



Animal Control

Annual low cost vaccinations/dog licensing clinic schedule coming in June- The annual Mono County Animal Control and Eastern Sierra Veterinary Medical Association’s “Doggy Social” is fast approaching. These one stop shops are for vaccination and licensing. They will begin on June 7th and continue through the 21st. Please spread the word. Attached with the Board Update is the full flier!

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Behavioral Health

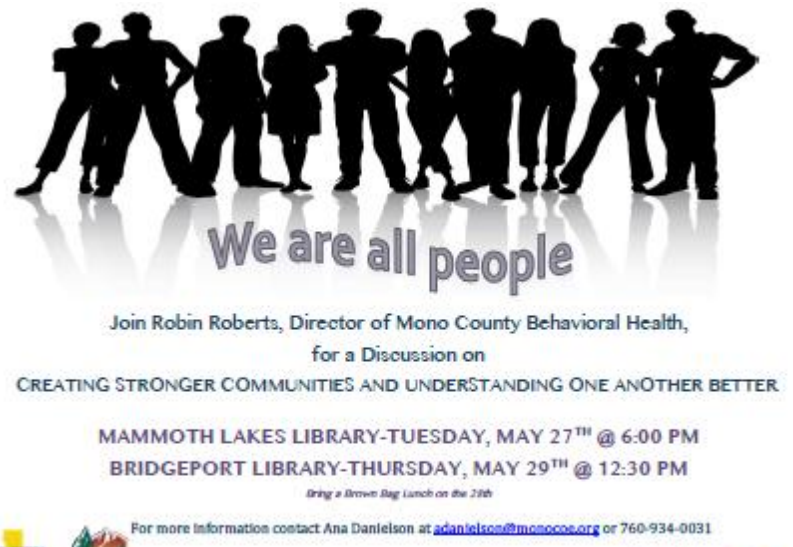
REMINDER: Behavioral Health Director will present discussion on strengthening community connections - Join Robin Roberts, Director of Mono County Behavioral Health, for a discussion on creating stronger communities and understanding one another better. These events will be held at:

MAMMOTH LAKES LIBRARY-TUESDAY, MAY 27TH @ 6:00 PM

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY-THURSDAY, MAY 29TH @ 12:30 PM

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch on the 29th.

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Clerk Recorder’s Office

Elections Division Update -- Election Day, June 3rd, is only 18 days away. Preparing for an election is a total team effort, and in the Clerk’s Office everyone contributes—either by supporting others and taking on additional duties, or through direct involvement in planning for the Big Day. Everyone on the Clerk’s team deserves a big thank you: **Debra VandeBrake, Ruth Hansen, Shannon Kendall, Dorothy Cummings, and Linda Romero.**

In addition to training Ruth, who joined our team in March as the recorder, Debra has provided support where needed, as has Ruth, even though she is still learning her new job. Since March, Shannon has taken on all duties of Clerk of the Board so Lynda Roberts can focus on election work. Dorothy Cummings has been our temporary election assistant for many years. She oversees vote-by-mail ballots, assists with general preparations, and helps with the canvass. **Judy Curti**, Public Works, has also helped with the canvass. **Linda Romero** manages the bulk of



the election work, which consists of hundreds of details, and has been working toward this Election Day since December.

We also have an election support team that includes members of the IT Department, Public Works Department, and Community Development Department. The IT Department has been supporting elections for many years by assisting with technical preparation and helping at the polls on Election Day/Night. We appreciate their ongoing support and thank **Nate Greenberg, Cameron Cary, Kirk Hartstrom, Jami Peterson, Steve Connett, Peter Kobylarz, Ryan Goodner-Belli, and Greg Newbry.**

We couldn't have polling places without equipment, so the service provided by the Public Works Department is invaluable. We thank **Joe Blanchard, Claude Fiddler, Tony Iniguez, and Ed Nolan** for their years of support; and we thank Jeff Walters for letting us borrow members of his team to help with elections. Lastly, thanks to Scott Burns for the support he provides by allowing members of his staff to assist in Mammoth Lakes. We appreciate CD Ritter, Cedar Barager, Wendy Sugimura, and Brent Calloway for assisting voters who leave their vote-by-mail ballots to be deposited in the secure lock box located in the Mammoth office. In addition CD assists as a poll worker on Election Day.

We also appreciate all the citizens who serve as poll workers. You know the saying, "It takes a village...." With elections it truly takes a lot of people to ensure success. When people find out how much work is involved, they usually say the same thing, "I had no idea."

When you cast your ballot on June 3rd, please take a moment to appreciate the efforts of all the people involved in making sure the process runs smoothly.

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Community Development

Local Transportation Commission – At its Monday meeting the LTC approved adjustments to operating procedures to invite Caltrans to the table, provided direction to Ryan Dermody and Gerry Le Francois on Mono's priority STIP project to combine North Conway passing lane with Bridgeport passing lanes, determined unmet transit needs with Wendy Sugimura, amended the Overall Work Plan with Megan Mahaffey, and received quarterly status reports from the Town, Caltrans and Mono County (Garrett Higerd).

Mono Basin RPAC – Following lengthy review of Conway Ranch matters on Wednesday with Tony Dublino, Marshall Rudolph and Supervisors Hunt and Alpers, the RPAC approved a letter of support for pedestrian and safe routes to school improvement via an Active Transportation Program grant, favorably received a report on improvements to the Mono City emergency access road, and reviewed the Housing Element update.

Bridgeport Valley RPAC – At Thursday's meeting members received a report from Supervisor Fesko, an update on Mountain Warfare Training Center from Doug Power, and a report of USFS activities from Jeff Ulrich. The RPAC also approved a letter of support for the Alternative Transportation Program grant, received an update by Stacey Simon on Walker River water rights, and supported the concept of thermal biomass project at the County road shop presented by Wendy Sugimura.

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County Administrator's Office

Speed kills – Although we are out of winter, the spring weather IS NO REASON TO SPEED. The nice weather brings out dry roads, wildlife, visitors to our County and sometimes *lead feet*.

Reminder: When driving follow the speed limits. There have been comments from the public at the recent town halls about County employees in County vehicles driving over the limit. We will investigate and discuss with individuals when we get these reports but this is also a message for all of us in or out of a County car, please drive safe.



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California State Association of Counties legislative Conference reflects better state finances but need to repay counties for past due mandate costs – On May 14th and 15th, Chairman Larry K. Johnston and I attended the annual CSAC legislative conference in Sacramento. The Supervisors and staff from across the state received briefings from Mac Taylor, head of the legislative Analyst's Office, the leaders of the Senate and assembly (including their Budget Chairs) and a detailed update on the drought from the Deputy Director of the Department of Water Resources.

The State Budget is showing signs of balance and the Governor has proposed to start paying back counties for past due costs owed for mandated services. California Counties are owed over &600 million and this Budget proposes \$100 million. It remains to be seen if the legislature will keep the Governor's request but this repayment is overdue and would help counties with the Budget woes.

The drought is already being felt as water supplies through the state are starting to reduce. The State water project is not releasing nearly the amounts it normally would and wildfire season began in earnest this week as San Diego saw nine fires start in three days. It's going to be a long summer ...

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The Strategic Plan moving forward! – On May 15th, we had 13 attendees to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. They reviewed the 17 pages of data from the May 1st All Employee gathering which was provided by Beth and LaRee. The Group reviewed the information and will be helping organize it and then it will be sent out to all employees for review.

An additional next step will be to host meetings with every employee who did not attend the meeting on May 1st and show them the information and ideas already gathered. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be to finalize the ambassadors to host the meetings and go through the list of everyone who did not make it to May 1st. ***The next Steering Committee will be May 29th at Lee Vining Community Center.***

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County Budget Town Halls Underway! – All staff are invited to attend. These presentations were started last year and go through the entire county to provide budget information and an opportunity for questions and ideas from the community.

All meetings are from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and here is the calendar of the when and where:

Monday, May 19th
Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake

Tuesday, May 27th
Benton Community Center
58869 Highway 120, Benton

Tuesday, May 27th
North County Employees Budget Briefing
Memorial Hall
8:00am

Wednesday, May 28th
South County Employees Budget Briefing
Minaret Mall Suite Z
Board of Supervisors Chamber - 8:00am

If people are unable to attend those, we are also able to meet with people at their convenience to answer questions and receive feedback on ideas to help us with our Budget development.

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Risk Management has been working all year long to prepare for the annual Trindel evaluation- As the date gets closer, our efforts are focusing in. We have finalized 2 program documents related to Heat Illness Prevention and Hazard Communication. Trainings will be held at the Lee Vining Community Center on May 20th and all applicable employees are invited to participate:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Lee Vining Community Center
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Lee Vining Community Center
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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USFS Pacific Southwest Region Reschedules Workshops on Forest Plan Revisions - VALLEJO, Calif., May 15, 2014 – The U.S. Forest Service will host a series of public workshops for forest plan revisions on the Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo National Forests. The meetings were originally scheduled for April 7, 8 and 10.

These workshops follow those the Forest Service hosted in January. At those workshops, the public provided feedback on the Forest Service's preliminary *Need to Change*, Draft Roles and Contributions, and example Desired Conditions.

The public is welcome at any of the three upcoming workshops:

- Sierra NF: Monday, June 16, 2014
 Holiday Inn Fresno Airport, 5090 E. Clinton Way, Fresno, CA
- Sequoia NF : Tuesday, June 17, 2014
 Woodrow W. Wallace Elementary School, 3240 Erskine Creek Rd., Lake Isabella, CA

- Inyo NF: Thursday, June 19, 2014
Cerro Coso Community College, Eastern Sierra College Center, 4090 W. Line Street, Bishop, CA

Each workshop will be held from 5 – 8 p.m. with presentations by Forest Service staff. The public will have time to visit topic-specific stations and to talk with Forest Service staff. Additionally, the public is invited to bring an 8 ½ x 11 inch copy of a photo depicting Forest Service lands they have strong feelings about. This photo may be recent or historic. Photos will be shared at the “Desired Conditions” station and the public should be able to answer the following questions regarding their photos:

1. Where was the photo taken?
2. When was the photo taken?
3. What do you like about this place?
4. Does this picture need to change? If so, how and when should this happen?

For more information regarding forest plan revisions visit the Pacific Southwest Region’s planning website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/landmanagement/planning> . Pertinent information for the June workshops will be posted there prior to the meetings.

For forest-specific information, please contact that forest directly:

- Sierra NF: Dirk Charley at 559-297-0706, extension 4805 or dcharley@fs.fed.us
- Sequoia NF: Maria Ulloa at 559-784-1500 or mtulloa@fs.fed.us
- Inyo NF: Deb Schweizer at 760-873-2427 or debraaschweizer@fs.fed.us

The Sierra, Sequoia and Inyo are three of eight national forests that were selected as “early adopters,” meaning they will be the first to revise their land management plans using the new National Forest System Planning Rule, completed in 2012. The planning rule provides the framework for Forest Service land management plans across the nation.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if special assistance to participate in this meeting is needed, please contact the appropriate National Forest. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Forest Service to make reasonable arrangements.

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Economic Development

Mono County Tourism & Film Commission’s **Spring Open House** was held yesterday (Thursday, May 15) at the June Lake Community Center. The event was a success with about 40 people in attendance to hear presentations on Digital 395 (thanks, Nate Greenburg!), Economic Development’s tourism marketing highlights, Social Media/Online Marketing, Booking.com, and on Bodie’s tours and programs this summer. In addition, the Supervisorial candidates and candidates for Sherriff/Coroner participated in an interesting 1.5 hour question/answer panel. Many thanks to the candidates and presenters, the Tourism Commission, and to all those who attended, including Supervisor Stump.

NEW PROGRAM ALERT: Visit Bodie at night! Don't miss the opportunity to experience Bodie after dark this summer -- register now for the new "Bodie Ghost Walk and Star Stories" on June 28, July 26, or August 15 for the unique ability to stay in the park until 10 p.m., hear the best of Bodie's ghost lore, and learn about the starry night sky with an astronomer. In addition to the regular entrance fee, the tour costs \$15 for Adults, \$7 for kids 12 and under. Call 760-647-6564 to sign up.

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Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Office Updates:

1. Several Sheriff's Office staff members attended the Trindel training this week and positive comments were spoken about the topics of discussion.
2. A letter of thanks was received for an encounter that two Carson City residents had with one of our off-duty deputies in Bridgeport. The deputy purchased the couple's breakfast in a gesture of thanks for being a Vietnam Veteran for our country. See attached letter.
3. Jennifer Hansen received a thank you email for her PIO knowledge, expertise and a recent presentation she gave. The email, which was from the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, said that they were planning on using Jennifer's "model(s) as a way to further build our press/media/social media presence.....we couldn't have a better resource."
4. Multiple patrol staff attended an Endangered Children training in Bridgeport.
5. Finance Officer Kim Bunn worked diligently the past two weeks relating to submitting the 14/15 budget, and also to keep the current budget in-line with all the mid-year cuts and unexpected expenditures that have come upon us recently.

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Social Services

American Red Cross offers Emergency Shelter Exercise - The American Red Cross is planning on coming to Mammoth Lakes on June 6th and 7th to offer an emergency shelter exercise for the DSS staff, CERT team and other interested parties.

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You may attend one of the two trainings that will be offered on
Friday, June 6th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm or
Saturday, June 7th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Mono Co DSS Office
452 Old Mammoth Road 3rd Floor Conference Room