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Tyler McManus, Lianne Salcido & Maurice Cooper at Sierra Classic Theater's 25th anniversary party which took place Wednesday @ Mammoth Brewing

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SCHAT SHOW



PHOTO GAYLA WOLF

A Bishop City Council candidate forum took place on Wednesday at the Bishop United Methodist Church. Four of the six candidates are not named Schat. Klusmire's coverage appears on page six.

A WALK IN THE PARCEL

By Lunch

It's always struck me as ironic that the first phase of The Parcel Housing Project is named "The Sawyer" given that we long ago expressed as a community our desire to be a "village in the trees" and a sawyer spends his life cutting 'em down, but ... irony and symbolism are lost on us these days.

On Wednesday, Fisher and I decided to take a short stroll over to the Parcel to check out what it looks like now that folks have moved in.

We had hoped to speak to the property manager to get some idea of how full it was.

As we walked towards the door of the 'A' building, we saw a woman on the phone in an office. We figured she was the property manager. I waved. She waved back, indicating for us to circle back to her through the building.

When we got to her office, she was still on the call, and when I tried to ask her about the leasing progress, she dismissively told me to look at the

sign on the door.

Mono County Behavioral Health.

Which apparently has an office and a staffer on-site. Although based upon the staffer's sour attitude, I'm not entirely sure anyone would end up mentally healthier visiting that office.

Undeterred, Fisher and I took the elevator up to the second floor to poke around.

It soon became clear that we could easily tell how many of the units were occupied because there were flyers shoved in the doors - flyers warning residents about power shutoffs for electrical work, fire alarm testing, etc.

The occupied units didn't have any flyers shoved in their doors because residents had already removed them.

The unoccupied units remained littered with them.

So we just started walking the halls and taking a count.

Building A has 66 units.

We counted 22 unoccupied,

flyer-strewn, doors shut, with another two also empty but having work done on them - so 24 empty.

Building B has 15 units but they all appeared to be filled.

Given that one unit is a manager's unit, that means the Sawyer is 56/80 or 70% occupied.

In our visit, we came across three residents.

I would classify one as physically and mentally handicapped. A second was moving into his studio unit. He was an elderly hispanic gentleman - I'd guess 70-years old. But certainly still a member of the workforce. He didn't speak much, if any, English. A third was a younger hispanic guy who had come downstairs to take his dog out. In terms of demographic and youthful energy, he could've been the poster child for the place. We asked him how he liked it so far. He said he was absolutely thrilled.

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LL LAND

By Fisher

On Monday evening, Mammoth Lakes Town Councilmembers Chris Bubser and John Wentworth led a "community meeting" promoting Ballot Measure L, which seeks to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) by 2 points (or 15.3%) over the next 10 years.

They were joined by, among others, Mammoth Lakes Town Manager Rob Patterson, Mono County Supervisor Lynda Salcido and Mono County Board of Education Vice President Drea Perry. There were approximately 20 attendees.

The event was put on by the committee, "Yes For Mammoth Lakes." The event was announced on the committee's Facebook page and on a flyer at the post office.

The Facebook event post initially received thirteen generally negative comments - all of which were deleted by Monday afternoon.

Bubser, who said she was there in her "personal capacity," said she'd helped create the committee with leftover campaign funds and fundraising.

"We had to follow all the FPPC rules and filings and it's a total pain in the butt, but we're doing this because we think it's the best thing for our town," Bubser said. "And that's why it's so frustrating to just get the blowback and the criticism."

TOT (aka room tax) is currently set at 13% and its revenues make up about 70% of the General Fund.

Last year, TOT receipts were approximately \$27 million, or \$9 million more than budget.

Measure L assumes two extra points, at \$2 million per point (extrapolating out what a point currently generates) will gross an additional \$4 million annually.

The stated needs for Measure

L are housing, disaster preparedness, maintaining public areas, and repairing infrastructure.

It is being floated as a general tax, so Mammoth's council can actually spend the money however it chooses.

But the emphasis has decidedly been on housing.

The website (yes4mammothlakes.com) boasts that tourists will pay the fee, the funds will stay local, and town politicians will be held accountable through transparency to the public and independent audits, all with an expiration date of 2034.

"We know that it's really going to take 10 years to even get what's currently in the pipeline for housing done," Bubser said. "If we did anything shorter we wouldn't meet our goals."

Bubser said the Housing Now! program needs almost \$76.5 million dollars to accomplish its plans in the next decade.

Mammoth's council had considered running the ballot question as a special tax (which would guarantee the money is spent on housing versus merely promised) but special taxes require two thirds of voter support to approve.

Bubser was extremely frustrated at the event because of the backlash the council has received throughout her tenure, she said

"You get kind of mad when people are yelling at you all the time that everything's terrible and it's like, well what have you done?," she told me, hands raised plaintively skyward.

There are a lot of misconceptions about TOT, she said. So, I sat down with Bubser and Town Manager Patterson in the town offices on Tuesday to discuss the town budget.

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Now to explain how this affordable housing deal worked.

The Town bought the property. It then engaged with an affordable housing developer (Pacific West).

Next step was application for all sorts of grants/handout money.

The grant/handout money comes with a set of conditions - in this case, it caps the amount of money the developer will eventually be able to charge in rents.

The Town deeds the property to the developer.

The developer ultimately owns and operates the land and the units.

Because of the largesse of the phase one grants/handouts, The Town did not have to provide earnest money for the project (beyond the land purchase it made in 2017).

However, it'll have to pony up approximately \$7 million to get phase two (~150 units) done.

Phase two is slated to serve the same income demographic.

The income mix spread throughout phase one is for those making 30-80% AMI (Area Median Income).

50% of the units are studios/1 BDR, 25% are 2 BDR and 25% are 3 BDR

Units range between 400 (studio)-1,100 (3 BDR) square feet.

So you think you wanna raise taxes? A few stories which have appeared in the Wall Street Journal over the past week may provide food for thought.

One was titled, "Higher Hotel Rates Deter Some Travelers"

"Leisure travelers have been a resilient group, but recent signs point to a slowdown in spending. Travelers say that even when they can stomach higher room rates, added taxes and fees put them over budget, making certain rooms hard to justify. Most travelers aren't canceling travel plans because of hotel costs, but they say these prices do affect where they go and how long they stay."

"Higher-end travelers didn't spend as much on food, beverage and spa services in the second-quarter as Marriott anticipated." -Chief Executive Tony Capuano

The second was titled, "The Ski Industry is Heading Downhill"

It discussed Vail Resorts most recent earnings call, which announced:

1. A 14% corporate workforce layoff
2. "While there isn't snow to ski on yet this time of year, it is prime season for season ticket sales. The prices during the quarter had risen an average of 8% but the units sold fell 3%."

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"These are people of the land. The common clay of the New West. You know ... morons."

-The Waco Kid
from Blazing Saddles

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The story noted that an Epic Pass costs \$1,025 as opposed to a five-day pass to Disney for \$720-\$830.

Conclusion: "Visits from Disney's more middle-class clientele have slipped because of the high cost after years of rising prices and overflowing crowds. It is easier to expand a chain of amusement parks than to develop a new ski resort - they aren't making any new mountains - but even skiing could be bumping up against some limits. Merely upper-middle class skiers might be thinking twice, and that could become more apparent if paper gains on stocks evaporate."

Here's an interesting one. Outbound Mammoth (formerly Sierra Nevada Resort) just built a whole bunch of new units.

And now wants to sell off twenty of them.

The property's former GM-turned-Consultant Brent Truax says people have approached the hotel inquiring about purchase opportunities for the five newly built four-plexes which ring the property.

Whether this is true (If I said there are a whole bunch of folks approaching me about buying the paper would anyone really believe it?) is neither here nor there. What matters is that Outbound Mammoth would like to sell. This would reduce some of the debt overhang incurred as a result of the build-out, which was a lot more expensive than anticipated.

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The sale would require a change in the property's specific plan, but it is allowed.

Truax said Outbound would like to make the sales this winter.

The units are approx. 800-square feet with a deck.

Price? "Way less than Limelight," chuckled Truax. While he couldn't be pinned down, he suggested "the \$700,000 range."

He said Outbound would certainly love to retain the units in its rental program, but that would be up to the individual owners.

Before I cede the floor to Ms. Fisher, I'd like to talk about The Sawyer's 70% occupancy, which doesn't seem to gibe with "housing crisis."

The simple fact is that most of Mammoth's workforce makes too much money to qualify.

As Fireball, who works over at Ascent, quipped, "I work seven days a week and pay my rent early. Who would want a tenant like that?"

If people like him don't qualify, Fireball said the truth is pretty clear: "They're building the wrong housing."

A local restaurateur shared that none of his staff qualified, including the family consisting of husband/wife servers and their two children.

Now from Fisher's desk ...

While researching the Mammoth Lakes Measure L event held Tuesday, I noticed a number of comments left on the committee's Facebook event post. They miraculously disappeared before the day of the event.

But we'll repeat some of the comments here.

"We are one of the highest taxed cities in California and our town has never been in worse shape," wrote Steve Searles, former Mammoth Lakes Wildlife Officer. "We need real change, not mismanaged funds."

Another Facebook user, Douglas Brown, said Measure L was a "hard NO." He criticized the town for floating the measure as a general tax.

"There is absolutely no guarantee that this money will be used for housing," he wrote. "The town council can spend the money on whatever they want for the next ten years, like an ice rink for the city or civic center building..."

Ceramic artist Sarah Keith asked, in a comment, "will this TOT also be on all the luxury hotels going up? Or just on Airbnb/VRBO? How will funds support more housing for actual residents and people working in Mammoth?"

And then poof, all the above comments, which are hardly inflammatory or offensive, were removed.

The committee also created an instagram page, @yes4mammothlakes, which has three posts and 27 followers.

The bio reads, "Vote for Measure L on November 5th / Building Mammoth's Future."

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HUSKY OF THE WEEK

LET'S CELEBRATE THE HARD WORK & DEDICATION OF OUR LOCAL YOUTH



TESS LEONARD

Introducing the Husky of the Week, Sophomore, Tess Leonard. A new runner as of last year, Tess has really excelled in her second year as part of the MHS Cross-Country team. This year, we've really seen Tess start to appreciate the nuances of her training, and her growth as a runner has been incredible. She's been working hard and making great strides in lowering her times. Barely two weeks into our competition season, Tess has already improved on her last year's personal best time by three minutes!

Tess is a dedicated student athlete, during the winter season she enjoys racing on the MHS Husky Ski team and she maintains straight A's!

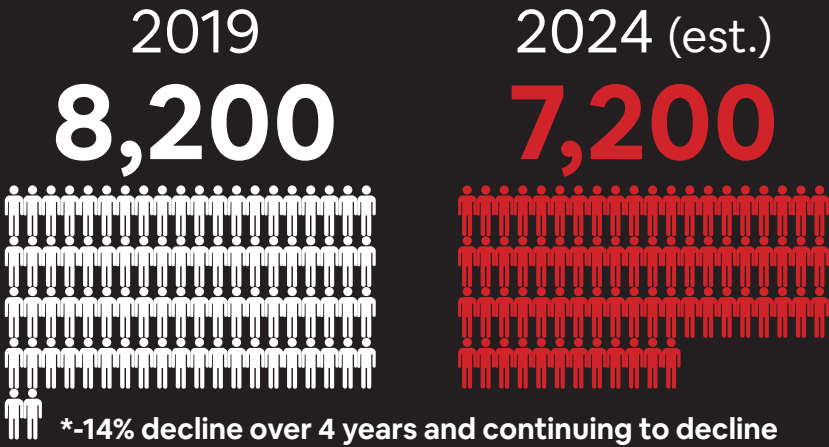
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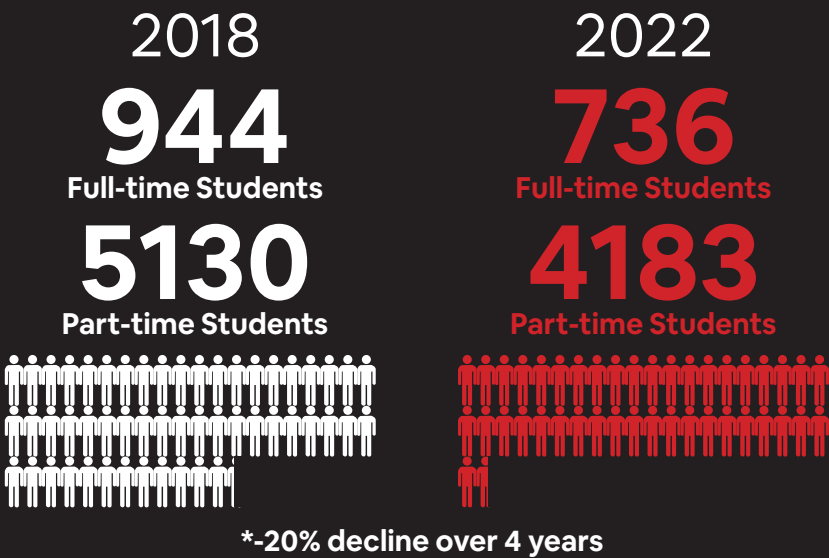
Mammoth Lakes Population
(per U.S. Census)



Mammoth Unified School District Enrollment



Kern College Total Enrollment
(Cerro Coso Community College)



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UP, UP, UP

Short-term Rental Permits
Town of Mammoth Lakes



LETTERS

Another step toward the Nanny state

Dear Editor,

You've been hearing a lot about water meters lately, maybe more than you'd like, but this is important to every citizen in the State. The meter mandate (SB 552 - every service connection must be metered by 2032) is just one of the tools the State has devised to bring small water systems to their knees. The exorbitant cost will bankrupt most small systems unless they enact draconian rate increases, costing millions locally and billions statewide. The State wants total control of everything in your life; housing, healthcare, food, your choice of cars, your household appliances, your right to possess a firearm, and now they are going after your water. The essence of life. If they can control your water they've got you completely under their thumb.

The political party that has run California for decades is racing towards the end game of controlling the populace and stifling dissent.

I manage and operate a small lo-

cal water system (Indian Creek CSD in Bishop). We are struggling to keep our heads above water financially and are considering a staggering rate increase of 48%, the first of five increases, to fund the meter mandate. I am in contact with officials from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on a regular basis. I speak to engineers, finance people responsible for grants and loans, and high level administrators.

A couple of months ago I spoke with the top SWRCB administrator in the San Bernardino region. I asked him why the State is doing this, mandate after mandate, to small rural water systems that are struggling financially. I told him that it was going to bankrupt many systems and he told me that that is what they are trying to do, bankrupt us and force us into consolidation. Consolidation means that a system would be forced to relinquish its autonomy and turn over its system facilities, disband its governing board and give its water to some government agency. It could be the City, the County or the State. It means loss of control of your water and an unchecked ability to raise your rates and ration your usage.

SB 552 is just another one of the governments' unfunded mandates. When I question SWRCB representatives about how to fund meter installation in my system they always tell me that the State will provide you with grant funding. Then they send you on a wild goose chase calling various offices to no avail. No one answers the phone, you leave messages

and no one calls you back. The State won't fund these mandates because they can't - they're broke. The geniuses running the State have created a deficit that is tens of billions of dollars. What are they spending all this money on? Anyone paying attention can see they are not spending it on working citizens.

Well, every now and then the truth comes out and the cat gets out of the bag. About two weeks ago a SWRCB representative sent me the following email

Hi Terry,

I was forwarded your contact info regarding some questions for funding for meter installation for Indian Creek CSD to meet SB 552 requirements. Unfortunately, our funding for the fiscal year does not include grant eligibility for water meter installation. We had some significant budget cuts at the end of fiscal year 23/24 and are continuing for fiscal year 24/25. We are prioritizing grant funding for water systems experiencing serious drinking water health issues (Category A thru C) and **consolidation** **my emphasis** **projects**. The Category ranking criteria ranges from A thru F and more on those definitions can be found starting on page 7 of our DWSRF Policy (dwsrf_policy_final.pdf (ca.gov)). But essentially, water meter installation are ranked Category D. They are still eligible for funding using DWSRF loan if you're interested in that approach. In prior years, we have funded all categories (A thru F) when we have funding surplus

and have funded meter installations using grant.

Glad to discuss or walk you through some options if you'd like. We have another unit that handles DWSRF loans and can provide that contact if you wish.

Ryan Mitchell, P.E.
Project Manager
Office of Sustainable Water Solutions
Division of Financial Assistance
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
916-449-5968

It's right there in black and white. No money for unfunded mandates. The State is happy to help you pay to consolidate your system and give up your rights and freedom to control your water supply. They will give you a loan for meters. Loans have to be paid back. It will cost my water system \$1-2 million dollars minimum to meter our system. Whether you pay for it outright or take a loan you still have to raise the money via rate increases. Rate increase is just another way of saying tax - another tax to pay for unfunded mandates.

Proposition 218 says that water, sewer and garbage collection agencies must hold a public hearing before raising rates to give their customers an opportunity to discuss and protest such an increase. A protest by 51% or greater of the parcel owners prohibits the agency from adopting an increase. So do your part, let your voice be heard, make sure your

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Octubre 14, 2024 6:00 PM en la
Escuela Preparatoria de Mammoth
Multipurpose Room



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representatives hear your voice. Call them or attend their meetings. The City council, the County Board of Supervisors, your State senator, assemblyman, congressman all need to hear from you. Tell them that SB 552 and the meter mandate will do nothing to protect your water supply, your health or your ability to protect your family and property from domestic or wildland fire.

Terry Tye
Bishop

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SWRCB Sean McCarthy 909.383.4328
Supervisors Roeser 760.878.8609, Marcellin 760.878.8791, Orrill 760.878.8818

Time for reform

Dear Editor,

Enough With the hand-wringing funerals and artistic lamentations, we need to utilize the outrage over Victor the Bear's killing to reform our local wildlife policies.

For someone who's grown up with Mammoth's bears, Victor's killing is just another reminder of our negligent wildlife procedures. The Calif. Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) flagrantly breached standard management practices outlined by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies when it tranquilized and killed Victor hours after human-provoked interaction. The injustice was further compounded by his disposal in Bishop's dump, with the condition of his body raising further concerns: I have yet to hear an explanation of how a bear killed by lethal injection could have blood dripping from its mouth and evident signs of bodily abuse.

This is yet another reminder of our local DFW's brutality. It recalls a time

when another bear, Arthur, was sent to a prison-zoo in Fresno because of an injury, and where Blondie and Half-Nose were killed by DFW, each death accompanied by local outrage. It's fair to say the actions of DFW in Victor's case reflect an ongoing apathetic and callous disregard for our wild neighbors.

Town Council meetings and seemingly endless bureaucratic statements aren't enough to mend the injustice. There must be assurance that such swift and violent DFW protocols will never happen again. Most importantly, there must be community involvement, namely of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, which considers the black bear a sacred animal.

One solution: official due process in each case where capital punishment or non-wild translocation is considered for conflict bears, in which a jury of experts and community members, with specific allotment for Indigenous input, weighs the specific factors of each case and decides the proper recourse. This council must have jurisdiction over the treatment of wild animals both within town limits and surrounding federal land.

Several factors should have been considered—motive, harm, and risk of repeat offense—by DFW. As mentioned by the camp hosts at the September 4 Mammoth Council meeting, the agency maintains a sparse presence in the Lakes Basin, and it infrequently tracks the movements of bears.

Victor's physical interaction with a human had no apparent signs that he intended to hurt the person beyond the warning that they were too close to him—which I see as a sign of compassion and responsibility on his part. We must also consider that, as in this case, entitled tourists often encourage animal interactions. Victor was involved in another interaction on August 10 when a man tried to take a selfie with him.

The ongoing erosion of his natural habitat due to overbuilding, human-

caused forest fires, the bark beetle infestation, and drought should have been considered.

The American Black Bear, *Ursus americanus*, has at least a 1.2 million-year history in the Eastern Sierra that long predates the campgrounds and town.

The Town of Mammoth incorporated in 1984.

In a report led by several Nevada-based Department of Wildlife researchers, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies makes it clear that 'catch-and-kill' strategies should only be used for bears after attempting other methods of dissuasion, as lethal punishment is not standard after human-provoked interactions.

There are an incredible amount of non-lethal management skills for black

bears specifically, and we are fortunate that a leading expert (Steve Searles, author of the best-selling *What The Bears Know*) resides within our community.

The pressure on bear habitat will only continue to increase. Checks and balances should be put in place to prevent violent responses and ensure the appropriate experts like Searles and community representatives are driving these decisions.

In a community where bears are integral to our identity, order entails fair judgment and community involvement when we punish bears who respond to improper human behaviors.

Melanie Moyer
Masters candidate
New York University

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LOCAL NEWS

SOUP’S ON

By Klusmire

The Bishop City Council candidate forum was like eating soup with a fork, with lots of stabs but the results weren’t very filling.

The six candidates dutifully slogged through questions for about two hours on Wednesday night without dropping any stunning new policy ideas or leveling any sharp-edged complaints about the current state of the city. The only audience applause came when three candidates said they would keep the current prayer ban at city council meetings while three wanted to reinstate the “invocation” before each meeting. That stance also received applause.

There wasn’t even a Schat show.

Two members of the extended Schat family are seeking seats -- Erick, who owns Rusty’s Bar and Saloon, and Sterling, who has worked in IT, restaurants, construction, retail and other jobs in the area - so it was a fair assumption there would be some questions or comments about the ongoing issues between the city and Aaron and Marianne Schat.

The city has red-tagged an initiated court proceedings alleging numerous code violations at three of the couples’ buildings that are being renovated -- Whiskey Creek, the former Bank of America building and Sterling Heights. Schat’s Bakkery, and Aaron’s Schat’s Roadhouse are not involved.

But all we got Wednesday night was a vague, poorly worded question from the audience about the “liabilities” the

city might face by not enforcing codes. Incumbent Karen Kong said the majority of codes are state and county codes the city must enforce. Incumbent Jose Garcia said not enforcing such codes could lead to the city having to pay “a huge judgment” if there are issues. The other four candidates didn’t offer an answer.

The housing question was answered with some familiar ideas and approaches. All mentioned getting the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power to sell its numerous large land holdings in the city limits would be a huge plus for housing but getting that done takes time to work through not only LADWP, but the LA City Council.

Sterling Schat noted the city would have to work aggressively with the county and LADWP to free up land for housing. He added the city could have more community meetings to get people involved, apply for grants and make housing a primary focus.

Tyler Beadle, who works for a local title company, said adding a deed restriction or CCR to the land the city obtained from LADWP then sold for the now stalled Silver Peaks project could have guaranteed the land be used only for affordable housing. Putting housing in existing buildings, rezoning for more commercial residential uses could help.

Dennis Freundt, the co-owner of Grocery Outlet, echoed those ideas and said the city needs to be “creative” and look to city owned land, rezoning and other



A bit of SchatnFreundt on Wednesday tactics. PHOTO GAYLA WOLF

Eric Schat said housing solutions “come down to attitude,” and the city has to be insistent about finding housing solutions by taking risks, working with LADWP, improving policies and learning from successful affordable housing efforts such as in Mammoth Lakes.

Garcia noted there are a number of projects being built in Bishop that could total 50 new units, which is short of the estimated need for 118 new units in the next five years. And the city has rezoned large portions of the city to encourage more housing.

Kong said the city owns land – parking lots, buildings, empty lots -- that could be sold for housing and is pursuing a plan that could lay out the feasibility of that option.

When asked if the city should impose a tax or fee on vacant buildings, all said “no,” for a variety of reasons, including when Oakland did so, it got sued.

The question of revitalizing downtown and the city economy also got a well-known set of answers.

Freundt said maybe offering new businesses tax breaks or free or reduced fees for permits and inspections could help (an idea echoed by Beadle), along with creating a mechanism for offering low-interest loans.

Eric Schat said fast-tracking approvals to get businesses started and walking business owners through the permits, codes and regulatory process involved in their business would be solid steps and show the city wants to help a business succeed.

Garcia mentioned a possible Business Improvement District and other coordinated, cooperative efforts with other groups and nonprofits, such as the Chamber of Commerce.

Kong focused on the LADWP lease question. She noted there are 16 downtown properties on LADWP leases, and if there is not a change in the stringent lease policy that basically forbids transfers of leases to new owners the impacts would be massive. Working “up the food chain” at LADWP to get the lease issues

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Mono County Public Health

Community Flu Vaccination Clinics

2024

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH	11am – 2pm	WALKER COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST	Noon – 2pm	WHEELER CREST FIRE STATION (Swall Meadows)
THURSDAY OCTOBER 3RD	4pm – 7pm	CROWLEY LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY OCTOBER 8TH	4pm – 6pm	LEE VINING COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY OCTOBER 10TH	5pm – 7pm	MAMMOTH LAKES (MONO COUNTY CIVIC CENTER) 1290 TAVERN ROAD
TUESDAY OCTOBER 15TH	Noon – 3pm	BRIDGEPORT MEMORIAL HALL
THURSDAY OCTOBER 17TH	2:30pm – 3:30pm	BENTON COMMUNITY CENTER
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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE ... THERE CAN'T BE OTHER PEOPLE

By Fisher

People can no longer smoke in their homes if they live in a multi-unit building in Mono County, according to a new ordinance approved by the Mono County Board of Supervisors. The ordinance was approved 4-1 on September 10 and finalized this past Tuesday, with Supervisor Peters dissenting.

The concept was brought to the board by Lauren Kemmeter, Mono County Public Health Community Health Program Coordinator, on August 20th and was criticized by Mono County Supervisors John Peters and Rhonda Duggan for being difficult to enforce and for infringing upon property rights.

Supervisors Bob Gardner and Lynda Salcido have wholeheartedly supported the measure since it was first brought to them.

"We are not telling people to not smoke, we're telling them to smoke in a way that doesn't impact innocent people who are unable to protect themselves," Salcido said.

The ordinance's intent is to protect people from secondhand smoke and consequently improve the local air quality index.

"I say if we save one child's life by doing this sooner than later, it will be worth it," Gardner said at the August 20 meeting. "And I struggle with the idea that we put property rights out against

the idea of saving children's lives."

Peters proposed that a more appropriate alternative to the ordinance would be an educational approach through signage. But in terms of legality, he said it should be up to the property owner's discretion to what degree residents are permitted to smoke in their buildings.

He also brought up the issue of cannabis, in that people cannot legally smoke it in public spaces as per state law, so they have no choice but to smoke it at home.

By the end of the August 20 agenda item, the board collectively urged Kemmeter to do more research and come back with a complete ordinance

draft. She came back before the board on September 10 with just that.

"We've known for a long time that smoking indoors is not healthy," Kemmeter said in her presentation. "In multi-unit housing, people share walls and second-hand smoke can easily travel to other units in the building through the ventilation system, light fixtures, pipes and electrical outlets,"

A multi-unit residence is any property containing two or more units. This could include apartments, condos, duplexes, triplexes, quadruplexes and even single family homes if there is an attached dwelling.

The ordinance specifically addresses commercial cigarette and cannabis smoke and vapor.

Violators of the law are deemed a public nuisance, but not criminal, Kemmeter said. Any person aggrieved by a violation of the multi-unit prohibitions may bring civil action against the person committing the violation.

"That would be the smoker, not the property owner or the landlord, unless the smoker is the property owner," she said.

The first enforceable offense is met with a sent written warning and smoking cessation information, she said. The second violation is a \$50 fine, followed by a \$100 fine on the third, with all additional offenses being \$150.

Before the ordinance was approved, the county already prohibited smoking in bars and restaurants, county vehicles, dining areas, indoor workplaces, playgrounds, public events, service areas, recreation areas, and state, county and city areas.

"From an equity standpoint, this will protect children in particular who don't have a choice where they live and if they live with a smoker," Kemmeter said. "Those who live in multi-unit homes tend to be lower income, folks of color and people living below the poverty line"

Smoking is still permitted at a "reasonable distance" of at least twenty feet outside any enclosed area and from entrances, operable windows, and ventilation systems of enclosed areas where smoking is prohibited, the ordinance states.

The measure was brought up again at last Tuesday's meeting in the consent agenda, and Peters pulled it from the consent agenda to vote against it.

"I just don't think we need an ordinance," Peters said, reinforcing his original argument that an educational approach would be more fitting.

The ordinance was approved regardless.

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In 2023-2024, the town budgeted \$18 million dollars of TOT funds, \$2 million more than the previous year. Revenue came in at \$27 million.

The budget is always conservative and assumes the worst case scenario, Patterson said. The last three years have been an anomaly because of the post COVID-19 travel surge, which was a boon for Mammoth and resort towns all over the west.

For sake of comparison, the Town budgeted \$13.5 million in TOT revenue from FY 2019-20, and it came in at \$15.9M. The following year, budget was \$11.2M and revenue was \$16.5M.

In the 2021-22 fiscal year, the Town generated a whopping \$26.6 million in TOT, \$12.1 million over budget.

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In the “Snowmageddon” year of 2022-23, the town had its best ever year for TOT revenue - \$29.5 million.

It had budgeted \$16 million.

It’s impossible to tell exactly how the coming years will play out, but Patterson predicts the town will see decreased (return to normal) TOT generation unless the rate is increased.



The 2024-2025 budget is \$18.5 million with anticipated revenue to sit around \$25 million. If Measure L passes, the \$4 million will be added to budget, making it \$22.5M.

At the meeting, an attendee asked Councilman Wentworth why the town doesn’t allocate marketing dollars towards housing instead of raising the TOT rate.



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“There’s this narrative that we spend millions of dollars on marketing and that is a risk and it’s a fallacious assumption,” Wentworth answered.

The marketing dollars people assume are being used by the town are Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) tax dollars, not TOT, he said. While TBID does support tourism, and, consequently, drive up TOT revenue, it is a different pot of money.

TBID was introduced in fiscal year 2014-15 and is a tax that businesses apply in an effort to improve and promote the tourism experience in Mammoth Lakes. TBID money is managed by Mammoth Lakes Tourism, not the town,

Bubser said.

Mammoth’s Council had traditionally also allocated 2.35 points of TOT to Mammoth Lakes Tourism but with the explosion in TOT revenue, that number has been reduced to a flat or set amount, approximately \$2 million annually from room tax receipts.

The remainder of what used to go directly to MLT from TOT now gets tossed into a ‘tourism reserve.’ In 2023-2024, that money was used for various items, but for the most part, the Town skims excess, unallocated funds from the tourism reserve and shovels them towards the Housing Now! program.





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The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - *See ad this page for details.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

Saturday, October 5/ Eric Knight will perform in the gazebo @ Bishop City Park from 6-9 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy.

Sunday, October 6/ NFL Sunday Football @ the Bishop Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Starts 9:30 a.m. Bar open! Public welcome!

Monday, October 7/ Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8/ Taco Tuesdays @ John's Pizza Works. Time: 4-9 p.m. And a great place to watch the game. *More info, see ad p. 4.*
Sports Trivia night @ Mammoth Brewing Co. Starts 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9/ Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.
Weekly trivia @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Time: 6:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

October 4-5/ Eastern Sierra Mountain Film Festival continues @ the USFS Auditorium in Mammoth, 2510 Main St. \$12 suggested donation nightly but no one turned away. *More info: easternsierraarts.org/ESMFF or see ad p. 2*

October 4-6/ The Obstacle Course Race (OCR) World Championships return to Mammoth this weekend. Various classes and distances. www.ocrworldchampionships.com.

Saturday, October 5/ Biannual Choo Choo Swap Meet takes place @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop. A true treasure hunt with 100 vendors in one location. Entry is \$5. Gates open 9 a.m.
June Lake Autumn Beer Festival @ Gull Lake Park.
Chalfant Big Trees Pumpkin Patch kicks off in Chalfant @ 395 Hunter Ave. *More info: See ad p. 5*

October 5-6/ The Felici Piano Trio holds concerts in Mammoth and Bishop with guests Wendy Richman, viola, and Sophia Schuldt, violin. *More info: See ad p. 7 or story p. 13*

TOWN STUFF

Sunday, October 6/ A Celebration of Life for Bobby Tanner. Time: 2 p.m. Location: Laws Railroad Museum. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following organizations: Mule Days, BUHS Football and the Bobby Tanner AGR Memorial Scholarship Fund via Western Skies Advisory, 20885 N. 90th Place, Suite 120, Scottsdale, AZ 85255, (480) 652-9422

Monday, October 7/ Eastern Sierra Community Housing Board meets @ 6 p.m., Suite Z, Minaret Mall in Mammoth or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Tuesday, October 8/ Mono County Supervisors meet in chambers @ the Bridgeport Courthouse or virtually via monocounty.ca.gov. Starts 9 a.m.

Wednesday, October 9/ Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission meets @ 9 a.m., Suite Z, Minaret Mall in Mammoth or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
Mammoth Lakes Restaurant Assn. mixer @ Toomey's. Time: 4-6 p.m.
Moonlight Mammograms continue @ NIHD. *More info: See ad p. 8*

Thursday, October 10/ Mammoth Hospital Breast Cancer

UPCOMING

Awareness Month Movie Night: Kikkan - The Film. Location: Minaret Cinemas. Time: 6 p.m. Film chronicles the life of the 5-time Olympian from childhood through her US Ski career to her cancer diagnosis. Event includes Post film ZOOM Q&A with Kikkan. Suggested donation \$10 benefitting Mammoth Hospital Foundation's low-cost mammography program *More info: See ad p. 7.*

October 10-13/ Lone Pine Film Festival. *More info: www.museumofwesternfilmhistory.org or contact the Museum of Western Film History at 760-876-9909.*

Friday, October 11/ Final Downtown Bishop Market of the season takes place at Church Street behind Bishop City Hall. Live music (Harry Andreas Band), vendors, fun! Time: 5-8 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INTERNET AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 6-12, 2024 OF TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

On August 13, 2024, I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Mono County, California. The tax defaulted properties listed on this notice are subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale and have been approved for sale by a resolution dated August 13, 2024 of the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

The sale will be conducted on the internet at <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, starting at 8:00 a.m. PST on November 6, 2024 and the auction will close at the time shown on each auction item on November 12, 2024, as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Parcels receiving no bids will be re-offered at <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, starting at 8:00 a.m. PST on February 4, 2025 and the auction will close at the time shown on each auction item on February 10, 2025. The minimum price will be set at an appropriate level in order to stimulate competitive bidding.

Computer workstations will be available to persons who need them at 25 Bryant St. Bridgeport, CA 93517 during business hours. The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder as all properties are sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted via the Internet will be accepted. Pre-registration is required. Register online and submit a refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 to <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, no later than November 1, 2024. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required within 48 hours after the end of the sale. Only Wire Transfers will be ac-

Item No.	Assessor's Parcel Number	Last Assessee Name	Minimum Bid
1	008-093-032-000	GARBARINO MICHAEL J	\$ 7,740.00
2	015-105-002-000	ANDERSON-HOOPER PATRICIA	\$ 15,855.00
3	015-105-011-000	ANDERSON-HOOPER PATRICIA	\$ 60,725.00
4	024-110-012-000	LI VICTOR F.C. & LINDA C. & FEIX S.H. ½	\$ 5,285.00

I certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on September 25, 2024

TS #2024-0138

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:

Sierra Home Management Solutions LLC

Nicole Bragia

286 Old Mammoth Rd., #92

PO Box 9422

Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 9, 2024

File Number 24-080

2024-0135 (9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19)

cepted for final payment. Transfer taxes will be added to and collected with the purchase price. For the re-offer sale, register online and submit a refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 to <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, no later than January 30, 2025.

The right of redemption will cease on, November 5, 2024 at the close of business and properties not re-deemed will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive and continue up to the close of business on the last business day prior to the next scheduled sale. The right of redemption will revive for any property purchased by a credit transaction if payment in full is not received by the close of business on the date specified by the tax collector.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are required to be paid from the sale proceeds. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3692(e), if excess proceeds result from the sale.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the Tax Collector's website at <http://monocounty.ca.gov> or by contacting the Tax Collector at 25 Bryant Street Bridgeport, CA 93517, treasurer@mono.ca.gov, or calling 760-932-5480.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION
The Assessor's Parcel Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Mono County, California, and are described as follows:

Notice of Election Testing

NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION
The elections official shall provide notice to the public and shall conduct a test or series of tests to ensure that every device used to tabulate ballots accurately records each vote, no later than seven days prior to any election. The exact methods employed in this test shall conform to the voting procedures for the specific voting systems, as adopted by the Secretary of State, pursuant to Elections Code §15000.

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING LOCATION:
Mono County Elections, 74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517

LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTING DATES AND TIMES:
Begins no earlier than 10 A.M. on Monday, October 7, 2024, to 4:00 P.M. daily until completed (excluding weekends and holidays).

Elections: 760-932-5537
<https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections>
TS #2024-0139

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
MAINT 24-001

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California until 3 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230,
Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town's Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project includes maintenance of landscaping facilities at various locations throughout the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including both sides of Main Street/ SR Highway 203 from Old Mammoth Road to Mountain Boulevard, both sides of Old Mammoth Road from 686 Old Mammoth Road to Main Street/Hwy 203, the Community Recreation Center at 686 Old Mammoth Road, and streetside landscaping throughout the Parcel development, including both sides of Inyo Street, Tavern Road west of Laurel Mountain Road, and Chaparral Road. Locations will be described in more detail in EXHIBIT "B": MAP OF PROJECT LOCATIONS of the Bid Documents. Maintenance shall include weekly maintenance, irrigation repairs, removal and replacement of landscaping materials, spring clean-up and irrigation pressurization, fall clean-up and winterization, weeding, and mowing. These responsibilities are described in more detail in EXHIBIT "A": SCOPE OF WORK of the Bid Documents.

Forms, plans and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a Procure-Now/OpenGov account and for "Following" the project to be listed on the plan holder's/bidder's list and to receive updates and addenda.

Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to "Follow" the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the conference room at the Town Offices, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The Contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver's license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order, experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder. The project is considered "street maintenance" work and is therefore not a "public project" under Public Contract Code Section 20161. A bid bond, labor and materials/ payment bond and faithful performance bond are not required for this project.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No bid will be accepted, nor any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a Contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to prevailing wage compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this project, it shall be

the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its bid. The Contract will be awarded to the contractor whose bid is determined by the Town to reflect the best combination of all responses contained within the Bid Proposal, including equipment list, hourly rates, current project commitments, past project experience, and bidder's questionnaire. The Town reserves the rights to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid, to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures deemed appropriate. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the sites of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: September 27, 2024
TS #2024-0140

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on October 17, 2024 in the Board Chambers, Second Floor, County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517. The meeting will be accessible remotely by live-cast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/83026460452>, or in person at the Dana Room, located on the Second Floor of the Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following:

No earlier than 9:05 a.m. **Use Permit 24-004/Morgan Vacation Home Rental.**

The proposal is to create a vacation home rental of a single-family residential unit located at 2705 Highway 158, June Lake (APN 015-086-015-000). The property is designated Commercial (C) and is 0.11 acres. The property presently has three garage parking spaces and, if permitted, the vacation home rental will have a maximum occupancy not to exceed eight persons. The project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA §15301, Existing Facilities. Project materials are available for public review online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission> and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend online or in person to comment, or to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, to ensure timely receipt, or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at or prior to the public hearing.

TS #2024-0141

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing October 17, 2024. The meeting will be held virtually at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/83026460452> and in the Bridgeport Board Chambers, Second Floor, Mono County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517 or via teleconference at the Dana Room of the Mono County Civic Center, Second Floor, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following:

No earlier than 9:20 a.m. **Purchase of 158 Kingsley Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517 (APN: 008-134-014-000) by Mono County.**

General Plan conformance determination for the County acquisition of a commercial building located at 158 Kingsley Street in Bridgeport, which has a land use designation of Commercial (C). The project qualifies for a CEQA exemption under §15301, Existing Structures.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting in-person; and to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov, by 8 am on October 17, 2024. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Secretary to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

TS #2024-0142

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:

Breakfast Club

The Delicious Breakfast Club Corp.

2987 Main St., PO Box 8827

Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on August 5, 2024
File Number 24-070
2024-0134 (9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5)



FELICI TRIO KICKS OFF 2024-2025 SEASON

By Lunch

Time flies when you're having fun. A quarter century of fun. The Felici Trio kicks off its 26th season in the Eastern Sierra this weekend with shows on Saturday in Mammoth and Sunday in Bishop. A running theme for this year - works by female composers. There will be a female composer featured in each of the five programs

sprinkled throughout the year. This weekend's featured composer: Elfrida Andree. Felici principal and violinist Rebecca Hang gave The Sheet a bit of background on Andree (1841-1929), who lived a relatively unconventional life for her era. She grew up on a remote island in Sweden and had the courage to change



Violinist Sophia Schuldt (left) and Violist Wendy Richman.

not one, but two laws over the course of her lifetime to advance women. The first was a law which forbade women from attending school with male colleagues. Her second legal challenge cleared the way for women to work as telegraph operators. In both instances, she was supported in her political activism by her father. As Hang elaborated, the three composers featured this weekend are all completely different personalities from completely different cultures, even if all three shared the general home of "Europe." A second featured composer, Francis Poulenc, wrote the piece for solo piano entitled "Les Soirees des Nazelles" while living in Vichy, France during the Nazi occupation. It will be performed by Felici pianist Steven Vanhauwaert. The third featured composer this

weekend is a little-known dude who went by the name Mozart. But the string quartet piece which will be played was composed when Mozart was just 17-years old. It runs a mere 12 minutes or so. As Hang explains, the piece was written when Mozart had his head "in girls and music." And while Mozart's father wished for him to have a permanent position in a great court, Mozart never realized his father's dream because he had a reputation for being difficult. "To me," said Hang, "this early string quartet is fascinating for its textures and uniqueness. The only other person like him was Haydn. It's definitely the work of a young person but perfect in its own right and space." This weekend's shows feature guest musicians Sophia Schuldt and Wendy Richman

Hearing Board Vacancy - GBUPCD



The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District has one opening on its Hearing Board. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body whose purpose is to hear and decide permit appeals and variances requests. Hearing Board members are appointed by the District Governing Board to three-year terms. California Health and Safety Code Section 40801 specifies the Hearing Board shall consist of:

- One member admitted to the practice of law in this state.
- One member who is a professional engineer.
- One member from the medical profession whose specialized skills, training, or interests are in the fields of environmental medicine, community medicine, or occupational/toxicologic medicine.
- Two public members.

However, California Health and Safety Code Section 40802 allows that if districts with a population of less than 750,000 are unable to appoint a person with the qualifications specified in Section 40801 the Governing Board may appoint any person to the hearing board. The District encourages any interested individuals residing in the District to apply as the Governing Board may consider any applicant if the District cannot recruit a Hearing Board Member in alignment with the specified qualifications. If you live within Inyo, Mono, or Alpine counties and are interested in applying, please submit an application (www.gbupcd.org) to 157 Short Street, Bishop, CA 93514 or via email to tdehaven@gbupcd.org. The Hearing Board meets as needed throughout the year depending on requests for variances (average 1 meeting per year). Hearing Board Members are paid \$100 stipend plus mileage for each meeting they attend. Hearing Board Members must complete a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700), as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission, within 30 days of appointment to the Board, annually, and within 30 days of resignation from the Hearing Board. Hearing Board Members must complete two hours of ethics training every two years. Please contact Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board, with any questions at (760) 872-8211 or tdehaven@gbupcd.org.



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REAL HOUSEWIVES OF NEW YORK

By Hartley

The Real Housewives of the New York ... JETS. They will never change with that owner in charge. And QB Aaron Rodgers and Coach Robert Saleh just air their crap out publicly so everyone knows it.

The Jets had more moving violations from their offensive line last week than Rashee Rice in an expensive automobile. The dumbass coach, knowing you cannot call out Rodgers publicly because he RUNS THE TEAM, then decides to ... call out Rodgers publicly by saying:

"We've got to figure it out, whether or not we're good enough or ready to handle all the cadence," Saleh said Sunday after watching his offense go without a touchdown in 13 possessions. "Cadence had not been an issue all camp. Felt like our operation had been operating pretty good. Obviously, today it took a major step back."

Now we all know Rodgers gets praised all the time for using CADENCE to draw defenders offsides and get free plays. We hear it every game from Master of the Obvious Cris Collinsworth and others. So you know Rodgers had to respond by saying maybe they should hold the O-line accountable for being disciplined. Now you

know the old adage is if the team is bad with penalties that is on the coach. He is coaching it or allowing it to happen. For Saleh to say the cadence is an issue is avoidance of the solution: discipline. So Rodgers is right there.

The fact that he said it makes me chuckle because Rodgers wants to be the GM but not the coach. And is lighting the coach up anytime he can.

So Saleh finally realized at some point that he isn't going to win this battle. RODGERS RUNS THE TEAM. Saleh is a figurehead who will be gone at the end of the season.

Or maybe Saleh went home and his wife saw what Saleh had said and told her husband something like, "MF'ER I LIKE THIS HOUSE, THE CARS and THE MONEY and RODGERS IS THE MEAL TICKET. KISS HIS ASS AND GET BACK TO WORK."

That had to be the case because the next thing out of Saleh's mouth a couple days later was very different. I like how he said the issue was CREATED. Yes it was, by your dumb ass. Saleh is sad. He is not a leader and has not even fake power. Rodgers has his ass dancing like a puppet. It's exactly what Rodgers wanted and why he left Green Bay. he wanted complete organizational control and he has it in NY.

I won't even touch on this one from WR Garrett Wilson. "I don't think we do a lot of different stuff to be honest," Wilson said of the team's offense. "When I watch football on Sundays and I see a lot of teams who mix it up and stuff like that. I don't feel like we do that. I think we know our identity. It's just about going out and executing it or figuring out if it's going to work. I don't think we're trying a lot of different things."

... I know, personally, my route tree hasn't been what it has been the last two years as far as the stuff I've been running."

I won't comment ... until Rodgers responds either by backing the Offensive Coordinator or throwing him under the bus. That I will save for next week's episode.

Now onto the rookie QBs.

The best of the bunch is Washington's Jayden Daniels, who is the truth. The Commanders have become a scoring machine. At one point they had scored on 20/22 possessions. That is insane. I have them beating the Browns handily this week.

Funny because the guy heralded by the experts as the most "pro-ready" QB coming out of college was supposed to

be Denver's Bo Nix.

Consider this. At the end of the first half last week, Bo Nix had completed five passes ... for -9 yards. That is not a dash mark, that means NEGATIVE 9 yards. How? Why? I thought Coach Sean Payton was supposed to turn this kid into the next Drew Brees.

So don't put this all on Nix.

Payton blasted previous Broncos head coach Nathaniel Hackett for his offensive scheme and production. He then blasted Russell Wilson and ran him out of town and proclaimed himself the savior of the franchise.

And his offense is GARBAGE.

Time for Payton to take some heat.

As for #1 overall draft pick Caleb Williams, sometimes it just seems ... like he must be missing a thumb on his throwing hand. His accuracy has been bad. I mean, comically bad.

As for the Patriots, I can't really understand why they're not playing #3 overall pick Drake Maye. For the love of football, do not allow Jacoby Brissett to start against the Dolphins Tyler Huntley this weekend. It might set black QBs back to the '70s.

Harold Hartley lives outside of Seattle and has spent the past 25 years vowing to move elsewhere to escape the moss.



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solved is a top priority, she said.

The city is facing huge costs to upgrade and replace water and sewer lines and other infrastructure, some dating to 1903. Any ideas on how to pay for that?

Beadle said first would be looking for state and federal grants, especially for rural cities, then "if all else fails," ask voters to approve bonds for the work. Although that would increase taxes, he said he thought such a measure would pass.

Eric Schat said the city needs long-term thinking such as putting aside money consistently for such upgrades and finding how other cities have been able to gradually improve infrastructure over time.

Garcia noted the city created a Joint Powers Agreement with the tribe and the Eastern Sierra Community Service district to build a new sewer plant, and that type of regional collaboration would be essential.

Kong added in 1976 the city and the community services district built their own sewer plants, right next to each other, and the new plan at least means building one new sewer plant, not two. A comprehensive engineering report is in the works which will allow the city to be pro-active replacing infrastructure, she said.

Freundt said the new water and sewer lines might mean a rate increase. The city should be looking at all infrastructure, including 911 operations, the fire and police departments, and creating

"multiple levels of planning" looking at needs "1-3-5-10 years in the future."

Now the big one: Opening council meeting with a prayer. The opening prayer was offered for years by Christian clergy before the current council replaced the "invocation" with a moment of silence.

Kong said the city got lots of input that was "overwhelming against having the prayer." She said she tried to get a compromise between both sides but couldn't. "You can't make everyone happy," so you have to go with what your constituents say. She is a "no."

Freundt was another "no," based on constituents' input and that the moment of silence works and people offers prayers during public comment.

Eric Schat said he "hates" government mandates, likes separation of church and state, and doesn't want to push his beliefs on anyone, so he's a "no."

Garcia, who voted to keep the invocation, said he would vote to bring it back saying it was his right to say a prayer at the meeting.

Sterling Schat said "absolutely" he would welcome it back because he's a believer.

Beadle said "yes," and there is nothing wrong with prayer and asked, "how could it be harmful?"

Jon Klusmire of Bishop was grateful that Zoroaster granted his prayer for a cookie break halfway through the forum.

LUNCH

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Future."

The committee's second instagram post, which promoted the September 30 event, was reposted by Mammoth Lakes resident Stacy Corless and has one lingering comment from @monodemo-crats, which states, "we love civic engagement," with an applause emoji.

The big controversy in Inyo County this week returned to the topic of Emergency Medical Services.

The consultant to the City of Bishop confirmed what everyone in Inyo County with a pulse already recognized: That funding EMS is no longer a zero-sum game but will require some form of taxpayer subsidy moving forward.

Supervisor Jen Roeser was incensed. "I can't describe my level of disappointment," she said. She implied the City and its Manager, Deston Dishion, were acting in self-interest by looking at the cold numbers and declining to spearhead a new EMS service model.

Roeser's little tantrum included the suggestion that if the whole county couldn't be guaranteed ALS (Advanced Life Support) service versus BLS (Basic Life Support) service, then no one should have ALS service, not even her constituents (50% of her district) who live closer to NIH and Bishop services.

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths gently suggested that "Philosophically, every square mile [of the county] doesn't have to have ALS [service] for ALS to exist."

But Big Pine Fire Chief Damon Car-

rington replied that differentiating ALS versus BLS for different areas implied placing a different value on people's lives, prompting Griffiths into mild retreat.

This got me thinking, as I just reviewed a book last week which focused on people living in areas subject to increased climate/geographical risk.

Quite simply, if you live in extremely rural or outlying areas, do you really deserve the same level of service?

And I imagine what Carrington would say in reply is something like this: 'I'm not implying that everyone gets the same level of service so much as saying every district should receive the same level of subsidy per call.'

All he wants is the same \$91 subsidy per call that Bishop gets.

Whereas Roeser would like to still live in Merle Haggard's world "where a buck was still silver/and the country was strong."

And you didn't have to subsidize EMS service.

But as Dishion told me on Wednesday, "A full-time ambulance costs the same no matter where it's located."

The current EMS contract with Sierra Lifeflight does contain a clause providing for extension of service while the bureaucrats ponder the next move.

"I'm not super-interested in extending the contract [for greater Bishop] once it expires," huffed Roeser. If she'd been holding a ball she would have taken it home with her.

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