



Community Development

Main Street design workshops – Mono County, in collaboration with community partners, public agencies, and a federal scenic byway grant, will present Main Street design workshops facilitated by consultant Opticos next week. The first workshop will be held **July 28** at Walker/Coleville (8:30-9:30 a.m. with business owners and 6 p.m. Main Street walking assessment starting at Antelope Valley Community Building with businesses and community members).

The second workshop will be conducted **July 30** at June Lake (5-6 p.m. with business owners and 6-7:30 p.m. Main Street walking assessment starting at June Lake Community Center). Those interested are invited to envision the future of main streets in their communities. For more information, contact Gerry Le Francois at 760-924-1810 or glefrancois@mono.ca.gov for Walker/Coleville, or Courtney Weiche at 760-924-1803 or cweiche@mono.ca.gov for June Lake.

Chalfant Valley RPAC – At its Monday meeting, the RPAC received a presentation on economic development strategies by Alicia Vennos, and information on Chalfant Streets Rehab by Garrett Higerd. Supervisor Stump provided an update on county matters, including cell tower placement for Chalfant and the latest on West-Wide Energy Corridors, and Brent Calloway briefed the RPAC on planning issues.

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County Administrator's Office

Walker Community Center Celebration event and fund raiser – Quick reminder for folks looking to support the Walker Community Center, Supervisor Tim Fesko announced the upcoming event to support the Walker Community center. The Center will have great event to celebrate on Saturday, July 26th hosted by the Lions and as a fundraiser to help invest into the building.

This new addition took years of planning and reflects the County's commitment to all of its communities. Saturday's event will be at the walker Community center from **5:00 to 8:00pm** and will raise funds to help put in new energy efficient windows. All funds raised will be invested in the Center!

Thank you to the community Volunteers and County Facilities staff who helped make this project happen.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Thank you to the 15 attendees of the July 24th Steering Committee. The next Meeting for the Steering Committee is August 7th at 4:00pm at Lee Vining Community Center. We spent nearly three hours on one page but it was great needed work! Next time the next page!

Next meeting of Steering Committee and schedule is as follows:

- **August 7th**



- **August 21st**
- **September 4th**
- **September 11th**

Thank you again for your participation.

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Ambassador and Leadership Training on July 29th - The ambassador training for our Strategic Planning effort has been scheduled for Tuesday July 29th. We currently have employees signed up but wanted to maximize the time and open up the training for your staffs. It will be in Lee Vining at the Community Center, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a lunch break.

This training can also benefit anyone seeking to improve their skills in meeting facilitation as well as information gathering for adopted strategy.

We have **8 additional spots** available that day. **Galen Ellis** and **Beth Conley** of the Kiely Group are bringing in classes and lunch will be provided. This is great leadership work for our organization and will also support the ongoing Strategic Planning effort.

Here is a description of the curriculum for that day.

*10am – 12 Noon - **Basic Facilitation Skills***

We all likely spend a large part of our days in a variety of meetings. We would also admit that some are good and some bad. Given the amount of time we spend meeting, it would be optimal for this time to always add value to the work we are doing. Good facilitation is key to making that so. This workshop will deal with basic skills necessary for facilitating group processes. The session will combine learning and practicing ways to make meetings add up to something. It will cover and resources will be provided for:

- *Aligning Activities/Approaches with Outcomes*
- *Preparing the Agenda*
- *Arranging Logistic Considerations*
- *Applying Good Meeting Management Skills*

*1pm – 3pm - **Ambassadors Preparation and Practice***

As ambassadors, you will facilitate the flow of information regarding the Mono County Strategy to/from the staff and Strategy Planning Group. The first meetings are planned to update staff on the progress of the County Strategy. This afternoon session will focus on preparing the agenda and processes to present the draft plan and receive staff feedback. We will take the learning from the morning session and apply it to the specific meeting planning and practice the techniques.

If you are interested, contact your Department head and have them let me know!

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State Association highlights County Fair exhibits - CSAC put together this video spotlighting the County Exhibits at the California State Fair. Congratulations to all the counties that were recognized – especially to Glenn County for being named “Best of Show” for the 2nd year in a row! Twenty-seven counties participated this year; let’s shoot for 35 in 2015.

Link to Video: <http://youtu.be/pZYiDqWf0W0>

We also wrote a blog piece about the exhibits last week that you can read at the link below:

<http://blogs.csac.counties.org/index.php/2014/07/county-exhibits-at-the-state-fair-once-again-a-crowd-pleaser/>

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County Service Area #1

John Muir Journal Writing - Writing and hiking in the Eastern Sierra - Come join us as we explore the life of John Muir and hike in our local area. We will discuss the value of personal journal writing-just as Mr. Muir did himself. Please bring paper and a writing utensil.

Instructor: Kyle Osland

My First Summer in the Sierra by John Muir included

Saturday, August 9th - 8:00am – 12:00 pm

Pre-registration required for this class as space is limited. Contact Isabel at isbxoxo@yahoo.com or by phone at 760-935-4089

For all residents who live between the Geothermal Plant and Sunnyslopes/ Tom’s Place this class is offered at no cost. For those outside the area, or visitors, there is a nominal \$5 fee for this class.

CONTACT: Isabel Connolly, (760) 935-4089



Economic Development



New Business in Mono County: Please support our new businesses!

June Lake Smoke Shack – Serving the finest fish dishes in the Sierra! If you’re a fisherman, bring them your bounty and they’ll smoke and cook them for you! Open daily from 10am – 6pm

June Lake Brewing – Now serving Alpers Trout Pale Ale, Deer Beer Brown Ale, Smokin Porter and Junemontane



HiPA. Stop by their tasting room located behind the General Store at 131 S. Crawford Ave in June Lake. Open Wednesday – Monday 11am – 8pm Closed Tuesdays

Pedego Electric Bikes - Pedego Mammoth Lakes is located in the heart of Old Mammoth, where the town meets the forest and your adventures begin! The Mammoth Lakes Trail system branches up to the picturesque lakes basin, out into the Inyo National Forest, and even all the way to the Devils Postpile National Monument. With a Pedego Electric Bike, the mountains are your playground no matter what your athletic skill level! Pedal or not, you can bike all over town, even up to The Village or Mammoth Mountain's Main Lodge... It's as easy as pulling back the throttle!

Open Monday – Thursday 10am – 7pm and Friday – Sunday from 10am – 7pm.



Champion Martial Arts Academies – Owners John and Angie Bernardy will be offering Ju Jitsu classes for children Tuesday and Thursday afternoon with evening classes for adults. Located next to the Sierra Inn on Hwy 158 in June Lake.

Mammoth Rock and Bowl – Get ready to strike up some good, not-so-old-fashioned fun at Mammoth Rock ‘n’ Bowl! With 12 lanes of bowling, 3 golf simulators, foosball, darts, ping pong, 2 restaurants, a full bar, lounge, multiple event spaces, stellar modern design and the best views in town. Open daily from 11am to Midnight. Dining at the Brasserie Restaurant open daily from 5:30 to close.



Ohanas 395 – A food truck with a Hawaiian flare! Open 11am-7pm seven days a week! Now permanently located next to the Shell station in Lee Vining.



Sweet Water Coffee Shoppe – Serving fresh coffee and espresso drinks from Alpen Sierra Coffee Company, as well as breakfast sandwiches. Located on 395 in Walker across from the Walker Country Store. Open daily from 5:30am – 2pm.



Mammoth Fun Shop - Mammoth Fun Shop is a goofball's paradise with fun items and experiences for all ages. We proudly carry toys that you'll never see in a big box store, gizmos and gadgets you'll remember from childhood, gifts and novelties that will make you laugh... science experiments, games, infant, toddler and tween items as well as art supplies and candy galore! What's more? Our ice cream is super premium,



our cones are handmade and our root beer is home-brewed and served as root beer floats on Saturdays. We encourage our guests to bring a friend, linger a bit, enjoy the view and play at our activity table that often hosts a game or puzzle for all to enjoy. Located at 3163 Main Street in Mammoth Lakes. Open Sun – Thursday 10am – 7pm, Friday and Saturday 10am – 8pm

Mono Cup Coffee – “Specializing in excellent crafted espresso drinks, great customer service and the best brewed coffee in town!” Located right in the heart of Lee Vining right on 395 next to Murphy’s Hotel. Open daily from 5:30am – 8pm



7 Hills Chili – Our mission was to take this classic and beloved food and revitalize it with a brand new flavor profile. We like to call it reinventing chili. Our recipe is inspired by Eastern Mediterranean flavors, particularly by ingredients and techniques brought to the American Midwest by Greek immigrants in the early 1900’s. We use fresh ground aromatic spices and all natural local beef to deliver an exotically delicious yet elegant chili. Well balanced and not too spicy with a robust aroma and flavor, we are confident that you will love our unique and delicious chili. Come see us do what we love! Serving great food with passion and a steady dose of fun. Located in June Lake, Open daily from 11am-7pm



High Sierra Furniture – Offering handmade furniture and fine garden furnishings representing the very best of America’s designers. Located in Lee Vining. Check out their website at www.highsierrafurniture.com or give Dave a call at 626-437-8398.



ET online at Mammoth Mountain – Entertainment Tonight Online came to Mammoth Lakes in early April to film a series called “do it, Dream It,” with Modern Family actor Nolan Gould. Check out the

Mammoth Lakes episode here:

<http://www.etonline.com/visitcalifornia/index.html?xytrewqasvbt=145837>

Yosemite Gateway Partners Meeting – Staff attended the Yosemite Gateway Partners quarterly meeting in Yosemite Valley on July 10th. Staff gave a presentation on economic activities and projects currently happening in Mono County. Staff also worked with Economic Development departments and corporations from Tuolumne, Madera and Mariposa counties on collaboration projects.

SCE stocks 1,000 pounds of fish in Silver Lake – Southern California Edison just planted 1,000 pounds of rainbow trout into Silver Lake. Check out the article here: <http://newsroom.edison.com/stories/sce-trout-stocking-a-boon-to-drought-impacted-eastern-sierra-businesses>

Mono County Tourism is on Instagram! Follow us here: www.instagram.com/visiteasternsierra/ The July/August monthly E-Newsletter was sent today to our Visitor database of almost 20,000. The Tourism Facebook page has over 24,000 fans and continues to inspire high levels of engagement.

Film Commission -- Staff will meet with a major location/production team in June Lake this coming Tuesday to scout for a television series pilot scheduled to shoot in August.

ET Online at Mammoth Mountain – Entertainment Tonight Online came to Mammoth Lakes in Early April to film a series called “Do it, Dream It,” with Modern Family actor Nolan Gould. Check out the Mammoth Lakes episode here:

<http://www.etonline.com/visitcalifornia/index.html?xytrewqasvbt=145837>

Small Business Grant Opportunity -- Get your Business Online! Apply for a \$700 or \$1300 Online Deployment Package through ESCRBC - Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC) is announcing another campaign aimed at helping small businesses in eastern Sierra getting a strong Online Presence. An online presence extends your business beyond the reaches of your physical location. To apply, just fill out the online form or get a form at your local chamber of commerce. Please see the attached document for more information or click here: <http://escrbconsortium.org/online-presence/>. Deadline to apply: Extended to July 27, 2014.

Commission Meetings -- The Mono County Tourism & Film Commission meeting was held July 22 in Bridgeport; next meeting is August 22 in Mammoth Lakes. The next Fisheries Commission meeting is August 6.

YARTS Scheduling Change - The Yosemite Area Regional Transit System has changed its schedule for pick up points in Mono County. This schedule change will only affect the last bus going from Mammoth Lakes to Tuolumne Meadows. All other times will stay the same.

The bus heading from Mammoth Lakes to Tuolumne Meadows will be delayed 30 minutes:

Mammoth Mountain Inn - New Time: 11:15am – Old Time 10:45am

The Village at Mammoth - New Time: 11:22am – Old Time 10:52am

Juniper Springs - New Time: 11:30am – Old Time 11:00am

Mammoth Lakes Park and Ride - New Time: 11:32am – Old Time 11:02am

Shilo Inn - New Time: 11:35am – Old Time 11:05am

June Mountain Parking Lot - New Time: 12:05pm – Old Time 11:35am

Rush Creek Trailhead - New Time: 12:10pm – Old Time 11:40am

Mono Basin Scenic Area Visitor Center - New Time: 12:32pm – Old Time 12:02pm

Lake View Lodge - New Time: 12:35pm – Old Time 12:05pm

Tioga Mobil Gas Mart - New Time: 12:45pm – Old Time 12:15pm

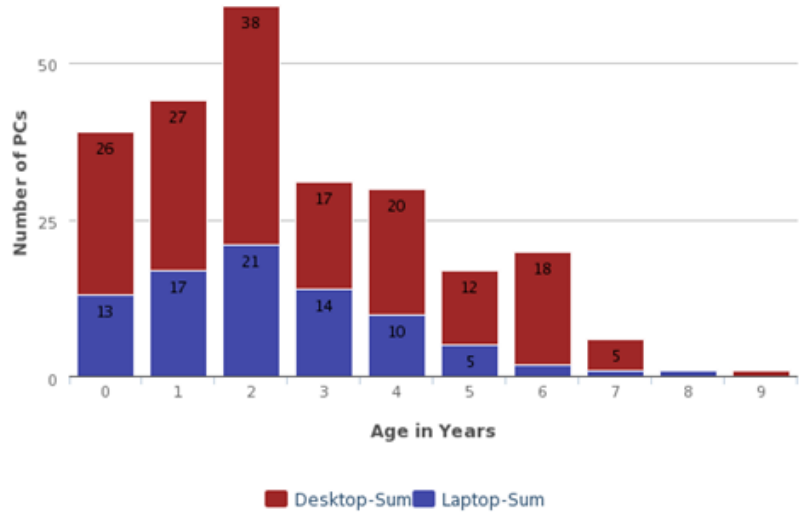
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Information Technology

Leveraging Digital 395 Roundtable & Digital 395 Ribbon Cutting Celebration - The California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF), US Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium (ESCRBC) will be hosting a series of meetings on the 31st of July and 1st of August focusing on optimizing the value and leveraging the potential of the newly completed Digital 395 network. The meetings will include policy and decision makers from local agencies in the tri-county area

impacted by the network, and be the lead-in to the Digital 395 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the afternoon of August 1st. For questions regarding the roundtable, please contact Gladys Palpallatoc with CETF (Gladys.palpallatoc@cetfund.org). For questions regarding the Digital 395 Ribbon Cutting ceremony please contact Michael Ort with Praxis Fiber (mort@praxisfiber.com).

PC Replacement Program - Although the PC Replacement Program will officially begin in the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, IT replaced a dozen desktop and laptop PCs that were at the end of their life out of last year’s budget. This fiscal year we will be focusing on replacing approximately 25 additional PCs that are 6 years old + with the goal of keeping all of our equipment within the 5 year age-range.



New Assessment Appeals Application Coming Online - IT has been working with the Clerk and Assessor’s Offices to bring a new application for tracking Assessment Appeals online over the past month. The previous application was custom-built in-house and had a lot of administrative and end-user problems associated with it. The new application is built on top of a reputable web platform allowing easier management for IT, a richer and more robust interface for the end-user, and hopefully a more stable environment for everyone to work from.

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Probation

Mono County Probation scores 90% in statewide implementation of Evidence-Based Annual Assessment – Congratulations to Mono County Probation for moving to one of the top state rates when it comes to SB 678 required efforts to implement Evidence Based Systems. Attached with this week’s Board Update is the report from the State showing the 90% rating our Probation department received.

Mono County stands tall across the state in compliance efforts!

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Probation Chief snags one! – Beyond the great program work that Mono County Probation is accomplishing, Chief Karin Humiston was proud of this beauty she caught recently. Mono County lakes and streams are running and the fish are biting.

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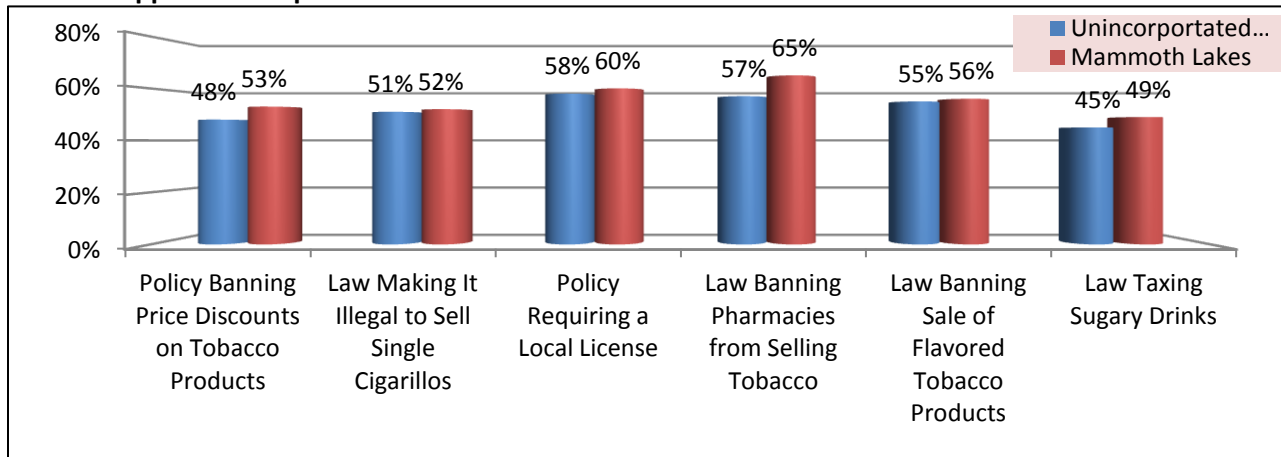
Public Health

Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Survey – the Rest of the Story - A big thanks to those who participated in the Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Survey! [From the unincorporated area, 104 responses and from Mammoth Lakes, 118.] The following is a summary of the tobacco-related results.

E-Cigarettes

The residents of both the unincorporated areas and Mammoth Lakes have heard of e-cigarettes (95% and 94%). 3% of the respondents or someone in their household has used e-cigarettes within the past 30 days.

Level of Support for Proposed Policies or Laws



- From 15 to 20% of all respondents answered “Don’t know” to policy questions. Among those who committed to an answer, over 50% of total respondents living in Mammoth Lakes and unincorporated Mono would be in favor of all of the laws that were being proposed in the survey, with the exception of the law to create a local tax on sugary drinks. The law banning pharmacies from selling tobacco products received the most support (65% Mammoth and 58% Mono).

18. Please respond to the following questions regarding tobacco use:	Unincorp County N=104	Mammoth Lakes N=118
a) Have you smoked any cigarettes in the last 30 days? Yes No	13 (13%) 90 (87%)	7 (6%) 109 (94%)
b) Has anyone in your household (not you) smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days? Yes No	9 (9%) 82 (91%)	13 (11%) 103 (89%)
c) Have you used chew tobacco in the last 30 days? Yes No	2 (2%) 100 (98%)	1 (1%) 115 (99%)
d) Has anyone (not you) in your household used chew tobacco in the last 30 days? Yes No	6 (6%) 95 (94%)	8 (7%) 108 (93%)

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Plan your Parks Update Efforts: Committee for Inclusive Playgrounds - The Mammoth Creek Park West conceptual design includes significant space (Approx. 20,000 — 25,000 sq. ft.) for an all-inclusive

playground that would be developed with extensive local support and fundraising as part of a “Shane’s Inspiration Project.” A huge amount of research; consulting; and background information about this project is a result of a very dedicated family and supporters of special needs children.

The vision of Shane’s Inspiration is to foster a bias-free world for children with disabilities. Shane’s Inspiration’s mission is to create inclusive playgrounds and programs that unite children of all abilities. Shane’s Inspiration has opened 48 playgrounds in California, Colorado, Mexico, Canada, Ecuador, and most recently in Sochi, Russia in association with the 2014 Winter Olympic Paralympic Games and McDonald’s with another 14 opening this year across the United States and in Israel. Likewise, the Wounded Warriors who frequently visit the Eastern Sierra would be able to access the playground area to watch and participate in their children’s activities.

In 2013 Shane’s became a member of the Clinton Global Initiative with a Commitment to Action that will establish inclusive playgrounds and programs on five continents by 2018. Shane’s also has projects in development in Connecticut, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, North Dakota, Washington, Louisiana, Illinois, Utah, Kansas, and as far away as South Africa. Shane’s Inspiration also offers innovative programs that utilize these playgrounds in their highest possible capacity....as classrooms.

Mono County Office of Education, First 5, Early Start, California Children’s Services, Great Steps Ahead, Kern Regional Center, IMACA, and Heart to Hand Family Resource Center have expressed interest and support for the Inclusive Park and would put their weight and support behind this unique and truly needed community project. Attached is more information about Shane’s Inspiration and playgrounds already in existence. Additional support for an inclusive playground may be directed to the Recreation Commission and Town Council.

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Sheriff’s Office

1. The SAR team was very busy this past weekend with multiple incidents ranging from (2) people stranded on a glacier, a female that had been thrown from her horse in the back country with what we were told could have been life threatening injuries, along with several other calls for service.
2. We had (3) coroner cases over a 24hr period on Saturday.
3. We had a radio meeting with John Neilsen on Thursday trying to eliminate our current radio/paging issues.
4. We are requesting letters of interest for the future opening of a Bailiff position due to Deputy Gordon’s pending retirement. We hope to fill this position by the middle of August.
5. We had issues with our jail walk-in refrigerator over the past several weeks. A technician eventually changed out the compressor, but in his opinion we will have to more than likely replace our condenser as well in the near future.

6. We had a technician out for issues with (2) dispatch monitors. The monitors will be replaced under warranty.
7. We continue to have two employees off IOD. (1) continues to work for the Finance Office in a Light Duty capacity and (1) is still completely off due to physician orders.

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