



Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Department was pleased to have 28 participants at our sponsored training with Dr. Kristen Ochoa—Working with Depression in Primary Care, Diabetes and Depression and Case Consultation. Dr. Ochoa works for UCLA Medical Center at the Olive View Emergency Psychiatry Services as a psychiatrist. Her presentations occur three times a year and each time we are very fortunate to have participants from our department, Inyo County Behavioral Health, Mammoth Hospital, Public Health, and other local agencies. We want to thank the Mammoth Lakes Library, where the event was held, and to all who participated—and, of course, to Dr. Ochoa!

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County Administrative Officer

Approximately 30 people attended the "Mammoth Coffee with the CAO" on Thursday, August 27, 2015 from 8:00am to 9:00am in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room in the Sierra Center Mall. Representatives from multiple departments were present: Assessor's Office, Behavioral Health, CAO, Community Development, County Counsel, Economic Development, Environmental Health, Information Technology, GIS, Paramedic, and Social Services.



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Community Development

LDTAC – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (LDTAC) met Aug. 3 to review an application for a noise variance on a well proposed by the Lower Rock Creek Mutual Water Co. **Courtney Weiche, Paul Roten, Louis Molina, and Walt Lehmann** participated in review of the proposal. The item is scheduled Sept. 10 for the Planning Commission meeting.

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee – At its Aug. 4 meeting, the CAC reviewed upcoming community events, received a report on Board matters from Supervisor Alpers and a trails update from **Jil Stark**, and considered Transient Rental Overlay District status with **Courtney Weiche**.

Antelope Valley RPAC – The RPAC met Aug. 6 and received significant public comment regarding trails planning. It also approved letters of appreciation to **Lauretta Cochran and Victoria Victor** for their time of service on the RPAC. **Jeff Ulrich** reviewed Humboldt-Toiyabe forest activities, and **Supervisor Fesko** provided an update on Board matters, including the status of Mill Canyon Road. County staff reviewed the project development process and RPAC bylaws. The RPAC proposed a joint meeting with the Board in October on membership composition and requirements.

Transportation Award – Bridgeport Main Street Revitalization has been honored with a 2015 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award in the Highway as a Main Street category from nearly 80 statewide entries. Kudos to **Wendy Sugimura**, who spearheaded the planning effort with Caltrans District 9, the Local Transportation Commission (LTC), County staff, the Bridgeport Valley RPAC, a consultant team, Main Street businesses, and the local community. A special thanks to **Tony Dublino** for facilitating the initial project grant application.

Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District – **Stacey Simon**, assistant county counsel, presented an update on Coyote Springs Ranch. With analysis provided by **Brent Calloway**, the board of directors considered a position on the draft Basin Boundary Adjustment Regulations for the new sustainable groundwater program by the Department of Water Resources. Thanks to **Bob Harrington**, director of Inyo County Water Department, for participating in the meeting.

Transient Rentals – Thank you to Code Compliance Officer **Nick Criss** for extending his inspection hours into weekends, as needed, in response to increasing citizen concerns with illegal transient rentals in June Lake.

CEQA conference – The Association of Environmental Professionals will hold its second recent conference in Mono County Sept. 24-26. The focus of the conference is California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and related topics, including the Endangered Species Act. The conference scheduled several distinguished speakers, including County staffers **Stacey Simon and Wendy Sugimura**. All interested persons are encouraged to register (see attached information). Thanks to **Courtney Weiche** for her assistance in conference planning.

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Paramedics



Mono County EMS Division wishes to pass on condolences to the family of former June Lake Fire Chief Jerry Allendorf, who passed away last week. A service was held on August 26, at the top of June Mountain to honor his memory. Mono County EMS personnel were joined by every fire department in Mono County, and most of Inyo County, CalFire, National Park Fire Service, Mono Sheriff's Office, and several other first responder agencies for the hour long service. Chief Allendorf had long been a supporter of our agency, and our best wishes go out to family members and the June Lake Fire Department.

Mono County EMS provided stand-by services for the “Walker” fire, which came perilously close to Lee Vining. EMS crews were standing by at the heli-tac base located at Lee Vining Airport, assisting with injured firefighters. EMS provided nearly 150 hours of coverage which was critical to the overall operation of the Incident Management Team and over 500 firefighting personnel working the fire. The accompanying photo was taken on Vista Point above the Mobil on Saturday afternoon, 8/22.



Mono County EMS Training Officer, Ray McGrath, would like to remind County Departments that our division is available to train County Personnel in CPR. Our goal this fiscal year is to have every employee trained in this very important, lifesaving class. Any County Department interested in obtaining this training can contact Ray at Medic 3 in Mammoth by calling 760-934-3049.

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Public Health

The month of September is Children’s Cancer Awareness Month - In the United States in 2015, an estimated 10,380 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed among children from birth to 14 years, and more than 1,000 children will die from the disease. Although pediatric cancer death rates have declined by nearly 70 percent over the past four decades, cancer remains the leading cause of death from disease among children. The major types of cancers in children ages 0 to 14 years are acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), brain and other central nervous system (CNS) tumors, and neuroblastoma, which are expected to account for more than half of new cases in 2015.

Here are ways recommended by the CDC for better Childhood Cancer Awareness:

Keep your child safe in the sun with sunglasses and sun protection.

Vaccinate against HPV.

Talk to your children about not smoking and the dangers of cigarettes and vaping.

Source: U.S. Cancer Statistics Working Group. United States Cancer Statistics: 1999–2012 Incidence and Mortality Web-based Report. Atlanta (GA): Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Cancer Institute; 2015.

Please consult the following site for a local child who needs our help.

<http://www.gofundme.com/u328ezax>

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Public Works

The Facilities Division is working on a few projects:

- Finishing touches on the Annex II ADA handrails, storefront and door assembly. These components were originally going to be sub-contracted but were done in-house to maintain the project budget.
- Painting the Lee Vining road shop.
- Starting the Chalfant Basketball court and infield work.
- Working with engineering division on RFB and estimates for Memorial Hall.
- Working on overflow irrigation system at Crowley Ballfield.
- Working on components of the Biomass boiler project.
- Trying to reduce the number (78) of open work orders.
- Starting our fall heating systems maintenance schedule.

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Vianey's Current Project: Twins! – On Sunday, August 16th, Vianey and Jason welcomed twin boys, Lucas and Travis. All are doing great!

Sheriff



Sheriff Braun Commented, “Supervisor Corless and I had so much fun shopping with this 3rd grader! We learned a lot about what’s trendy, purple and sparkly.”

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Social Services

AMERICAN RED CROSS EMERGENCY SHELTER TRAINING SERIES



The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers that could assist with shelter operations in the event of an emergency in Inyo or Mono Counties. They will be providing a series of Emergency Shelter trainings and welcome you to attend them all or choose the ones that will suit your needs. All of the trainings will be held at the Mono County Social Services Conference room at 452 Old Mammoth Road.

The topics they will be providing training for are:

- **Shelter Fundamentals on Thursday, September 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.**
This is a basic-level course that introduces guidelines and procedures for setting up, running, and closing a shelter during a disaster for shelter volunteers.
- **Shelter Management on Friday September 4th from 9:00 am to Noon.**
This course builds on the information presented in Shelter Fundamentals course and introduces the roles, responsibilities and tasks involved in shelter management.
- **Shelter Simulation, Friday September 4th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.**
Shelter Simulation training prepares volunteers to effectively and sensitively run and manage shelter operations as a team while meeting the needs of people displaced as a result of a disaster. The course provides participants with an opportunity to apply the knowledge, skills and abilities required to operate a successful shelter.

Please RSVP to Mono County Social Services at 760-924-1770

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