

Board of Supervisors Update



October 2017

About the cover photo:

"The Brick" (Currently Ken's Sporting Goods in Bridgeport) in 1896! The building was a saloon for many years then a grocery store. In the 1890's the upstairs was a Justice Court where the Ah Quong Tai murder arraignment was held.

Photo and history, above, courtesy of the Mono County Historical Society.

(Allegedly..... according to a facebook post.....Ah Quong Tai murdered Paiute Poker Tom after losing big to him in a poker game and then desecrated Poker Tom's remains. When the Paiutes came looking for Poker Tom and found out that justice hadn't been done relating to his murder. They took justice in their hands in an Old West kind of way.....)

Present day view from across Main Street:



Scenes of Bridgeport from a 1947 movie:





Film clips clock-wise: Bridgeport Courthouse; North view of Main St; Sign post at Twin Lks Rd; View from what is now Ken's; North view of Main Street (Fire Station is now where gas station was)



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Community Development

Mono Basin RPAC – At the Oct. 11 meeting, a variety of topics included a lengthy discussion of Tioga Pass opening policy, reports from Caltrans and RACE Communications, and land use policy for cannabis/marijuana. Also discussed were Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and short-term rental regulations. **Janet Carle** passed around a copy of the proposed Solar Pavilion plan for Hess Park in Lee Vining. **Supervisor Gardner** spoke on Mono Lake County Park, Conway Ranch cattle grazing, and Mill Creek return ditch. He will attend a multi-agency Yosemite Gateway meeting on Tioga Pass/120W opening issues.

Local Transportation Commission – At its Oct. 23 Special Meeting, the LTC discussed the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan staffed by **Gery Le Francois**. In response to a request from Lee Vining business-owner **Chris Lizza**, the Commission conducted a lengthy discussion on Tioga Pass opening process and possible adjustments. **Jill Batchelder** of Eastern Sierra Transit Authority fielded questions on the popular, but discontinued Gray Line to Old Mammoth area. In a YARTS (Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System) report by **Michael Draper**, it was announced that long-time YARTS manager **Dick Whittington** is retiring Nov. 1.

LDTAC – The Land Development Technical Advisory Committee (Building, Planning, Public Works and Environmental Health) met Oct. 16 to consider conditional use permits for winter recreation nightly rentals at Virginia Lakes and a short-term rental at Aspen Springs, presented by **Gery Le Francois** and **Michael Draper**, respectively. The LDTAC also discussed preapplications for a site plan in Bridgeport, single-family residence in June Lake, and subdivision in Hammil Valley.

Planning Commission – At the Oct. 19 Special Meeting in Mammoth Lakes, Planning Commission approved in a 3-2 vote a short-term rental at Crowley Lake presented by **Michael Draper**. Commissioners recommended that BOS approve a General Plan Amendment setting land use policies for medical and commercial cannabis activities. **Wendy Sugimura and Michael Draper** presented the proposed policy, and several citizens expressed their views.

Welcome! – Community Development staff extends a warm welcome to assistant planner **Amanda Benbow**, a UC Davis graduate joining us after affiliation with an environmental consultant firm in Sacramento. A return welcome to **Tom Perry**, who is available as building official every Friday in CDD offices.



Congratulations! – **Jake Suppa**, a permit technician in the Building Division for the past two years, has been promoted to compliance analyst, and will be working with **Nick Criss** as the Compliance Division doubles its staff. The CDD is consequently working with HR to recruit a permit technician to fill the void created by Jake's promotion.



Welcome back, Chris!



Chris Mokracek recently returned to Mono County after 16 years!

Chris was originally hired as a paramedic in 1985, when Mammoth Fire Protection District oversaw the Paramedic Program. He left for a year in 1987, coming back in 1988. He was employed with Mono County for 13 more years. In 2001, he and his wife, Maureen, and 3 children, decided to move north to Washington, where he accepted a position as Fire Chief. In 2005, they moved further north, when he accepted another Fire Chief position in Alaska. They were in Alaska for 10 years. Then in 2015, they moved to Texas. When the opening for Emergency Medical Services Chief came up in Mono County, he took the opportunity to return, saying the 'Time was right!', and 'It was the perfect situation!'. They are happy to be back and closer to family again. He and Maureen currently live in June Lake and recently celebrated their 30 year Anniversary!

We are excited to have Chris back! He was known as a skilled medic and now with his additional multi-faceted experience, he brings valued expertise to Mono County and our Paramedic Program.

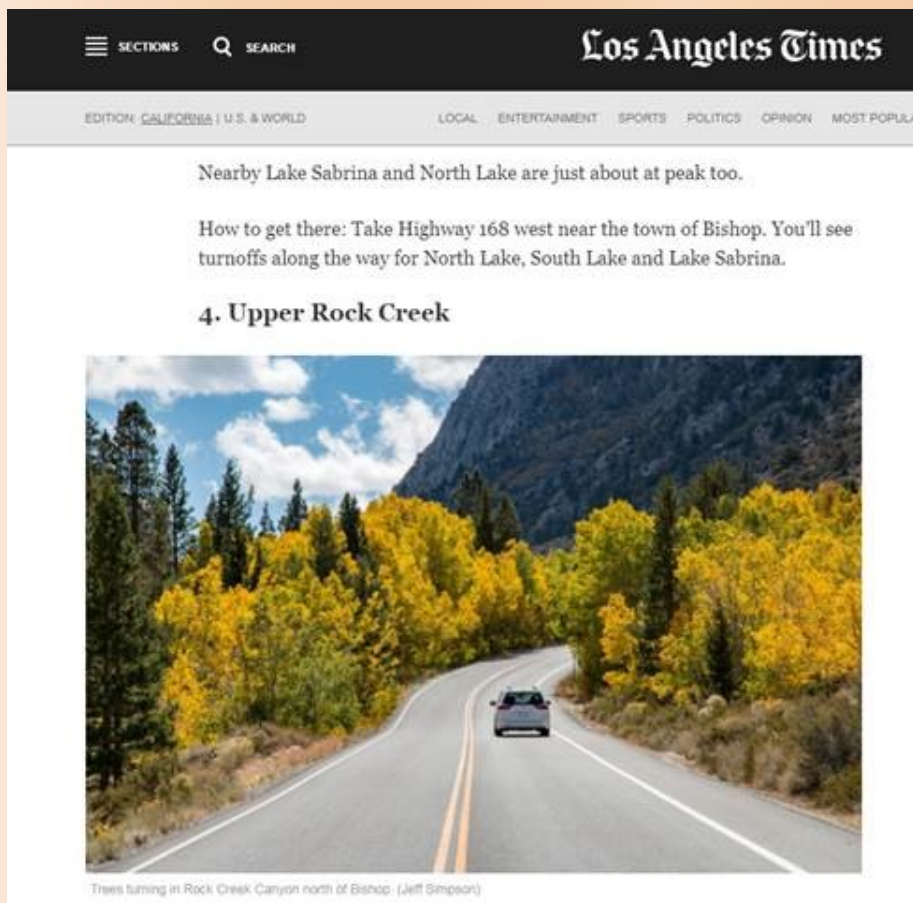
Economic Development

TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX – TOT revenues for Quarter 1 (July, August, September) have come in approximately 6% higher than Q1 last year -- another record high in the history of TOT in Mono County. The first quarter is always the strongest quarter of the fiscal year, so a great start to the year ahead.

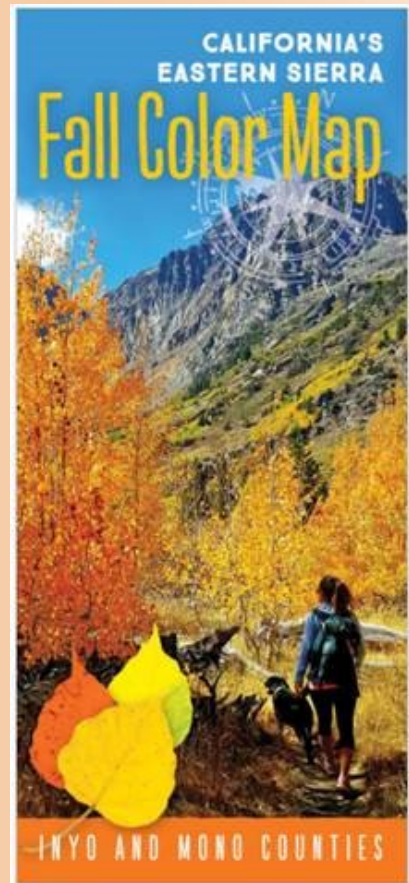
TOURISM –

- **Fall Color Season** – The Fall Color campaign successfully wrapped up towards the end of October. Reno based television spots, local radio ads, distribution of the new Eastern Sierra Fall Color Map, sponsorship of CaliforniaFallColor.com and social media posts were the main communication platforms. Special thanks to Jeff Simpson for his dedication to this high-maintenance marketing program which requires a constant gathering of current photography, daily social media posts, press releases and weekly updates regarding the condition of the leaves throughout the county. Jeff posted daily on Facebook from September 25th to October 27th which generated over 2,387,000 impressions and sent 38,000 website visits to the MonoCounty.org website's fall color pages. The Eastern Sierra Fall Color Map was also updated and refined – a collaborative effort between Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Inyo County. Mono County staff photography were featured in numerous mainstream publications – [NY Times](#), [San Francisco Chronicle](#),

[LA Times](#)



The screenshot shows a portion of a Los Angeles Times article. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'SECTIONS' and 'SEARCH'. Below that, the article text reads: 'Nearby Lake Sabrina and North Lake are just about at peak too.' and 'How to get there: Take Highway 168 west near the town of Bishop. You'll see turnoffs along the way for North Lake, South Lake and Lake Sabrina.' The section is titled '4. Upper Rock Creek' and features a photograph of a winding road through a canyon with vibrant yellow and orange trees. A small caption below the photo reads: 'Trees turning in Rock Creek Canyon north of Bishop. (Jeff Simpson)'



- **PR/Media** – Other recent media stories include:
ABC News – Upside-down House in Lee Vining: <http://www.abc10.com/news/local/upside-down-house-lives-on-in-mono-county/482164784>
LA Times – “Bucket List” Travel Blog, included Bodie and Whoa Nellie Deli: - <http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-california-bucket-list-updates-kick-around-the-dusty-ghost-town-of-1502224402-htmlstory.html>
<http://www.latimes.com/travel/la-tr-california-bucket-list-updates-1502840908-htmlstory.html>
Weekend Sherpa - Kayaking on Mono Lake: <http://weekendsherpa.com/stories/kayak-touring-mono-lake/>

- **Community Grant Programs** – Economic Development manages three community grant program, and applications were distributed to local non-profit organizations a few weeks ago. Community Event Marketing Fund applications are due on November 13, 2017; Mono County Historical Societies Grant and Performing & Visual Arts Grant applications are due on November 22, 2017.

- **Tradeshows/Commission Meetings** –

IFTM Top Resa: Alicia Vennos was invited to represent the High Sierra Visitors Council (of which Mono County, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, Mammoth Mountain and Bishop Chamber of Commerce are members) at the IFTM Top Resa Travel Industry Trade Show in Paris, France, September 26-29. Over 32,000 travel industry professionals and tour operator representatives attended this show and the High Sierra Visitors Council was part of the Visit California exhibit, along with tourism organizations from Los Angeles, Greater Palm Springs, Sonoma County, West Hollywood, Santa Monica, as well as Universal Studios Hollywood.

Caltravel: Alicia Vennos also attended the Caltravel board meeting in Anaheim, October 26-27.

EDTFC: The next Economic Development, Tourism & Film Commission meeting is Tuesday, November 28th at 10:00 am in the Mono County Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 452 Old Mammoth Road, 3rd Floor, Mammoth Lakes, CA. The Community Event Marketing Fund applications will be reviewed and allocations determined. (Agenda subject to change). All are welcome.

- **Visitor Guide** – The 2018 Mono County Visitor Guide advertising sales blitz has concluded with all space sold. A huge and sincere thank you to all who support the county Visitor Guide. The revenues generated are used to cover the design and production of 50,000 guides which are distributed at travel and fishing consumer trade shows, as fulfillment for website and tourism hotline requests for information, at Visitor Centers throughout the Eastern Sierra and on the west side, and at businesses in the Hwy 395 corridor.
- **Economic Development** – A comprehensive Business Retention & Expansion Survey is being finalized. In conjunction with Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, county-wide businesses will be surveyed to determine the current business climate and challenges and successes experienced by our local small business community.
- **Filming Commission** – Film production this summer and fall was steady, with permits issued by Mono County itself (for county roads) increasing this year 3-fold. While filming in Mono County involves mostly commercials (which generate an average of \$25,000 in local spend), a piece of a studio feature film was shot in south county in early September, thanks to the California Film & Television Tax Credit program which is bringing runaway production back to California from other states and countries. One other studio feature film, and a television series is currently scouting.
- **Fisheries Commission** –
Completed 2017 Fish Stocking schedule with Desert Springs that resulted in 21,200 lbs of trout planted in 21 bodies of water in Mono County. Regular fishing season closes November 15th and winter catch-and-release fishing season (special regs apply) begins on West Walker, East Walker rivers, Hot Creek and sections of the Upper Owens River on November 16th.
Next Mono County Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting is Wednesday, December 6th at 10:00 am at the June Lake Community Center, June Lake, CA. All are welcome.

Risk Management



Mono County had two trainings for supervisors on Goals and Objectives and Performance Management over the past few months. The trainings were very well attended, and the engaged staff asked many applicable questions relating to county work. Thanks to everyone who attended and provided feedback so that Mono County continues to develop into a positive, outcome based organization with a highly motivated, mission-driven team.

SOLID WASTE HEROES!



On Wednesday, November 1, 2017 Mono County staff at the Benton Crossing Landfill noticed a growing plume of smoke right off of Benton Crossing Road. In quick response, **Elliott Ross** and **Stephen Hall** grabbed their shovels and headed for the scene. With a bit of quick action the fire was suppressed until fire crews arrived. Commendation goes out to these individuals for their impressive response to such an unexpected and potentially dangerous event.





Upcoming
Events

Public Health

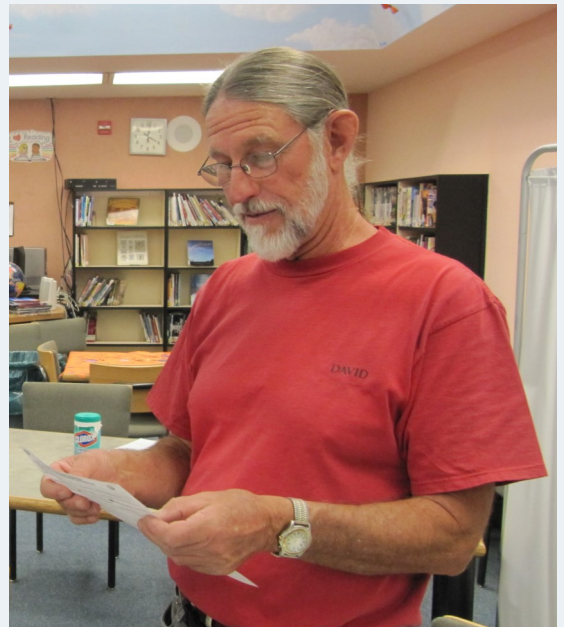
Flu vaccinations 2017-18

The flu season is here! California is seeing early influenza activity this year, and the Center for Disease Control CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

As part of the Health Department's annual efforts to combat the flu, we have conducted 10 community flu clinics throughout the county, and are now wrapping up flu clinics in all Mono County schools and pre-schools. To date we have administered 887 vaccinations.

The Health Department will also be offering two flu clinics for Mammoth Mountain's seasonal employees, on November 13th and December 18th. If you have not already received your flu vaccine, call the Health Department for an appointment at either our Mammoth or Bridgeport office. Come get your shot while they last as our goal is to use every dose we have in stock!

For more information please contact Bryan Wheeler or the Health Department at (760) 924-1830.





Red Cross
PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID TRAINING
Helping Others in Times of Stress

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

10:00am—2:30pm

Mammoth Lakes Fire Station Training Room

- Lunch provided -

This 4 1/2 hour training will provide participants with the tools on how to cope with emergencies and learn how to prepare, respond to, and recover from trauma. Taught by Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Instructors.

Hosted by
American Red Cross of Los Angeles Region
Mono County Social Services and Mono County Public Health

RSVP required: Debbie Diaz at (760) 924-1829 or ddiaz@mono.ca.gov

Mono County Resource Family Gathering!



Come spend

time with your fellow Resource Families and others who are interested in fostering children!

- Get to know other Resource Families (formerly called foster families) & those who are interested in caring for youth
- Share experiences with other caregivers
- Learn how to become an approved Resource Family
- Meet staff from Mono County who help place foster children in caring homes!

When: Saturday, November 18th 3:30-5:00pm

Where: Giovanni's Pizzeria, Mammoth Lakes

Childcare, Pizza and Refreshments provided & RFA "Swag"





December Holiday Basket



The December Holiday Basket is available to Low-Income households in both Inyo and Mono Counties.

In order to apply for a Holiday Basket, please complete the "Client Intake Form" on the reverse of this page. Please fill out the form completely. Client Intake Forms with missing information will not be eligible for a holiday basket. Please do not include visitors for the holidays, list household members only. Basket quantities are limited and approval is subject to eligibility based on income, vulnerable population and federal income guidelines. Holiday Baskets are not guaranteed. Please see below for delivery-date and time. Don't forget to sign and date pages one and two!

You must retrieve your basket by the posted time below. WE WILL NOT WAIT FOR LATECOMERS! If you fail to show up at the posted time below, your basket will be forfeited. Please make the necessary arrangements for pick-up by a household member listed on the application (Home Health Workers are welcome as an alternate).

Applications must be received by:
Wednesday November 22, 2017
 by 4:00PM
 REGARDLESS OF POSTMARK

Mail complete application to:
IMACA
137 East South Street
Bishop, CA 93514

If your application is approved,
 you will be contacted on or before:
December 15, 2017 by 4:00PM

Deliveries will take place at each locations regular Commodities distribution site. For site address please visit www.imaca.net and click on Food Programs or call (760) 873-8557. Distribution will be done by IMACA personnel.

PICK-UP DATE, LOCATION & TIME:

Thursday December 14, 2017	
Darwin	8:00AM
Tecopa	1:00PM
Monday December 18, 2017	
Walker	10:00AM
Bridgeport	11:30AM
Lee Vining	1:00PM
June Lake	2:00PM
Mammoth Lakes	3:00PM
Tuesday December 19, 2017	
Cartago	8:00AM
Lone Pine	9:30AM
Independence	10:30AM
Big Pine	12:00PM
Benton	1:30PM
Wednesday December 20, 2017	
Bishop Home Deliveries	9:00AM
Bishop	1:00PM

I certify that I have read and understand the above notification and that there is no guarantee that my household will receive a basket. If no household member is able to pickup my basket on the date and time indicated my basket will be forfeited.

 Applicant Signature

 Date

**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR
 LOCATION ABOVE ^**

Client Intake Form IMACA CSBG (Rev. 1/14) Shaded Areas for Official Use Only	Service Codes
	Priority Points

Agency Location:	Intake Staff:	Intake Date:
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First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Sex	Age	Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
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Street Address	Unit #	City	County	State	Zip Code
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Mailing Address (if different than above)	City	County	State	Zip Code
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Telephone Number () ()	Alternate Telephone Number () ()	NO MESSAGE PHONES!	Total number of persons living in household including yourself.
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Household Member Information: Include yourself

Name of Household Member	Sex	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Age	Relationship To Applicant	Race/Ethnicity: Black not Hispanic, White not Hispanic, Hispanic or Latino, Asian, Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Native American or Alaskan, Other, Multi-Race	Education: 0-8 Grade, 9-12, HS Graduate or GED, 12+ some secondary or College Degree	Other Characteristics: Disabled, Have Health Insurance, Farmer, Migrant or Seasonal Farm Worker, Veteran
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Household Information	Household Income Sources
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Housing (check all that apply to your household)

A. <input type="checkbox"/> Own	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Home
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Apartment/Duplex
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Home
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized or Public Housing	H. <input type="checkbox"/> All Electric Home

Family Type (check one)

A. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent/Female	E. <input type="checkbox"/> Two Adults/no Children
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent/Male	F. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Two Parent Household	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Parents (under 20)
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Person	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Single Teen Parent (under 20)

I am interested in More Information About:

A. <input type="checkbox"/> Food Assistance	G. <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start/State Preschool
B. <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Assistance	H. <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Assistance
C. <input type="checkbox"/> Weatherization	I. <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Assistance
D. <input type="checkbox"/> Youth or Adult Conservation Corps	J. <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering with IMACA
E. <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Food Baskets/Gifts Program	K. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
F. <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Subsidy/Community Connections for Children (Mono County)	


Enter total gross monthly income for all persons living in the household:

No Income	\$ _____
TANF	\$ _____
SS/USP	\$ _____
Social Security	\$ _____
Pension	\$ _____
General Assistance	\$ _____
Unemployment	\$ _____
Veterans Benefits	\$ _____
1 - Employment	\$ _____
2 - Employment	\$ _____
3 - Employment	\$ _____
4 - Employment	\$ _____
OTHER	\$ _____
Total Monthly Income	\$ _____
Annual Income \$	
Percentage of Poverty Level _____	%

Applicant's Statement: The information on this application will be used to determine and verify my eligibility for assistance with any IMACA program. I also understand that IMACA does not discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex or sexual orientation. I certify that the information I have given is correct and is not provided with the intent to defraud and I am aware that any deliberate falsification of information will be grounds for immediate dismissal from any IMACA program. I hereby acknowledge that the information relating to the determination of my eligibility requires verification and/or documentation, and that by my signature I authorize all parties, whether agencies or individuals, to release any and all such information.

Applicant's Signature _____	Date _____
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SIERRA WELLNESS CENTER **NOVEMBER 2017** Join us for fun and free activities!

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View down School Street

