



Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health staff participate in Marine hosted Health Fair - Over the last two weeks Ann Marie Brysiak and Debra Stewart attended the Health Fair at Pickle Meadows and Marine Base Housing. They were contacted by many service personnel and their family members, as well as by community members. This is the first time Behavioral Health has been invited to participate in this Fair; we look forward to our increased involvement with the Marine's and their families.

Behavioral Health will be collaborating with North Star Counseling Center to provide therapeutic services to all students in Mono County. Annie Linaweaver heads up this project and is coordinating care for the students and their families.

Dr. David Scheidlinger will be retiring as of October 30th. We thank Dr. Dave for his many years of service to our community and department. We wish him well in his new adventures, which will definitely include as much time in the ocean as he can muster.

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Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Alpers presents Thank you to local Caltrans Official Hollenbeck – *Supervisor Tim Alpers* attended the farewell soirée for Caltrans District 9 Director, Tom Hollenbeck who is leaving the Eastern Sierra for the Wild by Design canyons of the State Capitol. Tom has received a top flight promotion as head of Traffic Operations. The Board will be adopting a Resolution of Appreciation which will be adopted on November 4th.

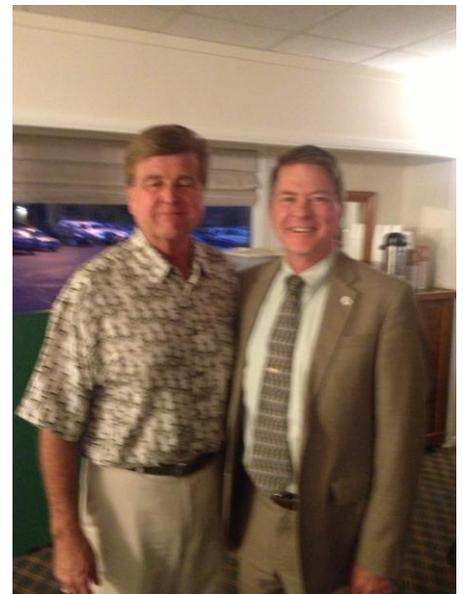
Supervisor Alpers was the only local government elected official from Inyo, Mono, Bishop and Mammoth Lakes to be there to send our thanks to Tom.

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County Administrator's Office

Employee Commute Survey need you! - Working with Eastern Sierra Transit Agency in effort to explore lower cost commute alternatives for local employees across organizations, we have launched a multi agency survey (via link below).

The purpose of this survey is to begin to **gauge the interest** across major employers of the region for ongoing van or car pool interest. The effort, if successful, could provide a lower cost reliable transportation alternative for employees at many different organizations.



Please share this with your co-workers and others as you see fit. So far we have over 125 responses from across five agencies.

The survey results will be used for the purpose of program planning and implementation **only**. All information gleaned from the survey is strictly confidential and you will not be contacted unless you so indicate. Please note that respondents who do not provide their contact information will not be able to be matched up with potential commute partners.

There are 20 questions to this survey and your feedback is crucial! The deadline to complete the Survey is 5:00pm on October 24th. Plenty of time for a fairly brief survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014EmpCommute>

Thank you for your consideration and your feedback!

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Great turn out at new time of South County Employee Roundtable – Thank you to the 20 people who attended the South County monthly meeting. Good discussion on the commute survey which many have already taken as well as some information from **Nancy Mahannah** on helping people who wish to stop smoking.

Heard from **Diana Bitzberger** about the ongoing flu shot clinics – everyone should get their vaccinations!

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California State Association of Counties continue to highlight award winning county programs - CSAC continues exploring the concept of Prevention and Early Intervention today with a blog and video that profile the **Tulare/Kings** County Suicide Prevention Task Force. Please [click here to see the video](#), and click [here to read the blog posting](#).

Through the month of October, we are releasing a series of videos that highlight either individual programs, or compilations of programs that we have honored with CSAC Challenge Awards. All of the videos will be available on this [YouTube playlist](#).

The programs offer a look at best practices in a variety of disciplines. Taken as a whole, these videos point out the value of prevention and early intervention as a standard mode of operation. We titled this series “An Ounce of Prevention...” a nod to Benjamin Franklin who said “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” His wisdom stands the test of time.

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Ambassadors are reaching out to each Department for feedback. They kicked this process off today, with two meetings at the Sheriff’s Department with attendance from a majority of the employee’s.

They had great interaction and awesome insight. Thank you to the Sheriff Department and employees who attended, for taking part in this process and welcoming our ambassadors to your department.

It was an awesome group this morning! They were very involved in the conversation and really had some positive suggestions. Moving forward here are some departments that will be having the travelling Ambassadors coming soon!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Department staff meeting</u>	<u>Ambassadors</u>
October 30 th	Behavioral Health	<i>Megan Mahaffey and Ted “Teddy” Shepard</i>
October 22 nd	Animal Control	<i>Ted “Teddy” Shepard and Megan Mahaffey</i>
October 27 th	Public Health	<i>Megan Mahaffey/Stacie Klemm</i>
November TBD	Finance	<i>Megan Mahaffey/Barry Beck</i>

Other Departments/programs not yet scheduled:

- ***Paramedics***
- ***Information technology***
- ***District Attorney’s Office***
- ***Probation***
- ***Solid Waste***
- ***Clerk’s Office***

Next Strategic Plan Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday October 30th at 4:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center. We will be reviewing feedback and integrating into the Draft.

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Economic Development

Tourism

- **NBC Bay Area** – NBC’s “Worth the Trip” featured Benton Hot Springs: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/blogs/worth-the-trip/150-Years-Historic-Hot-Springs-Reach-a-Milestone-274808661.html>
- **Travel Blog** – Another great blog for Top Fall Foliage getaways: <http://www.jeannestravelentertainmenttips.com/2014/10/beautiful-fall-colors-in-california.html>
- **Trekaroo** – Another great article from Trekaroo travel blogger Liling Pang on best places to enjoy the Fall Foliage with Kids in Northern California: <http://www.trekaroo.com/list/best-places-to-enjoy-fall-foliage-with-kids-in-n-california>

- **June Lake Fall Colors**– June Lake and the Eastern Sierra was featured as one of the best places to see Fall Foliage around the Country! <http://petergreenberg.com/2014/09/23/best-places-to-see-fall-foliage/>

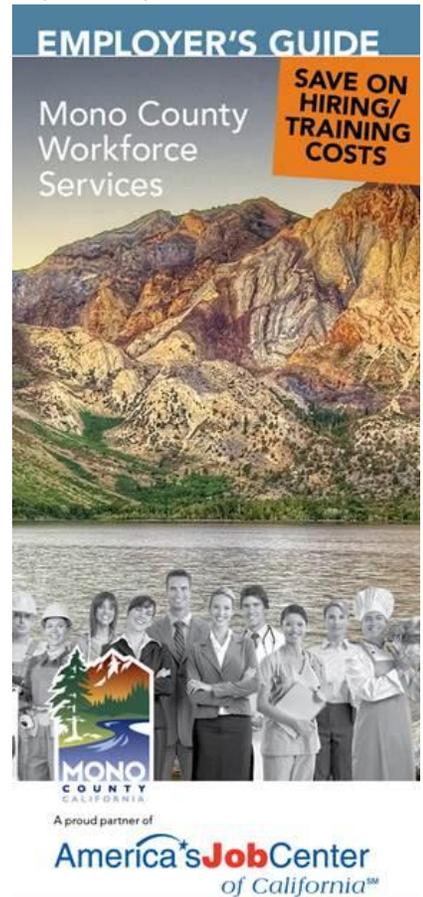
Economic Development

- **Economic Development Strategic Plan Survey** - We are seeking input on prioritizing and implementing strategies that are recommended in the draft Economic Development Strategic Plan, (to view the entire draft plan: <http://bit.ly/1EVCFE3>). Please tell us what you believe is important – take the survey now: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8S5GN9D>

Economic Development Strategic Plan Update - Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 10:00 am at the June Lake Community Center. Part of the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission monthly meeting, an update and discussion will take place regarding next steps in prioritizing and implementing strategies recommended in the draft Mono County Economic Development Strategic Plan (<http://bit.ly/1EVCFE3>). On the agenda is Jeff Lucas, Community Development Services consultant contracted by Mono County, who will be presenting extensive information on the ins and outs of accessing low-cost government funding sources (through USDA/CDBG) for small business lending programs. All are welcome to attend.

- **Staff worked with Social Services to produce these Workforce Services brochures:**

1. **Save on Hiring and Training Costs!** Mono County Workforce Services can help you save time and money hiring and training staff. We administer state and federally funded programs which combine wage-paid work, job skills training, and supportive services to help individuals succeed in the workforce, and to help employers find effective solutions to their staffing needs. Everyone benefits! Find out more by clicking on this link:



http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/workforce_services/page/82/employersguide.pdf or by contacting Jay Slone at jslone@mono.ca.gov or 760-924-1788.

2. **Get Help. Get Hired!** – Mono County is a great place to live, play and work. If you are looking for employment here, Mono County Workforce Services can help. We administer programs that assist job seekers in accessing employment, education, training and supportive services to succeed in the labor market, and match employers with the skilled workers they need. Find out more by clicking on this link: http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/workforce_services/page/81/jobseekersguide.pdf or by contacting Jay Slone at jslone@mono.ca.gov or 760-924-1788.

- **Staff to attend Economic Development Course in Fresno** – Staff will be going to a week-long Economic Development training course in Fresno at the end of the month (October 27-31). This will help staff better prepare and implement the Mono County Economic Development Strategic Plan in the upcoming months.
- **Economic Development Committee/Tourism and Film Commission meeting** - Wednesday, October 22, June Lake Community Center- CDS consultant will be updating the group on access to low interest government funding. Tourism Commission meeting will follow after the Economic Development Committee Meeting.
- **Certified Food Safety Manager Course** – November 10, 2014 in the Mammoth Lake Board of Supervisors Room, Class starts at 8:30am, Exam at 2:00pm. California law requires each retail food facility to have at least one owner, manager, supervisor or other person certified as a Food Safety Manager, also known as ServSafe or Food Protection Manager. Certification is good for five (5) years. For more information please call the Fidelity Safety and Training office at 559-738-6015.

Film Commission

- **Ford Commercial in June Lake** – Last week Ford shot a commercial along Hwy 158 in several areas around the June Lake Loop and in front of the Boulder Lodge. Crews stayed the weekend in Mammoth Lakes and enjoyed the scenic beauty of June Lake.
- **VW Still Shoot in the works** – Volkswagen is planning on coming to June Lake and Mono County the first week in November for a still shoot and commercial shoot along the June Lake Loop / Hwy 158, North Shore Drive and June Lake Beach. The location manager found the location through the new Film Mono County website that was created earlier this year and was “thoroughly impressed by the scenery of the area”.
- **Filming at Bodie State Historic Park** – Major film project was finished out at Bodie State Historic Park last week. It was quite a large production on ghosts and ghost towns, which will help bring more attention to our unique attractions within the county.

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Public Health

Mono County Public Health Promotion participated in the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center Health Fairs on base and at base housing this past week. Marines showed up for flu shots by the Base medics. While few Marines smoke, many are chew tobacco users. Approximately 25 quit kits were distributed directly to Marines and supplies were given to the Center’s Physician’s Assistant for future use. Also participating in the Health Fair was Mono County Behavioral Health, Marine Family Services, Toiyabe Indian Health Project and other wellness projects.



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October 19-25, 2014, is California and National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPP) Week - Governor Brown has recognized the importance of the work being done in lead poisoning prevention, and the need to teach the public about the dangers of lead and how to prevent exposure.

The California theme for CLPP week this year is “Kids Learn Better Lead Free”. Materials which support this theme have been ordered, such as “Protect your Child from Lead;” “Do you Cook with Traditional Pottery?” and Repainting or Fixing Up Your Older Home.” These brochures have been ordered in English and Spanish and will be available for Social Services and Hospital Clinic distribution to clients and patients. Please contact me if you would like a personal copy.

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Social Services

PREPARE U - Disaster Preparedness Education for Individuals - The American Red Cross is coming to Mammoth Lakes to offer a training to make sure you are as prepared as you possibly can be for potential disasters and other emergencies. These events can strike suddenly, at anytime and anywhere. There are three actions every-one can take that can help make a difference.... **MAKE A PLAN, GET A KIT, BE INFORMED**



Get a Kit



Be Informed

Join the American Red Cross for this informative training “Prepare U” on **October 18, 2014 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am** at the Mono County Social Services Conference Room at 452 Old Mammoth Road, on

the 3rd floor. For more information and to RSVP contact Cathy Young, Mono County Social Services at 760-924-1780

CONTACT: Cathy Young, (760) 924-1780

Fraud Prevention Audit - Fraud prevention and detection are integral parts of the management of public assistance programs in California. The Fraud Prevention Program is administered by each of the 58 county welfare departments and district attorney offices at the local level.

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) oversees county activities through its regulations and by facilitation and review by the CDSS Fraud Bureau.

Last Wednesday, Scott Nielsen with the State of California Fraud Bureau met with members of Mono County Social Services and the District Attorney's office to review our county processes and practices relating to CalWORKs and CalFresh Program integrity activities. This was part of an audit that is performed once every three years.

Overall, the review went very well and Mr. Nielsen was satisfied with our current processes. He suggested we create information on the Social Services web page regarding how to report welfare fraud. To see our updated webpage, click on this link: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/social-services/page/welfare-fraud>. If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know.

Contact: Kathy Peterson, 760/924-1763

IMACA in Desperate Need of Food Donations - Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) is in desperate need of food donations for weekly food pantries in Lone Pine, Bishop and Mammoth Lakes. The greatest needs currently include breakfast cereals, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pasta or rice and canned meats; but unexpired food item donations of any kind are useful and appreciated year-round.

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM, at our offices in Bishop or Mammoth Lakes. Drop-offs at our Lone Pine office can be arranged by appointment.

Also volunteer opportunities are available for those who want to give back to their community. Opportunities include assistance with monthly or weekly food distributions and Christmas Wish Tree.

Contact: Ashley Diaz, Administration Services Manager, IMACA (760) 873-8557



Sheriff's Office

Mono County Sheriff's Office participates in statewide earthquake preparedness exercise - The Mono County Sheriff's Office, along with millions of people, schools and organizations nationwide, participated in the earthquake preparedness, communication and drills as part of the Great Shakeout on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 10:16 a.m.

Participants practiced "Drop, Cover and Hold On," including the appropriate protective actions needed to be taken in response to an earthquake. Everyone should know how to protect themselves in an earthquake, especially in an area prone to earthquakes like Mono County. The 2014 California Shakeout Earthquake drill is an annual opportunity for people in homes, schools and organizations to practice what to do during an earthquake and how to improve preparedness. The recent swarms of earthquakes that have happened in recent weeks in Mono County have people thinking about the "big one" in this area. The Great Shakeout's timing was the perfect opportunity to think preparedness and put plans into action.



The Mono County Sheriff's Office encourages all residents and visitors to sign up in the CodeRed Emergency Alert System, which will be used to communicate preparedness and disaster recovery information in the case of an actual earthquake. For residents, visitors and businesses interested in signing up for CodeRed alerts, please visit www.monosheriff.org – Resources – CodeRed.

During an earthquake, the Mono County Sheriff's Office will use the CodeRed system to let people know when it is safe to exit their homes, businesses or other buildings. The CodeRed system may also be used to communicate post-earthquake aid information including shelters, outages and government closures. The CodeRed system alerts you via landline, mobile phone and email. Notifications will also be delivered through the CodeRed Mobile Alert app, available on the App Store and Google Play, giving everyone the ability to receive instant alerts on their Smartphone if you are on-the-go.

"We know the CodeRed system can save lives, but we can't contact you if we don't have your information. The Great Shakeout is a great event to remind everyone to be prepared and informed about earthquakes," said Jennifer Hansen, MCSO Public Information Officer.

For more information about the Great Shakeout, including tips to help practice, prepare and be ready to respond to an earthquake, please visit www.shakeout.org.

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