



# STUMPTOWN *Scoop*

**City of Whitefish**

PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

## LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

I hope you enjoyed the City’s last edition of the City’s newsletter. Our hope is to continue to provide you with valuable information to keep you informed on what’s going on in the City. If you are interested in advertising in the City’s newsletter, we have that available as well. Check out the various places in this newsletter where ads can be placed.

Affordable housing is all the rage right now. How can the City assist in providing affordable housing to the hardworking people who would like to call Whitefish home? We can assist in accomplishing this great work by working with our partners the Whitefish Housing Authority and the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce. Both groups have been great partners as we went through the Housing Needs Study and the Strategic Housing Plan Task Force culminating in the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan adopted by the City last November. Since that time, the City has created a Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee to help carry out the implementation of the plan. The Steering Committee has created work groups to tackle the research end of things regarding the Snow Lot, Inclusionary Zoning and Annexation Policies, and Zoning for Affordability. These groups provide regular updates to the Steering Committee at their meetings. We believe a good open and public process is in place and moving forward in the right direction. If you would like to receive my Friday emails (most Fridays anyway) containing upcoming agendas (including the Housing Steering Committee) and other

information please go to the City’s website at [www.cityofwhitefish.org](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org) and on the homepage, click on “Email Notifications” on the right side and submit your information. I will then add you to my growing list, currently over 500.

I want to take a moment and try to dispel myths/rumors about what the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan is all about. There may be a general fear that “Affordable” and “Workforce” housing means tenements, slums, etc., but this couldn’t be further from the truth. Affordable means housing for which a family spends no more than 30% of their income. Workforce means housing for people working in Whitefish. The City and our partners are working to ensure quality, attractive, and affordable housing for workers in Whitefish regardless of income levels.

I want to give a big thank you to City Department Directors and their staff. They work tirelessly to provide top quality service to the community. We have top notch people working for the City and their work is very much appreciated.

I also want to thank the Mayor, John Muhlfeld, and the entire City Council. I don’t know if this is widely known but their work is all volunteer. They spend many hours each week visiting with residents, studying meeting packets, and attending many other various meetings and events all to be able to make wise decisions on behalf of the community.

In closing, I want to thank you the residents as this community would not be what it is without your constant effort to make it better. Whether it is to Clean the Fish, Christmas decorations in downtown,

### CITY HALL

418 E. 2nd St, Whitefish, MT

- Customer Service** ..... 863-2400
- Legal Services** ..... 863-2445
- Parks & Recreation** .... 863-2470
- Planning & Building** .... 863-2410
- Public Works/Streets** ... 863-2460
- Utility Billing** ..... 863-2457

### EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER

275 Flathead Ave, Whitefish, MT

- Fire Department** ..... 863-2483
- Municipal Court** ..... 863-2440
- Police Department** ..... 863-2420

### LIBRARY ..... 862-9914

9 Spokane Ave, Whitefish, MT

### CITY COUNCIL

City Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at **7:10PM** in the Council Chambers (City Hall, 2nd floor). View live stream meetings online at [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) and search for “City of Whitefish” channel.

or the philanthropic endeavors through the Great Fish Challenge, this community rises to the occasion. That is something we can all be proud of.



### **Adam Hammatt**

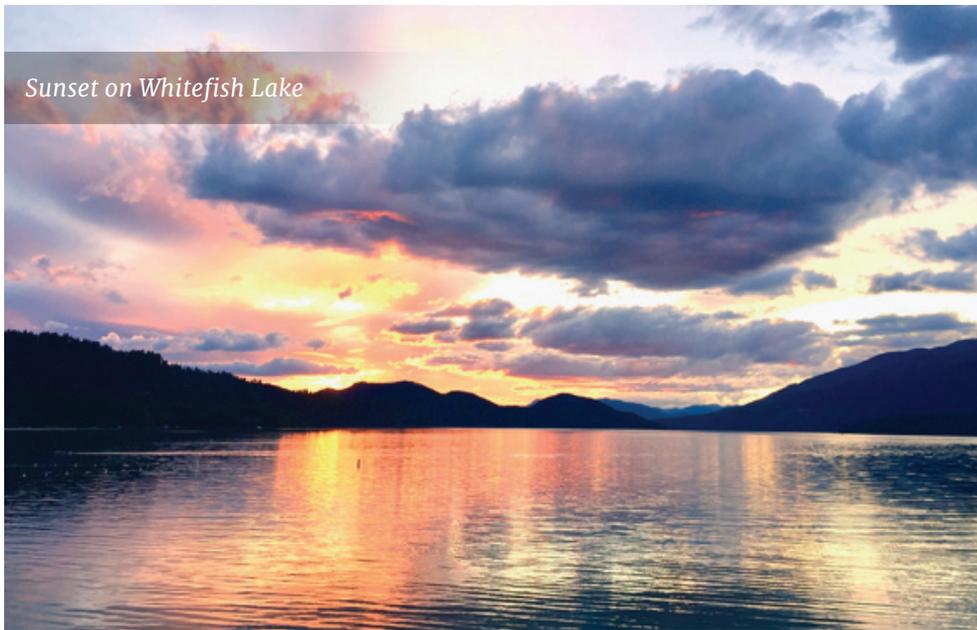
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**COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER**  
**2nd Thursday each Month, 4:00PM**  
**Montana Coffee Traders, downtown**

# WELCOME

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Sunset on Whitefish Lake

## SEPTIC LEACHATE AND WHITEFISH LAKE

Whitefish faces the challenging issue of septic leachate entering our shared resource, Whitefish Lake. It is an issue for many lake-based communities in Montana and throughout the United States. Homes built with septic systems near water bodies have the potential for system failure over time leading to septic leachate pollution.

Now that the Whitefish Lake Institute (WLI) and other researchers have identified the septic leachate issue, affected homeowners and neighborhoods around the lake will have the opportunity to take action, as assisted by the City of Whitefish and partners.

Last year, the Whitefish City Council

passed a resolution that offers deferred annexation of 20 years to neighborhoods around the lake where septic leachate was demonstrated by the WLI report and who wish to connect to city services. City Council is now discussing the need to extend the deferred annexation to 30 years for further incentive. City Council is also discussing support of a Montana Legislative Study Bill to evaluate the septic leachate issue in the Flathead Basin.

There are multiple jurisdictions around the lake and the funding needed to assist in the process is complex. This issue will take time. The goal is a clean lake resulting in great community benefit.



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### PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE: *Free* PARKING HOURS

#### 3-HOUR FREE PARKING: Level 1

- 6:00AM – 6:00PM, Mon. – Fri.

#### FREE PARKING: all Levels

- 6:00PM – 6:00AM, Mon. – Fri.
- All Weekends & Holidays

## WHITEFISH OPEN STREETS

Mark your calendars for the 1st Whitefish Open Streets event, planned for Tuesday, May 29 during the Farmer's Market. Railway Street and Central will be closed to traffic to allow for pedestrian and bike traffic, as well as educational and interactive activities involving walking, biking, health, and

fitness. Bike or walk down to Farmer's Market and enjoy this fun and healthy community event.

**Tuesday, May 29 @  
Railway St. & Central Ave.**



*Remain within arm's reach of children using PFDs.*

## JAMES R. BAKKE NATURE RESERVE

The Adopt-A-Tree program is a way for community members to help enhance the city's boulevard tree inventory. The City of Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department is excited for the Grand Opening of the James R. Bakke Nature Reserve on West 7th Street, planned for Friday, June 1 at 5:00PM. This property was deeded to the City by James Bakke to provide open space for the benefit of the citizens of the Whitefish community. The reserve includes an

interpretive trail, parking, bike rack, and picnic tables. The Rotary Club of Whitefish raised significant funds for the improvements to the reserve through the Whitefish Community Foundation's Great Fish Challenge, and members have dedicated many hours of community service. Thank you also to Stumptown Historical Society, Forestration, FrontDesk, Inc., and Donna Hopkins for their contributions to this project.

## SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS



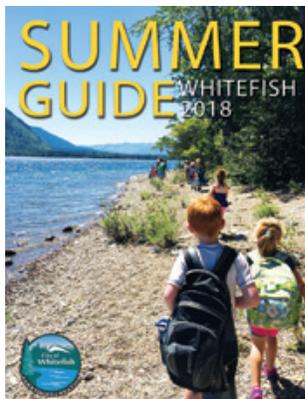
This year we have tennis, skateboarding, rock-climbing, and as always, our Stumptown Summer Day Camp.

Our registration process is new and improved in 2018! All **youth program registrations and payments** can be made online at:

<https://recre8mt.campmanagement.com/enroll>

For more information about our programs, check out our summer guide on the Parks and Recreation Department's webpage under Youth Recreation Programs at [www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation)

Please note our Youth Tennis program dates have changed from those published in the Summer Guide. New tennis dates are July 10– August 10. Please contact us for more information.



## BEACH WATER SAFETY REMINDERS

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult while visiting Whitefish City Beach.

The water temperature of Whitefish Lake can still be very cold in June and into early July. It doesn't take long to become hypothermic in cold water, especially for children.

The water depth fluctuates at the beach throughout the season. Diving off the floating dock is prohibited at all times.

This summer, a life jacket loaner program will be available at the beach. Life jackets should not be used as a substitute for supervision. If a child requires a PFD, an adult should remain within arm's reach of them at all times.



**LIFE JACKET LOANERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WHITEFISH CITY BEACH!**

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## WALKING YOUR DOG

Spring is here and we love to spend more time outdoors utilizing our great Whitefish Trail system, neighborhoods, and parks. Many of us like to bring along our dogs and at times forget the rules and laws that have been enacted to keep Whitefish the special place it is. One of the most important things to remember is YOU are responsible for your dog, that means they must be on a leash at all times when they join you on your walk. Dogs that are off leash on public property will subject the owner to a fine and/or seizure of the dog should the dog bite someone. Owners of vicious dogs that attack and bite someone or another dog will be responsible for medical bills.

Dog owners are reminded to clean up after their dogs. Many of our trails have convenient dog poop bag dispensers for your convenience and use. Please use them and ensure that you place the bag in the garbage, don't leave it along the trail, that it is littering. You are required to clean up after your dog in all public venues, so carry a bag with you and help us keep our community clean.

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## BICYCLE SAFETY

We are a recreational community. When riding your bike, please follow the rules of the road. Don't ride on the wrong side of the road or the sidewalk, pass illegally, run stop signs, or violate commonsense rules. When riding at night you must have a head and tail lamp illuminated

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Remember if you see something that doesn't look, sound, smell, or seem right, CALL US! Be our eyes and ears and help us help you keep Whitefish safe.

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## SUMMER VISITORS

Summer time also brings more visitors to our town. Most are here to visit and enjoy what the valley has to offer while others, transients, are passing through and in many cases are looking for an opportunity to steal things from you that you have worked hard to earn.

### Keep these suggestions in mind:

- Lock your doors: car, home, garage, shed; transients look for open doors.
- Keep valuables in your house, not in your car.
- Don't let transients in your home or let them camp on your property.
- Don't give transients money or food. Professional literature indicates that 90% of transients choose their life style. Once they find an "easy touch" they let other transients know — bringing more transients and the problems they cause to Whitefish.

Call us if you see or are approached by them and asked for money or if you see them trespassing on private property, including the railroad. Merchants can deny service to them, its your property!

## KEEPING PASSENGERS SAFE

Those of you who like to take your dogs with you in the car are reminded that letting your dog sit on your lap while you drive may look cute but is very dangerous. Should you have to take quick action your dog may interfere with the operation of the vehicle and may be injured or killed should your airbag deploy. Additionally, drivers letting their dogs sit on their laps, while they drive, may be stopped and cited for careless or reckless driving.

Routinely, during the summer, the police department is dispatched to a dog that is in a car in distress. Temperature in cars can reach 130 to 140 degrees in a short time span. Please do not expose your pet to a life-threatening event. The police department is authorized by law to enter the vehicle by any means and remove the dog from the car and hold the owner criminally liable.

If you have a question, comment or suggestions about anything on this page or other police issues, please feel free to contact the Whitefish Police Department at **863-2420**, or visit us on Facebook [@Whitefish Police Department](https://www.facebook.com/WhitefishPoliceDepartment)

## FY19 RESCUE CARE PROGRAM

Starting in May the Fire Department will begin enrolling people in the FY19 RescueCare Program; running July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This membership program created by the City of Whitefish, will cover the entire household against the cost of emergency or medically necessary ambulance services provided by the Whitefish Fire Department. RescueCare will handle the insurance claims and payments. No financial worries, no insurance hassles, and no ambulance bill.

When you invest in RescueCare your dollars stay in Whitefish to help support

the paramedic level ambulance service provided by the Whitefish Fire Department. So even if you never need an ambulance, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your participation is helping maintain the training, equipment, and apparatus needed to provide this timely advanced lifesaving emergency service, 24-7-365.

For more details or to obtain an application please contact Kerry at the Fire Department, **406-863-2490** or [kharrison@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:kharrison@cityofwhitefish.org).



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## WILDLAND FIRE MITIGATION



Clear debris from gutters, roof valleys, and foundations of buildings



Do not store wood piles or flammable belongs against your home or building

After a winter where we experienced above normal snow fall it's hard to imagine we'd be talking about the upcoming wildland fire season. The snow melt will lead to growing grasses and lush understory vegetation, known as fine fuels, that could dry out quickly. If we experience a hot, dry, and windy stretch we will see the fire danger rise

again this year. There are plenty of small easy steps each of us can do to protect our home and community.

Dr. Jack Cohen, a Fire Science Researcher with the USDA Forest Service, has a great 13-minute video on how homes ignite. Please go to [www.nfpa.org/Wildfire](http://www.nfpa.org/Wildfire) to watch the video and start your spring cleanup.



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## SUMMERTIME WATER CONSERVATION

Being in the heart of northwest Montana, surrounded by lakes and rivers, Whitefish is not a city that you would traditionally think of as a place that needs to conserve water. With the rapid growth happening in the area, however, the city's water infrastructure is quickly approaching maximum capacity during the summer months when the irrigation water demand and increased population water demand are greatest. The City is actively working with consulting engineers to develop strategies to mitigate water loss through the water distribution system as well as to make improvements and additions to the water infrastructure that will ultimately increase the long-term capacity of the system. During the interim period, city officials are asking that the public would take simple, voluntary measures to help reduce the water demand throughout the summer months. By making a few small behavioral changes, residence can not only help prevent the implementation of mandatory water restrictions but can

also save substantial amounts of money by reducing their water bills. Below are a few simple outdoor water conservation measures that all homeowners are encouraged to implement this summer.

### Maintain Your Irrigation System

If you use an irrigation system, check that its operating correctly toward the beginning and end of each season. Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas. Clear any visible clogs and adjust the settings according to the needs of your plants and the time of year. Plants will need less water in cooler weather and more in hotter weather, and correct settings will not only save water but ensure that plants are getting the right amounts.

### Water During the Cool Parts of the Day

Early morning and late evening are the best times to water your lawn and shrubs. Avoid watering in the heat of the day as this increases the water loss due to evaporation. Also, avoid

watering on windy days or days when it is raining.

### Water Your Lawn Only When It Needs It

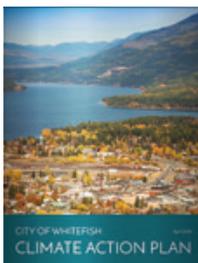
A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering. Letting the grass grow taller (to 3") will also promote water retention in the soil. Most lawns only need about 1" of water each week.

### Deep-Soak Your Lawn

When watering the lawn, do it long enough for the moisture to soak down to the roots where it will do the most good. A light sprinkling can evaporate quickly and tends to encourage shallow root systems. Put an empty tuna can on your lawn – when it's full, you've watered about the right amount. Most lawns want about an inch of water per week, so note how much rain fell and add water accordingly.

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ADOPTED

Last June, Mayor Muhlfeld pledged the city would uphold the Paris Climate Accord, joining with over 400 other U.S. Mayors. In signing the proclamation, the City Council pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 26 percent by 2025. The Whitefish Climate Action Plan provides various energy saving actions to meet this target and we're happy to report he plan was adopted by the City Council on April 16th. A hard copy of the plan is available to review at the Whitefish Library, or to download at:



[www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/climate-action-plan.php](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/climate-action-plan.php)

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## DON'T BE A SUMP PUMP CHUMP!

Many parts of Whitefish experience high groundwater during the spring and sump pumps are commonly used to remove groundwater that seeps into basements and crawl spaces. It is illegal, however, to connect sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system. The City has spent millions of dollars updating aging components of the collection system to reduce groundwater infiltration and inflow. Despite these efforts, extremely high volumes of groundwater continue to flow into the sewer system during

wet weather and spring conditions. The source has been found to be illegal sump pump connections. These connections to the sanitary sewer system send groundwater through our lift stations and to our sewer treatment plant. The high flows create a need for expanded wastewater treatment capacity, increasing treatment and pumping costs. The result is increased sewer system costs that affect the rates of all city residents. Many areas of the country have put in place sump pump inspection programs to eliminate these connections. Our wastewater treatment plant receives about four times as much flow during wet weather as during normal operating conditions.



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### What Can I Do?

- Familiarize yourself with your house plumbing system. If you have a sump pump that has no identifiable discharge point you may be contributing to the problem.
- If your sump pump is connected to the sewer reroute the pipe so that it discharges onto your lawn, at least 8-10 feet from your house, or into a nearby storm sewer.
- Appreciate that the community's cost of treating wastewater will be reduced if only wastewater is directed to the sewer system.

Removal of groundwater from the City's sewer system will reduce costs for all city residents and promote environmental responsibility.

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TEST RESULTS: Contaminants Detected									
Contaminant	Violation	Sample Date	High Level	Range Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Substance	
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>									
Turbidity	N	Cont.	0.164	0.0000 - 0.2000	NTU	N/A	TT	Treated effluent, organic material, suspended particles	
TDC (Total Organic Carbon)	N	Monthly	1.56	0.47 - 1.56	ppm	N/A	TT	Naturally present in the environment	
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>									
Barium	N	Jan 2015	0.12	-	ppm	2	2	Disposal of natural deposits, discharge of drilling brine	
Copper *	N	Aug 2016	0.24	0.00 - 0.24	ppm	1.3	AL-1.3	Disposal of household plumbing system, corrosion of metal hardware	
Lead *	N	Aug 2016	5	0.00 - 5	ppb	0	AL-15	Corrosion of household plumbing system, corrosion of metal hardware	
Fluoride	N	Jan 2015	0.02	-	ppm	4	4	Disposal of natural deposits, discharge from facilities	
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	Jan 2015	0.04	-	ppm	10	10	Leachate from septic tanks, discharge from facilities	
Chloride	N	Jan 2015	0.9	-	ppm	250	250	Naturally present in the environment	
Magnesium	N	Jan 2015	4	-	ppm	500	500	Naturally present in the environment	
Sodium	N	Jan 2015	0.9	-	ppm	20	20	Naturally present in the environment	
Sulfate	N	Jan 2015	0.1	-	ppm	250	250	Naturally present in the environment	
<b>*Lead and Copper Rule Testing: The 1991 Federal Lead &amp; Copper Rule mandates a household testing program for these substances. According to the rule, up to five samples from individual homes must have been taken for every 90 days per building for lead and 1.5 ppm per building for copper. See Lead Information Bulletin.</b>									
<b>Synthetic and Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>									
Chlorine	N	Cont.	1.47	0.15 - 1.47	ppm	MDEQ: 4	MDEQ: 4	Water system used for disinfection	
Halobenzoic Acids (HBAAs)	N	Each Quarter	57	15 - 57	ppb	N/A	60	Disposal of drinking water disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes (THMs)	N	Each Quarter	43	17 - 43	ppb	0	80	Disposal of drinking water disinfection	
<b>Radionuclide Contaminants</b>									
Gross Alpha Particles	N	Jan 2015	0.5	0.1 - 0.5	pCi/L	0	15	Disposal of natural deposits of radionuclides in the air	

**Report available online!**

## WATER QUALITY UPDATE

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility and we are pleased to present the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report, which is drafted and distributed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and we want you to be informed of the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources.

The City of Whitefish routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws and we are happy to report there were no violations to report in 2017. A complete version of the 2017 Consumer Confidence Report was included with your last bill, and can be viewed online at:

[www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/2017%20CCR.pdf](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/2017%20CCR.pdf)

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Neil DeZort, Utility Operations Supervisor at **406-863-2451**.



## NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL DECK CONSTRUCTION

As we move into summer, one of the most common projects we see is the repair and construction of residential decks. With tragedies in recent years related to deck collapse, new regulations have been created to ensure safe structures. Locally, the recent deck collapse in Lakeside serves as an example of why proper construction is critical. Whether you are a professional contractor or a home owner, being aware of some of the new requirements can help in your design and successful completion of the project.

One requirement is ensuring that the deck is supported on a permanent frost-protected foundation. Too often deck supports are placed on pads which, over time, do not resist movement and can create deck failure. A pier or sonotube 36" in the ground is the proper method.

Important changes recently added in the residential building code include the use of decay resistant deck materials and the use of deck joist hangers and

corrosive-resistant fasteners. When purchasing these materials make sure they are weather-resistant.

The most significant change to deck construction is the attachment requirements for the deck ledger. In the past nails were used to attach the ledger, this has been found to cause many of the issues related to failure.

Deck ledgers are now required to be fastened by corrosive-resistant lag bolts or structural screws.

There are other deck requirements, and a good reference guide for deck construction is [www.awc.org/codes-standards](http://www.awc.org/codes-standards). Please call the Whitefish Building Department at **863-2414** with any questions you may have.



*Deck collapses due to inadequate construction.*

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## NOXIOUS WEEDS

A serious and continuous problem in Whitefish is the invasion of aggressive, non-native plant species called noxious weeds. These plants grow aggressively and multiply quickly, displacing native plant species, increasing soil erosion, and decreasing wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. They can also poison horses and cows. The City of Whitefish requires that all properties inside the city limits take steps to eradicate the growth and spreading of weeds by either mowing, pulling, or applying herbicide. Property owners

are also required to keep any adjacent boulevard, green strip, or roadside that is a public right of way free from noxious weeds. There are no requirements relating to lawn grass length or the removal of dandelions. If you have questions about the best way to remove weeds or if you wish to report noxious weeds inside the city limits, please contact the Code Compliance Officer at **863-1240** or fill out a violation complaint form.

The most common types of noxious weeds you'll see in the Whitefish area:



**Orange Hawkweed**  
(*Hieracium aurantiacum*)



**Knapweed** (*Centaurea diffusa*)



**Canada Thistle** (*Cirsium arvense*)

## Summer Bus to Glacier National Park Kalispell—Whitefish—CFalls—Hungry Horse *All the way to Avalanche!*

Whitefish to  
GNP:  
Whitefish  
Mtn. Mall  
7:45 A.M.  
11:30 A.M.  
3:20 P.M.



GNP to  
Whitefish:  
Whitefish  
Mtn. Mall-  
8:25 P.M.  
Whitefish  
Library-  
8:33 P.M.

**\$3 one way/\$5 round trip**  
July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**7 days a week!**



Visit [flathead.mt.gov/eagle](http://flathead.mt.gov/eagle) for info

### SAVE OUR NATIVE PLANTS BY STOPPING THE SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

- Remove plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets, and vehicles
- Clean your gear before entering or leaving recreation sites
- Stay on designated roads and trails
- Use only certified hay and local firewood
- For more information and pictures of these weeds, visit [www.mtweed.org](http://www.mtweed.org)

## SUMMER READING AT WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

As the days grow sunnier and longer, so do the promises of more leisure time to enjoy many good books and learning opportunities at the Whitefish Community Library (WCL). Children's Librarian Mary Drew presents a diverse lineup of offerings at this year's Summer Reading Program, including guest appearances by Montana Wild Wings Recovery, the North Valley Music School, and Stumptown Art Studio. The Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 11 and is every Thursday at 10:30AM in the Community Room of WCL. Family programs include tracking logs, incentives, prizes to encourage reading throughout the summer.

Back by popular demand, WCL will once again present "Clifford, the Big Red Dog" through a partnership with Montana PBS on Friday, June 15. The program was so popular last summer that more than 100 children and parents turned out for the opportunity to meet the beloved literary canine and take part in all kinds of fun. Not to disappoint during his second visit to Whitefish, Clifford is available to pose with children for photos and hugs. Families can visit the MontanaPBS Kids Club/Family Membership booth to sign up for additional perks. The event also encourages children to experiment with sound by making their own instruments to take home as souvenirs. Children can cleverly combine art with the chiming of bells created by each stroke of color in an artistic musical station. Finally, children are given an opportunity to discover the names of various instruments and discover how they create their unique sounds. With their new skills, they can make music with other children and learn about

musical notes through a sorting activity involving ping pong balls.

In addition to the Summer Reading Program, WCL launches the new "Mind in the Making" literacy Initiative, thanks to partnerships with Whitefish School District and the Summer Food Service Program. The partnerships add programs to increase nutrition opportunities to replace those unavailable to students when school is out, and to prevent "summer slide," the reversal of learning that happens for students without easy access to learning resources in the summer.

There will be two free workshops for families with children ages 5 to 8. Reading resources and strategies will be provided, as well as free childcare and a complimentary meal. To register for either session (Monday, June 4 from 5:00-6:30PM, or Tuesday, July 10 from 12:00-1:00PM) please visit or call WCL at **862-9914**.

The library is also offering a free lunch to children under the age of 18 which will run Tuesdays, June 19 through August 21. Participating families must be present to pick up the lunch at 10:45AM in the library parking lot. Story time will begin at 11AM in the Community Room. The lunch menu offers items such as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, turkey wrap, hummus platter, fruit, veggies and milk.

Stop by the WCL to sign up for the Summer Reading Program or Mind in the Making, or learn about other special events planned this summer at the WCL.

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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge with tracking logs, incentives, prizes and family programs begins June 11th, and family programs will take place on Thursdays at 10:30AM. See the full schedule on the Library's event calendar at [whitefishlibrary.org](http://whitefishlibrary.org).

Summer Slide Challenge Muldown will challenge their students to participate in the Library's Summer Reading event, offering incentives for students who bring the Library's tracking logs back to school in Fall 2018.

Two Early Literacy Family Workshops offer parents and caregivers resources and strategies to support early literacy development in children aged 5 to 8. The workshops will provide a meal and childcare. To register, call **862-9914** or visit Whitefish Community Library. Participants can choose to attend on Monday, June 4, 5:00-6:30PM or Tuesday, July 10, 12:00-1:00PM.

"Lunch and a Story" occurs on Tuesdays, June 19 through August 21 at 10:45AM, and aims to support early literacy development in children aged 5 to 8 and provide a healthy meal. The Summer Food Service Program will provide several healthy options, while volunteers entertain with stories and demonstrate strategies from the Early Literacy Family Workshops.

Summer Reading Challenge Events take place on Thursdays at 10:30AM and all ages are welcome.

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