



## Behavioral Health

**Antelope Valley Gardeners newsletter is here!** - Attached is the July newsletter. Catch up on garden news and tips for July garden activities. This month we spotlight Cucumbers—the new super food! We are also adding a new feature on organic gardening to help you learn about safe and ecosystem-friendly ways to grow organically.

July will be the first meeting of the Garden Steward Committee to start prioritizing the ideas from the community garden visioning exercise. If you have been thinking about joining the committee, now is the time. We will be meeting on July 21. Time TBD. Please contact me if you would like to join the committee and help guide the development of the garden into a thriving and valuable community resources.

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**Club House Live** supports local youth campout - This program is paid for by prop 63, Mono County Behavioral Health, and sponsorship monies from local partners.

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## Community Development

**Resource Efficiency Planning** – At meetings last week, the Long Valley and Bridgeport Valley RPACs reviewed a summary of a draft Resource Efficiency Plan. This Plan is intended to help residents and businesses save energy and money, reduce County expenses, support local sustainability initiatives in our communities, and streamline compliance with California environmental law. The Plan has something for everyone, whether one wants to save money, see taxpayer dollars spent on services rather than overhead, address climate change, streamline regulatory requirements for future development, or ensure that future development is sustainable. Both the Planning Commission and BOS will be reviewing the draft next week.

**Energy Codes** – Changes to the California Energy Code entered into force July 1. These new State codes, which address windows, insulation, lighting, ventilation systems and other features that reduce energy consumption in homes and businesses, are projected to be 25% more efficient than previous standards for residential construction and 30% for nonresidential construction. For more information, contact Tom Perry or Jim Shoffner in the Building Division.

**More Grouching** – This week the BOS continued its efforts to oppose the proposed listing of sage grouse as a threatened species by submitting detailed comments to the US Fish and Wildlife Service on a draft economic analysis of the proposed critical habitat designation. The letter severely criticizes the analysis,



noting fundamental flaws in its methodology, assumptions and accuracy. Big thanks to Wendy Sugimura for coordinating the multi-departmental comment effort, and to Economic Development Director Alicia Vennos, Assessor Bob Musil, Community Development Analyst Brent Calloway, Inyo-Mono Agricultural Commissioner Nathan Reade, and Assistant County Counsel Stacey Simon for their valuable contributions.

**Housing Element Blessed by State** – The new Mono County Housing Element adopted by the Board of Supervisors June 10 was formally blessed June 17 by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). In its letter of approval, HCD noted that Mono County now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with state housing element law, and commended Analyst Brent Calloway for the “dedication and effort provided throughout the course of the housing element review.”

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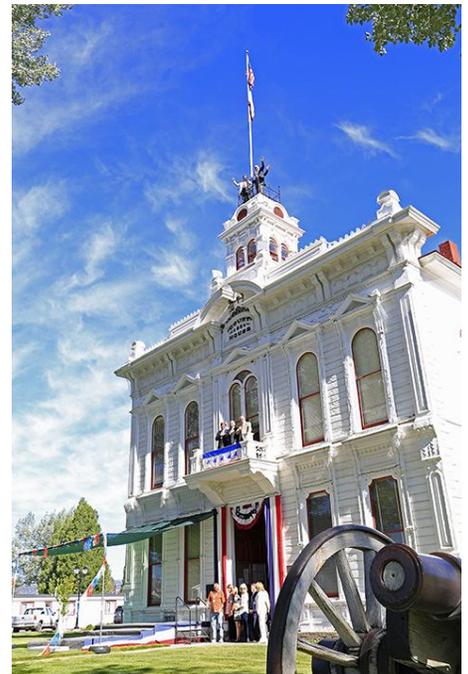
### County Administrator’s Office

**Boards of Supervisors celebrate our Nation’s Independence Day** – This week has been a great start to our Nation’s Independence Celebration. Starting with Tuesday morning, when the Board members hoisted the Flag over the Bridgeport Courthouse to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July itself, our Board is joining with the community and the many thousands of visitors in celebrating. Thank you to Greg Newbry for snapping some great pictures!

Check out **Vice Chair Tim Fesko** in the Bridgeport Parade on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> who will be riding again on his ATV. **Supervisor Byng Hunt** will be in the Bridgeport Parade also in his convertible with Joanne his wife. **Supervisor Tim Alpers** will be also present in Bridgeport helping celebrate one of the best 4<sup>th</sup> of July events in the eastern Sierra.

In Mammoth Lakes, **Chairman Larry Johnston** will have an incredible float in the Town’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. According to Chairman Johnston, the theme is the Jurassic Park era so look for Larry and the T-Rex.

**Supervisor Fred Stump** will be on hand helping the Crowley 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks events which attracts thousands from across the region. Happy Independence Day to everyone and enjoy our Nation’s



birthday safely and with friends and family!

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**The Strategic Plan moving forward!** –The next step in the Strategic Plan is **your input** on the Draft Vision Statement. The link contained in this email is to a one question survey where you can review the draft statement and then add additional feedback. In order to enrich your review, attached with this document is the Report from May 1<sup>st</sup>, and a refined version of all your ideas called the Vision New Sort.

Prior to July 10<sup>th</sup> we are asking everyone who has access to review the two documents and take the survey. Add in your comments and on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Steering Committee, those who participate will review and then amend the statement. In addition on July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be constructing the Mission Statement and getting our ambassadors out into the organization.

Survey Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MonoCountyDraftVision>



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Please review the documents, and take the survey! Let me know if you have questions.

Next meeting of Steering Committee and schedule is as follows:

- **July 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **July 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 21<sup>st</sup>**

Thank you again for your participation.

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**North County Employee Round Table** – Great turn out as we had 15 employees come and discuss county going on! Unfortunately, no red, white and blue donuts. There remains much interest in the budget. After the Budget Workshops the week of June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will now be seeing the final accruals and fiscal numbers come in and look to August as to the next Budget Hearing.

Another topic of discussion came from last month's meeting namely strengthen employee commute opportunities. We are reviewing some options to help employees carpool. The South County carpool has had a lack of participants as it needed 8 employees coming from Bishop. We are looking into an idea that might allow smaller car pools which are more manageable. Stay Tuned!

**South County Employee Roundtable July 10<sup>th</sup>** at Mammoth Lakes Board of Supervisors Chambers – 8:30am next Thursday will be the monthly Employee Roundtable for South County (Coffee with the CAO☺). Hope to see you there!

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**Human Resources/Risk Management** - The annual survey and evaluation of our employee safety/loss prevention program was performed by Trindel Director of Loss Prevention, Gene Herndon with Sarah Messerlian and Bill Van Lente on Wednesday, July 2. Initial feedback from Gene was positive, though as always there is room to improve. We will be receiving the formal report and our score in the weeks ahead. Thanks to all those employees who participated in the interviews Gene did, and to all who continue to make Mono County a safe workplace for all our employees, thus protecting our most valuable resource in providing services to Mono County citizens and guests.

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**Pavement Overlay project on US Highway 395 near Tom's Place** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin a pavement overlay project on US Highway 395 near Tom's Place on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The project location is from 2.4 miles south of Lower Rock Creek Road to 0.4 miles south of Rock Creek Road. This overlay project is a cold in-place recycled pavement with hot mix asphalt placed on the top. New guard railing will be installed and safety rumble strips ground into the roadbed.

Drivers will observe the daily lane closures Monday – Friday, but should not encounter delays as one lane each direction will be open to through traffic.

This project is scheduled to be completed by September 2014.

The contractor for this \$3,535,594 project is Granite Construction of Bakersfield, CA.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

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## **Economic Development**

**Public Relations/Media:** Mono County has been featured in two travel articles and on one radio show since the Society of American Travel Writers conference came through and toured our county, June 20/21. Check out this blog:

<http://chrisinnevada.wordpress.com/>

The other article was written by John Poimiroo about Mono Lake and the history of the area and will be featured in the Mountain Democrat on Monday. Also next week an hour long radio show is airing on the American Forces Radio Network and OnTravel.com (2.5 million listeners) about Mammoth Lakes and surrounding area.



*Writer John Poimiroo and Mono County ED Staff, Liz Erdelyi, (doing the paddling!!). Photo: Lee Foster*

- Press releases are currently being developed to send to relevant media next week on the following topics in Mono County: RV & Camping, Music/Food Festivals, Museums/Historical festivals and events, Local Breweries, Cool Places to Eat/Shop, and a “Did You Know” piece on Activities in Mono County.

#### Film Commission:

- Alicia attended the FLICS (Film Liaisons in California Statewide) quarterly meeting and California Locations Conference last weekend. The Locations event was held at the intriguing Hollywood Museum (formerly the Max Factor factory) with special keynote speakers Danny DeVito and Matthew Modine who both gave impassioned speeches about the need to stop the exodus of film production from California. Official count is not in, but it seemed that about 75 location managers, scouts, and film professionals attended.



- Good news! Last week, Assembly Bill 1839 (Expansion of Film & Television Production Tax Credit) passed the State Senate Committee of Governance & Finance, 6-0. The bill is before the State Senate Committee of Appropriations tentatively on August 18.
- Independent feature film *Saturn Returns*, starring Mammoth Lakes and Bodie, successfully wrapped up two weeks of filming on Saturday.

#### Economic Development:

- We are working with Nate Greenberg and the Eastern Sierra Regional Broadband Consortium to communicate with our stakeholders a grant program which can assist small businesses augment their online presence. We will also distribute information to stakeholders regarding the HERO Clean Energy program.

- Yosemite Gateway Partners – Jeff and Alicia will attend the quarterly Yosemite Gateway Partners meeting on Thursday, July 10 and will present an overview on Economic Development initiatives on behalf of the east gateway.



#### Tourism Commission:

- Next MCTFC meeting is July 22 in Bridgeport, 10am.
- YARTS is in full summer operation -- daily bus service from Mammoth, June, and Lee Vining to Tuolumne Meadows and the Valley began on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This week, along with stacks of Mono County Visitor Guides, Jeff and Liz distributed the new 2014 YARTS brochures and “point of sale” display racks to all visitor centers and businesses in Lee Vining, June Lake, Mammoth Lakes, and South County. For schedule info: <http://www.yarts.com/schedules>.
- The California State Fair opens next week, July 11, in Sacramento. Mono County’s exhibit in the County Exhibit contest features the interior of an authentic Bodie Saloon complete with roulette table, swinging saloon doors, honky-tonk music, and actors from a Living History troupe playing the part of

patrons... PLUS a trout fishing scene with a gorgeous backdrop of Convict Lake. Thanks to our CAO Jim Leddy for attending the July 11<sup>th</sup> Awards Dinner on behalf of the county!

#### **Fisheries Commission:**

- Fish stocking with Desert Springs began this week at several bodies of water in Mono County. Fishing reports have been favorable in all areas, and Fishing pages on MonoCounty.org continue to rank among the highest page views.

#### **Facebook/ Social Media:**

- We have seen a huge push this week in engagement on both the Tourism Facebook page and the Economic Development Facebook page. Our post of Silver Lake and weekend recreational opportunities on 7/2 has already reached over 50,000 people and resulted in 108 new fans “liking” the Mono County Tourism page! We now have over 22,000 fans. Our June/July 4<sup>th</sup> E-Newsletter to 19,700 contacts resulted in a 23.5% “open” rate, well above tourism industry standards (18.2%).

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### **Social Services**

**Mono County Social Services is looking for Foster Parents** – Social Services is hosting an orientation meeting coming up on:

**July 11, 2014 5:30pm- 7:00pm at the Crowley Lake Community Center.**

Many prospective foster parents are interested in becoming a parent, but can't commit to providing long term care or adoption. That's okay! Mono County needs foster parents of all types; those who can care for a child short-term, on an emergency only basis, as well as those who can provide long-term care. Children come into foster care when their birth families are unable to care for them for a variety of reasons. We provide support & training for you to be a successful foster parent.

Learn more by attending the upcoming Foster Parent Orientation Meeting, July 11, 2014 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the Crowley Community Center.

CONTACT: Marlo Preis, (760) 924-1793 or [mpreis@mono.ca.gov](mailto:mpreis@mono.ca.gov) to RSVP.

### **Sheriff's Office**

**Safety First on the 4<sup>th</sup>!** - As the Fourth of July holiday approaches, the Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone to think safety first while enjoying your holiday activities throughout Mono County.

As a reminder, pursuant to Mono County Code Section 10.18, the use or discharge of fireworks, including safe and sane fireworks, are prohibited, except for in designated areas within the county. If you are using fireworks of any kind in a designated area, please remember to read and follow all instructions, have water and a fire extinguisher readily available, and always supervise

children. Mono County Sheriff Deputies will issue tickets and/or confiscate fireworks being used outside the designated areas.

As you enjoy your campouts and family BBQ's, please remember with the extremely dry conditions, to use extreme caution with your campfires and grills. Only light fires and grills in designated areas, never leave a fire or grill burning unattended, and always have plenty of water and a fire extinguisher available. Please take notice to any restrictions that are in place due to the extreme conditions.

The Fourth of July holiday is a time to celebrate! As you enjoy your celebrations and parties, please remember to have a designated driver. Keep the many travelers of the Mono County roadways safe – please do not drink and drive.

The Mono County Sheriff's Office would like to wish everyone a very fun and safe Fourth of July holiday!

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#### **Sheriff's Office Update:**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July is upon us and we have extra staffing working both for the Bridgeport area and Crowley Lake Fireworks show. We are glad it is on a Friday as we will have to use less overtime to make this happen.
2. We discussed at county management meeting the thought process for giving up some vehicles to better deal with budgetary issues and decreasing vehicle costs.
3. We had a deputy have to respond to the emergency room for a back injury sustained while on-duty last week. The deputy will be off for a minimum of 5 days possibly longer.
4. Over the past several weeks, our two Deputy Annuitants and one Court Screener resigned due to the hard-line PERS is taking towards previously retired PERS employees coming back and working for a current PERS employer. This leaves us very shorthanded in the courts, so if anyone knows of interested people that might be looking for part time employment please encourage them to put in an application.
5. The Sheriff along with Behavioral Health staff, met with Mammoth Hospital and UCLA Medical staff and discussed the potential of having psychiatric tele-medicine available to both the jail population as well as county residents. This was only our first discussion and will be an on-going process to see if this is actually viable.

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