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City of Whitefish
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

Mayor John Muhlfeld and I will be giving a State of the City Address at a City Open House from 5:00pm 7:00pm on Monday, April 15th at City Hall in the Council Chambers. This will be a great opportunity to hear how the City is doing on a number of initiatives, learn about future projects, and to ask questions. From 5:00pm to 6:00pm will be the networking hour where you will have an opportunity to meet and talk with City Council members and City Department Directors. From 6:00pm to 6:40pm the Mayor and I will provide the State of the City Address. From 6:40pm to 7:00pm will be Q & A. Appetizers will be provided. We hope you will make time to attend this event.

Affordable housing, or as we are now calling it the “Legacy Homes Program”, is still moving forward. The Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Project on Edgewood Place received \$6.75 million in federal tax credits and will consist of 38 apartments. The Snow Lot design concept phase is complete and there will be about 34 units consisting of 22 apartments and 12 single family townhomes. The Trail View subdivision at the corner of Monegan and Voerman Roads will have 29 single family homes deed restricted for the Legacy Homes Program. The Alta Views subdivision located on JP Road will be providing 10 deed restricted townhomes for the Legacy Homes Program. The recently approved Riverbank subdivision located at the old hospital site on Highway 93 will provide 47 apartments for the Legacy Homes Program. These projects will put us at 158 new homes/apartments for the Legacy Homes Program. Thank you to all who have devoted their time and effort to this cause. The Whitefish Housing Authority (WHA) is working on application materials, a website, marketing plan, and qualifying household policies and procedures for the program. Please visit the following link for information <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/boards-and-committees/ad-hoc-and-steering-committees.php>.

The City of Whitefish has been working hard to prevent Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) from entering Whitefish Lake. A recent report from the Montana Invasive Species Council estimates that invasive mussels could cost our state about \$234 million in mitigation costs and lost revenues. Whitefish Lake is not only a tremendous asset for purposes of recreational and fishing opportunities but is also a significant source of the City’s water supply. The City has been working with Whitefish Lake Institute and Whitefish State Park officials to inspect and decontaminate watercraft before launching onto our lake. We understand this takes a little more time, but we and the lake appreciate your patience as we do our best to prevent AIS from entering Whitefish Lake. So far, we have inspected over 9,000 watercrafts. Thanks to our seal program (a seal means you can return to the lake without inspection), the number of watercraft we need to inspect each year is decreasing. Learn more on page 3.

Efforts are still ongoing for the Highway 93 South Corridor Planning Process. The City held a public open house on January 8th at The Hampton Inn and Suites where over 70 people attended and provided input for the plan. The City has also concluded a public survey soliciting additional input. This input will be compiled and presented to the Highway 93 South Corridor Plan Steering Committee. We are hoping to have another public input session in late spring or early summer, but all Steering Committee meetings are open to the public and we welcome public input. Please visit the following link for information <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/planning-and-building/long-range-plans.php>.

Thank you to all who work so hard to make Whitefish great!

Adam M. Hammatt
City Manager

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418 E. 2nd St, Whitefish, MT
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Legal Services 863-2445
Parks & Recreation 863-2470
Planning & Building 863-2410
Public Works/Streets..... 863-2460
Utility Billing 863-2457
Human Resources.....863-2407

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
and search for “City of Whitefish” channel.

Sign up for weekly email notification from me at www.cityofwhitefish.org



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

WELCOME

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Keep up-to-date with the Whitefish Climate Action Plan!
cityofwhitefish.org



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

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN - ROAD MAP TO RESILIENCE BROCHURE

10 Ways You Can Reduce Your Footprint:

- Green Commute:** walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation whenever you can.
- Go Solar:** install solar panels in your home or business.
- Eat Sustainably:** buy local produce, start a garden, and reduce meat and dairy consumption.
- Evaluate Your Home:** schedule a free energy audit from your energy provider to learn where your home is wasting energy.
- Efficient Lights:** use LED bulbs in your home and at work to reduce energy use.
- Skip the Dryer:** hang clothes to dry.
- Reduce Plastic:** bring reusable bags to cut out excess waste when shopping.
- Upgrade Appliances:** replace old appliances with energy efficient ones.
- Plant Native:** use native trees and plants as shade for your home.
- Control the Heat:** invest in a programmable thermostat to save energy usage.

Committing to climate resilience protects our town and saves our community money.

Download the full Climate Action Plan at: bit.ly/wfclimate

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Climate Action Plan

Whitefish Road Map to Resilience

Committed to being part of the climate solution

CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Buildings** account for 24% of the city's greenhouse gas emissions
 - High-efficiency heating, cooling, and lighting installed in City Hall
 - Converting street lights to LED bulbs
- Transportation** 28% of city emissions are related to Transportation
 - Free public transportation to Whitefish Mountain Resort
 - Safe Routes to School Program and Bike to School Day
 - New bike and pedestrian bridges & trails
- Water & Wastewater** 42% of city emissions come from heating
 - Solar panels at Emergency Services Center to heat water
 - Refurbished hydro plant provides renewable energy to the city
- Consumption, Food & Waste** Changing consumption and waste disposal practices directly reduces our city's emissions
 - Whitefish School District became the first Green Ribbon School District in Montana in 2017
 - The Center for Sustainability and Entrepreneurship opened in 2018 and is striving to become the first net-zero energy building in Montana
- Forests & Watersheds** are integral to our town's identity, and they can harbor one of the greatest threats of climate change: **Wildfire**
 - Wildlife preparedness webpage and workshops
 - 3,000-acre Washell Basin conservation easement

Climate Action Plan Commitments:

- 1 Transition to a clean energy economy.
- 2 Understand and prepare for future climate-related disruptions and impacts.
- 3 Reduce the city's greenhouse emissions by 26% by 2025 and carbon neutral city operations by 2050.

Future Steps:

- Buildings**
 - Improve energy efficiency and develop renewable energy sources.
 - Hire energy efficiency and sustainability coordinator.
 - Offer trainings on energy efficient buildings.
- Transportation & Land Use**
 - Increase public transportation options.
 - Adopt smart growth practices.
 - Develop green infrastructure guidelines and incentives.
- Water & Wastewater**
 - Protect & diversify the drinking water supply.
 - Construct a solar array to power the new wastewater treatment plant.
 - Conserve water & reduce demands on treatment plant to save money.
- Consumption, Food & Waste**
 - Implement green purchasing plan.
 - Expand waste reduction plans and waste-diverting opportunities.
 - Implement single-stream residential curbside recycling.
 - Expand community gardening & agriculture opportunities.
- Forests & Watersheds**
 - Establish Whitefish as a fire-adapted community.
 - Maintain well-managed natural forests.
 - Promote informed development of the wildland-urban interface.
- School District**
 - Provide lifelong education about sustainable living for the entire community.
 - Develop entrepreneurial skills related to sustainable agriculture, forestry, energy systems, and engineering.
 - Continue reducing energy consumption in school district facilities.

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ACTIVITY GUIDE IN
APRIL!

REGISTRATION FOR
SUMMER PROGRAMS
OPENS APRIL 1ST!

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or www.cityofwhitefish.org

SUMMER POSITIONS

Summer Camp Counselor

Assists the Camp Directors in coordinating day camp activities for youth ages 5-12 yrs.

Beach Ranger

Performs a variety of duties directly related to the safe and efficient operation of Whitefish City Beach including boat inspections, law enforcement, and maintenance.

Park Maintenance

Performs a variety of parks maintenance duties throughout the City, including mowing, garbage pickup, janitorial services, and basic repairs.

Landscape and Forestry

Performs a variety of tasks related to landscape and forestry including weeding, watering, and tree maintenance.

For more information or to apply:
www.cityofwhitefish.org
or call the Whitefish Parks & Recreation Department at
406-863-2470.

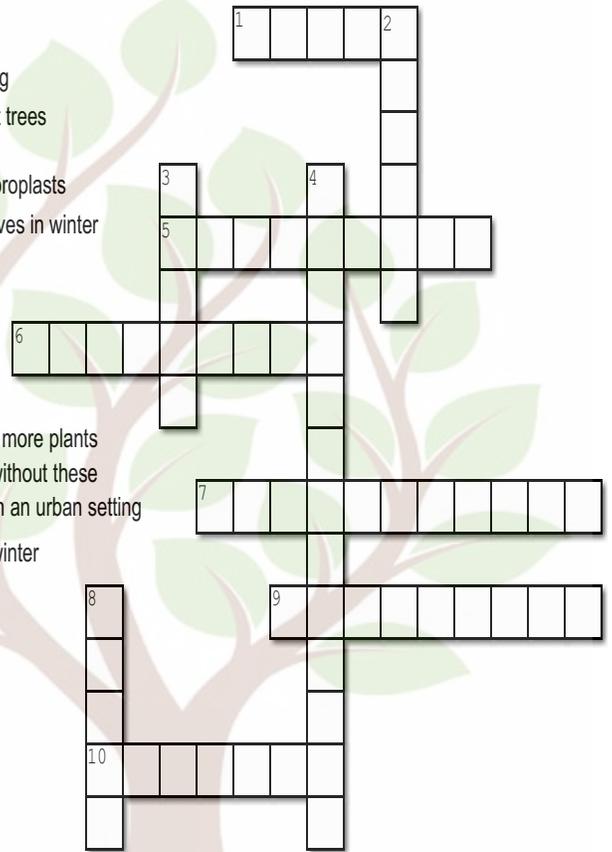
ALL ABOUT TREES

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1. Wedge cut in to a log or tree for felling
5. Name of Whitefish park with the most trees
6. Montana State Tree
7. Green pigment of plants found in chloroplasts
9. Tree that sheds most, or all, of its leaves in winter
10. Cone bearing tree or woody plant

Down

2. Plant resulting from a cross of two or more plants
3. Life on Earth would not be possible without these
4. The care and management of trees in an urban setting
8. Native tree that loses its needles in winter



The key to the crossword can be found on Facebook
[@Whitefish Parks and Recreation](#)

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) PROGRAM

In partnership with Whitefish Lake Institute and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the City is preparing for another season at Whitefish City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park. Watercraft inspection stations will open May 1st at both locations. The City has recently updated its self-certification program for all watercraft users.

Off-Season Certification Program

The City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park boat ramps are locked in the off season (October 1 – April 30). By participating in this program, boaters can acquire the lock code to enter and exit the boat ramps. The code is changed annually in the fall.

Non-motorized Sticker Program

This program for hand-launched

watercraft users is designed to get low risk watercraft on the lake more efficiently and to alleviate congestion at the City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park boat launches. Users can acquire an annual sticker that will eliminate the need for an inspection each time they visit the lake.

Early Angler Certification Program

Early morning anglers may launch at City Beach or Whitefish Lake State Park prior to open Watercraft Inspection hours by passing the AIS self-certification test.

Take this test at City Hall or online at: http://whitefish-lake.org/AIS_Mgmt_Pgm.php. Tests can also be taken at either boat launch starting May 1st.

MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Commencing with this newsletter, we will spotlight a member of the police department:

Bridger Kelch is a life-long Whitefish resident and a graduate of the Whitefish school system where he played football for the Bulldogs. After high school graduation, Bridger enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country as a member of the military police for 6 years, specializing in narcotics investigations near Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Bridger returned to his Whitefish home in 2000 and began his career with the Whitefish Police Department in Octo-

ber 2001. He has served as a patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, school resource officer, and detective. Bridger is currently the Assistant Chief of Police. He is a board member of the Montana Association of Chiefs of Police and member of the 911 Operations Board. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University and holds numerous leadership certificates.

Bridger volunteers as a football and basketball coach and enjoys the outdoors including hunting and skiing. He is married and has two children.



If you have a question, comment or suggestions please feel free to contact the Whitefish Police Department at 863-2420, or visit us on Facebook [@Whitefish Police Department](#)

E-CIGARETTES AND HOW THEY AFFECT YOUR CHILDREN

What Do You Know About "Juuling"?

One of the most talked about topics around the nation is JUUL. It's a popular e-cigarette system that resembles a USB flash drive, maybe you have seen one in your child's room assuming that it contains an essay or some other school work. Based on social media posts with the hash tag #doit/juul, students are "juuling" wherever, whenever—in school bathrooms, libraries, and under their desks in class. They're getting away with it because the device is discreet, the "cloud" can be hidden in a sleeve, and the vapor smells sweet and fruity, unlike cigarette smoke. Among teens, e-cigarettes are more popular than traditional cigarettes, and the Juul brand is currently KING.

This is what parents need to know about the e-cig of the moment: The JUUL consists of a long, slim vaporizer and disposable "pods" of nicotine juice. The pods come in flavors, mango, crème brulee, and cucumber. Some call the Juul the "iPhone of vapes" because of its sleek and minimalistic design. It charges off a laptop or other USB port.

How Does It Work?

The device heats the nicotine juice to create a vapor, which is then inhaled.

Who Is It Intended For?

Juul describes itself as "a mission-driven company seeking to eliminate cigarettes by providing a true alternative to adult smokers." The device is intended for adults, but teens are finding ways to get their hands on it.

What Does It Feel Like To Juul?

Users describe it like: "When I first used it, I knew there was nicotine in it but had no idea how much. Everyone was doing it in the lunch room. When I hit it for the first time it was, like, really crazy. I felt a really big buzz off of barely anything. It hurt my throat more than anything else I've done. I hit it and coughed immediately. At first it was just fun and it was something that you could do anywhere. It's so easy. Then it just became something I was doing nonstop, but I still felt a buzz. Now, I go crazy if I don't have it. I don't even feel a buzz anymore." After prolonged use, some users struggle to make it thirty minutes without taking a hit.

How Much Nicotine Does It Contain:

Each pod has about the same amount of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes, or 200 puffs.

How Dangerous Is Juul For Those Underage?

For adults, vaping is generally believed to be healthier than cigarettes. Juul cannot and does not make any claims that its products are safer than cigarettes. No e-cigarette product should ever be considered "safe," especially not for those underage. Teenage brains are still developing, so they are uniquely vulnerable to addiction and nicotine is extremely addicting. Research indicates teenage exposure to nicotine has long term impact on the brain, including memory, behavioral issues and the ability to learn.

How Can You Tell If Your Child Is Juuling?

Signs of general e-cigarette use include increased thirst, a new sensitivity to caffeine and possible nosebleeds. Talk to your kids about vaping/Juuling and help them understand that what they may have heard is not necessarily true about vaping being harmless and the health issues related to vaping.

Is Juuling/Vaping Happening In Whitefish Schools?

Our School Resource Officer and school administrators deal with vaping on a regular basis.

Call us if you have questions or would like one of our officers to talk to your group about this or any law enforcement issue.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

WILDLAND FIRE PREVENTION

As the snow melts, we all see the effects of a long winter around our homes. Now is the time to clean-up our yards from the tree litter not only on the ground but in our gutters. Other efforts we should all do to prepare for the dry hot summer:

1. Make sure your home address is visible from the street;
2. Clean off your roof and gutters;
3. Remove flammables from against your home;
4. Remove highly flammable vegetation from under vinyl windows;
5. Repair and paint / stain any weathered wood trim and decks;
6. Rake under all decks;
7. Don't store any flammable materials under your deck;
8. Insure all vents and openings are protected from embers with at least 1/8-inch metal mesh;
9. Ensure eaves and soffits are sealed;
10. Within 30-feet of your structures (further downhill):
 - a. Keep grass mowed;
 - b. Trim tree branches at least 6-feet, higher if bushes below;
 - c. Remove all dead trees



City and Fire Service Area residents can call the Fire Department and schedule a home wildfire defensible space evaluation. 406-863-2483 and ask for Kerry.

HOME FIRE SAFETY



- Did you change your batteries in your smoke and CO alarms when you changed your clocks? If not, now's the time to do it.
- Does your family have a home fire escape plan? If not now is the time.
- Burn wood? Does your chimney need cleaning?
- Do you have flammables in the garage? Do you need to properly dispose of some household hazardous waste? Check with Flathead County's Solid Waste Department.
- This is also a good time to review your electrical appliances and extension cords.
- Check your fire extinguishers.
- When's the last time you really cleaned your dryer vent?

HOME MEDICAL SAFETY

- Do you need to take a CPR class? If so, call the fire station 406-863-2483 and ask for Kerry.
- Check that banisters and grab rails are secure.
- Eliminate trip hazards.

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2019 ENERGY CORP MEMBERS

The City is fortunate to have two Energy Corps members this year helping to implement the Climate Action Plan that was adopted by the City Council last April. Energy Corps is an initiative of the National Center for Appropriate Technology in cooperation with The Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps).

Sophia Valenzuela started working with the City last October. She has a chemical engineering degree from Stanford University and a nanoengineering degree from UC San Diego. Sophia's nanoengineering focus was on solar energy and she did research at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory on floating photovoltaic solar panels. She has an interest in expanding from her research background into policy and implementation. She grew up in San Jose, California, loves the

outdoors, and has been enjoying her first snowy winter.

Curran Edland's position started in January and is sponsored by the City, Climate Smart Glacier Country, and the Whitefish School District. Curran grew up in Whitefish and has a deep interest in helping his hometown to become a more sustainable community. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from Robert Morris University where he played on the school soccer team, and he has also helped coach his alma mater Whitefish High School Boys soccer team the past two years. Curran is currently working to attain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and is interested in energy efficient building and helping local businesses with green business plans.

HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY

History of Facility

The City of Whitefish has long been a proponent of energy conservation and utilizing clean energy to the greatest extent possible. In the spirit of clean energy, the City reconstructed an old, abandoned hydroelectric generation facility at the City's Water Treatment Plant in 2012. This facility is located at the end of the raw water supply pipeline that transports water from the Haskill Creek intakes down to the Water Treatment Plant where water is treated for potable use. The head pressure from the elevation difference in locations provides the energy required to turn the turbine which generates electricity. Typically, the hydroelectric generation facility generates anywhere from 35,000

kWh's to 131,500 kWh's of electricity per month depending on the season and flows coming into the treatment plant.

Flathead Electric Power Purchase Agreement

In order to fund the construction of the hydroelectric generation facility, the City entered into a power purchase agreement (contract) with Flathead Electric Cooperative (FEC). As a part of the contract, FEC pre-purchased 6,650,000 kilowatt hours of power to be generated at the facility. After the contracted, pre-paid power has been generated in-full, the contract will be complete and all electricity generated after that point will be sold to FEC. As

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RIVER PATH LIGHTING

The Public Works Department installed four solar power bollard lights on the River path behind the Pine Lodge hotel last September. Each light has a built-in solar panel as well as a dusk to dawn sensor which eliminates the need for any extra photo-eye. The LED lights in the bollards are rated for 100,000 hours and the batteries have an expected lifespan of 8-10 years. This area of the trail that has a lot of outside light coming from the hotel, so the lights are spaced 40 feet apart. The Pine Lodge owners, Delaware North, helped fund the path lighting. The path lighting seems appropriate for this remote location where the path is not maintained in the winter and is affected by an outside light source.



a part of the contract, there will be no monetary exchange between the City and FEC for the power generated post-contract. The electricity generated will be supplied back to the FEC grid and will be paid for by offsetting the City's water and wastewater facility electric bills. The City is excited to announce that the estimated contract completion date is spring of 2019!



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SUMMERTIME WATER CONSERVATION

Summer is right around the corner and once again it is time to begin thinking about how we can conserve one of our most precious resources... water. 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. However, with the rapid growth happening in the area the City's water infrastructure is quickly approaching maximum capacity during the summer months when water demand is greatest. City officials are asking that the public take simple, voluntary measures to help reduce water demand throughout the summer months. By making a few small behavioral changes, residents can help prevent the implementation of mandatory water restrictions, and 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 it's 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 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.

Don't Run the Hose While Washing Your Car

Clean the car using a pail of soapy water. Use the hose only for rinsing; this simple practice can save as much as 100 gallons when washing a car. Use a spray nozzle when rinsing for more efficient use of water.



LAKESIDE DINING AT THE LODGE AT WHITEFISH LAKE

APRÉS SKI | Mon -Fri 3-5p | \$1 off draft beer, wine by the glass & well cocktails | 25% off select apps
\$10 BURGER & BEER SPECIAL | Wed 5p
 Enjoy a featured burger & beer duo every Wednesday!
LIVE MUSIC | Every Wed 6-9p | Fri & Sat 7-10p
WEEKEND BRUNCH | Every Sat & Sun 11a-2p
LAKESIDE IPA | Starting in Feb! Try our new Boat Club custom brew from Highlander Brewing of Missoula
 1380 Wisconsin Ave | 406.863.4040 | lodgeatwhitefishlake.com



DOWNTOWN DINING AT THE FIREBRAND HOTEL

LET'S GET SOCIAL | Daily 4-6p | Buy one, get one half off beer, wine & select cocktails | Half off select apps
KICK BACK NIGHT CAPS | Daily 9-10p | \$1 off cocktails
LUNCH SPECIALS | Daily 11a-2p | Featured entrées, soup & made-to-order sandwiches
LIVE MUSIC | Every Wed, Fri & Sat 6-9p
LOUNGE LOYALTY PROGRAM | Earn discounts on food, coffee & more! Sign up in the Lounge!
 650 East Third St | 406.863.1919 | firebrandhotel.com

PLANNING & BUILDING

VACATION RENTAL REQUIREMENTS

Are you thinking about turning your house or condo into an AirBnB or Vacation Rental? Here is what you need to know. The City of Whitefish has developed special Resort Residential and Resort Business zoning districts, as well as the downtown WB-3 commercial district, where vacation rentals, otherwise known as “short-term rentals,” are allowed. They are not permitted in any other zones, as they directly compete with long term affordable rentals and housing. A short-term rental is any rental of a house or apartment, or bedrooms within, for less than 30 days. Legal short-term rentals must register with the City, obtain a business license, get a fire inspection, and pay City resort tax. There are also a number of illegal short-term rentals throughout town. Illegal rentals may be in proper zones but are not registered, or they are being advertised in standard residential zones where short-term rentals are prohibited.



“This is nothing like the photo on Airbnb.”

The City utilizes a software tool called STR Helper that uses sophisticated programming to scan the internet and track legal and unlawful rentals on all vacation rental websites. All short-term rentals must register if they are in a legal zone. Short term rentals owners and rental agencies that do not comply or advertise unlawful rentals will incur expensive citations and legal action.

NEED MORE INFORMATION ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS?

Contact the Planning Office at 863-2410
or visit

www.cityofwhitefish.org

DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

Spring construction season is just around the corner. Planning a building project? A City building permit is needed for all new construction in City limits, including but not limited to both residential and commercial buildings, additions, remodels, roofing (if sheathing is being replaced), residential storage buildings over 200 square feet, retaining walls, and decks. Permits for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems are also required. The Whitefish Building Department is always here to help with questions related to your building project and permit requirements.

For more information contact the Building Department at 863-2410 or email buildingdept@cityofwhitefish.org



Van der Horst Landscape Architecture

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Complete Planning and Landscape Design Services

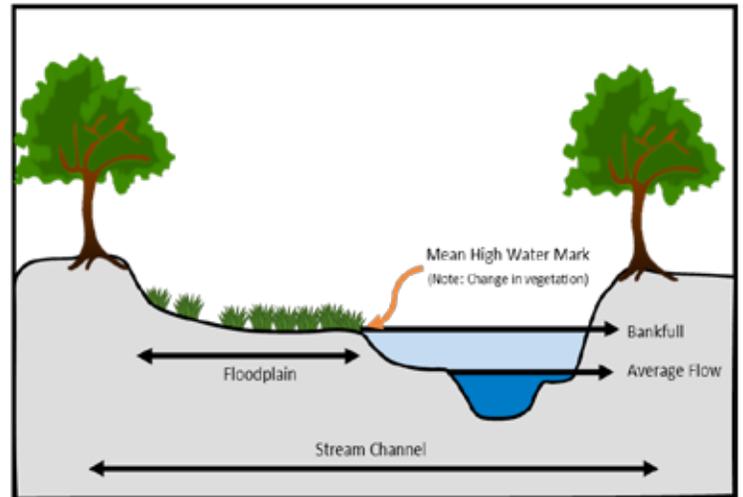
- Site Planning
- Construction Documents
- Conceptual Design
- Native Revegetation
- CUP's and PUD's
- Lakeshore Construction Permits

LAKESHORE CONSTRUCTION & DOCKS

If you live on Whitefish Lake you may be thinking about spring construction projects. Now is a great time to submit a permit application. Be aware that any work occurring on or near Whitefish Lake or within the Lakeshore Protection Zone (20 feet above Mean High Water) requires a Lakeshore Construction Permit to be approved before starting work. While minor permits for such things as docks, waterlines, tree removal, and buoys are approved by staff in a few days, other type of permits such as those for construction of stairs, retaining walls, or other larger projects are reviewed and approved by the Lakeshore Protection Committee and the City Council. Plan ahead, as final approval may take a month or more after the application is submitted. Additionally, properties outside of city limits on Whitefish Lake also need City Lakeshore Construction Permits for docks, buoys and other projects in or on the lake as the lake itself is in city limits. Please call the planning office for any questions concerning work within the Lakeshore Protection Zone at 863-2410.

CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE RIVER

Citizens are reminded that any construction work, trail building, or dirt moving within 20' of the Whitefish River top of bank may require a 310 permit from the Flathead Conservation District. Permits are required for any physical alteration that has the potential to affect a stream or its channel. Contact the Flathead Conservation District to find out if your project needs a permit. Go to their website at Flatheadcd.org or call them at (406)752-4220. Any fill or construction near the river may also require a Floodplain Permit. Also, the City's Water Quality Ordinance requires a setback and a buffer of 75' from high water where construction activities are limited and tree removal and pesticide application are regulated. Contact planning staff at 863-2410 if you have questions.



VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

WHITEFISH LAKE AND LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

- Two positions - (1) shall reside within city limits (1) shall be lakefront property owner and reside within city limits

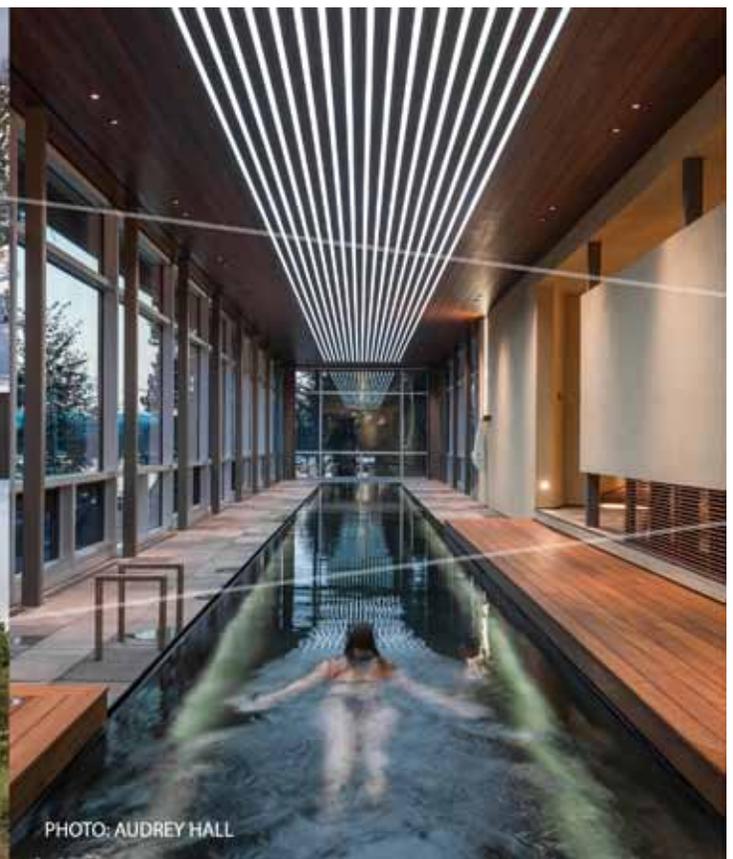
BOARD OF APEALS - One position - must be qualified by experience or training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - One position - shall reside within the city limits

WHITEFISH CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU - One position - representative to Transportation Business, shall reside or own/manage a business within zoning jurisdiction

HOUSING AUTHORITY - One position - shall reside within city limits or within 10-mile radius

INTERESTED? - Email mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org



LICENSING YOUR DOG HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER

Dog owners within the city limits of Whitefish are able to purchase a lifetime dog license through the Flathead County Animal Shelter. This can all be done online! There is no longer the need to remember to renew your dog's license or make an extra trip to City Hall. Simply go to <https://flathead.mt.gov/animal/dog-license/index.php>, complete the online application and your license will be delivered to your home within two to three weeks. Owners will be able to purchase a lifetime license for \$45, without requiring renewal. Current

vaccination records are required. All dogs over the age of four months must have a Flathead County license. If you have a question regarding the license application, please call the Flathead County Animal Shelter at (406) 752-1310 or email fcas@flathead.mt.gov.

REMEMBER! Turn lost into found!

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with Flathead County
Animal Shelter*



BEARS AND GARBAGE

Spring will be here soon and so will bears. The trash can ordinance requires that trash cans be kept in a secure, animal resistant area, and that they may not be kept at the curb near the street. Trash cans may only be placed at the curb for pickup no earlier than 4:00AM the day of pickup, and they must be returned to the animal resistant enclosure no later than 7:00PM the same day. Citizens are reminded to keep pet food in a secure area as pet food, along with fruit from fruit trees and garden vegetables attract bears. Be bear aware

and make our community safe for our citizens and our wild neighbors.



SPRING LEAF PICKUP

Curbside leaf pickup will resume for a short period (typically 2 weeks) this spring when all the snow is gone. The schedule will be announced on the Public Works Facebook page as well as the City's website (look under snow-tree-leaf-removal).

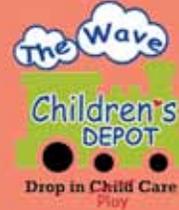
1. Leaves must be bagged and not raked into the street.
2. Bags must be securely tied and weigh less than 25 pounds. Bags weighing more than 25 pounds will not be picked up.
3. Do not place animal waste or refuse products in bags.
4. Bags of leaves for pick-up are to be stacked on the nearest boulevard. If there is not access to a boulevard, bags may be set a minimum of 10' from the nearest refuse container. City Employees will not enter onto private property to retrieve bagged leaves.
5. Do not place leaves into any City refuse container.



SPRING BREAK FITNESS CAMP

March 25-29 9:00AM - 4:00 PM

Drop the kiddos off at The Wave during the SPRING BREAK
swimming • arts & crafts • field trips • outdoor freeplay



For information email:
carrie@whitefishwave
or call: 406-730- 6171

Forms may be picked up at The Children's Depot.

Members \$35 a day
Non Members \$40 a day

THE WAVE
Aquatic & Fitness Center

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Whitefish Community Library (WCL) is partnering with R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) a program of Intermountain Therapy Animals. Starting Tuesday, January 22, 2019 (and appearing weekly!), R.E.A.D. and the library will host a program to improve children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a dog. R.E.A.D. dogs are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team. Animals are ideal reading companions because they help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure, listen attentively, do not judge, laugh or criticize, allow children to proceed at their own pace and are less intimidating than peers. Call the library at 862-9914 for more information!



As the 2018 year came to a close the library saw a substantial increase in traffic. Over 80,000 patrons came into the library during the year and 80,386 items were checked out. This total does not include the number of patrons who attended some of the most popular programs we have ever had the privilege of offering: Lady Long Rider, Alone Across American on Horseback; Comic Book Club; Bozeman Film Festival; Battle of the Little-Bighorn; Clifford the Big Red Dog; Wolves and Humans; Wild Wings Recovery; Whitefish Book Discussion and How to Survive an Avalanche. These programs were entertaining and educational and because of their popularity will be offered again in 2019.

New public access computers were purchased this past winter. Our computers, free to the public, provide internet access to students, community members and visitors from across the country. They also make available scanning, microfilm research, proctoring for long-distance learning and printing.

The library is displaying the Nate Chute Foundation's Community Mandala for Suicide Prevention, along with books on the prevention of suicide. We also had a display from Soropotimist on Abuse Prevention to bring attention to the problem of abuse, harassment and discrimination directed at women.



The ever popular Summer Reading Program provided stories, crafts and presentations from a variety of local organizations. Children of all ages were awarded prizes for time spent reading with an opportunity to win prizes at the conclusion of the program. Under the direction of Librarian Mary Drew Powers children of all ages enjoyed a wide variety of programs.

Story Time is every Thursday at 10:30 in the library community room.

One of the goals set by Whitefish Community Library Board of Trustees was to hire another part time employee and add an additional open hour to the 6-day week. This was accomplished with the hiring of Joy Hawley and open-

ing at 11:00 am (rather than noon) on Fridays. The Trustees also welcomed a new Trustee, Kris Lieboe, who filled a vacancy left open by an expired term.

Support your library without a cost to you.

Amazon will donate .05% of your purchase (no charge to you) to the Whitefish Library Association. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and type "Whitefish Library Association" as a charity of choice before making your purchase.

Thank you to Flathead Electric Co-op's Round-up for Safety grant that enabled the library to add railings to the steps leading to the library from the parking lot. Also thank you to the Whitefish Community Foundation for a grant replacing staff computers. We thank them for their generosity.

Whitefish Community Library
9 Spokane Ave
Whitefish, MT 59937
(406)862-9914

Joey Kositzky, Director

Library Hours:

Monday – 10 AM to 7 PM

Tuesday – 10 AM to 6 PM

Wednesday – 10 AM to 6 PM

Thursday – 11 AM to 5 PM

Friday – 11 AM to 5 PM

Saturday – 12 Noon to 5 PM

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