

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

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The monthly Parks and Recreation Department Report includes news and updates from the department, along with achievements and action related to the strategies, goals and tasks identified in the 2021 Strategic Workplan.

- A. Department News, Updates & Facility Status
- B. Maintain and Enhance the Town’s Recreation Infrastructure
- C. Deliver High-Quality, Innovative, and Affordable Community-Centric Recreation Programming
- D. Strengthen Organizational Systems, Structures and Operations
- E. Advance Team Capacity and Organizational Culture

DEPARTMENT NEWS AND UPDATES

Facility Status:

Whitmore Pool

- CLOSED for the season

Whitmore Recreation Area

- Whitmore Ball Fields – CLOSED
- Whitmore Track – CLOSED
- Whitmore Synthetic Turf – CLOSED
- Restrooms – CLOSED (Portable restrooms available)

Community Center

- OPEN for programming and private rentals (dependent on COVID-19 guidelines).

Community Tennis Courts and Playground

- Tennis Courts – CLOSED for the season
- Pickleball Court (Court 1) – CLOSED for the season
- Restrooms – CLOSED for the season
- Playground – CLOSED for the season

Shady Rest Park

- Soccer/ball fields – CLOSED for the season
- Restrooms – CLOSED for the season (Portable restrooms available)
- Playground – CLOSED for the season
- Shady Rest DiscGolfPark® - CLOSED for the season

Mammoth RecZone

- CLOSED for the season

Mammoth Ice Rink

- OPEN for the season.

Mammoth Creek Park - West

- Restrooms, playground, and parking lot CLOSED for CRC construction

Mammoth Creek Park – East

- Restrooms – CLOSED for the season

Trails End Park/Volcom Brothers Skate Park

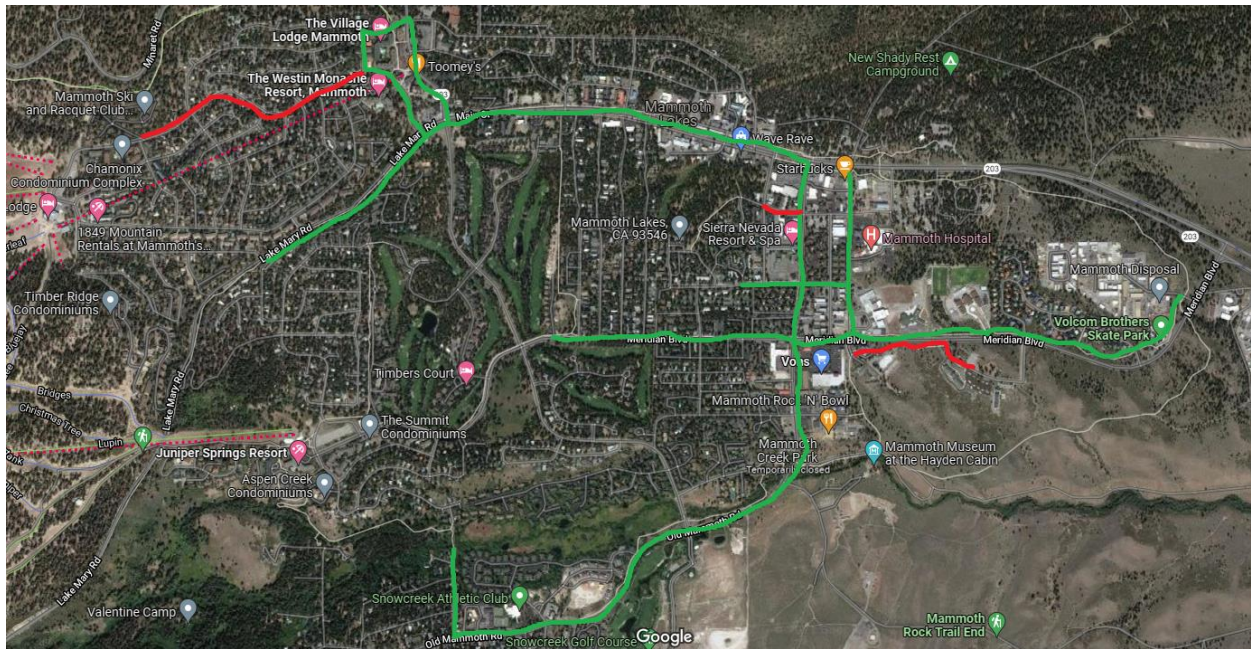
- Skateparks – CLOSED for the season
- Restrooms – OPEN WEATHER PERMITTING (currently closed due to snow)
- Playground – CLOSED for the season

Town-wide MUPs and Sidewalks

- OPEN WEATHER PERMITTING
- The past few storms have caused havoc with snow removal around town. Heavy snow, combined with high winds, has seen snow drifts of 6-8+ feet completely close down sections of trail. New staff have been thrown in the deep end and are receiving an abundance of training and exposure. Equipment failures have further impeded the department’s ability to clear MUPs and sidewalks that led to staff prioritizing high traffic/use areas. As a result, the following MUPs and sidewalks will remain CLOSED until weather and resources allow further work: Canyon, East Tavern, College Pathway (Meridian).
- A huge thank you to the Parks Maintenance team for their phenomenal efforts, and to the Public Works Department for their support!



Town Sidewalk/MUP Status (as of 12/29/2021)



MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE TOWN'S RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Goal: Enhanced Recreation Amenities

Community Recreation Center (CRC)

- See monthly detailed Recreation Commission staff report.

Shady Rest DiscGolfPark® Update

- The Shady Rest DiscGolfPark® Adopt-a-Hole program: As of December 29, two (2) holes remain available for sponsorship.
- Installation of new tee pads and tee signs was completed by staff and volunteers. The installation of the recreational tee signs and sponsor stickers will be completed in spring 2022. Staff are scheduling a recognition event at the course to coincide with the completion of the course.

Dog Park Concept

- On August 18, Town Council approved the FY 2021-22 Budget adjustment, which includes \$100,000 for the Dog Park project.
- On October 6, T-Mobile representatives presented the \$50,000 check to the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
- The Town is in discussion with multiple agencies to secure a visible, accessible, and sustainable site for a community dog park. This includes both Mammoth Creek Park East and the Whitmore Recreation Area.

Whitmore Recreation Area Planning

- The long-term goal of the Town is to enhance and expand the Whitmore Recreation Area for Town/County residents and expanded sports tourism uses.
- **LADWP Lease Extension:** On November 30, staff received correspondence from LADWP affirming that they intend to recommend the issuance of a new 50-year lease for the operation of the track and sports complex, subject to approval by its Board of Water and Power Commissioners and the Los Angeles City Council. In addition to expanding the acreage, the proposed lease expansion would be combined with the lease for Whitmore Pool (BL-1093) for a total of 112.75 acres. LADWP also intend to issue a separate business lease to Mono County for the operation of the animal shelter. LADWP indicated that resources are currently very limited, and this proposed expansion will be prioritized along with other projects at LADWP's discretion.
- **Prop 68 Regional Park Program:** On November 30, staff in coordination with MLR officially submitted the Prop 68 Regional Park Program (RPP) grant application. The RPP will create, expand, or improve regional parks and regional park facilities. Over \$23 Million is available for projects that involve the acquisition of land for new or enhanced public access and use; or the development or renovation of trails (with preference given to multiuse trails over single-use trails), regional sports complexes, visitor and interpretive facilities and other types of recreation and support facilities in regional parks.
- Grant awards will be announced in the Spring of 2022 and the project needs to be completed by June 30, 2025.

Bike Park Concept

- The bike park concept/pump track is identified in the Town of Mammoth Lakes 2021/22 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- PR9 – is identified in FY2022/23, however, funding is not secured for this project.

Goal: Enhanced Recreation Infrastructure

A. Deferred Maintenance Program

GOAL: Enhance recreation infrastructure utilizing a variety of funding sources to improve the safety and operations of the amenity and guest experience.

Town Council allocated an additional \$300,000 in parks maintenance funds this past May. Combined with existing funds from fiscal year 2020/21, a balance of \$341,000 is available for the deferred maintenance program. Based on input and direction from the Commission, staff have developed the following priority list for deferred maintenance items to be conducted during 2021-22. Based on the consensus of the Recreation Commission, staff have prioritized the following projects:

PRIOTITY PROJECTS:

- A. Whitmore Recreation Area Softball/Baseball Field Maintenance (see work program below)
- B. Community Tennis Courts (*fill approx. 1,000 liner feet of cracks on courts 1-4.*)
- C. NEW: Shady Rest Park Irrigation System

Whitmore Recreation Area Program of Work

The refined program of deferred maintenance items are listed below in the table.

Field	Proposed Scope of Work
Field #1&2 (Softball/Little League)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace existing surface material with new infield mix• Reduce size of infield by installing turf/irrigation per CIF dimensions - recommended to remove existing material down to 5"• Install foul poles• Install poly cap fence guard
Field #1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repair existing lighting system• Install backstop / safety netting
Field #2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace and install 1 Regular and 1 ADA Bleacher
Field # 3 (baseball)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Releveling of all grass and infield borders

B. Signage and Wayfinding

Staff are working with PW/Engineering on signage and wayfinding alternatives for Main Street and additional signage in the Lakes Basin.

C. Asset Management

Staff continue to update the GIS inventory of all amenities across all facilities, and coordinate with Mono County IT on the integration of the data into digital maps.

D. Mammoth Lakes Amenities Enhancement Program

Staff, in collaboration with MLTS, identified additional amenity locations adjacent to the MUPs. Staff will finalize an inventory of amenities, locations, and costs this winter, and are also working with Mono County IT to develop a platform within the Town of Mammoth Lakes website that allows for the administration and coordination of the program by department staff. Members of the public who have expressed interest in the program are provided bi-monthly updates.

Goal: Sustainability

Summer Camps

Staff are currently planning and revising 2022 summer camp products, and investigating partnership opportunities with Mono Arts Council, Ground Up Climbing, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association and Valentine Eastern Sierra Reserves.

Seasonal staff recruitment continues to present challenges. In response, staff have reevaluated the Limited Term Compensation Schedule (Town Council Agenda January 5) and continue to investigate housing options. Recruitment strategies for summer 2022 are also being identified.

DELIVER HIGH-QUALITY, INNOVATIVE, AND AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY-CENTRIC RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Goal: Community-Centric Programming (Internal)

Winter Programming

- Nov-Dec Ice Skating Lessons (Mammoth Ice Rink) are continuing. Due to weather and COVID-19 exposure cancellations, staff are currently identifying make-up lesson dates.
- The Adult Curling League (Mammoth Ice Rink) is scheduled to begin on January 4. Registration for teams is currently open.



- The Adult Hockey League (Mammoth Ice Rink) will resume on January 5.
- Due to weather and COVID-19 exposure cancellations, the Jan-Feb Ice Skating Lessons (Mammoth Ice Rink) are now scheduled to start January 11.
- Hot Shots Basketball (MMS Gym) is scheduled to begin on January 11. This newly revised program now provides opportunities for parent volunteer coaches and employment with our NEW Official-In-Training positions. Registration is currently open for Grades 3-5.
- NEW Chowhounds Cooking Series Classes (Community Center) are scheduled to begin on January 12. The first series of 6-week classes will focus on ‘Baked’ goods, with students producing a delicious treat each week. Students will be met by staff at the MES campus following their release from school and transported to the Community Center. Registration is currently open for Grades 3-5.
- The Adult Indoor Volleyball (MMS Gymnasium) is scheduled to begin on January 19. Drop-in sessions will take place on January 5 and 12 and provide an opportunity for established teams to practice or single players to join a team. Registration for teams is currently open.
- The Adult Indoor Soccer League (MHS Gymnasium) is scheduled to begin on January 23. Drop-in sessions will take place on January 9 and 16 and provide an opportunity for established teams to practice or single players to join a team. Registration for teams is currently open.
- Staff are developing a Tumbling and Intro to Cheer program (Community Center), to begin in January.

- Staff are assessing possible program dates for an additional Toddler Fitness class (Community Center), to begin in the new year.
- Staff are developing a Winter Camp program to take place during the MUSD Winter Break from February 21-25. Activities are likely to include skating, hiking, snow-shoeing, cooking, and swimming.
- Staff are working with Mono Arts Council to develop after-school programming opportunities for art, dance, and theatre.



Goal: Enhanced Community Programming (External)

- Mammoth Lakes Youth Hockey continues training at the Mammoth Ice Rink on November 29.
- Mono County First Five continues to host Peapod Playgroups at the Community Center on Mondays at 10:00-11:00am (registration is required). An additional Spanish Peapod Playgroup is scheduled to begin on January 25 (Tuesdays at 11:00-12:00pm).

Goal: Program Delivery

LA Kings Development Camp

- The third LA Kings Development Camp took place at the Mammoth Ice Rink on January 18-21, with over 30 registrations. For once, we were blessed with blue skies and cold temperatures, so all six sessions went off without a hitch. Stay tuned for an upcoming piece detailing the history of the camp and partnership with the Mammoth Stars on the LA Kings Weekly Show.



Skate with Santa

- Unfortunately, the recent storms prevented Santa from making it to the Mammoth Ice Rink this year, but we look forward to hosting him at the NEW Community Recreation Center in December 2022.



FREE Friday Night Skate

- Join us at the Mammoth Ice Rink on Friday, January 14, 2022 for FREE admissions and rentals (subject to availability) from 7-10pm.

MLK Weekend Youth Hockey Tournament

- Hosted by Mammoth Youth Hockey, the MLK Weekend Youth Hockey Tournament (January 15-17) draws teams from across California, and is open to PeeWee B and Squirt B divisions.

STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS, STRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS

Goal: Operational Excellence

- Staff are currently evaluating summer programming and facility operations.

Goal: Continual Improvement

- The Customer Satisfaction survey has been reset for 2021/22 programming and facility rentals and is being sent to all program participants and facility renters.

Goal: Facility Operations

Program and Facilities Manuals

- Staff continue to refine the Whitmore Pool, Community Center and Mammoth RecZone facility manuals.

Social Equity

- The Tony Colasardo Scholarship Fund continues to remain open for donations.
- Staff met with MES staff in December to discuss scholarship opportunities and promotion through MUSD. MES staff are excited to partner with the Parks and Recreation Department on this program and are currently reviewing concepts internally. Staff will meet with MES staff again in January to review and implement a scholarship merit award program. Staff also discussed partnering with MES during our registration period and MES has committed to providing technological (access to computer lab) and language (Spanish translators) assistance. Interestingly, MES staff have previously identified transportation home post after-school activities as an obstacle for some students. Staff have now taken this into consideration when developing after-school programming.

Goal: Integrated Communication and Engagement

- Staff continue to enhance the Parks and Recreation Department homepage and subpage sites to efficiently convey department information to the public.
- Staff are working on an annual social media communication plan for the department Instagram and Facebook pages.

ADVANCE TEAM CAPACITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Goal: Strengthen Organizational Culture

Staff continue to strengthen departmental culture by developing efficient and effective teams. Areas of focus include:

- Understand challenges
- Provide excellent customer service
- Know and understand
- One Team atmosphere
- Engaged teams
- Ethical actions and decisions
- Fix what is broken
- Work/Life balance

Goal: Teamwork

- Staff continue to integrate the 5C's into our daily operations.

Goal: Professional Development

- Staff are working to schedule professional development courses/events for staff.

Goal: Recruit, Retain and Recognize the Best

- Current recruitment efforts include: Official-In-Training (Hot Shots Basketball), Recreation Coordinator (Adult Indoor Volleyball and Soccer Leagues) and Gymnastics/Cheer Instructor positions.

Goal: Embrace Emerging Trends

- None this month!

