

Animal Control

Mammoth Times Supports Shelters - The Mammoth Times is running a pet contest with proceeds and donations going to help local shelter animals. The Times has also is creating a new publication called *Eastside Critters*. Any business that places an ad within this publication part of the cost of the ad will be donated to Local shelter animals.

The Bridgeport and Lee Vining Libraries are running a campaign to help support local shelters. Instead of paying overdue book fees or other fines, book borrowing “scofflaws” can “pay” by donating Pet treats or toys. Animal Control picked up the first box of goodies On August 14th.

Animal Control is excited about these two new activities and truly appreciates the community’s commitments to the shelters and the animals served.

CONTACT: Angelle Nolan, (760) 932-5582

County Administrator’s Office

Caltrans responds to Board letter on Encroachment permits - The California Department of Transportation responded to the Board of Supervisors’ letter which raised concerns about Caltrans change in special event plans which utilize state highways (such as the Bridgeport 4th of July events). Caltrans has stated they will be returning the rules of the pre-July 2013 Guidebook. This means local events, which are the fabric of rural communities, will not be mandated to supply a traffic control plan stamped and sealed by a licensed engineer.

Supervisors Hunt and Johnston brought this issue forward at the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) in July and the City of Bishop and County of Mono staff crafted a letter for use by the jurisdictions. The letter will be correspondence on the August 20th Agenda.

This is good news for continued local events.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy (707) 529-4510

Budget Workshop completed - After two days of Department presentations and public conversation, the County concluded its Budget workshops. My deepest appreciation to all of the staff, Board and Department heads for their efforts to make this year’s budget process focused and interactive.

The final Budget will be on September 3rd. There were a number of items and work projects which emerged and they will be detailed in the Budget documents. We will also discuss those items at next Department head meeting. Onto Strategic Planning!

PLEASE HELP OUR EASTSIDE PETS!
CONTEST and DONATION DRIVE!

The Mammoth Times, in partnership with local businesses, is running an Eastside pet photo contest that will benefit our local shelters. Here is the scoop...

CONTEST INFORMATION:
Most people on the Eastside have a pet. But what makes us stand out as Eastside pet owners? Maybe your dog hits the trails with you, or knows the lakes better than you.
Submit a photo with a clever caption (50 words or less) by finishing the following sentence, "You know you are an Eastside Pet owner when...".
The top three submissions will win gifts and prizes worth between \$25-\$150 from local pet shops and businesses.
Visit mammothtimes.com/content/pet-contest for official contest rules and details. All contest submissions will be featured in our *Eastside Critters* pet publication coming out this fall.

All contest submissions must be in by Sept. 6, 2013. Be sure to include your name, contact information and your pet's name.
Send submissions to: ads@mammothtimes.com

DONATION DRIVE:
The Mammoth Times will be collecting donations for our local shelters Aug. 15th - Oct. 15th. Visit our website or call our office for a list of items and how to help our shelters. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Thursday from 10 AM - 5:30 PM. We are located at 501 Old Mammoth Road, Ste #9. If you cannot make it to our office please contact Erin Hamilton to find out how you can still donate.
Any business that donates \$50 or more to our shelters will receive 15-20% off their next advertisement in the Mammoth Times.

EASTSIDE CRITTERS PUBLICATION & SAVE SHELTER PETS:
Keep an eye out for *Eastside Critters* coming out this October in the Mammoth Times. This publication will feature shelter pets that desperately need homes. If you are interested in advertising in this publication to help our shelter pets, please contact Erin Hamilton. A portion of all ad buys will go to helping the shelters and finding pets happy homes.

For more information please visit:
mammothtimes.com/content/PETCONTEST
or contact Erin Hamilton, (760) 934-3929

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Assessor Interviews completed – The Board held a special meeting on Thursday August 15th, and selected Bob Musil as Assessor designate. The final Board action will be on September 3rd. It was a historic process which yielded candidates both from Mono and beyond.

There were 7 candidates and they all participated in a technical panel interview, submitted answers to many complex questions and ultimately four put themselves before the Board and the public. This was a great open process and reflects our County's ongoing transparency.

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Eastern Sierra Unified School District Superintendent paid a visit – I had the opportunity to sit down with Superintendent Don Clark and hear how things are going in the Eastern Sierra Unified School District. The District has only 400 students so ensuring services across a vast landscape with limited resources and state and federal mandates is a challenge something that sounds familiar.

Don mentioned the Bridgeport campus and facilities there including a new kitchen facility they have. There may be some partnering opportunities to utilize their campuses at night for the provision of County services. Departments may wish to think about school locations and how we might develop service delivery systems with the District. We will discuss moving forward.

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Whitmore Shelter Visit – Thank you to Animal Control Officer Will Clayton for the hands on tour of the Whitmore animal shelter. There are currently five adoptable dogs and 11 adoptable cats! Spread the word that they are looking for good homes.

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Bureau of Land Management meeting – Met with BLM Field Manager Steve Nelson to introduce myself and he shared information about the upcoming Sage Grouse rules release as well as basic background on BLM functions. The Sage Grouse potential rules should be out by mid September.

Similar to the Yellow Legged Frog issue, this listing has the potential impact Mono County so we will be tracking and reporting to the Board our options for comments and how to best advocate to minimize impacts. Steve stated he believes that impacts will mostly be potential litigation impacts on BLM management of the land. However, we will be keeping our eyes open and be ready to grouse about the Grouse.

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Storage consolidation saves the County funds - Thanks to the hard work of Don Nunn in the Facilities Department and Sarah Messerlian in the CAO's office, we have consolidated items in private storage units into secure offices in the old hospital building. This will save the county \$4,080/year and utilizes our own facility more effectively.

We continue to seek opportunities to save the County money and maximize a better use of the old hospital as was mentioned during budget workshops.

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SB 594 alert from CSAC – The California State Association of Counties has requested our County to weigh in against SB 594, which would limit CSAC’s ability to be politically active with its non-public funds. CSAC does not use county dues on political advocacy but has private investments which fund those should they become necessary, such as Proposition 1A was in 2004 which protected local county revenues through a constitutional amendment.

CSAC remains a politically important advocate for all counties and this bill seeks to stifle the County’s voice. A draft letter has been crafted for the Chair’s potential signature and I will discuss on Tuesday under CAO report.

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District Attorney

Pre-Filing Diversion Program Update- the District Attorney’s Pre-Filing Diversion Program diverts first-time low-level criminal offenders from the court system. It allows people who find themselves in the criminal system because of an “out-of-character” incident the ability to keep the conviction off their record. There is a diversion program that they go through (which usually involves some kind of counseling, community service and other appropriate terms) and a diversion fee of \$250.00. Upon completion of the program and payment of the fee the case is closed out. Fees collected support community education and outreach and programs of awareness and prevention.

This Program was approved by the Board in March of this year and implemented by the District Attorney’s Office in April. While the program is still in its infant stage, in the three months since implementation we have had a total of 14 individuals complete the program and 4 more individuals currently in the process. So far, everyone who has been granted the program has completed it thus keeping any conviction from showing up on their permanent record.

In these three months, we have collected a total of \$4,000.00 in diversion fees and have distributed \$2,450.00 back into the community as follows:

- *\$250.00 to the Mono County Mock Trial Team
- *\$1200.00 to the Mammoth High School Sports Program
- *\$1000.00 to the Choose Civility Initiative

The District Attorney envisions the future of this program to be extremely successful. While benefiting the District Attorney’s Office, the courts and the possible jail population, it also allows us to contribute back to the community in support of worthwhile activities. If anyone knows of a need that can be met by this program please refer them to the District Attorney.

CONTACT: Tim Kendall, (760) 932-5560

Information Technology

D395 Update has good news for Mammoth residents– Nate Greenberg heard from a Suddenlink contact that they were supposed to be handed off a circuit before the end of August at their Central Office in the Industrial Park. Suddenlink’s intent was to begin testing the circuit on their network this week, and hopefully making faster speeds available to customers early next week.

Initially all customers will be taken from 3mpbs to 15mbps, with 30 and 50mbps plans also being offered. They will also be offering Business Class services with slightly faster up speeds.

Given the fact that the fiber construction to June has effectively been stalled until September, Suddenlink is looking for ways to push more bandwidth over their microwave system (which is how June gets the backhaul now). This means that customers there should see faster speeds as well, but not 15mbps (in the short term). Obviously, this will change once the fiber leg into June is built. IT keeps hearing from the CAO that we don’t declare completion until there High Definition Netflix in June Lake!

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg, (760) 924-1819

Social Services



Become a Red Cross Shelter Volunteer!

Emergency Shelter Volunteer Training
September 7, 2013, 9:00am-3:00pm
Antelope Valley Fire Station, Walker

The American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles will conduct a *Red Cross Shelter Fundamental Course* designed to introduce guidelines and procedures for operating a shelter during a disaster. Referencing shelter checklists, participants will work on a case study that takes them through the phases of sheltering. No experience is necessary – all are welcome!

Mono County has identified 14 locations across the entire county to open as Emergency Shelters in the event of a disaster. Residents are needed to assist their communities in the opening and running of a temporary shelter in the event of fires, floods, etc. There is a great need for volunteers to serve Benton, Chalfant, Lee Vining, June Lake, Bridgeport and Walker/Coleville.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a certified Red Cross Volunteer, please contact Marlo Preis 760-924-1793, mpreis@mono.ca.gov, PO Box 2969, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 to RSVP for this training by 8/30/13. If you live in these areas or anywhere in Mono County and want to help, please join us for the training. Participants may also elect to be placed on the Red Cross list of volunteers to help out nationwide. Learn from the best while helping out your community!

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763

Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) launches Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care – The Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action invites all to attend the first meeting of the **Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC)**, a coalition of stakeholders that will work together toward the goal of ending homelessness in our region. The purpose of this meeting is to share information and resources in a collaborative effort to address homeless issues. Establishment of the CoC is also an important first step in obtaining program funding from the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Wednesday, August 28th, 10:00 am
City of Bishop Administrative Conference Room
377 West Line Street, Bishop
Or Via teleconference (tba)

Conference calling options will be available for those who cannot travel to Bishop. For more information and to RSVP contact Larry Emerson at lemerson@imaca.net or (760) 873-3021, ext. 5.

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Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Office employee newsletter great internal outreach tool – The Sheriff's Office has an employee newsletter a.k.a the "Hot Sheet" which is sent out on a range of Sheriff's Office issues two to four times a year. The information focuses on those topics mostly impacting the department but includes budget updates and county activities.

This type of communication is great and the Sheriff offered to share the format with department heads if they wished to use it as a template.

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