



Community Development



Mono County has rental units available in Benton located on Christie Lane. These units are 3 bedroom 2 bath with a two car garage and rent for \$750.00 per month. Please contact Megan Mahaffey at 760-924-1836 or mmahaffey@mono.ca.gov if you know of anyone that may be interested.

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June 26, 2015

Antelope Valley RPAC – Led by Gerry Le Francois, a lengthy lively discussion on trails planning in Antelope Valley occurred June 4, with topics including basic trail concepts, current funding opportunities, and the County's commitment to additional outreach on future trails planning. The RPAC authorized letters of appreciation to outgoing members Victoria Victor and Lauretta Cochran, thanking them for their significant commitments. The RPAC also authorized a letter thanking the California Resources Agency for funding improvements at Mountain Gate.

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee – Following several comments during public comment regarding transient overnight rentals, the CAC scheduled a workshop on the topic for its July meeting. Jil Stark reported on June Lake Trails and encouraged attendance at the June 27 June Lake Trails Day. A workshop on trails will also be scheduled at the August CAC meeting. Supervisor Alpers updated the CAC on BOS matters, and Courtney Weiche concluded review of the June Lake Area Plan.

Mono Basin RPAC – Joe Blommer provided a thorough update on the Lee Vining Rock Fall project (see attachment). Deborah Hess of SCE reported on the status of safety improvements to existing power poles. Margy Verba solicited interest in forming a Mono Basin Fire Safe Council, and Paul McFarland introduced the idea of an RPAC trails committee. Courtney Weiche provided an update on planning matters in the Mono Basin and solicited membership for vacancies on the RPAC, LAFCO and Tourism Commission.

LDTAC – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (LDTAC) reviewed and accepted the application for the latest proposal by CSA1 for Crowley Lake Community Center Master Plan for a skate park at the community center. Staff, including Courtney Weiche, Chris Babula, Cedar Barager, Garrett Higerd, Gerry Le Francois and Louis Molina, currently is moving forward on environmental analysis. The LDTAC also accepted Ohanas application to pursue a permanent, year-round food cart near the brewery at June Lake, which Planning Commission will consider July 9.

LAFCO – At the June 3 meeting, LAFCO adopted its annual budget, discussed with Stacey Simon and Brent Calloway an update on hospital service-extension issues and collaboration potential between Mono and Inyo LAFCOs. LAFCO also discussed potential fire district consolidation in the Mono Basin.

Local Transportation Commission – The LTC approved its annual transit allocations for ESTA and YARTS based on detailed information provided by Megan Mahaffey. The LTC approved letters of support for Senate Bills 16 and 321 regarding transportation funding. Deborah Hess of SCE assured the Commission that the proposed trenching along Rock Creek Road has been abandoned. John Helm announced summer transit service to Whitmore Pool, Reds Meadow, and special events. He also discussed additional runs of the Mammoth Express route beginning July 6 (see attachment). The LTC supported proposed truck restrictions on SR 108 (Sonora Pass).

Inyo National Forest wilderness meeting -- Analyst Brent Calloway reported that at its June 9 workshop, the Inyo National Forest (INF) shared results of its analysis of wilderness characteristics and indicated several areas proposed as “potential recommended wilderness,” including a large portion of the Glass Mountains in Mono County. Large-format maps were available at the public workshop and are available on the INF website. A decision whether to formally recommend the areas as wilderness will come later this summer with the release of the draft EIR, commencing a 90-day comment period.

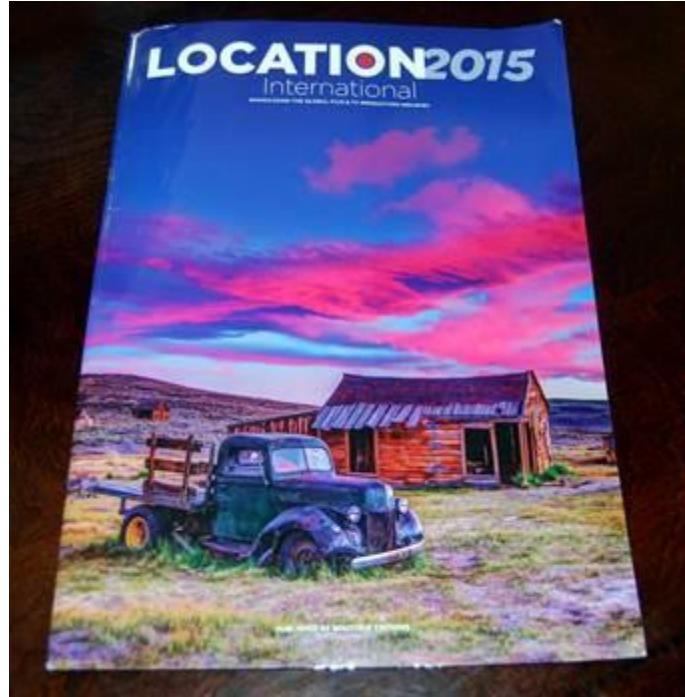


Grouse celebration – June 12, Wendy Sugimura and other members of the Local Area Working Group celebrated the recent decision by USFWS to not list the Mono sage grouse as threatened. The celebration at Bridgeport Barns and Terrace was well attended by representatives of multiple agencies responsible for the favorable decision. Big thanks to all partners and agencies in this significant decision for the Mono County region (see attachment).

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Economic Development

- Bodie State Park is on the cover of the prestigious film industry publication “Location International 2015”! Local photographer, Jeff Sullivan, allowed us to submit a number of his images for consideration and his beautiful photo of Bodie caught the publisher’s eye – and, voila...cover shot! On page 29, a spectacular photo of Conway Summit by Bob Wick (BLM) was given a full page, too. Here’s the link to the publication: <http://bit.ly/1MIOg10>
- Thanks to efforts and outreach by our PR firm, East River PR, Los Angeles Times has featured summer travel ideas in Mono County: <http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-d-new-sierra-20150621-story.html>
- Due to an event cancellation, \$4,000 was once again available in the Mono County Tourism & Film Commission’s Community Event Marketing Fund, a reimbursement program to support organized, non-profit groups that may require additional revenue to market and promote tourism-based community events. The Commission reviewed six applications and ultimately agreed upon funding \$3,000 to the Northern Mono Chamber for their inaugural Birding the Valley event (September 2015) and \$1,000 to the High Sierra Tri Club for promotion of the Graniteman Challenge (September 9-11, 2015). If you have any questions regarding the CEMF, please email [Liz Grans](#).
- The Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) for Quarter 3 showed a 33% increase over Q3 from last year. The overall annual TOT for 2014-15 is estimated to come in around \$2.6 million, which represents an approximate increase of 42% over annual TOT from 2013-14.
- Gaye Muller, Mono County Fisheries Commission Chair, and Jeff Simpson attended the California Fish and Game Commission meeting in Mammoth Lakes on June 10th and 11th to discuss issues revolving around Mono County including Bobcat trapping, Sage Grouse and Fish Stocking.
- Staff is attending the Small Business Accelerator workshop in Placerville on June 25th to explore Economic Development programs that may also work in Mono County. More information [here](#)
- A number of commercials have been filming in Mono County, including Honda and BMW; Toyota will be here next week and other requests include a documentary of Mono Lake and a small indie Western at Bodie. Thank you to Sarah Messerlian and Public Works for assistance with permitting on Benton Crossing Road.





- Staff hosted twelve French travel professionals who sell California's High Sierra in France, and two Italian journalists (La Stampa -- circulation 325,000/readership: 2.8 million, Gazzetta – 5.4 million unique visitors per month -- and BioEcoGeo, a magazine specializing in environmental themes) on Wednesday as they traveled through Mono County, to and from Death Valley, Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, and Yosemite. The group thoroughly enjoyed tours of the Mono Lake South Tufa Reserve and Bodie State Park. A big thank you to our gracious hosts and incredibly passionate and talented guides, Bartshe Miller from the Mono Lake Committee and Terri Geissinger from the Bodie Foundation.

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Information Technology

New Access & Functional Needs

application online - Over the past month, Information Technology's Joel Hickok has been working closely with Deb Diaz and the Mono County Emergency Preparedness Office to develop a new application to track Access and Functional Needs information for Mono County residents. This database is of critical importance for emergency response and disaster preparedness, as it provides first responders with information about members of our community who require special attention in the event of an emergency or evacuation. The application walks the registrant through a simple five-step process that asks for contact and location information, then more specifically about what Needs they may have (such as having vision deficit or being oxygen dependent, for example).

Once submitted, the information is secured and managed in a confidential manner by the Emergency Preparedness Office, but can be used in the event of an evacuation, or shared to a first responder upon request. If you, or a family member fits the profile of having an Access or Functional Need, you are encouraged to visit <https://gis.mono.ca.gov/apps/afn> and register within the application so that our emergency responders are aware of your whereabouts and needs.

For more information, contact Joel Hickok (jhickok@mono.ca.gov) or Deb Diaz (ddiaz@mono.ca.gov).

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Paramedics

Earlier this month, some of Mono County's youngest residents received an educational presentation from Kevin Douda and Dan Flynn, paramedics from the Mono County EMS June Lake station. Kevin and Dan showed the students at the Mono Lake Preschool their ambulance and its equipment, and discussed how to call for help in an emergency. Gurney rides and flashing lights were the big crowd pleasers, but by the end of the session all of the youngsters knew when and how to call 911 should a family member have a medical emergency.



Public Health

Vision to Learn – This thank you letter was received as a result of the recent visit of “Vision to Learn” mobile unit to Mono County school children. This provides glasses to those children who have been identified by the school nurse and Sierra Park Pediatrics office as needing additional exams after regular vision screening was done at school or by the pediatrician. 36 children were seen who had been identified by the school nurse, Dee Todd, and 4 additional children were referred from pediatricians.

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Senior Symposium - In hopes of sending the Lee Vining High School (LVHS) and Mammoth High School (MHS) Seniors off to a safe and successful future, each school held a risk behavior awareness Senior Symposium on May 18 in Lee Vining and on May 26 & 27 in Mammoth. The Symposiums were organized by Mono County Public Health Dept. and teachers Jaime Godoy (LVHS) and John Simeon (MHS). Topics and presentations included Defensive Driving by Officer Ann Morin of the CHP; Self Defense by Keith Kline, martial arts expert & volunteer; Personal Finances – The Good, the Bad and the Dollar by Darrin Kaylor of Oram & Kaylor Strategic Asset Management; Relationships for the Real World by Shelby Cook & Kristen Walker of Wild Iris; Reproductive Health by Dr. Maria King and Nancy Mahannah; Zumba by Lee Ann Eller of MHS; Yoga by Liz Flemming, volunteer; and panels of several people from Alcoholics Anonymous. Presentations by Mono County staff included Alcohol and Drugs Update by Deb Stewart and Dealing with Stress & Anxiety by Annie Linnaweafer, both of Behavioral Health; Sidewalk CPR and Urgent First Aide by Kevin Smith & Sean Macedonio of Emergency Medical Services; Tobacco and E-cigs by Nancy Mahannah of Public Health. The event in Mammoth culminated with a great presentation by Dr. Richard Koehler of Mammoth Hospital, Making a Difference in the World. The students were interested and interactive throughout, with many good questions and inquiries about career opportunities represented by the speakers. A big thanks to LVHS principal, Rodger Yost, and MHS principal, Chris Powell, for supporting these events.

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June 16, 2015

McDaniel & Rose, Division of Health Programs
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Dear Sandra:

I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the Vision to Learn Program for Mono County students. Thirty-six (36) K-12 students in Mammoth Unified have been provided corrective lenses (glasses) as a result of your long-term care and coordination of health care services.

We are very fortunate to have the wonderful support of the Mono County Public Health Department staff especially Diana Bitzberger and Lorrie Schleifer, as well as Lois Klein from the Mono County Unified School District. The coordination of this program has provided much-needed services to our community.

We are also grateful to support our community's youth with the district's educational students. They are taught on the moral and positive elements of our judicial system which directly affects our students' behavior and self-esteem.

We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,
Lois Klein
Superintendent

MONO COUNTY
JUN 16 2015

cc: Diana Bitzberger, VISION TO LEARN
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Health and Safety Fair - On Saturday June 20th, the Public Health, Probation, Behavioral Health, Police Department, Social Services, Safe Kids Mono Partners, Mono County Office of Education, First 5, Mono/Inyo Family Resource Center, IMACA, Mono County Paramedics, California Council on Problem Gambling, Legal Services of Northern California and Sheriff Departments participated in the Health and Safety Fair in Mammoth Lakes at Shady Rest Park.

It was well attended by community members, who also had an opportunity to participate in a Bike Rodeo; visit the photo booth; and receive free bike helmets, Fire Department badges, and many other prizes. Hot dogs, fruit, and bottles of water were provided for all who attended. Many thanks to Molly DesBalliets from Mono County First 5 who organized this event.

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Walking Wednesday - This is the Strengthening Families team's beginning efforts to promote interagency collaboration, which is one of the focused points in Mono County's Strategic Plan. Walking Wednesdays will begin June 10th and continue through Summer/Fall season. There is no leader for this event --- just "Come one, Come all." We are starting in Mammoth Lakes and hope this will inspire others to begin a "walk" in their Mono County communities.

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WALKING WEDNESDAY

(ALIAS 'MAMMOTH MOVES')
BEGINS JUNE 10, 2015



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Supported by Strengthening Families (and Communities) Team
Contact Diann Bitzberger for more information dbitzberger@mono.ca.gov or 760-924-1841

Social Services

Sweet Cases for Foster Youth



Former Mono County foster youth Chelsea

and Martha Guthrie joined together to fundraise, assemble, decorate and deliver these awesome duffle bags, they are calling "Sweet Cases" for Mono County foster kids. (Pictured here). Inside are necessities such as a hygiene kit, along with items of comfort such as a blanket, a stuffed bear, coloring book and crayons. These young women remember having to move their belongings in trash bags and don't want other youth to have to go through that experience. Thank you, Chelsea and Martha!

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Congratulations to Marlo Preis, Staff Services Analyst III, who graduated in May from Sacramento State with a Master in Social Work! Her two years of hard work, dedication to her job with the Department of Social Services, and her academic studies and field work paid off. We are proud of you, Marlo, and glad to claim you as our own!

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763

Community Health Fair in Coleville

The Community Health Fair in Coleville on June 5th was a great success! The event was facilitated by Community Service Solutions and they were very pleased with the participation and attendance despite the patch of inclement weather.

Approximately 100 people attended this event including many families with children, and seniors. The County had representatives from several departments providing resources and activities including the Sheriff Office that ran the bike rodeo, the Paramedics who offered blood pressure checks, Behavioral Health, Public Health and Social Services who provided games, prizes and program information for the attendees. Social Services provided information on In-Home Supportive Services, Adult Protective Services, SNAP-Ed, Health Insurance, Nutrition Assistance, Disaster Preparedness and Workforce Services.



In addition other agencies provided fun activities including a photo booth. Mammoth Police offered car seat checks, First 5 and Mono County Office of Education gave out bicycle helmets. Other vendors that participated were: Antelope Valley Fire Department, California Highway Patrol, CERT Team, Mammoth Lakes Fire Department, Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Veterans Administration, AARP, Antelope Valley Senior Center, Camp Antelope Clinic, Carson Valley Medical Center-Vitality for Life, HICAP, CA Telephone Access Program, Tribal TANF Program, Mammoth Hospital, Wild Iris, IMACA, Lions Club, Heart to Hand Family Resource Center (FRC), and Gentle Yoga.

The Health Fair ran from 10:30 a.m. to around 2:30 p.m. and lunch was provided for all the vendors and attendees. There were many raffle prizes including one girls bicycle and one boys bicycle. Attendees walked away with bags full of goodies. A big THANKS to Community Service Solutions for putting on this event. We look forward to next year!

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Workforce Services

Jay Sloane with the Department of Social Services along with Jeff Simpson and Liz Grans with the Economic Development Department visited businesses in the Walker and Bridgeport area this May and spoke with several business owners about how Mono County Workforce Programs can assist them with their labor and training costs.

Several additional north county outreach efforts preceded this latest visit, and businesses are now becoming more familiar with these new programs, how to obtain additional information about them, and who to contact should they be able to take advantage of the hiring incentives that the programs offer.

Some of the businesses included:

- Eastern Sierra Community Bank in Bridgeport
- Twin Lakes Resort
- Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership
- Ruby Inn
- Sweet Water Coffee
- T&A Auto
- Walker Country Store

Significant efforts have been made to remote areas in the county so that smaller businesses in outlying areas can be empowered to use these programs if eligible under the program guidelines. Outreach in Mammoth Lakes will resume in the following months.

Jay attended an excellent California Workforce Association Conference in Orange County last May. The conference included informational sessions on the expected changes that will take place over the next year as the implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) occurs. Additional conference highlights included training on how to build partnerships with businesses and how to provide effective career counseling for the hard to employ.

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VA Health Care Coming to Bishop

Veterans and Families invited

August 7, 2015; 8:00 am to 3:00pm, Bishop City Hall

Information: VA Health Care System, Non VA Care - "Choice Program"

Come and get all your Questions Answered. Please RSVP to: icvso@inyocounty.us or call 760-873-7850

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- Click-to-call access to your state's 511 network for the latest traffic information in case of evacuation
- Let family and friends know you are okay with the customizable "I'm Safe" alert for Facebook, Twitter, email and text.
- Find open Red Cross shelters in your area when you need help.
- Stay safe when the lights are out with the Toolkit, including a strobe light, flashlight and audible alert functions.
- Prepare for the worst by learning how to assemble an emergency kit for your family in the event of power outage or evacuation.
- Empower your family to stay safe and remain calm in an emergency by learning how to make and practice an emergency plan.
- Earn badges that you can share with your friends and show off your wildfire knowledge with interactive quizzes.

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