In response to the housing crunch, Mammoth Mountain constructed/purchased 183 units for its employees.

In 2002, Mammoth voters approved an initiative supporting workforce housing, allocating 1 point of the town's 13% Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to housing. Between 2002 and 2012, Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) developed 126 units and provided down payment assistance for more than 60 homeowners.

August 2012, the Town announced the terms of its settlement with Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition, a \$2.5 million down payment and an additional \$2 million annual payment for 23 years. The Town laid off a third of its sworn officers and reduced its staff by a 40%. The Town also began holding back funding for marketing, transit, and workforce housing.

Between 2012-16, the Town begins to fund marketing and transit at a 90 percent level, but underfunds MLH by allocating 30 percent to 50 percent of the 1 point of the voter-approved 13 percent of TOT.

In May 2015, The Town Council drops its workforce housing inclusionary requirement, which eliminates the potential development of 286 units. It also reduces its workforce housing mitigation fees for residential projects of nine or fewer units from \$23,222 to \$7,300 and its hotel fee from \$11,611 to \$3,700. The rationale for these policy changes was to attract outside developers.

On July 1, 2015, the Town accepts the finding of a nexus study that determines that 79-90 percent of Mammoth's future workforce employees will be low and very low wage-earners.

In 2016, after four years of drought, Mammoth's snowpack reaches 200 percent of normal. A glut of "Help wanted!" signs greets Mammoth visitors. Makeshift "car" campsites spring up in the forest surrounding Mammoth Lakes.

On July 20, 2016, Hart-Howerton (a planning consultant funded by MMSA) unveils their vision for Mammoth. The vision rezones the Shady Rest site for an ice rink, recreation facilities, market rate units, and identifies five to eight acres for high-density

workforce homes.

In November 2016, Rusty Gregory announces that MMSA will fund a housing study (up to \$250,000). MLH hires WSW Consulting to do the study.

On March 15, 2017, WSW Consulting held its kick-off community meeting to target the scope of research into Mammoth's workforce housing needs.

The three externalities that will impact WSW's housing needs study and action plan will be: First, Mammoth Lakes is surrounded by national forest, limiting its developable land base, which increases land and housing values, pricing most local workers and residents out of the market.

Secondly, the median single family home sales price in 2015: \$860,000. In 2016: \$714,000. In 2017, year-to-day, 26 single family homes: \$714,000. Most homes are well beyond the affordability of the average worker in Mammoth Lakes.

It has been suggested by Council members that Mammoth's workforce can purchase existing condo units. Of the 6,150 existing units, over half are priced beyond most workers' means—above \$395,000. Of the 2,810 units priced below \$395,000, 2,673 were built prior to 1985 and are studios or one bedroom units. In respect

to Mammoth's workforce purchasing existing condo units, purchasers need to consider monthly Homeowners Association fees. In addition, they need to ask, has the Association fully funded its capital replacement reserve: asphalt, roofs, siding, and does the unit meet the town's "Livability" standards?

Thirdly, unlike other communities that require inclusionary housing, increase developer impact fees, and fully fund their housing NGOs, Mammoth's Town Council has dropped its inclusionary housing ordinance, reduced its housing fees by 70 percent, and continues to withhold voter-approved funds for its workforce (between 2012-17, Town Councils have withheld or redirected over \$2,000,000 in voter-approved funding for workforce housing).

On June 7, 2017, the Town Council approved a 400-room luxury hotel/condominium project without even knowing its impact on workforce housing. A simple Google search reveals that a luxury hotel will need between 150-200 employees, most of them low wage earners. Who is going to staff that hotel, and for that matter, others like it?

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HOLY HOUSING, BATMAN

Council subcommittee discussions of TOT allocation continue at MLH Board meeting

By Rea

The Mammoth Lakes Housing Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, June 13 to discuss the possible reallocation of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to three program areas: housing, transit and tourism.

The decision to reallocate these funds, spearheaded by a subcommittee of Council members Colin Fernie and John Wentworth, was met with some trepidation.

Political commitments to tourism, transit and housing were passed by voters in 2002. After the Town's settlement to avoid bankruptcy in 2012 in the wake of the MLLA lawsuit settlement, those commitments were readjusted (see "TOT Troubles," June 10).

"Our primary motivation is to get more money for housing," said Wentworth at Tuesday's Board meeting. "Housing is a dire need right now, and we need to do whatever we can to make that happen."

Town Council discussed the item at its meeting on Wednesday, June 6, but it was placed so far back in the agenda that it was postponed until next week's meeting (June 21) due to the lateness of the hour (a Council bylaw dictates that meetings end at 10:30 p.m.).

The current methodologies for funding the three Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) which receive TOT funds through Measures A and T is convoluted—the three entities,

MLH, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, and Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA), all receive differing funding, with MLH receiving a flat rate as opposed to a percentage of TOT revenues (like ESTA and MLT). The purpose of the reallocation is to create more parity between the organizations, says Wentworth.

Currently, MLT receives the lion's share of TOT (2.5 percent of the political commitment of 13 percent of the Town's TOT budget). MLT is also funded by the Tourism Business Improvement District, or TBID.

Housing's funding was decreased in the wake of the MLLA lawsuit settlement, and a base amount of \$329,190 annually was allocated for the organization. The proposed reallocation would give a base of \$330,190 for housing and a reserve level of \$204,327, any funds exceeding which would be held in the Town's General Fund and "earmarked" for the "program" of housing, but not specifically for Mammoth Lakes Housing.

MLH advocates for affordable, below market-rate housing. MLH Board members suggested at Tuesday's meeting that their concern is the fact that the Town would hold reserve funds for housing in its own coffers, and that money would not be available to leverage, should it need to act on an affordable housing opportunity.

"It makes it more difficult for us to do long-term capital planning and to be responsive if, (a) we have to go back to the [Town] panel to ask for reserves and, (b) if we don't know if those reserves are reliably there because other parties may actually be looking to dip into the same reserves for other purposes," said Board member Bill Taylor.

"Since MLH was formed we've been the development arm and the Town has been the policy arm. In general [the Town] controls zoning, you control the decisions about grant applications...and we are the ones who are out doing the development, looking for the opportunities to make this stuff happen," said Taylor.

"So every time we want to make a purchase or anything else we have to come to Council and ask?" Stapp asked Wentworth.

"Anything beyond the \$330,000 which is what's in place currently," Wentworth responded.

**Note:: Salaries and administrative costs are paid out of that \$330,000 and probably swallow at least two-thirds of it.*

"One thing I don't want to see happen is to see this money get siphoned off for administrative purposes," said Taylor. "My concern is that as long as it sits in reserve, it's still a target."

Mammoth Lakes Housing Executive Director Jennifer Halferty told The Sheet that she's confused as to why the Town feels the need to hold funding for housing in its own reserve.

Mammoth Lakes Housing lost 11 deed-restricted (below market-rate) rentals in Meridian Court after the financial crash of 2008 because neither they nor the Town had funds to pur-

chase units that went into foreclosure or needed to be sold. There were also 40 units built by Intrawest as mitigation for The Village at Mammoth, only 18 of which were deed-restricted. According to Halferty, Intrawest had a clause in their deed restriction that if those units hadn't sold within a defined timeframe that they would remove deed restrictions, which is why 22 of those units eventually became market-rate. Four more of the deed-restricted units were also lost (ended up as market-rate) in the wake of the financial crash.

This loss of deed-restricted housing was due to the way the contracts were written, but Halferty said that issue has been corrected and is not in danger of happening again.

"We've had growing pains," Halferty said, "but we've done a lot of really great things and to say those things don't matter, I'm not sure that builds trust...We haven't embezzled money, we haven't spent it in a manner inconsistent with our mission and intention and purpose."

Halferty also said that the Town has agreed to projects that did not take proper precautions to secure workforce housing, such as approving developer Jim Demitrades' Clearwater Specific Plan with a housing impact mitigation fee, instead of building on-site workforce housing.

"Those aren't things that we agreed with, and [Council has] gone ahead and done them anyway," said Halferty.

Wentworth, in a meeting last week with The Sheet, emphasized the need for trust between all entities going forward. "The only way this works is with an exceptional level of trust," he said. At Tuesday's meeting, Wentworth said he did not want to get "mired in the past" and "we have to work together to deliver this stuff. We cannot work as individual fiefdoms and silos."

"This isn't about being mired in the past, this is about learning from the past," said Taylor at Tuesday's meeting.

"I am sitting here looking at an item that is trying to address he mistakes of the past," replied Wentworth. "We are not delivering housing to the benefit of this community, so this is the first step in putting together a program that will."

"I think we did work together [with the Town in the past], and that's the part [Wentworth] doesn't want to acknowledge," Halferty told The Sheet on Thursday, July 15. "If you go back and look at the work we've done, we really did work together. Everything went sideways with [the financial crash, recession, drought and MLLA settlement] and we haven't found our way back to work together again. But the Board needs a little bit more clarity for confidence's sake, for the trust building, because of that dark period."

A workshop will be held on the reallocation of TOT funds on Wednesday, July 21, at 4 p.m. followed by a regular Town Council Meeting, at which a vote on the item will likely be held.

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with operations we have no control over?"

Stephan Sutton, who was listed as the owner of the business on the Special Use Permit application for Fluids Manufacturing, Inc., did not address the Commission. Instead, he stood behind Robert Calvert, owner of Mammoth Lakes Wellness, who told Commissioners he was "acting as a representative" of Sutton. In a follow up interview, Calvert said that Sutton and his business had "zero affiliation with Mammoth Lakes Wellness" and that there is "no business relation between the two businesses." Calvert said Sutton asked him to speak on his behalf because of his seven years of experience in town running a cannabis collective and his good working relationships with Town staff and local officials. Calvert noted that there is no competition between the two businesses, as Mammoth Lakes Wellness does not distill its own oils at this time.

The permit allows for ethanol-based oil extraction. The permit reads that the collective shall "utilize only manufacturing processes that are solvent-less or that employ only nonflammable, nontoxic solvents that are generally recognized as safe..." According to the staff report from Wednesday's meeting, the process has been approved by Mammoth Lakes Fire Marshall Thom Heller.

There was much debate over security. Both units are rented portions of existing buildings in which there are longstanding neighboring businesses. Those business owners expressed concern at the podium over what security measures Fluid Manufacturing, Inc. planned to take to protect their product. As detailed in a security plan reviewed by Chief Davis, the company plans to install motion-sensor triggered exterior flood lights, bars on exterior windows, and security cameras. Davis said he had, "no concerns over the security plan."

Resident Tim Standifer, who owns the unit adjacent to the storage facility at 219 Commerce Drive, said "If we decide to sell our unit, we worry some people might not want to move in next door to that. We've had our business next door for almost twenty years, and we don't want to be impacted."

Standifer and others were assured that all transportation of materials between the two locations would be in enclosed vehicles. They were assured they would not see open forklifts carrying pot or casual transfer of materials.

Chairwoman Amy Callanan said, "I think it's pretty clear that the type of business we're talking about meets building code requirements and permit requirements." The Commission voted 4-1 to issue the special use permits for marijuana cultivation in the Industrial Park, with Commissioner Greg Eckert voting no a second time.



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SCHNEIDER LEAPS INTO EASTSIDE LIFE

Wendy Schneider assumed Executive Director role at local nonprofit Friends of the Inyo in April

By Rea

Wendy Schneider, the new Executive Director of Friends of the Inyo, wasn't necessarily looking to make a permanent home in the Eastern Sierra with her husband and three children when they moved up from Los Angeles in July, 2014.

"We just wanted to get out of LA County and do something new," says Schneider. "We were just coming for a year."

Three years later, Schneider has landed her dream job protecting public lands and her husband, Rudy DeFelice, "is some kind of Executive-Vice-President, I'm not sure what his title is," she says, laughing (Rudy's the Senior Vice President of Business Development and Environmental Impact Review at Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, for the record).

And just like that, Schneider's family has followed in the footsteps of so many Eastern Sierra transplants who come for "just a year," and end up putting down roots.

Neither of them had jobs when they decided to make the move. It was more of a case of "leap, and the net will appear," says Schneider. She homeschooled her three kids (Alessandro, now 14, Manny, 12, and Kamal, 9) for the first year and volunteered her time with a Citizen Science Project at Devils Postpile, where Friends of the Inyo first came across her radar. Then, this winter, she was backcountry skiing with Ben Wickham, Membership and



Wendy Schneider.

Communications Manager for FOI, and he mentioned that the previous Executive Director, Laura Beardsley, had decided to move on to a position with Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. Schneider jumped at the job opportunity, and assumed her new role in April of this year.

Schneider, a native of East Tennessee, developed her love of the outdoors in the Appalachian mountains. She earned her B.A. in political science at the College of William and Mary and migrated to Washington, D.C. after graduation, "as so many William and Mary students do," she says. She worked on Capitol Hill for Al Gore, "and at night I was a caller for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S.PIRG)," a non-profit formed by Ralph Nader which employs grassroots advocacy to effect liberal political change.

She was eventually offered a job

running a district office for PIRG, and between Denver, Seattle, or Los Angeles, she chose to relocate to the Golden State at the age of twenty. "It was my favorite job that I ever had," she said of her position at CALPIRG, which is now known as Environment California.

Schneider went on to earn her law degree at UCLA and practiced environmental law at the agency McDermott Will and Emery, where she met her husband Rudy, who was a bankruptcy attorney. They fell in love, raised their kids, and, after considering moves to "all the typical places people like us like to live, like Boulder, Colorado or Bend, Oregon," ended up in Mammoth.

The kids are now at Mammoth Unified School District and Schneider and DeFelice are making their mark in the community—DeFelice spearheaded the two new high-tech workspaces at MMSA's Main Lodge and the Sierra Center Mall. Schneider is putting her contagious enthusiasm to work for the public lands surrounding her new home. "My favorite part so far has been making the connection with all the people who are passionate about the Eastern Sierra," she said on Tuesday, June 13. "In these times, to feel so supported and that there are so many like-minded people" makes her job that much more rewarding, she said.

"Just yesterday I went to Vons in Bishop [Vons donated desserts for FOI's gathering on Wednesday, June 14

to introduce Schneider and new Stewardship Programs Manager Julia Runcie], and the manager said, 'Oh! One of my uncles was a great environmentalist, and he stopped the construction of Highway 14 until he and the boy scouts could remove the desert tortoises'" from the construction path.

"I said 'Right on!'" said Schneider. "It's so amazing to be surrounded by people with such a deep connection to the area."

Schneider says her position is particularly important in the current political climate, and she sees an opportunity to not only effect change locally, but nationally.

"This is a big moment in U.S. history for public lands and [one] vehicle is this Executive Order of reviewing National Monuments [President Donald Trump has sent Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke to review both Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments, see "All (Bears) Ears For National Monuments, May 20 for more background]."

One of Schneider's first public events with Friends of the Inyo was hosting Miguel Perla, the Southern California Organizer for Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, for three presentations in the Eastern Sierra to mobilize support for National Monuments in response to Trump and Zinke's reviews.

"Make no mistake, how we react as a people is going to influence how the [Trump] administration proceeds."

BIOMASS BOILER DEBUTS IN BRIDGEPORT

Mono County leads the way with new heating technology for Bridgeport Road Shop

By Ben Trefry

After close to five years of planning, study, and construction, the biomass boiler at the Bridgeport Road Shop is finally ready for long-term operation.

It replaces the propane boiler that had previously been used to heat the road shop's garage in the winter, and is expected to provide a significant cost savings by utilizing biomass from area landfills and forest thinning projects.

This project was funded through California Proposition 84 money, which awarded the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) approximately 50 million dollars to use for grant projects. Mono County applied for a grant from the SNC to finance the boiler, and ended up receiving \$236,000 to cover the costs of building the boiler. According to Wendy Sugimura, senior analyst at the Community Development Department, the full cost of the facility including labor was closer to \$270,000—meaning the County was off the hook for most, but not all, of the boiler's cost.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Wednesday, June 7 as part of a special Board of Supervisors meeting. Larry Johnston, the Mono County supervisor who spearheaded the development of the facility and worked closely with the project's staff, was not able to attend due to a health issue. Johnston has seen the facility in



PHOTO: BEN TREFRY

Left to right: Supervisors John Peters, Stacy Corless and Bob Gardner perform a ribbon cutting for Mono County's new biomass boiler. Larry Johnston was unable to attend due to illness.

operation, but was planning to lead the ribbon-cutting because of his enthusiasm for the project.

Though the boiler has technically been online since February, County staff have been working out kinks and are still experimenting with different types of wood chips. The boiler's first real test will be this coming winter, when it will likely have to operate for weeks without human interference. This presents a challenge because certain types of wood chips can jam up the feeder mechanism and cause the boiler to run out of fuel, an issue that can be fixed only through trial and error.

In terms of cost savings, the County expects to save over \$30,000 per year by reducing the need for propane and other heating fuels. The road shop has two large propane tanks used primarily for heating, which have to be filled twice weekly during the winter months—amounting to an estimated yearly propane cost of \$59,840. With the biomass boiler in place, the propane boiler will still act as a backup.

According to Sugimura, the County's cost savings are difficult to calculate because it pays a bulk rate for its propane that is lower than the estimated \$2/gallon market rate. "We will still have a cost savings, we expect, and for somebody who pays market rate, they'd see an even greater cost savings," says Sugimura. "But we really won't know, we won't be able to verify those numbers, until we've gone through a significant period of time where we've been using the boiler."

In 2014, TSS Consultants of Rancho Cordova prepared a Biomass Feasibility Report for the County that evaluated the feasibility of a biomass plant at several locations in the Mammoth Lakes area. The initial goal was to build a co-generation facility—which would produce both heat and electricity—but the report found that an installation of that type would not be likely to happen in the Mammoth Lakes area due to siting and fuel-

sourcing concerns.

The report found that a heat-only facility would be more feasible at many of the locations that were studied. The road shop in Bridgeport was not included in the initial analysis, but it turned out to be a good location because of its need for heat, distance from residential areas, and correct zoning. Its minimal snow load and easy vehicle access are also pluses that Mammoth Lakes area locations lack.

"[The technology] could be applied to a lot of other locations, and not just County or agency locations, it just takes money," said Sugimura. Some of the locations initially studied for a heat-only facility include the Mammoth Hospital, as well as Mammoth Mountain's equipment garage. With the Eastern Sierra's abundant supply of woody debris, there certainly is a lot more potential for biomass usage than one boiler alone can tap. However, the untested technology and high up-front costs make biomass energy less attractive than fossil fuels to many entities.

"[Biomass] is a significant investment over propane," Sugimura says, "but if you do the economics on it and you price out your fuel, the idea would be that you could pay back that cost difference and then be saving money."

According to the Biomass Feasibility Report, the amount of greenhouse emissions saved by avoiding traditional pile-and-burn techniques for slash would allow any Eastern Sierra biomass boiler to have negative carbon emissions, if the fuel is sourced appropriately.

Danna Stroud, Mt. Whitney Area Representative for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, says that the SNC was attracted to the idea of a biomass boiler because of the ability to repurpose the massive amounts of biomass coming out of forest thinning efforts. "Right now, what is happening is what they call slash and burn... the challenge there is that there's a better use for that biomass, and so SNC has realized throughout the entire region that there is a need for additional infrastructure development to [allow] increased biomass utilization," says Stroud.

Stroud believes that Mono County's biomass boiler is a success story that other counties can learn from. "I think the biggest lesson learned, that others can learn from, is that this is scalable and that it is doable at a small, local level," she says. "[Small counties] may not have the resources to build a large facility, but it is fully doable to look at utilizing a boiler like Mono County did."

With the dropping prices of biomass utilization technology and the increased pace of forest thinning efforts, it's become clear that biomass is an energy source that Sierra counties simply can't ignore, and Mono County is leading the way.



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Another idea might include revision of the County's parking regulations, which allow a person to park in one spot for up to 10 days before having to move the vehicle. According to Terry Walker, Deputy County Counsel, "All you have to do to get around that is drive around the block and then park in the same spot for another 10 days."

Whitney Gear owner Charlie Brown said he feels he's being persecuted and that this whole thing is "an excuse to protect other businesses," whom he characterized at Tuesday's meeting as a "vigilante group."

"I have as much right to the right-of-way as anyone else," he said.

Brown's partner Scudder testified at the June 7 Board meeting that the pair was threatened by Kingsley who allegedly told them, "If there isn't a regulation, then we are going to write one." Kingsley did not dispute the accusation, and according to Scudder, it was witnessed by others.

Kingsley told the Sheet, "I told them I was against it and suggested two or



PHOTO: JAMES

Whitney Gear's Airstream trailer, parked within view of Elevation, a brick-and-mortar outdoor gear store in Lone Pine.

three locations to them [located on private property]."

The Inyo Board ultimately voted 3-2 (Kingsley and Tillemans voting against) to revisit the issue in a few weeks, when Rudolph will conduct a workshop. Supervisor Rick Pucci, who voted for the delay, said, "In my opinion, this has moved a little bit fast."

Given the fact that any ordinance requires 30 days to go into effect after adoption, it pretty much guarantees Whitney Gear will be able to operate for this season.

The fundamental question which will linger, regardless of what regulation is imposed, is this: To what degree should a "level playing field" be provided to a purveyor who is a part-time, best-of-times member of the community who literally vanishes when the sledding gets tough?

MATCHBOX PILE-UP OFF 203



PHOTOS: LUNCH

Anyone entering the Main Street Shell parking lot from Highway 203 these days is subject to a "Craters of the Moon" pothole experience. A Town spokesman says it's a dispute between Caltrans and Property Owner Ken Sample. Sample says his property line extends only 10' out from the Breakfast Club and that it was his assumption that the Town took over the right-of-way when it made all of its sidewalk improvements. "If it's mine, I'll do it," said Sample, but he noted that the yellow marking was done by someone else. In the meantime, as you can see above, matchbox traffic jams have been occurring as asphalt continues to break off ... in other Caltrans news, District 9 Director Brent Green told the Mammoth Lakes Lions Club on Wednesday that he expects Tioga Pass to open no later than July 1 and possibly as early as next week.

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The No Runner Left Behind Scholarship, now in its eighth year, awarded nine \$500 scholarships and one \$1,000 scholarship to graduating Mammoth High School Seniors on their way to college. Nancy Fiddler, a two-time Olympian, also awarded the Nancy Fiddler Scholarship to two of her outstanding Nordic skiers.

The No Runner Left Behind Scholarship Recipients, from left to right: Lynn Reggelbrugge — \$500, Journey Whitfield — \$500, Dimas Murguia — \$1,000, Jacob Mahler — \$500, Connor Kusumoto — \$500, Trace Calvin — \$500, pictured alongside Olympian Nancy Fiddler.

Nancy Fiddler Scholarship Recipients, left to right in back row: Elijah Grice — \$500, Quin Confoldi — \$500, and Torie Patrie — \$500 (not pictured here).

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large for us,” said Davis.

When asked if he was certain there was a market to support Grocery Outlet, Davis said he was confident there was a market for bargain groceries in Mammoth Lakes. “At our stores, we offer services and prices for everyone. Every community has a need for bargains and deals. People are surprised to hear it, but our store in South Lake Tahoe does great. Our stores in Palo Alto, downtown San Diego, also do just fine.”

Best Development Group Principal Terry Johnson also spoke on behalf of Grocery Outlet, saying that the company is in negotiations with two local artists regarding commissioned metal art sculptures for the street-facing front of the building. The building will be designed by Sacramento-based firm HMR Architects.

Commissioner Paul Chang expressed his concern that the design up for review allocated only 3,775 square feet of space for snow storage, or 12 percent of the lot. The typical requirement for plots within the town’s commercial zones is that 60 percent of the total lot be reserved for snow storage. In this case, that would equate to 19,318 square feet.

Developers are eligible for exemptions to that standard if they present a snow removal management plan. Chang expressed his concern that

many lots with these arrangements remained full of snow throughout this past winter. Engineering Manager Haislip Hayes acknowledged that the truckers contracted for snow removal do not drive their vehicles in inclement weather, so the town expects it to take a few days for property owners with insufficient snow storage to “play catch up” with regard to snow removal.

The project was deemed categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act, and The PEDC (with the exception of Greg Eckert, who recused himself from all discussion as an adjacent property owner to the site), voted 4-0 to approve the Design Review and Lot Adjustment.

According to Moberly, the next step from a planning standpoint is for Grocery Outlet to submit a grading and building permit application.

“There are no further hearings on the project as the Planning and Economic Development Commission is the decision-making body for major Design Review permits,” said Moberly in an email this week.

At Wednesday’s meeting, Construction Manager Davis and Best Development Group Principal Johnson were clear that they were willing to meet any design requirements necessary to see the project through to construction.

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you couldn't get over."

He'd started his morning in Tuolumne Meadows, and had made fifteen miles of northward progress that day when, around 6:30 p.m., he made the decision to ford Return Creek.

"Luckily, I had unclipped my waist belt and loosened the straps on my pack," which is standard practice for fording streams that come above one's knees, Mazzaferri said.

"A quarter of the way through I could feel [the current] was strong. I made it to the strongest part of the flow and I'm holding on, but I go to take another step and I think I'm on a stable rock, but the rock slips out from underneath me and I instantly get taken by the current and start heading down stream."

Mazzaferri said he was headed straight for a waterfall. "I would have gotten beaten up pretty badly, and if I'd hit my head, that would have been all she wrote."

He said that initially he tried to save his pack, his lifeline, but "with a big pack on I had no mobility, so I ditched it quickly." Freed of the weight, he managed to swim to shore.

So there he was, "standing on the river bank, soaking wet, watching my pack quickly sail away down the river. That's when it hits me. It's very snowy. The last 250 miles had been snow, and no trail," and the sun was quickly sinking. Mazzaferri had no navigation system—just a pair of wet hiking pants, a long sleeve shirt, a ball cap, and a running watch. Even his glasses had been washed downstream. He decided quickly that his only hope would be to follow his own tracks back to Tuolumne Meadows, but darkness was inevitable. "I knew there would be one really uncomfortable night," he said, "but I remembered about 8 miles back there was a section that was free of snow." He knew that's where he needed to get before the sun went down. "So I just start running. I've been a runner my whole life, so I knew, 'This is going to save my life.'"

Mazzaferri made it to the location just as darkness descended, but he was still damp, and sleep wasn't in the cards. "I set my watch for 20 minute intervals, and just did jumping jacks, ran in circles, did lunges. Then I'd curl up in the fetal position and try to conserve my body heat. I did that nonstop from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Eventually my brain just shut off and the next thing I knew, the sun was coming up."

But Mazzaferri still had eight more miles to backtrack, and in places, he lost his way. The snow was hard-packed, and he couldn't find his tracks. A couple of times he followed deer or coyote tracks. "I decided to take those from a sign from whatever you believe in, whatever force was at hand," and eventually found his own tracks again.

He found himself at what he gauged to be about a mile from Tuolumne Meadows when he became disoriented. He tried three different directions, not knowing which way to go. Nothing looked familiar. "I think that's when I started losing hope a little bit. I didn't know if I could make it through another night out there."

It was then he heard the noises. At

first he thought he was hallucinating, but the distinctive sound of a big machine backing up was traveling across the snow-filled meadow in which he stood. Then he saw a plume of snow flying in the distance. Not wearing his glasses, he said he first thought it was a geyser.

Then he realized he was seeing snow plows. And where there were plows, there was a road. Salvation.

"By that point, my adrenaline was so high, and I start sprinting across this plain" towards the plows. But in his way was the freezing Tuolumne River. There are bridges across the Tuolumne, but they weren't in sight, and Mazzaferri was desperate to get to the road. "I didn't know if these guys would be leaving soon, so I took a swan dive into [the Tuolumne]. Instantly, I lost my breath. I have no idea how I swam across that river. That was probably the most dangerous part of that whole story, but I got through it because I was so pumped on adrenaline."

Soaking wet and hypothermic, Mazzaferri stumbled up to the plow.

"The guy didn't see me until I was in his window. He looked pretty surprised. He asked if he hit me with the snow he was throwing, and I said 'No! I just ran for two days!' He gave me his lunch and his jacket and called his boss."

Mazzaferri said his lips were blue, he wasn't able to form complete sentences, and "I must have seemed like a

crazy person."

"Felipe" (Mazzaferri couldn't remember his last name, and The Sheet couldn't track him down) was the young man's savior, and he transferred the hiker to the care of his supervisor, who then brought him to Yosemite Valley. It was then that a young wilderness ranger, Emily Noyd, offered to give Mazzaferri a place to stay until friends could come pick him up. He ended up around a campfire in Yosemite Valley sharing his near-death experience with new friends.

"Advising people on snow levels and creek crossings is a huge part of my job, so we were eager to hear about his experience and conditions he encountered on the trail," said Noyd. "I guess I was compelled to offer him a place to stay because I feel connected to backpackers... my age. I've definitely been in situations where someone goes the extra mile to help me and it makes a world of difference. Our community looks out for each other and everyone was happy to have him."

The next day, buddies from Portland, Oregon, picked him up, and took him to an enormous breakfast in Oakdale. He's currently recuperating in the city of craft beer, cold brew coffee, and brunches. Yes, he called his parents. And yes, they completely freaked out.

Mazzaferri says he doesn't plan on getting back on the trail—this year. He starts law school at Penn State in the fall and his goal was to hike the entire

PCT in one go, which he doesn't think he'll be able to accomplish after this set back, despite generous offers from people to help him rebuild his hiking arsenal.

"It's the happiest I've ever been in my life, but I don't think I have the desire to get back on [the trail] this season because I know I can't finish."

The experience was truly a life-changer, despite the fact that he didn't make it to Canada. "Part of the reason I did the PCT is that I wanted to grow personally, and I got a lot out of the first 1,000 miles. But I got just as much out of those two days. You figure out what you're made of in a situation like that."

He says he's planning a more mellow trek of a few hundred miles, just to get his trail legs back, before he heads to law school. He also says that he's thinking of focusing on environmental law after the experience he had on the trail. His advice for other hikers crossing the snowbound Sierra is to travel together, and to heed the inner voice when something feels too dangerous. He knows his ordeal could have easily ended differently, and emphasized the importance of deliberate decision-making.

"The way I reacted was one was the only reason I survived, because I had a good plan, and I relaxed, and went step by step."

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Mammoth High School Baseball players make Desert Mountain League team

Photos by Joanna Forsythe



This year, the Mammoth Huskies had seven players selected to participate in the Baseball All-League 2017 Desert Mountain League Team. Senior Eriko Guzman (3) and Junior Dylan VanKampen (19) were selected for first team. Senior Dylan Martin (16) and Junior Barrett Calvin (7) were selected for second team. Juniors Mason Forsythe (5), Carson Thompson (21),

and Charlie Reggelbrugge (20) made honorable mention. Photos, clockwise from the top left: Charlie Reggelbrugge, Mason Forsythe, Barrett Calvin, Carson Thompson, Dylan VanKampen at the end of the 2017 season. Mason Forsythe hits hard during a regular season game. Coach Brent Forsythe with Dylan Martin and his mother, Leah. Eriko Guzman throws a fast one.



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Food Cache Cafe Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 Sunday-Thursday. Street tacos \$2.50, \$3.50 beers, \$7.50 beer/wine and house fries.

Friday, June 17/ Good Livin' at the East Side Bake Shop, Starts around 6:30. *See ad, p. 6.* **Jelly Bread plays Mountain Rambler.** Doors at 9 p.m. Music at 9:30. Reno-based funk-rock band. Tickets: \$12.

Sunday, June 18/ Good Livin' plays The Mobil. Free live music from 6-9 p.m. Acoustic guitar group.

Monday, June 19/ Americore SMX Rock n' Bowl with Lucas Oil, starts 4:30 p.m. Mammoth Motocross Minis take over Mammoth Rock n' Bowl for a night of fun and games. *See ad, p.2.* **Wing Night at Morrison's,** 4-9 p.m. \$9 for 8 wings. *See ad, p.13.*

Wednesday, June 21/ Wild Wing Wednesdays @ John's Pizza Works. *See ad, p. 11.* **Open Mic @ Mammoth Brewing Co.** Starts 6 p.m. Weekly beer specials. **June Lake Brewing 3rd Anniversary Party** at JLB. Dreddie Poppins and the Professionals. *See ad, p. 3., sidebar next page.*

Thursday, June 22/ Incendio plays The Mobil. Free, 6-9 p.m. Instrumental world music.

TOWN STUFF

June 16-17/ Sierra Meadows Ranch Horse Camp. Ages 3 years-old to adults. For info, call Leslie @ 760.382.5017. *See ad. p. 6.*

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June 16-25/ Mammoth Motocross. *See ad. p. 2. and sidebar next page.*

Saturday, June 17/ Live music in The Village to celebrate the 50th Annual Mammoth Motocross event. Starts 6 p.m. at the Village Plaza Stage.

Twin Lakes Trail Days. Join Friends of the Inyo and Mono County for Twin Lakes Trail Day. Bring: water, closed toed shoes. Tools, gloves, breakfast, lunch provided. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Mono Village at Upper Twin Lake. Info: info@friendsoftheinyo.org or 760.873.6500.

June Lake Theater Festival. Free outdoor theater festival at June Mountain Ski Area in June Lake. Free kids theater workshop from 3-5 p.m. RSVP: junelaketheaterfestival.com. Theatrical performances from 7-8:30 p.m. Info: junelaketheaterfestival@gmail.com.

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Sunday, June 18/ Music in the Park. Local bluegrass/Americana band Bodie 601 plays the Mono Bird Chautauqua public picnic at Mono Lake County Park, starting at 12:30 p.m. Free event. **Mammoth Half Marathon and 5k Race.** Half Marathon starts at 7:30 a.m. at Horseshoe Lake and finishes in downtown Mammoth. 5k starts at 7:30 a.m. at Mammoth Creek Park and finishes in downtown Mammoth. Info and registration online @ mammothhalfmarathon.com.

Monday, June 19/ Bishop Community Band free Concert. 8 p.m. at the Bishop City Park. **Town Hall Meeting with SCE regarding Rush Creek Dam System.** 6-7:30 p.m. at the June Lake Community Center. *See sidebar next page.*

Tuesday, June 20/ Sierra Club Monthly Meeting. 6:45 p.m. at the Crowley Lake CC. Meet April Sall, new Director of the Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership. No potluck. Info: Mary 805.217.5563. **Summer Sunset Acrylic Painting with Miguel Flores.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Mono Arts Council. \$25 includes glass of wine, materials and instruction. Tickets: monoarts.org/art-wine-classes.

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Bishop Water and Sewer Commission vacancy

There is an unscheduled vacancy on the City of Bishop Water and Sewer Commission. Anyone interested in applying to serve on the commission for the duration of the term, which runs through November 8, 2018, should contact Bishop City Hall at 760.873.5863. Applications and descriptions of duties are available online at cityofbishop.com. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 23.

Caltrans construction on U.S. 395

Caltrans will be resurfacing U.S. 395 from Eastside Lane in Walker to the Nevada State line in Mono County. Work began on June 12 and is expected to be completed in October 2017. Traffic will be one way from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays throughout the summer. Expect 20 minute traffic delays.

Additionally, Caltrans will be resurfacing U.S. 395 in Bridgeport starting June 19. Expect traffic delays on US 395 between SR 270 and Jack Sawyer Road of up to 20 minutes until late July.

Caltrans will be resurfacing SR 158 from the south junction with US 395 to the SCE Hydroplant in June Lake from June 19 to June 30. Expect traffic delays of up to 20 minutes in the Village of June Lake from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays through June 30.

Register Fourth of July floats

The Fourth of July Parade is quickly approaching. Applications for floats in the parade will be accepted until June 26, but submit

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, June 20 (cont'd)/ Mono County Board of Supervisors Meeting 9 a.m. at the BOS Chambers, at the Mono County Courthouse in Bridgeport. Live broadcast from the CAO Conference Room.

Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Power Lunch. 12-1 p.m. Presentation by David and Gayle Woodruff, authors of "Tales Along El Camino Sierra." \$20 for members, \$30 for non-members. Location TBD.

Wednesday, June 21/ Bridgeport Town Hall Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Bridgeport Memorial Hall, following the Mono County Behavioral Health Social. Presentations from Mono County on Digital 395 and the Bridgeport Ranger Station.

Thursday, June 22/ Public Lands Call to Action Forum. Join Friends of the Inyo, Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership, and the Sierra Club for a forum on protecting our public lands. Appetizers and beverages at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Coworking Space in Mammoth. Info: 760.873.6500.

Community Market at Bishop Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center. 5 p.m. to dusk, local produce, traditional foods, arts, and live music. Email gaylenekinz@bishoppaiute.org or call 760.784.4782 for info.

Snow Ponds hike and Tostada Feast with Sierra Club. Easy 3 mile RT hike with 500' elevation gain. Meet 4:30pm @ Mammoth Union Bank or 5 p.m. @ the Shell Station (corner of south entrance to the June Lake Loop, and U.S. 395). We will begin at the baseball field parking lot. Following the hike we will gather at Jean's home for tostadas. Info: contact Jean 760.648.7109, dillinghamjean@gmail.com.

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Cars 3 (G): Lightning McQueen sets out to prove to a new generation of racers that he's still the best race car in the world.

The Mummy (PG-13): Another one in the series, but this one stars Tom Cruise and the mummy ... is a lady!

For movie times, call 760.934.3131 or visit mammothlakesmovies.com.



UPCOMING

Friday, June 23/ Downtown Bishop Summer Solstice Party. Shops and businesses open until 9 p.m.. Free live entertainment downtown, free raffle. Hosted by Bishop Chamber of Commerce.

July 24-25/ ICA's first Community Art Days of the summer in Big Pine (Saturday) and Lone Pine (Sunday). Free and open to the public. Still seeking artist vendors and volunteers for all four events. Info: <http://inyo.org/community-art-days-summer-2017/> or 760.873.8014.

Saturday, June 24/ June Lake Trails Day. Do trail work with Friends of the Inyo and the June Lake Trails Committee. Free lunch from Sierra Inn and a \$5 voucher to June Lake Brewing Co. Close-toed shoes required, tools and gloves provided. Meet @ June Lake Community Center at 8 a.m. Info: 760.873.6500

BUHS Football Fundraiser Golf Tournament. 4-player scramble at the Bishop Country Club. Call 760.873.5828 for info and to register.

Kayak/Canoe Benton Crossing to Crowley Lake. 4 mile paddle down Owens River with the Sierra Club. BYO boat, paddle, lunch, and life vest. Meet 9 a.m., Union Bank in Mammoth or 9:30 a.m. @ Benton Crossing Rd. Bridge. No dogs. Call Maurica @ 760.932.7175 to RSVP.

Eastern Sierra Music Festival Mini Fest Concert. 5-9 p.m. at Bishop City Park. Live music. Info: Kevin Switzer, 760.920.7780.

Trout Fest at Hot Creek Hatchery. Touch, feed, and catch fish from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hot Creek Hatchery. All activities are free and kid friendly. Info: troutfest@wildlife.ca.gov.

your application ASAP to secure your spot. The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce are limited to 52 floats this year. Email info@mammothlakeschamber.org with questions.

If your business is hosting an event for the holiday this year, email the Chamber with details so we can include it in our Fourth of July weekend "things to do" list.

All are invited to watch the parade on Old Mammoth Road and Main Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4.

SCE to host Town Hall Meeting: Rush Creek Dam System

Southern California Edison (SCE) will host a Town Hall meeting regarding lake levels in the Rush Creek Dam System for summer 2017. SCE experts will be available to answer questions from the public.

Meeting runs on Monday, June 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the June Lake Community Center. For info, contact Rudy Gonzales, Government Affairs Representative for SCE, at 760.402.4403.

June Lake Brewing 3rd anniversary party

Join June Lake Brewing for a day of adventure racing, responsible beer drinking and live music on Wednesday, June 21. The day's events kick off with the Red Yeti Challenge, in which participants (21 years or older) race by foot or by bike for 13 miles through the June Lake Loop with mandatory beer stops. Email ryan@junelakebrewing.com by Monday, June 19 to register. Arrive back at JLB by noon for prizes at the Red Yeti Podium.

Live music and \$3 beers start at 11 a.m. There will be a foosball tournament at 3 p.m., along with a mystery beer release, and a keg hold competition at 6 p.m. Party ends at 8 p.m. Free buses between Mammoth Lakes and JLB depart on the hour between 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. from bus stop #18 on SR 203, across from Old New York Deli in The Village in Mammoth. Kids and well behaved dogs welcome, must be accompanied by an adult.

50th annual Mammoth Motocross

The 2017 race festival begins on Friday, June 16 with the Veterans Practice. On Saturday, June 17, there will be live music in The Village starting at 6 p.m. On Saturday, June 24 from 6-9 p.m. is the 50th Mammoth Motocross Village Bash with live music followed by an after party at 53 Kitchen and Cocktails at 9 p.m. with live music and drink specials.

The race schedule is as follows: Saturday, June 17- Sunday, June 18: Veterans Race Weekend

Tuesday, June 20-Wednesday, June 21: Mini Race Days

Friday, June 23: Schoolboys and Men 25+

Saturday, June 24: 250 Races, FMF 2 Stroke Challenge, and College Boys

Sunday, June 25: 450 Cross Country Races, 250 B/C Open, and Women's Races.

Info: www.mammothmotocross.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Petition

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Albert Bernard Pegorare(Amended)

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Albert Bernard Pegorare

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kenneth Eaton in the Superior Court of California, County of Mono, Mono County Superior Court Case No. PR17-2006

The Petition for Probate requests that Kenneth Eaton be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition was held in Mono County Superior Court as follows: Date: April 18th, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm. The address of the court: 278 Main Street Bridgeport, California 93517.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: John A. Migliore
Attorney At Law
158 Kingsley Street, Suite 3A
P.O. Box 714
Bridgeport, CA. 93517

TS # 2017-0115

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Town Clerk written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Rob Patterson, Administrative Services/Finance Director, by telephone at (760) 965-3661 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

Dated: June 9, 2017
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0122

Notice Inviting Bids

Bid Number 2017-V1
One (1) New 2016 or 2017 High-Clearance 4-Door 4-Wheel-Drive Sport Utility Vehicle

The Clerk of the Board is requesting bids for: one (1) new 2016 or 2017 model high-clearance 4-door 4-wheel drive sport utility vehicle with high and low-range capability.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 23, 2017, at which time all bids received will be opened.

For detailed specifications, bid information and special requirements, contact the Clerk of the Board by telephone at (760) 872-8211, in person, or by mail at 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514, or at the District's website, www.gbuapcd.org, under What's New. Questions regarding this request for bids should be directed to Ms. Grace Holder at the above address and phone number.

TS # 2017-0125

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing July 20, 2017, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Mono County Courthouse, Bridgeport, CA, to consider the following:

10:15 a.m. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 17-011 / Day for use of a home for short-term rental with owners living on site (type I). The property is located at 193 Willow Brook Road in Crowley Lake. This parcel (APN 060-210-062) has a land use designation of Estate Residential (ER).

A CEQA exemption is proposed. INTERESTED PERSONS may appear before the Planning Commission to present testimony or, prior to or at the hearing, file written correspondence with: Secretary to the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

TS # 2017-0141

Notice of Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that on June 7, 2017 the Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DISTRICT ZONING AMENDMENT 16-002 FOR THE MAMMOTH HILLSIDE SITE DENSITY AND LOT COVERAGE INCREASE PROJECT, AMENDING THE NORTH VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN, AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF.

A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: June 8, 2017

JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS # 2017-0142

Notice Inviting Bids

Bid Number 2017-LV1A

Construction of a Building Foundation, Buried Electrical Line, Electric Connection, and Perimeter Fence in Lee Vining, California

The Clerk of the Board is requesting bids for the installation of a concrete building foundation, buried electrical line, electric connection to primary power, and installation of a perimeter chain-link fence in Lee Vining, California, by a licensed California contractor at the District's monitoring site. Installation requires the labor and materials necessary for construction of a building foundation for an 8'x8' shelter (provided by others), buried electrical line (100 ft. in length), connection to nearby power line, and installation of a perimeter fence (approximately 160 lineal feet).

For detailed specifications, bid information and special requirements, contact the Clerk of the Board by telephone at (760) 872-8211, or in person or by mail at 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514, or download the information from the District's website at www.gbuapcd.org, under, "What's New: Request for Bids: Construction of a Building Foundation, Buried Electrical Line, Electric Connection, and Perimeter Fence in Lee Vining, California." Questions regarding this request for bids should be directed to Mr. Chris Lanane or Mr. Guy Davis at the above address and phone number.

Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at which time all bids received will be opened. No faxed bids will be accepted.

TS # 2017-0124

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Update the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Town Services, including fees for building, public works, and planning permits and services, public safety processing and services, recreation programs and services, and administrative products and services.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Town Clerk written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Rob Patterson, Administrative Services/Finance Director, by telephone at (760) 965-3661 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

Dated: June 9, 2017
amie Gray, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0123

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 17-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 93-1 (JUNIPER RIDGE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/18
The Town Council (the "Council") of the Town of Mammoth Lakes (the "Town") does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, the Council previously completed its proceedings in accordance with and pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972, Part 2, Division 15 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 22500) (the "Act") to establish the Town's Assessment District 93-1 (Juniper Ridge) (the "Assessment District"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Assessment District, and the preparation and filing of an Annual Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Intention: The Council hereby declares its intention to levy and collect assessments within the Assessment District to pay the costs of the Improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The Council finds that the public's best interest requires such action.

2. Improvements: The Improvements include, but are not limited to: turf, shrubs, plants and trees, landscaping, irrigation and drainage systems, graffiti removal, and associated appurtenances within the public right-of-ways or specific easements. Services provided include all necessary service, operations, administration and maintenance required to keep the improvements in a healthy, vigorous, and satisfactory condition.

3. Assessment District Boundaries: The boundaries of the Assessment District are as shown by the assessment diagram filed in the offices of the Town Clerk, which map is made a part hereof by reference.

4. Annual Report: Reference is made to the Annual Report prepared by NBS, on file with the Clerk, for a full and detailed description of the improvements, the boundaries of the Assessment District and the zones therein, and the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the Assessment District.

5. Notice of Public Hearing: The Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments in accordance with Section 22629 of the Act. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chamber, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Council further orders the Clerk to publish notice of this resolution in accordance with Section 22626 of the Act.

6. Increase of Assessment: The maximum assessment is not proposed to increase from the previous year above that previously approved by the property owners (as "increased assessment" is defined in Section 54954.6 of the Government Code).

APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2017.
SHIELDS RICHARDSON, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0126

Notice of Public Hearing

The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Eastern Sierra Unified School District will be available for public inspection at the Eastern Sierra Unified School District located at 231 Kingsley Street, Bridgeport, CA, June 19-21, 2017.

A public hearing on this proposed budget will be held at the Eastern Sierra Unified School District Office in Bridgeport, CA on June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Subsequent to this hearing a budget will be approved.

TS # 2017-0134

Notice of Public Hearing

The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Mammoth Unified School District will be available for public inspection at the Mammoth Unified School District Office located at 461 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA, June 19-22, 2017. A public hearing on this proposed budget will be held at the Mammoth High School Library, 365 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA on June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Subsequent to this hearing a budget will be approved.

TS # 2017-0135

Notice of Public Hearing

The proposed 2017-2018 budget for the Mono County Office of Education and Mono County Library Authority will be available for public inspection at the Mono County Office of Education Office located at 37 Emigrant Street, Bridgeport, CA and 451 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA, June 19-22, 2017. A public hearing on this proposed budget will be held at the June Lake Library, 90 West Granite Avenue, June Lake, CA on June 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Subsequent to this hearing a budget will be approved.

TS # 2017-0136

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 17-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 93-4, ZONE 1 (THE BLUFFS)- MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, pursuant to the terms of the Improvement Act of 1911, Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code, (commencing with Section 5000) (the "Assessment Law") did, by previous resolution, establish the Assessment District designated as: Assessment District 93-4, Zone 1 (The Bluffs) - Maintenance District No. 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance District"), and ordered the preparation of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 within such Maintenance District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Annual Report (the "Report") as required by the Assessment Law; and,

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and,

WHEREAS, This Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chamber, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Clerk of the Town to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are all true and correct.
2. The Report as presented, consists of the following: (a) Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work; (b) An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2017/18; (c) A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed; and (d) An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2017/18 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District.

3. The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.

4. The Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2017.
SHIELDS RICHARDSON, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0127

Notice of Petition

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF MONO

In the matter of the Petition for CODY LEE THACKER, on behalf of URIAH JOSEPH OMOOBAJESU, a minor, for Freedom from Parental Custody and Control Case No. 171024 PETITION TO DECLARE MINOR FREE FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL Petitioner alleges:

1. Petitioner is an adult person who desires to adopt URIAH JOSEPH OMOOBAJESU, a minor, who is the subject of this petition. Petitioner is the husband of LEANNA LYNNE GOLDSWORTHY, who is mother of the minor and who has custody of the minor. Petitioner, his spouse and the minor reside in Mono County, California.
2. The minor child has been left by the natural father, BLESSED EMANUEL OMOOBAJESU, in the custody and control of LEANNA LYNNE GOLDSWORTHY, the mother of the minor.
3. The natural father of the minor has not communicated with the minor since November 2007, a period of over one year. The natural father of the minor has not made any provisions for the support of the minor since November of 2007, a period of over one year.

Wherefore, Petitioner prays judgment declaring the the minor child is free from the custody and control of BLESSED EMANUEL OMOOBAJESU. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct based upon my personal knowledge.

May 24, 2017.
Cody Lee Thacker, Petitioner.
TS # 2017-0115

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAP 17-002

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

GLASS MOUNTAIN APARTMENT ELECTRICAL REMEDIATION

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California
Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546
until 10:00am on June 20, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes replacing the electrical distribution system, installing separate electrical panels, and providing Code compliant receptacle and appliance circuits in Glass Mountain Apartments located at 25 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, CA. The engineers estimate for this project is between \$350,000 and \$375,000. The project uses Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract. Plans and specifications may be obtained for a NON-REFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

Plans & Specifications (incl. bid forms)

Picked up at the Town Offices	\$25.00
Shipped UPS, FedEx, or US Mail	\$50.00

To order the plans and specifications by telephone call (760) 965-3654, fax (760) 934-7493. Plans and specifications are also available on the Town of Mammoth Lakes website at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/bids.aspx>. To be listed on the Bidders List the Contractor should email sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov all bidder information including project name, name, affiliation, phone number, fax number, and email address.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held by teleconference services and at the conference room at the Town Offices on June 8, 2017 at 2:00pm, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California. The teleconference number may be acquired from Sierra Shultz at 760-965-3654 or sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. During the pre-bid meeting, a project site visit will be scheduled. It is advised that ALL contractors bidding the project, attend the site visit.

The contractor shall have a valid Class C10 Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate his qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her. A labor and materials bond and faithful performance bond each equal to 100% of the bid are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120. The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246). 1. The Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" as set forth in the "Special Conditions for Federally Funded Project" and the "Designation of Subcontractors" as set forth herein.

2. The overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, is 12.5%.

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally-assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the Work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its Federally involved and non-Federally involved construction work.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the Contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project, for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals, shall be a violation of the Contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance

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with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. As used in this Notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, California. In addition to complying with federal affirmative action goals, each Bidder is required to comply with DBE, MBE and/or WBE requirements specific to this Project. Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the DBE, MBE and/or WBE contract goal. Bidders are expressly advised that failure to comply with applicable DBE, MBE and/or WBE requirements specific to this Project may result in a determination that Bidder's bid is nonresponsive.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under them, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Because the work involves federal funds or otherwise requires compliance with the Davis-Bacon Fair Labor Standards Act, the successful Bidder and all of its subcontractors shall pay the higher of the state or federal prevailing wage rates.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. Because the grant follows federal procedures, the successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall be properly registered by the time the Contract is awarded. No contract will be entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the base bid alone. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

The Town requests that all potential bidders return a bid even if they are not going to bid. Mark the bid as "No Bid".

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400, if the Town has made findings designating certain materials, products, things or services by specific brand or trade name, such findings and the materials, products, things or services will be set forth in the Special Provisions.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 7201, the Town has made a determination that the project described herein is substantially complex, and therefore retention of 5% will be withheld from payment until after the work is complete.

Technical questions should be directed to Sierra Shultz at the Office of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, telephone (760) 965-3654 or fax (760) 934-7493. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be written addenda only.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK

DATED: May 26, 2017

TS # 2017-0138

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

CAP 17-005

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

2017 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California
Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546
until 4:00pm on June 26, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

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Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes road rehabilitation work, microsurfacing treatment, slurry sealing, fog sealing, and drainage improvements of various Town roads and multi-use paths. The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,100,000 to \$1,300,000. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a NON-REFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

Plans & Specifications (incl. bid forms)

Picked up at the Town Offices	\$25.00
Shipped UPS, FedEx, or US Mail	\$25.00

To order the plans and specifications by telephone call (760)965-3652 fax (760) 934-8608. Plans and specifications are also available on the Town of Mammoth Lakes website at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/bids.aspx>. To be listed on the Bidders List the Contractor should email jrobertson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov all bidder information including project name, name, affiliation, phone number, fax number, and email address.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on June 21, 2017 at 10:30AM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate his qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her. A labor and materials bond and faithful performance bond each equal to 100% of the bid are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the base bid alone. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Technical questions should be directed to Ron Fansler at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, telephone (760) 965-3650 ext.3651 or fax (760) 934-8608. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA

Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK

DATED: June 2, 2017

TS # 2017-0120

Notice Inviting Bids

PROJECT NO. CAP 15-008

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

MULTI-USE FACILITY EARTHWORK AND UTILITIES PROJECT in the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California

Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 until 3 pm on Monday June 26, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes mass grading and earthwork, utility trenching, BMPs, construction of drainage infrastructure, and other work necessary to prepare the site for construction of the New Multi-use Facility and Community Center located at Mammoth Creek Park East. The engineers estimate for this project is \$550,000 to \$600,000. Work is scheduled to begin after Labor Day. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a NON-REFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

Plans & Specifications (incl. bid forms)

Picked up at the Town Offices	\$25.00
Shipped UPS, FedEx, or US Mail	\$75.00

To order the plans and specifications by telephone call (760) 965-3650 specifications are also available on the Town of Mammoth Lakes website at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/bids.aspx>. To be listed on the Bidders List the Contractor should email hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov all bidder information including project name, name, affiliation, phone number, fax number, and email address.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on June 20, 2017 at 1:30pm, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate his qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her. A labor and materials bond and faithful performance bond each equal to 100% of the bid are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120. The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract. The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the base bid alone. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Technical questions should be directed to Haislip Hayes, PE at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, telephone (760) 965-3652 or fax (760) 934-8608. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only. TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: June 2, 2017 TS # 2017-0119

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 17-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OLD MAMMOTH ROAD BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2002-1

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the "Assessment Law") did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: Old Mammoth Road Benefit Assessment District No. 2002-1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance District"), and ordered the preparation of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 within such Maintenance District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Annual Report (the "Report") as required by the Assessment Law; and,

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chamber, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Clerk of the Town to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The above recitals are all true and correct.
- The Report as presented, consists of the following:
 - Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work;
 - An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2017/18;
 - A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed; and
 - An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2017/18 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.
- The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.
- The Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2017.

SHIELDS RICHARDSON, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0128

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL BUDGET, DELINQUENCIES AND THE ANNUAL WATER RATE REPORT.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Birchim Community Service District will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the adoption of the 2017-2018 budget, delinquencies, and annual water rate report.

Said hearing shall take place at 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at the Crowley Lake Community Center, Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, California. The proposed budget will be available for inspection after June 18 at Owens Gorge Road, Tom's Place, CA. Call Scott Wing-Heartlein at 760-937-8808 for an appointment.

TS # 2017-0133

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 17-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2014-1 (MAMMOTH VIEW)

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the "Assessment Law") did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: Benefit Assessment District No. 2014-1 (Mammoth View) (hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance District"), and ordered the preparation of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 within such Maintenance District; and,

WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Annual Report (the "Report") as required by the Assessment Law; and,

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and,

WHEREAS, this Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessment. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Clerk of the Town to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The above recitals are all true and correct.
- The Report as presented, consists of the following:
 - Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work;
 - An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2017/18;
 - A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed;
 - An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2017/18 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.
- The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.
- The Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2017.

SHIELDS RICHARDSON, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0129

Notice of Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 17-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIAL MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NORTH VILLAGE AREA BENEFIT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2002-2, ZONE 1

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, pursuant to the terms of the Benefit Assessment Act of 1982, Title 5 Division 2, of the California Government Code (commencing with Section 54703), Article XIII D of the Constitution of the State and the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act (Government Code Section 53750 and following) (collectively, hereafter referred to as the "Assessment Law") did, by previous resolution, establish the Benefit Assessment District designated as: North Village Area Benefit Assessment District No. 2002-2, Zone 1 (hereinafter referred to as the "Maintenance District"), and ordered the preparation of an annual report for the levy of assessments for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 within such Maintenance District; and,

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WHEREAS, the Town has retained NBS for the purpose of assisting with the annual levy of the Maintenance District, and the preparation and filing of an annual report; and

WHEREAS, there has now been presented to this Town Council the Fiscal Year 2017/18 Annual Report (the "Report") as required by the Assessment Law; and,

WHEREAS, this Town Council has now carefully examined and reviewed the Report as presented, and is satisfied with each and all of the items and documents as set forth therein, and is satisfied that the assessments, on a preliminary basis, have been spread in accordance with the special benefits received from the improvements to be maintained, as set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, this Town Council hereby declares its intention to conduct a Public Hearing concerning the levy of assessments. All objections to the assessment, if any, will be considered by the Town Council. The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:00 pm or as soon thereafter as is feasible in the Council Chambers, Suite Z located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The Town Council further orders the Clerk of the Town to publish notice of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- The above recitals are all true and correct.
- The Report as presented, consists of the following:
 - Plans and specifications describing the general nature, location and extent of the improvements to be maintained and of the maintenance work;
 - An estimate of the cost of maintenance of the improvements for the Maintenance District for Fiscal Year 2017/18;
 - A diagram of the Maintenance District, showing the area and properties proposed to be assessed;
 - An annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2017/18 of the estimated costs of the maintenance of those improvements to be maintained during such fiscal year, assessing the net amount upon all assessable lots and/or parcels within the Maintenance District in proportion to the special benefits received; together with a formula pursuant to which such annual assessment may be adjusted annually for inflation pursuant to the Assessment Law without the necessity for additional assessment ballot procedures.
- The Report, as presented, is hereby approved, and is ordered to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Town Council as a permanent record and to remain open to public inspection.
- The Clerk of the Town Council shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution, and the minutes of this meeting shall so reflect the presentation of the Report.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of May, 2017.

SHIELDS RICHARDSON, Mayor
ATTEST: JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk

TS # 2017-0130

Notice of Intent

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Talus Creek Diversion Project

A Notice of Intent (NOI) has been prepared by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to notify the availability of and intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Talus Creek Diversion Project (proposed project). The announcement is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Sec. 21092), and in the state CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Sec. 15087).

The project site is located where Talus Creek crosses the Second Los Angeles Aqueduct (SLAA), approximately 0.9-mile southwest of the unincorporated community of Dunmavin, within the Rose Valley area of Inyo County, California. Regional access to the project area is provided via U.S. Highway 395.

LADWP proposes to divert the flow of Talus Creek into the SLAA for municipal use. When flowing, Talus creek crosses over both Los Angeles Aqueducts and becomes braided before infiltrating the ground and evaporating west of Highway 395. A measuring weir, wing walls, slide gate, steel pipe, and small settling pond with grating cover would be installed as part of the proposed project. When Talus Creek is not flowing, the pipe connecting to the SLAA would be closed off with a slide gate to prevent any inflow of debris or animals.

The 30-day public comment period for this NOI will commence on June 15, 2017 and conclude on July 17, 2017. The MND is available for review on the LADWP website at <http://www.ladwp.com/envnotices> and at the LADWP Bishop Operations Office, located at 300 Mandich Street Bishop, CA, and the Independence Central Library at 168 North Edwards Street Independence, CA. Please submit comments in writing to the address provided below by 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2017.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street, Room 1044
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attn: Jane Hauptman
Email: Jane.Hauptman@ladwp.com

TS # 2017-0143

Notice of Public Hearing

FY 2018/2019 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN for INYO, MONO AND ALPINE COUNTIES pertaining to services provided by Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc

Date: 6:00 PM, Thursday, June 22, 2017
Location: Bishop First United Methodist Church, 205 North Fowler Street, Bishop, CA 93514

IMACA was designated as the CSBG Community Action Agency to serve Inyo and Mono Counties by the U.S. Congress in 1981 and is required to analyze the needs of lower income individuals and families, develop a plan to meet those needs and seek public input. You are invited to attend this Public Hearing in person or participate via toll free phone line. An agenda and outline of the Plan will be posted at www.imaca.net 72 hours prior to the Hearing. For more information please email info@imaca.net or call 760-873-8557.

TS # 2017-0137

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY OF INYO'S ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that pursuant to California Water Code section 10723(b) and California Government Code section 6066, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo shall hold a public hearing on June 27, 2017, at 1:30 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, 224 North Edwards St., Independence, California, 93526. The Board will consider and determine at the public hearing whether the County shall file notice with the California Department of Water Resources to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion or portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (designated as basin 6-12 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Interim Update 2016, California's Groundwater) pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by mail to: Inyo County Board of Supervisors, PO Drawer N, Independence, CA 93526; by hand delivery to: Board Clerk, 224 North Edwards, Independence, CA 93526; or via e-mail to: dellis@inyocounty.us. The Board shall also consider oral or written comments received during the hearing, but the Board Chair may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS
CAP 17-004

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

MERIDIAN BOULEVARD AND SHADY REST PARK IMPROVEMENTS

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 until 2:00 PM on July 6, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes removal and replacement of curb and gutter, pedestrian ramps and sidewalk and asphalt grinding and paving along the North side of Meridian Boulevard from Minaret Road to Majestic Pines Drive and along the south side of Meridian Boulevard from Old Mammoth Road to Sierra Park Road. The project also includes the construction of concrete curbs, concrete bleacher pads, concrete sidewalk, and asphalt sidewalk and the installation of decomposed granite. The engineers estimate for this project is \$285,000 and \$310,000. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE as listed below:

Plans & Specifications (incl. bid forms)	
Picked up at the Town Offices	\$25.00
Shipped UPS, FedEx, or US Mail	\$75.00

To order the plans and specifications by telephone call (760) 934-3654, fax (760) 934-7493. Plans and specifications are also available on the Town of Mammoth Lakes website at <http://www.ci.mammoth-lakes.ca.us/bids.aspx>. To be listed on the Bidders List the Contractor should email sshultz@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov all bidder information including project name, name, affiliation, phone number, fax number, and email address.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the conference room at the Town Offices on June 28, 2017 at 2:00PM, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The contractor shall have a valid Class A Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate his qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, or by a bid bond in the sum of not less than 10% of the total amount of the bid, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed contract if it be awarded him/her. A labor and materials bond and faithful performance bond each equal to 100% of the bid are required to be provided by the awarded contractor. All bonds shall be executed by an admitted surety insurer meeting the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under them, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of

Notice Inviting Bids

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This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the successful bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure performance under the Contract.

The Contract will be awarded to the responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid on the base bid plus all alternates. The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid. The Town of Mammoth Lakes reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures authorized by the Public Contract Code Sections 20166 and 20167. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the site of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 7201, the Town has made a determination that retention of 5% will be withheld from payment until after the work is complete.

Technical questions should be directed to Sierra Shultz at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, telephone (760) 965-3654 or fax (760) 934-7493. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: June 16, 2017

TS # 2017-0144

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
CAP 17-010

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed bids for the work shown on the plans entitled:

SHADY REST CONCESSION STAND RESIDING PROJECT

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California Bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:
437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite R, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546 until 4:00 PM on 6/29/2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposal forms and Contract Documents for this work are included in the specifications.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Project includes the residing of the concession stand and gable ends of a picnic pavilion at the Shady Rest Park. The engineers estimate for this project is between \$25,000.00 and \$30,000.00. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract.

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The contractor shall have a valid Class B Contractor license and a current Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate his qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder.

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Technical questions should be directed to Ron Fansler at the Office of the Director of Public Works, Town of Mammoth Lakes, California, telephone (760) 965-3651. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes shall be issued by written addenda only.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: 6/16/2017

TS # 2017-0145

LETTERS

Thank You for the Support

Dear Editor:

The family of Erin Willingham wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who offered kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort during Erin's passing. We especially wish to thank Calvary Chapel of June Lake, Ron Tennant for leading a beautiful memorial service; The June Lake Womens Club, The Villager, Ohanas, June Lake Brewing, owners of the Tiger Bar, and all who contributed to the wonderful meal served; The Employees Association of The Town of Mammoth Lakes, and all of the family, friends and neighbors who traveled near and far, called, brought food, sent flowers and special gifts.

We also wish to thank the staff of Brune Mortuary for their professionalism, kindness and encouragement during this difficult time.

*Chelsea Correa,
Sister of Erin Willingham
June Lake*

Squeaky Clean

Dear Editor:

Another successful Town Community Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, June 3, 2017. The Town would like to thank everyone for pitching in to help clean up our town in advance of another busy summer!

Thanks to the community, Mammoth Disposal collected and transported approximately 112.74 tons of waste including 29.29 tons of green waste, 70.06 tons of bulky waste, 11.36 tons of metal waste, and 2.03 tons of e-waste. The total collection is the largest in four years, up 1.97 tons from last year, and 59.44 tons from 2015. Our clean up makes for safer (defensible space) and cleaner neighborhoods, and helps keep Mammoth a beautiful place to live and to visit!

A special thanks goes out to The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, The Sierra Nevada Resort & Spa, and Chief Al Davis for hosting the Spring Meltout Celebration with free food, drink, and music for all who participated in cleaning up our community.

Finally, the Town would like to thank the following Town employees for their efforts in making a difference in our community: Stu Brown, Shane Ames, Chris Kibler, Dan Holler, Rob Patterson, Grady Dutton, Sandra Moberly, Cassie Mance, Amanda Pelham, and Danny Earls.

If anyone has suggestions on how we can continue improving this significant community-wide event, please feel free to contact me at 760.965.3636.

*Sherine Sanders
Mammoth Lakes Code
Compliance Officer*

RODEO DAYS

Photos by Lunch

The Sheet's favorite Fairgrounds event, the State High School Rodeo Finals, was in town this week. The top highlight: After watching six bull riders last a combined 8 seconds, TJ Gray of District 1 was the final contestant of the night on Wednesday. He was riding a bull called Back Alley. A little serendipity, I thought. Then, Eminem's "Lose Yourself" comes on the loudspeaker ... one shot, one opportunity ... and Gray comes out of the box, lasts the eight seconds all by himself, posting the highest bulls score of the week. Clutch.



Caitlyn Wood (left) and Lindsay Riedel of District 2



Rylee Henry (District 6) had the braid flying in the barrels.



Tucker Allen (District 7) had the 2nd fastest time of the night. His two run tally was a swift 12.29 seconds.



Caleb Johnson (District 4) getting thrown



Chase Rose (District 3) had the high score in bareback riding



Bishop City Manager Jim Tatum on tractor duty



Garrett Shell (District 3) in the Steer Wrestling Competition on Wednesday.



Cauy Pool (District 1) scored 63 on this bareback ride, placing 2nd.

SCIENCE

UNLOCKING JUPITER'S SECRETS... IN A JACUZZI?

Dr. Jon Aurnou talks vortices, jets, and gyration at the season's final Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory lecture

By Giles

According to Dr. Jon Aurnou, professor of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences at UCLA, the best way to learn about the planet Jupiter is to take a look at your Jacuzzi—and imagine it's spinning really, really fast.

Aurnou studies Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, and at this week's Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (SNARL) lecture, he presented his research on the gyrating vortices and jet streams that make the planet appear so distinctive in photographs.

"If Jupiter were five to ten times bigger, it would be a star. There's no fusion occurring at its center [the smashing together of stuff at the very centers of atoms that fuels a star], but it releases a lot of heat. If you could see its magnetosphere [sphere of gravitational influence] it would be bigger than anything else in our night sky," said Aurnou. Aurnou told the audience that scientists disagree about what lies below the outermost layers of Jupiter's massively thick atmosphere. "We know that there is an outer cloud layer that is about fifty kilometers thick," said Aurnou at Tuesday's lecture, "then a five to ten thousand kilometer-thick hydrogen and helium layer... below that... the pressure and temperature are so high that it's likely hydrogen metalizes to create a huge, liquid-metal ball. It's believed that that is where Jupiter's massive magnetic field comes from," said Aurnou. "Some scientists say that Jupiter's rock and ice core is bigger than earth. Some say it doesn't exist. This is a very good planet we're talking about here. It's so massive—we just don't know."

Aurnou's own research is focused on how deep the vortices and jet streams observed on Jupiter's surface go towards the core of the planet. In physics, a "jet" is defined as a focused high-speed flow of some fluid, whether a gas or a liquid. One example in our own atmosphere is the jet stream, one of three major jets that produce turbulence in Earth's atmosphere. For contrast, Aurnou told the audience that Jupiter has about 30 such jets, some of which move faster than the planet rotates (prograde), and some of which move more slowly (retrograde). Another prominent feature of Jupiter's surface are vortices, localized off-shoots of the jets that wrap around themselves, while the jets wrap around the entire planet. The question for physicists, which may help us understand more about Jupiter's interior, is whether these phenomena churn up gases below the uppermost layer of clouds in Jupiter's atmosphere. Physicists have been debating over the depth to which the influence of these phenomena extend for over sixty years, to little avail.

To explain his theory about the composition of Jupiter, Aurnou showed audience members a spinning cylinder of water. He then poured milk into

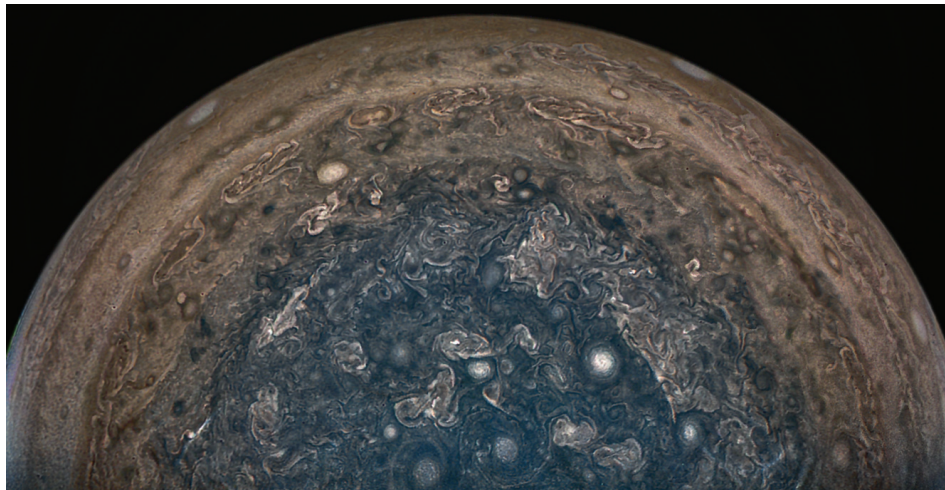


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A view of Jupiter's South Pole as seen by the orbiting satellite Juno.

the cylinder. Over the course of a few seconds, the milk aligned itself into a column, distinct from the rest of the water. "The motion of the fluid at the top of the column is pretty much the same as that at the bottom, so we call this 'quasi-two-dimensional,'" said Aurnou, explaining that, mathematically, the shape can be considered 2-D. In still another demonstration, involving several drops of different colored food dye in a shallow, rapidly rotating container of water, Aurnou slowed the rotation of the of the container after a few seconds. At that point, the food coloring began to form gyrating filaments that swirled around themselves in the manner observed on the surface of Jupiter.

Aurnou then asked audience members to imagine these same processes occurring in stacked columns on a rotating, spherical planet, all aligned with the planet's North-South poles. Aurnou then introduced something called the "Ice Skater Theorem."

"Throughout that outer 10,000 kilometers of Jupiter, you've got all of this fluid, living in [columns] within a spherical shell," said Aurnou, who said it is his theory that those gyrating vortices on Jupiter's surface are attached to "quasi-two-dimensional" columns of fluid that extend into the deeper layer of Jupiter's atmosphere. "It's turbulent because there is as much heat leaving Jupiter as is coming to it from the sun... the hot stuff wants to move outward, and when a blob of hot stuff meanders outward, there's always a cold plume ready to move in. As the hot stuff moves out, it drags the entire ... column out with it," said Aurnou. "So now, imagine you are an ice skater, spinning in a vortex. If you move inward, toward the core of the planet, you stretch to fit the sphere, and you elongate... as a rotating vortex, you must conserve angular momentum... so as you get thrown out, you tuck down, and get wider."

There are, according to Aurnou, some substantial obstacles to testing this theory, which is supported by mathematics, with an experiment. There is no way to get a probe to the center of the gaseous layers in the planet's atmosphere because the pres-

sure is too severe. It's not a planet you can land on, and it's not an environment we can easily reproduce on Earth.

In 1995, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration launched the Galileo Probe, which delved into Jupiter for 125 kilometers before it was squeezed to death. The Juno mission is currently measuring Jupiter's magnetic field, but that data won't be complete for several years. It's not possible to recreate a planet with a flexible fluid exterior on Earth, so Aurnou and his colleagues decided to re-imagine Jupi-

ter as a giant, gyrating jacuzzi.

"We faked a spherical fluid layer in the lab by taking a polyethylene industrial trash can, filling it with water and putting a lid on it, and spinning it as fast as we could on a big table, at 75 rotations per minute. We then injected turbulent fluid at the base of the fluid layer," said Aurnou. The scientists then dropped and tracked particles in the container and added dye, and found that they could simulate jets similar to those found on the surface of Jupiter. "In summary, the massive Jovian jets and vortices may be superficial or deep structures, but irrespective of that finding, they arise from rapidly rotating fluid turbulence," said Aurnou. Essentially, it looks like some of the jets and vortices are shallow, and some reflect movement deeper in the planet's surface.

Aurnou doesn't know what lies at Jupiter's center, but his models seemed to indicate that scientists are on the right track. The Ice Skater Theorem held true. "That's what we do in science, we chip away a bit at a time, and sometimes we disagree, sometimes we're wrong," said Aurnou. "I happen to think there's something to these deep vortices, but I'm a deep person. Some of my colleagues are shallow," said Aurnou with a laugh.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



TRAFFIC & TRANSIT ADVISORY

Saturday, June 24, 2017

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA) would like to notify motorists and guests of the scheduled traffic control measures and route changes on Saturday, June 24, 2017 for the Monster Energy Mammoth Motocross Village Bash produced by MMSA. Below is an outline of the scheduled traffic and transit impacts taking place as a result of this event.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Lower Canyon Boulevard will be closed between Lake Mary Rd. and Hillside Dr. from 11AM-12PM.

TRANSIT ADVISORY

Mammoth Bike Park Shuttle

New Route: Down Minaret Road, turn around near Sierra Star Golf Course, stop across from the New York Deli in The Village.

Lakes Basin Trolley

New Route: Lake Mary Road to "The Voodoo Chute," turn on Lakeview toward Canyon Blvd., crossing on Hillside to reach Forest Trail and then stopping on Minaret in front of The Village below the Main Plaza.

Town Trolley

New Route: Main St to Minaret Rd., wrap around The Village on Forest Trail and Hillside, then up to Canyon Lodge and down Lakeview.



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