



County Administrator's Office

Mono County Courts to close one day a month due to state budget cuts – Thank you to Hector Gonzalez for his heads up on Court closures. The following is from Hector and the Press Release is attached to the Board Update as well.

“Beginning on October 31, 2014, the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be closed to the public every third Friday through the remainder of this fiscal year (13 days). The first Friday for closure of the Mammoth Lakes Courthouse will be October 31, 2014. The Courthouse will be closed, however, a judge with one clerk will be available to deal with arraignments, orders or documents needed on an emergency basis. We’ll be working on a process for justice partners to contact the Court and have access to the courthouse for the aforementioned emergency needs on closure days. A drop box will also be available for use at the courthouse starting October 31, 2014. The every third Friday closures are necessary due to the deep cuts in the state funding allocated for the Superior Court of Mono County. Please see the attached public notice for the specific dates the court will be closed and more detail about emergency court services available on closure days.”

If there are any concerns, please let me know and we will share them with Courts Executive Officer Hector Gonzalez.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

CHP Host Start Smart Class to help new drivers learn better safety techniques - From CHP Press Release -- California Highway Patrol) Bridgeport Area would like to invite teens between the ages of 15 to 20 years old, and their parents to a free Start Smart class in Mammoth Lakes on September 9, 2014, at 5:00 P.M. The class will be provided **BOTH** in English and Spanish. The program is specifically geared toward reducing collisions and injuries involving teen drivers.

Lieutenant R. D. Cohan, commander of the CHP’s Bridgeport Area office said “We are very excited to, for the first time, offer this very worthwhile program for our primarily Spanish speaking residents. We hope all parents with teen drivers at home will consider spending a few hours with us this evening.”

The attached pdf provides details in **BOTH** English and Spanish on the Start Smart, Driving Smart to Stay Safe program, including the location of the classes. Individuals with questions should contact the CHP Bridgeport Area office at (760) 932-7995.

CONTACT: Officer Anne Morin, Public Information Officer, Bridgeport Area, (760) 932-7995

Forest Service seeks comments - The Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests are revising their land and resource management plans (forest plans). Scoping documents are available at:

<http://tinyurl.com/r5earlyadopters>

You may also submit comments online by selecting the “Comment on Project” tab. Your comments are important and will help develop revised forest plans for the Inyo, Sequoia, and Sierra National Forests.

CONTACT: Deb Schweizer, (760) 873-2427

Sierra Nevada Quarterly Board meeting to be held in Bridgeport - SNC's quarterly meeting will be on the eastside September 3-4, 2014 in Bridgeport, CA. The theme of this quarterly meeting is Recreation and Tourism.

The SNC has been advised that **John Laird, California Secretary for Natural Resources** is planning to be in Bridgeport for the activities.

Thursday, September 4th at 9:00 am

Board Meeting – Bridgeport Memorial Hall

This is the first time the SNC Board has been in the Eastern Sierra since June 2012, when the meeting was held in Lone Pine and it's very timely that they'll be here in September.

CONTACT: Danna Stroud, (760) 872-1120

The Strategic Plan moving forward! – Thank you to the 14 attendees of the August 28th Strategic Planning Steering Committee meeting. On September 4th we will be having the final preparation session for our great ambassadors who will be coming to a department staff meeting near you soon!

On September 4th we will focus on garnering additional feedback through the outreach to departments. The next meeting is September 4th at 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.

Thank you again for your participation.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Economic Development

Record breaking TOT – Mono County just experienced the best TOT annual revenue in the last 10 years! See the full report here:



http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/treasurer_-_tax_collector/page/827/historical_tot_collections.pdf

New Business in Mono County - PLAYosemite is a brand new private tour operator based in Mammoth Lakes. As the name suggest, owner-guide Tony Rojas offers customized tours in Yosemite National Park. PLAYosemite tours start at \$139 per person and are offered June 1 through September 30. Visit www.playosemite.com

Film Commission –

- **AB 1839 VICTORY!** The Governor announced on Wednesday that he was approving AB 1839, the new incentive model with a five year funding cycle at \$330,000,000. The \$330 million will help keep film and TV production in California for the next five years. The legislation will help make it easier for California (AND MONO COUNTY) to compete against New York, Louisiana, Georgia and other states that have enticed the lion's share of Hollywood's business in the last decade. See more on AB 1839 in this article in the LA Times:

<http://www.latimes.com/entertainment/envelope/cotown/la-et-ct-fi-film-tax-brown-20140828-story.html>

- **Sundog Documentary** – Huge thanks to Supervisor Stump, Jim Leddy, Stacie Klemm and Ag Commissioner, Nate Reade, for working with the recent documentary production regarding water issues in the Tri-Valley area. The assistance provided by you all to help the UK production crew track a fact-based story, and get the required permits, was invaluable. Thank you.
- **Mammoth Lakes Film Festival** – New event! Scheduled for May, 2015: <http://bit.ly/1vuntL4>

Fair News –

- **California State Fair:** Click on this Youtube link to learn more about the Mono County State Fair booth from the Blue Canyon Gang: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGMxm5WZh2k>
- **Tri-County Fair:** Mono County and Mammoth Lakes were invited to put up a display in the main exhibit hall. The double booth will not be staffed this weekend, but visitor guides are available for attendees to take away.

Yosemite Sustainability Conference - Yosemite Gateway Partners and the National Park Service are hosting the first Yosemite Sustainability Conference in Yosemite National Park from December 8 through December 10, 2014. The conference is a three day learning and networking forum dedicated to helping local and state businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations transition to economic, environmental, and social sustainability through best practices. Click here for details on the conference: <http://www.yosemitegatewaypartners.org/yosemite-sustainability-conference/>

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board Tour – On Wednesday, September 3, ED staff will meet with the SNC board members at Annett’s Mono Village for a brief discussion on the impact of recreation and tourism in Mono County. Approximately 22 counties will have representatives attending the 2-day meeting/tour.

Small Business Support – The following opportunities are being communicated to our local stakeholders:

- **CSUB SBDC Growth Venture Course** – California State University, Bakersfield is offering a Fasttrac Growth Venture course to grow your business! This 10 week course is perfect for entrepreneurs who have experience running their businesses. Small businesses may register for the course click here: <http://www.csub.edu/sbdc/services/classes/index.html>
- **FREE Webinar on Traditional & Social Media Marketing** – Understanding both Traditional Marketing and Social Media Marketing is very beneficial to your growing business. Join Maureen Buscher-Dang, traditional marketing guru and Carlin Jones, Social Media Expert, while they discuss how to use both of these marketing tactics to maximize business growth and customer development. September 17, 2014 at 12:05 – 1pm. Got to www.gotowebinar.com and enter webinar code: 151-559-827 or click here for more information: <http://www.csub.edu/sbdc/services/webinar/index.html>
- **New State Business Tax Credits Workshop** – Learn more about the new state and local tax incentives available to businesses. Thursday, September 18th, 2014 in Bakersfield from 9-

10:30am. Limited Seating! Please RSVP at 661-862-5150 or kedc@kedc.com. Click here for more information: http://www.csub.edu/sbdc/files/tax_workshop.jpg

- **CDBG Business Assistance Loans** - Staff continued to work with Jeff Lucas, an Economic Development consultant from Lake County, on training for the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding program eligible to small businesses. The Economic Development Business Loan Program provides loans to eligible small businesses currently located in Mono County or to entrepreneurs looking to relocate or develop businesses within county limits for the purpose of creating jobs for low-income individuals.

Tourism & Film Commission Meetings – This month’s regular meeting was held on Tuesday, August 25 in Mammoth Lakes – thank you to Supervisor Hunt for attending. The Commission really appreciates having the Supervisors drop by, even if only for part of the meeting. The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, September 22 in Walker at 10am.

Fisheries Commission Meeting – The next regular meeting is on Wednesday, September 3 at 10am in June Lake. The newly appointed fisheries commissioner, Don Morton, wrote and posted the following article on sustainable fishing practices, which will be discussed during agenda item #12 at the meeting: <http://www.junelakeaccommodations.com/future-of-june-lake-loop-brown-trout-fishery.htm>

CONTACT: **Jeff Simpson**, (760) 924-4634

Public Health

Tri County Fair August 28 thru September 1 - When visiting the Tri County Fair, see the Alpine, Inyo & Mono Tobacco Education Program window adjacent to the central stage.

This year’s window theme is Healthy Stores, Healthy Communities and points out healthy and unhealthy choices available in local small markets. Enjoy the smoke-free eating and seating, and a smoke-free afternoon on Smoke-Free Kids Day on Saturday afternoon. Major fair activities this year include a truck pull on 8/28, an ATV rodeo on 8/29, a local rodeo on 8/30, and the ever-popular Destruction Derby on 8/31.

CONTACT: **Nancy Mahannah**, (760) 924-4621



Public Works

Facilities staff has productive summer - The Facilities division has been quite busy this summer with a few of the projects listed below.

- Installed the Fire suppression water tanks for the Antelope Valley Community Center expansion project. This was the last requirement needed to get a final on this project.
- Finished the install of a new HVAC system for the Probation department in Bridgeport.

- Emergency repairs on the refrigeration as well as A/C systems for the jail.
- New basketball court and reconfigured the existing irrigation system at Chalfant Park. (existing CIP funds)
- County wide HVAC maintenance.
- Breaking ground on the new Crowley Lake Ball field concession facility early next week. (CSA funded)

We have several other projects waiting in the queue which is a good omen for an early winter.

CONTACT: Joe Blanchard, (760) 932-5443

Public Works receives Kudos for recent efforts on the basketball Court – Check out the great thank you from Jerry McKinzey for recent MC Public Works efforts at Chalfant Park:

“Joe,

We would like to thank you all for getting things done on the first half of the basketball court. The kids were playing on the court this morning. Joe I heard you were on site with your sleeves rolled up and getting dirty, way to go! Maybe upper management should spend more time on site with employees, I personally always found it best as a Manager to be right in the trenches with staff to get a better understanding of employee's work processes and needs. Well done Joe.

I also would like to thank John (Cy) and last day Ed it was great to watch staff get the job done. The group has put a great effort in and appear to me to represent your department very well.

I was finally able to show up and get involved, better late than never. Thanks John for letting me hold the shovel.

Claude thanks for getting things started and helping with the process as well.

I also would like to thank any staff member I have not mentioned in this e-mail as well, thanks for your effort.

I look forward to completing the other side please let me know when so I can help.

Joe thanks for still working to get the thorn issue under control and making the field a safer place to play. Please give me a update when you get your info.

Please enjoy your holiday weekend and if you are in Chalfant stop buy and have lunch and shoot some baskets!!

Jerry”

Kudos to the team!

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Social Services

Seven (7) New Shelter Volunteers!! - As part of our on-going efforts to be prepared in the event of an emergency shelter opening, Social Services recently facilitated a Shelter Fundamentals training

presented by the American Red Cross. Through this training and other outreach efforts, Social Serves was able to **recruit seven (7) new volunteer Shelter Managers** in the communities of Mammoth Lakes, June Lake, Crowley Lake, Chalfant, Bridgeport and Lee Vining. This enables us to establish a local resident in all of our communities to serve as a Shelter Manager. All of the managers have completed the Shelter Fundamentals course and many of them have previous experience with emergency services such as FEMA and CERT and some have past employment backgrounds with various fire departments.

Our new Manager in Chalfant recruited 10 new volunteers to assist with shelter operations. However, there is still a great need to recruit additional volunteers in all of our communities. If you or anyone you know may be interested in volunteering, please have them contact the Mono County Shelter Coordinator, Cathy Young at 760-924-1780. An online “Shelter Fundamentals” training is available to anyone that is interested. A recruitment flyer is attached to this newsletter. Please help spread the word!



Mono County Social Services has just finished a complete inventory of the eight (8) emergency shelter trailers throughout the County with the assistance of each of the Shelter Managers. The Shelter Managers feel this was a great exercise and they are much more comfortable and prepared to open and operate a shelter. Along with completing the inventory, the Shelter Managers also designed a floor plan to expedite a shelter opening in a timely manner. Social Services would like to give a special **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers that assisted with this process:

- ***Chalfant – Ann Alyesworth***
- ***Benton – Rick Williams***
- ***Crowley Lake – Shirley Martin and Robin Grasseschi***
- ***Mammoth Lakes – Kim Raffee and Cara Isaac***
- ***Lee Vining – Beverly Brewster***
- ***June Lake – Rene Christ***
- ***Bridgeport – Ed Oliver***
- ***Walker – Megan Foster***

American Red Cross Chapter of Los Angeles has also been a great support for the shelter operations. They have provided Mono County with shelter equipment and continue to offer ongoing support financially when a shelter opening occurs. Social Services is currently working with them in the planning of additional emergency preparedness training “Prepared U” to be offered to our county in mid October. More information on this training will be arriving soon.

Contact: Cathy Young, (760) 924-1780

Sheriff's Office

1. We had a good discussion with Kathy Peterson (Social Services) of the possibility of their office utilizing \$40,000 in State Funding in an attempt to keep our SRO in the schools. I will have to talk and discuss the scheduling issues of this with my scheduling sergeant and see if this can work.
2. With the water levels as they are in the county, we have discovered the wreckage of an aircraft in the Bridgeport reservoir from a crash that occurred back in the late 1980's to early 1990's
3. We conducted a few flights over the county relating to marijuana grows this week, with negative results. This was paid for by grant funds.
4. **Deputy Jeff Gordon retired from county service this week.** Jeff was an integral part of this office and the operations of the Mono County Courts for over two decades. We will miss Jeff, his calm demeanor and outstanding work ethic. We wish Jeff the best in his future yet to come.

CONTACT: Sheriff Ralph Obenberger, (760) 932-7549