



# STUMPTOWN *Scoop*

City of Whitefish  
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

## LETTER FROM THE MANAGER

Thank you to all who came and participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual City Open House and State of the City Address. We had great attendance and I believe all who came feel better informed about City initiatives. Feel free to watch the State of the City Address on YouTube and subscribe to the City of Whitefish channel and mark your calendars for next year's event on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

I also wanted to express appreciation to residents and business owners for complying with the City's new Alternate Side Parking initiative to improve snow plowing. I think you will agree, we were able to do so much better with snow removal this last winter. You are now off the hook until October 1<sup>st</sup> of next year.

State Park Road will see some serious construction over the next two years (see article on Page 7). This is a significant project and will affect mobility in this area during construction. Please keep tabs on the City's website at [cityofwhitefish.org](http://cityofwhitefish.org) and signup for my email list to ensure you have the latest information on what to expect and how to navigate this area during construction.

The Depot Park Project should already be under way by the time you receive this newsletter. Work on Railway between Central and Spokane will conclude by July 1<sup>st</sup> and then Spokane work between Railway and Depot will begin September 16<sup>th</sup>. Work on the final portion of the Park and Central will begin in spring 2020 and wrap up by July 1<sup>st</sup> of next year. The City will have

a project page on the City's website for information related to the project by the time this reaches your mailbox.

The City will be considering a Water Conservation Ordinance to take effect this summer. Conservation of this precious resource needs to be part of how we help our planet. The City will be holding public meetings on this topic through May and June and will be issuing a press release once an ordinance is approved. Stay tuned for more information, but as always, checking in with the City's website and signing up for my email list are great ways to stay up to date.

Wildfire is an extreme concern in our area and as we learned from California last year, wildfire can have a drastic impact on lives, homes, and even entire communities. We encourage all residents/businesses to learn all they can about how to protect their homes and businesses. On Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm here at City Hall, the Whitefish Fire Department, Flathead County, DNRC, US Forest Service, and others will be showing the film "Era of Megafires" and leading review and discussion on the "Community Wildfire Prevention Plan". This is another great opportunity for you to learn how to protect yourself from wildfires. Also, visit the Fire Department page on the city's website.

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

Adam M. Hammatt  
City Manager, City of Whitefish

**CITY HALL**  
418 E. 2nd St, Whitefish, MT

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Legal Services ..... 863-2445  
Parks & Recreation ..... 863-2470  
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Public Works/Streets ..... 863-2460  
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Human Resources ..... 863-2407

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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.

Sign up for weekly email notification from me at [www.cityofwhitefish.org](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org)



Adam Hammatt  
City Manager, City of Whitefish  
[ahammatt@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:ahammatt@cityofwhitefish.org)

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

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Keep up-to-date with  
the Whitefish Climate  
Action Plan!  
[cityofwhitefish.org](http://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

## DOWNTOWN LEASED PARKING AVAILABLE!



Are you interested in parking downtown for more than three hours and don't want the hassle of moving your car to avoid an overtime parking ticket? The City has uncovered leased parking spaces currently available in the downtown parking facility. The monthly uncovered rate per parking space is \$30/month. While

currently full, a waiting list is available for the covered leased parking spaces. The monthly covered rate per parking space is \$40/month. Discounts are available for 12-month leases and bulk purchases. To find out more visit: <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/information/downtown-parking.php> or call us at 406-863-2400.

## “GO CUP” A NO-GO

Bar owners and citizens are reminded that alcoholic beverages are to be consumed only in the home or in an establishment which serves alcoholic beverages. Business owners are reminded to keep customers who are consuming alcoholic beverages

within their establishment and not to provide “go cups”. The open container ordinance prohibits open containers in public or vehicles. A fine of \$250 may be levied. Additionally, “go cups”, cans and bottles litter our beautiful downtown, costing the taxpayer additional money.

## INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING IN THE “SCOOP”?

Contact Michelle Howke, [mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org)  
Your advertising will reach over 8,700 households and businesses in 59937

## 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 common sense rules. When riding at night you must have a head and tail lamp illuminated.



## VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

WHITEFISH LAKE AND LAKESHORE COMMITTEE – One position for member -at-large

BOARD OF APEALS – One position for experience or training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction

HOUSING AUTHORITY – One position for a city resident or person who resides within 10 mile radius

If you are interested, contact Michelle Howke, City Clerk, 406-863-2402, or [mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org)

## NEW LOCATION! AIS PREVENTION AND DECONTAMINATION STATION

In partnership with Whitefish Lake Institute, the City is excited to announce that the AIS Prevention and Decontamination Station will be in a new location closer to Whitefish Lake. Formerly housed at Whitefish Marine and Powersports (2017) and Don K Whitefish (2018), the station will now be located in the City's boat parking lot on the corner of Edgewood Place and Washington Avenue near Whitefish City Beach.

Improvements to the station will include fencing, gravel drain pad, and a storage building on the east side of

the lot. Although the station will open on May 1<sup>st</sup>, we expect that the improvements will take place as funding and time allows during the summer season. We ask boaters to be patient as we work to make improvements to this permanent location.

Preventative hot washes and decontaminations are required, whether or not you have been inspected at another station, on the following watercraft:

- with ballast tanks or bags that have not been out of water for 30 days

- that have been in a mussel infested waterway in the last 30 days
- with unverified standing water
- that inspectors deem too dirty to inspect

The AIS Prevention and Decontamination Station hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in May and September, and 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. June through August. There are extended hours during Labor Day and Memorial Day weekends. Remember to always Clean, Drain, Dry!!

## Adopt - A - Tree Program

- \* City of Whitefish Parks is currently accepting applications for Adopt-A-Tree fall plantings. This program is on a first come, first served basis.
- \* Reminder to all current Adopt-A-Tree participants, please start filling your green water bags once a week starting June 1st.
- \* For any tree related questions, please contact us at 863-2467.



**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS ARE NOW OPEN!**

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

**PROGRAM DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR SUMMER GUIDE!**

[www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation/youth-rec-programs.php](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation/youth-rec-programs.php)



Adventure

Summer Camp

SK&FISH

Rock Climbing

Tennis

Visit us on Facebook @ [Whitefish Parks and Recreation](https://www.facebook.com/WhitefishParksandRecreation) or [www.cityofwhitefish.org](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org)

## Summer Parks and Recreation

Find what Parks and Recreation is all about this Summer!

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TENNIS	SK&FISH	ROCKCLIMBING
ADVENTURE	PARKS	BIKEPATHS
SUMMER	CAMP	BEACH
PLAYGROUNDS		

## MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dave Herman has been employed with the Whitefish Police Department for 14 years. Originally from Washington State, Dave moved to Missoula to attend the University of Montana in 2000. Dave worked for the Missoula County Sheriffs Office as a reserve deputy for two years before being hired by the Whitefish Police Department in July of 2005. Dave has worked as a patrol officer, narcotics investigator, and was promoted to Sergeant in 2011. Dave enjoys spending time in the outdoors with his wife and four young children.



## REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

Dog owners are reminded to clean up after their dogs and follow the animal ordinance. Bags are conveniently located throughout the city. No matter how well behaved or friendly you may feel your pet is, your pet is required to be on a leash and under strict control of a person. Tethering your pet on public property along sidewalks or in parks is not permitted. Pets are not permitted at special events including Farmers Market, Art Festivals, or any event permitted by the City of Whitefish.

Do not leave your pet unattended in your vehicle. 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.



### WHITEFISH POLICE DEPARTMENT

275 Flathead Ave  
Whitefish, MT 59937

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](#) and Instagram [awhitefishpolice](#) or our website <http://whitefishpolice.com/>

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## LOCK YOUR DOORS!

During summer months Whitefish Police see an up-tick in thefts from unlocked vehicles and unsecure out buildings and garages. We encourage residents to lock your vehicles and remove all items of value from your vehicle. Items commonly stolen from vehicles are money, purses, electronics, sport equipment and firearms. If you find that your vehicle has been trespassed or a theft occurred we ask that you call and report the incident to the police department. Unsecure outbuildings and garages are easy targets for theft and often are used by transients to hold up overnight or in bad weather. Secure your property and lock your doors!

## SCAMS

Unfortunately, phone and e-mail scams are becoming more common every day. These scams are difficult to prosecute because the suspect can hide their identity using a variety of methods. The typical scams include calls or e-mails requesting personal information such as debit card numbers, social security numbers, addresses and date of birth. Other scams attempt to convince people that they are non-compliant with a government agency and a warrant for their arrest will be issued if some type of payment is not received.

Though scams will always be an annoyance, you can keep them from causing serious problems with a few simple steps. First, never give out personal identifying information, debit card numbers or any other financial information via e-mail. Legitimate companies and agencies have secure ways to handle your sensitive information. Second, verify the information. If you received a call or e-mail you believe is suspicious, contact the agency or company that reportedly sent the message. Do not use the contact information provided in the call or e-mail. Instead, independently look up contact information from a trusted source. Lastly, if you feel that you have fallen victim to a scam, contact your financial institution and a credit reporting bureau immediately so that the damage can be minimized.

## SUMMER VISITORS

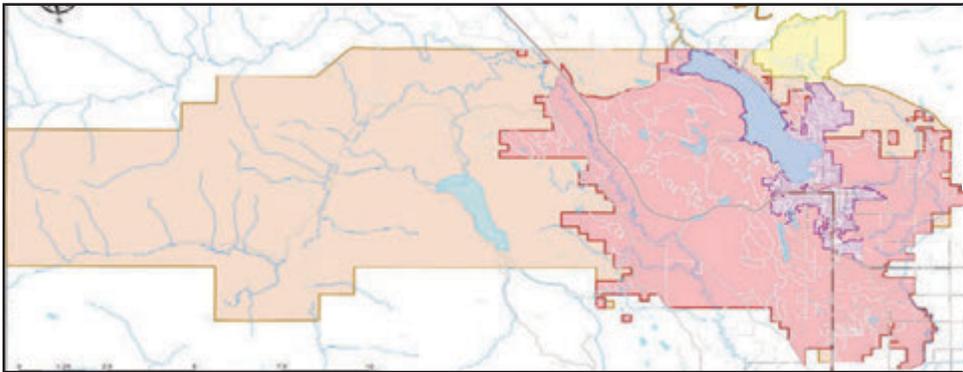
Refrain from giving transients money or food. Professional literature indicates that 90% of transients choose their lifestyle. Once they find an "easy touch", they let other transients know, bringing more transients to our community and staying longer. If you see transients trespassing on private property or camping along the river, bike paths or parks, call and report the location to the police department so that we can address the issue.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Did you know the Whitefish Fire Department provides emergency Fire, Medical, Rescue, Hazmat and Initial-Attack Wildfire services to the City of Whitefish, the Whitefish Fire Service Area, and a portion of the Flathead County Fire Service Area with a combination of career and volunteer firefighters?

The Fire Department is staffed each day with a minimum of (4) four highly trained career Firefighter/Paramedics

working alongside a small group of dedicated volunteers to protect you, your family, friends, neighbors, and guests. We need your help to fill our ranks. If you have the desire, the ability, and most importantly the time to volunteer to join this dedicated group of men and women or would just like to know more, please contact Kerry Harrison at 406-862-2490 or by email at [kharrison@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:kharrison@cityofwhitefish.org) to obtain a volunteer information packet.



## RESCUECARE RENEWAL



The Whitefish community is fortunate to have excellent emergency paramedic and ambulance service through the Whitefish Fire Department. Of course, this high level of service costs money to provide. Ambulance bills can cost as much as \$1400 in a lifesaving emergency. Insurance normally only covers a portion of the full bill, leaving you to pay the difference. In some cases, an insurance company will deny an ambulance claim entirely.

The Whitefish Fire Department's "RescueCare" program takes the worry out of meeting unexpected ambulance bills. For \$59 per year within city limits, or \$185 per year for residents living outside of city limits, but still within the Whitefish ambulance service area, the RescueCare program will cover your entire household against the costs for emergency and medically necessary

ambulance service in and around Whitefish. Plus, RescueCare will handle the insurance claims and payments. No financial worries, no insurance hassles, and no ambulance bills.

Within the City of Whitefish Fire Department's RescueCare program, the cost of ambulance service is covered, and you don't get a bill. No one should have to worry about whether they can afford to call an ambulance when they need one. The program offers security and peace of mind.

The RescueCare runs from July through June. You can purchase RescueCare anytime during the year for the full amount with the membership expiring June 30th. You will receive a renewal notice in June for the following year. All memberships expire June 30th, regardless of enrollment date and the fee is the same regardless of when you enroll.

## WILDFIRE IN WHITEFISH

*"ERA OF MEGAFIRE"*

Chief Joe Page from the Whitefish Fire Department will be joined by representatives from the DNRC, Forest Service, and others for a showing of the film

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A review and discussion on the Flathead County's new *CWPP (COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREVENTION PLAN)*

**DATE:** FRIDAY JUNE 14, 2019

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m. TO 8:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** WHITEFISH CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 418 E. 2ND ST., 2ND FLOOR

The benefits of RescueCare also extend to the greater community. When you invest in RescueCare, your dollars stay here in Whitefish to support our emergency medical response system. RescueCare money will be used to provide advanced paramedic training and new advanced equipment. So even if you never need to call an ambulance, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that your participation in the RescueCare program is helping to respond to real human needs and to save lives in Whitefish and the surrounding area.

Watch your mail for the renewal form late May/early June, download a form off the City of Whitefish website at <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/fire-and-ambulance/rescue-care.php> or call Kerry Harrison at (406) 863-2490 to have a form sent to you or with questions.

## WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE

The City is in the process of adopting a water conservation ordinance to prepare for potential summer drought conditions. Conservation and using less water should be part of our daily lives, but when Flathead County enters abnormal to severe drought, water restrictions will be implemented including limited outdoor watering. Further restrictions on water usage will go into effect when the County reaches a state of severe drought, or in the event of critical water supply infrastructure failure.

The City of Whitefish has been working for the past five years to identify water loss and eliminate waste to maintain an adequate, quality water supply. Excessive outdoor watering can put a strain on the system during the summertime, so doing your part and wasting less water at home and work can go a long way towards maintaining the Whitefish water supply and preventing water restrictions from being triggered.

The City will notify customers of the upcoming ordinance, which is expected to go into effect this summer.

## BILLING FOR IRRIGATION

Whitefish residential customers who do not have a separate irrigation meter are allowed a monthly summer watering maximum of 12,000 gallons per month for water at a reduced rate. This is based on the average consecutive and consistent use during the seven monthly billing periods of November through May. Sewer charges are based on the average used during the same seven-month period. For those who use larger amounts of water outside, such as for lawn or garden irrigation, it is possible to purchase a separate meter from the Utility Billing office for this purpose. The meter cost and installation are the property owner's responsibility. For more information, please call the Utility Billing Dept. at (406) 863-2456.

**USING LESS WATER  
SHOULD BE PART OF OUR  
DAILY LIVES**

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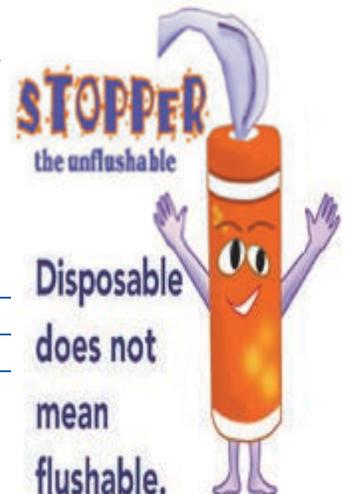
## TIPS TO HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LAWN WITHOUT WASTING WATER

- Established lawns only need 1-2 inches of water every week, which can easily be achieved by sprinkling your lawn for about an hour once a week.
- Watering at night or early in the morning is best, as water evaporates quickly during the heat of the day.
- Less frequent watering actually encourages deeper, healthier lawn roots.
- Don't cut your grass too short. Grass retains more moisture if mowed to about 2.5 to 3 inches.
- Aerating your lawn by punching holes in it about 4 inches apart can allow for better water absorption and a healthier lawn.
- Raking compost over your lawn can improve moisture retention and reduce the need for fertilizers.
- Reducing weeds in your lawn and garden can lessen the competition for water and fertilizer.
- Mulching your garden with organic matter improves nutrient content and water retention, reduces erosion and discourages weeds while reducing water evaporation in your garden.

**FOR MORE YARD TIPS VISIT:  
[www.msuextension.org](http://www.msuextension.org) - Yard & Garden.**

## TO FLUSH, OR NOT TO FLUSH...?

Flushable Wipes - Are they really flushable? The answer is NO. Although many wipes on the market advertise as such, they are not. For more information on this please read the article at <https://www.today.com/series/one-small-thing/are-flushable-wipes-really-flushable-t151945>



STATE PARK ROAD REBUILD

State Park Road will be reconstructed from Lion Mountain Road to Haugen Heights Road this summer. Gas main relocation will begin in May, with road reconstruction beginning in July. The project is expected to extend into October. This project is being funded by the City’s Resort Tax. The City has kept neighbors updated and involved in the design process with public meetings and project newsletters. The project will improve driver and pedestrian safety through intersection improvements, roadway alignment changes and the addition of an off street shared use path on the west side of the street. The shared use path was listed as a high priority project in the Connect Whitefish Bike

and Pedestrian Master Plan. Besides the new separated shared use path, the new street will also include decorative LED lights, street trees, and a new stormwater system. To increase safety, the speed limit of State Park Road will be decreased from 35 mph to 25 mph. Also, a southbound stop sign will be added at the intersection of State Park Road and Lion Mountain Loop Road. During construction this summer a detour route will be put in place. Phase two of the State Park Road project from Haugen Heights Road to the railroad tracks will occur from April to October of 2020 with no construction during July and August.



DEPOT PARK CONSTRUCTION

Construction will take place in and around Depot Park this summer and fall. Roadway improvements will be completed on Railway St. between Central Ave. and Spokane Ave. by July 1. Work will begin on Spokane Ave. from Railway St. to Depot St. as well as the easterly portion of Depot Park. No work will take place from July 1 to September 15.



Somers Sump Pump Inspections

Public Works Staff has been busy inspecting sump pumps on Somers Avenue. If you live on the 200-600 block of Somers Avenue, and have not made an appointment for an inspection, please do so by calling the Public Works Department at (406) 863-2460

Don't get caught with an illegal sump pump, or risk flooding in your home this year.



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SNOW REMOVAL SUCCESS

The Public Works Department and Staff would like to thank everyone for their cooperation with the new Alternate Side Parking Ordinance. While it may have come with some challenges, we believe the ordinance helped improve snow removal efforts. You will notice that the signs have been removed, and alternate sided parking is NOT in effect from May 1st until September 30th.

# PLANNING & BUILDING

## LONG RANGE PLANNING: Tackling Downtown Parking and Congestion



Traffic congestion and finding a place to park in downtown Whitefish during the summer months can be challenging. To improve the experience for

residents, visitors, and downtown businesses, the City of Whitefish is working on two related planning projects this year. The first is development of a multi-modal transportation hub at Depot Park along with a feasibility study for an expanded local transit system in

Whitefish that would help reduce congestion and parking demand. As part of this effort, downtown businesses were surveyed about their employee's commutes and parking habits and a public open house was held in March with Western Transportation Institute to look at a broad range of solutions.

The second major project is a downtown parking improvement plan, spearheaded by professional parking consultants, Dixon Resources Unlimited. That plan kicked off in May with two public meetings and several smaller focus group meetings to get feedback from the public, downtown businesses, and

transportation providers about their parking needs and issues. Dixon will be on hand to facilitate a second round of public meetings July 8-9, which will help inform recommendations for the plan. Look for notice of these meetings on the City's Upcoming Events webpage (<http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/>), in the Whitefish Pilot, on flyers posted around town, or call 863-1254 or email [hlindh@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:hlindh@cityofwhitefish.org) to be notified of meeting details.

STAY INFORMED AND  
HAVE A VOICE

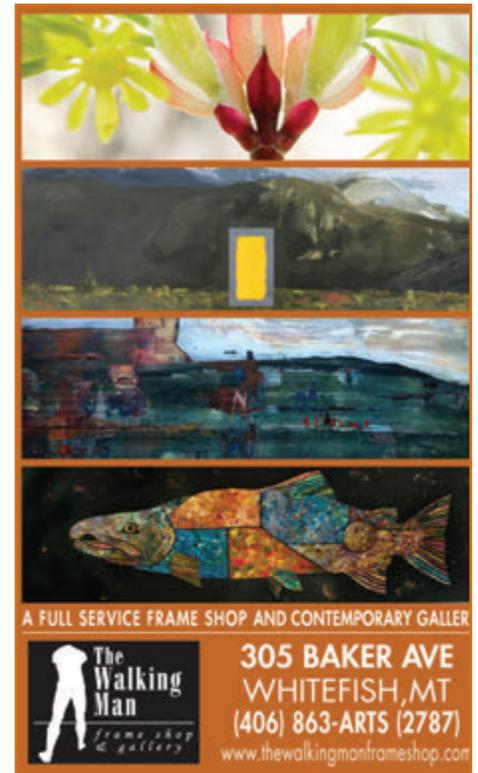
**WATCH FOR NOTICES  
FOR THE NEXT ROUND  
OF PUBLIC MEETINGS  
FOR PARKING IN THE  
DOWNTOWN AREA  
JULY 2019**

*How can you  
help solve the  
downtown  
parking issues??*

## RESIDENTIAL DECKS

One of the most common summer projects is the repair and construction of residential decks. After several residential decks collapsed in recent years, new regulations were created to ensure such structures remain safe. Whether you are a professional contractor or a home owner, being aware of some of the new requirements can help you design a successful project. Make sure that the deck is supported on a permanent frost-protected foundation. Too often deck supports are placed on pads which do not resist frost movement and can contribute to deck failure. A pier or sonotube 36" in the ground is the proper support for a deck post. Other changes in the residential building code include the requirement

to use decay-resistant deck materials as well as joist hangers and corrosion-resistant fasteners. Deck ledgers, the most common failure point, are now required to be fastened by corrosive-resistant lag bolts or structural screws rather than with nails. A good reference guide for deck construction can be found online at [www.awc.org/codes-standards](http://www.awc.org/codes-standards). When in doubt, hire a professional. Old decks that encroach into required setbacks can be repaired, but if they are structurally altered or removed, they must be rebuilt to conform to the code. When in doubt, do your due diligence first. Please call the Whitefish Planning & Building Department at 863-2410 with any questions you may have about decks or other construction projects.



## SEEK AND DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

The City of Whitefish requires that all property owners inside City Limits take steps to eradicate the growth and spread of noxious weeds by either mowing, pulling, or applying herbicide. Property owners are also required to maintain any adjacent public boulevard, green strip, borrow pit or roadside. The most common types of noxious weeds around town are Canadian Thistle, Knapweed, and Orange Hawkweed. We also have

an extremely invasive noxious weed spreading through the city that is quick to multiply and very difficult to kill. It is called Japanese Knotweed, and is found along river banks and in people's yard as ornamentals. If you have any questions about the best way to remove weeds or you wish to report noxious weeds inside the city limits, please contact the City Code Compliance Officer at 863-1242 or email [mrobinson@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:mrobinson@cityofwhitefish.org).



Japanese Knotweed



Canadian Thistle



Orange Hawkweed



Knapweed



Join us!  
 Sponsor the  
**Summer Reading Challenge**  
 at Whitefish Community Library!



Whitefish Community Library's Summer Reading Challenge is in its 21<sup>st</sup> year! Last year our sponsors helped us give out over 900 incentives and 14 Grand Prizes to almost 200 participants. Even more people came to 3 programs a week at the Library and at North Valley Food Bank.

**You can help by providing:**

- Small incentive prizes such as giveaways or cents-off coupons for readers finishing a challenge.
- Small prizes that might become part of a gift basket for Grand Prize Drawing.
- A prize, gift certificate, or a donation to assist in purchasing same for Grand Prize drawing.

Contact: Mary Drew Powers at Whitefish Community Library  
 406-862-9914 marydrew@whitefishlibrary.org

**NATURE MEETS TECH PROGRAM**

You can register for a special summer program “Nature Meets Tech”, where children grade 2-5 can engage in coding activities and spend the afternoons on ‘all things outdoors’. June 24-28 will be “Tinker with Tynker”, a block-based program with animations, creative and fun projects and video game design. July 22-26 is “Everything Robotics”, art & stem with Ozobots, 25 robots to build, and obstacle courses and run challenges. The final “Minecraft Mania!” August 5-9 is an introduction to text-based coding, building a command center and using ‘cool commands’ to change your own world. You can [Register@Ka-leidocoding.com](http://Register@Ka-leidocoding.com).

**TO BETTER SERVE YOU**

It is the goal of the Whitefish Community Library staff to continue their education in order to provide better service to our library users. The first part of April, Director Joey Kositzky and librarians Mary Drew Powers and Joy Hawley attended the 2019 Montana Library Association Conference in Helena. Programs and workshops were offered that updated librarians on new and current information available through a variety of resources, program ideas, and gave us the opportunity to connect with other librarians across the state.

**Yacht Rock 2019**

~~RENEGADE RUNWAY~~  
**SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY**  
**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> / 5-9p**

POOLSIDE / 80'S ROCK / BOAT DRINKS  
 FREE! PUBLIC WELCOME / VIP SEATING AVAILABLE  
**A BENEFIT FOR ALPINE THEATRE PROJECT**

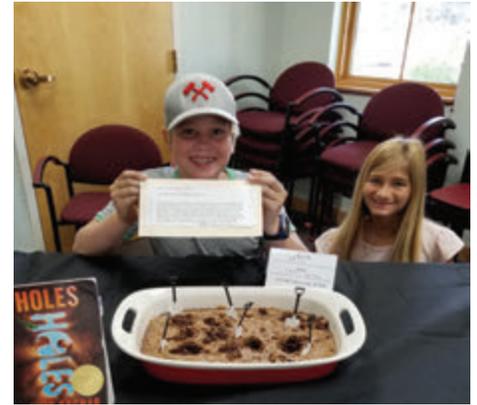
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*Whitefish*  
**WOODY WEEKEND VIII**  
 A SHOWCASE OF CLASSIC & NEW WOODEN BOATS  
**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> 9a-6p** | Live music | Tiki Bar & Grill  
 Hourly Giveaways | Free Event

## WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library offers many programs for children and young adults throughout the year including R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs), After School Comic Club, Thursday Story Hour, and the popular Summer Reading Program. Some of the summer programs we will be offering include Whitefish Lake In-

stitute, Wild Wings Raptor Recovery Center, North Valley Music School, 2nd Annual Edible Book Contest and many more. Our programs are still in the planning stage so check our webpage at [Whitefishlibrary.org](http://Whitefishlibrary.org) and click on the 'events' for further information.



## EXCELLENT LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD

### Edible Book Holes

The Whitefish Community Library once again received the 2019 ELSA (Excellent Library Service Award) presented by the Montana State Library. The Montana State Library Commission annually recognizes libraries for achieving excellence in serving their communities with the ELSA. Each

year, academic, public, school, and special libraries have an opportunity to apply for the award using a checklist of excellent recommendations. The checklist is based on Montana's current Public Library Standards which serves as a measuring tool for libraries in the state.

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 – 10 AM to 6 PM  
Friday – 11 AM to 5 PM  
Saturday – 12 Noon to 5 PM

Follow us on Facebook for updates:  
@ [Whitefish Community Library](https://www.facebook.com/WhitefishCommunityLibrary)  
or visit [whitefishlibrary.org](http://whitefishlibrary.org)

## MEET LIBBY APP

Whitefish Library offers a free app created by OverDrive called Libby that is available for Android, iOS and Windows 10 devices called Libby. The Libby app is a new, one-tap reading app for borrowing digital books and audio books from the library.

## BOOKMYNE APP

Did you know that the WCL has an app "BookMyne" which allows you to search our catalog, place holds on materials, log in to your account, renew items you have checked out, get reading recommendations and scan barcodes to see if we have a book you may be looking for?



**THANK YOU!!**  
We want to thank the Whitefish Community Foundation for providing a grant that enables the library to purchase two new staff computers to replace the original 2011 computers.

## LUNCH & A STORY

We will be participating in the Lunch & A Story program every Tuesday at 10:45. Pick up a sack lunch from the Summer Food Program Truck (18 years

and younger). Then stroll into the Library for a story and activity facilitated by Whitefish School District's FIT members.

JOIN US FOR  
LUNCH & A STORY  
TUESDAYS @ 10:45!!



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