



# STUMPTOWN *Scoop*

City of Whitefish  
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

As traffic has noticeably slowed again and the holiday season is fast approaching, the City remains busy at work on many projects. With the help and dedication of our elected officials, committee and board members, department directors, staff, and other valued partners, significant progress continues to be made in addressing affordable housing and downtown parking challenges.

Implementation of the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan, adopted by the City Council last year, is moving forward. In late August a ground breaking ceremony was held at the site of the future Alpenglow Apartments, a new 38-unit workforce housing development currently under construction. The Whitefish Legacy Homes Program that requires 20% affordable housing on certain developments became effective July 2019. This Fall the City Council reviewed the procedures and processes developed by the Whitefish Housing Authority to guide their administration of this program. We anticipate future residential developments under these program requirements soon. Another project identified in the plan is the development of affordable housing on the City owned property at the corner of Railway Street and Columbia Avenue, commonly referred as the Snow Lot. Evaluation of development options and a final conceptual design is underway.

While we strive to address affordable housing needs in our community, we also know that parking in downtown is challenging, especially during our busy summer months. On October 21, 2019, the City Council adopted the Whitefish Parking Management Plan, which will serve as a foundation for the establishment of a sustainable parking program and better management of the existing parking facilities. The Whitefish Parking Management Plan not only recommends changes in parking management and enforcement, but it also identifies the need to create an employee parking program.

Implementation of the plan recommendations is expected to start immediately.

While affordable housing and downtown parking are high on the City's priority list, there are numerous other projects underway or recently completed. The creation of the Highway 93 S. Corridor Plan is currently in progress. Once complete, the plan will provide a vision for growth and development within the plan boundaries, as well as action items to execute the plan goals. A draft is anticipated to be ready in early Spring. As you have likely noticed, construction projects have been ongoing throughout the City these past few months, including the recent completion of the Resort Tax funded State Park Road Improvement Project – Phase I. Public outreach and planning for Phase II of the State Park Road Improvement Project has begun with construction expected to take place next year. The Central Avenue & 6<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project was also completed and has improved the slumping of the road. Furthermore, many are now enjoying the northern portion of Monegan Road, which is newly paved. In downtown, the Depot Park Improvement Project – Phase II along the east side of the park, including Spokane Avenue, has also been finished. The final phase along the west side of the park, including Central Avenue, is expected to begin in early spring.

While the City remains busy with many challenges ahead, we are here to serve you. So, if you have any concerns, questions, or recommendations, please reach out to us. As always, thank you to all who take the time to participate in our public process and provide valuable input. Working together as a community to address issues that arise and plan for the future is what makes Whitefish extraordinary.

Mayor John M. Muhlfeld

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**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](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org)



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Happy Holidays!

## WHITEFISH BUSINESS LICENSING

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The City will be mailing out business license renewals in November 2019 for calendar year 2020. The renewal rate is based on the square footage of the business with the exception of home occupation licenses and contractor/out of city licenses which are both a flat rate. Contractors are required to have a City of Whitefish business license if they intend to do business within the City Limits. This includes but is not limited to cleaning services, property management, handyman services and painters.

In an effort to streamline the renewal process in future years, this year's

renewal notices request that you provide a business email address. Our goal is to email out the renewal notices in future years to reduce paper consumption and reduce costs. It would also be helpful to have your authorization for us to contact you via email in the event there is a need for the City to get information to your business. For more information on City business licensing requirements please call the Customer Service Clerks at 406-863-2400 or visit our website at <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/city-hall/business-license.php>.

2019 Annual Business License Fees	
<i>General &amp; Professional</i>	
0-499 sq. ft.	\$70
500-1,999 sq. ft.	\$100
2,000-5,999 sq. ft.	\$130
6,000-9,999 sq. ft.	\$160
Over 10,000 sq. ft.	\$190
<i>Home Occupation</i>	\$35
<i>Out of City/Contractor</i>	\$70
<i>Short-Term Rental</i>	\$100 + \$50/unit



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

### CITY HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

November 28 – 29 Thanksgiving Closed

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Closed at Noon

December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Closed

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Open 8 am – 5 pm

January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day Closed

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

## 2020 SNOW SCULPTURE SHOWDOWN

Get ready to have some fun at the 2020 Snow Sculpture Showdown! Gather a team of friends, family, or co-workers to craft a snow sculpture in Depot Park. The Winter Carnival Royalty will judge the creations prior to the parade and will award prizes.

Join us Winter Carnival weekend, February 7-8th, 2020. More information will be available at [www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation/staff-and-news.php](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/parks-and-recreation/staff-and-news.php). or call 863-2473.

Visit us on Facebook

@ [Whitefish Parks and Recreation](https://www.facebook.com/WhitefishParksandRecreation)

or

[www.cityofwhitefish.org](http://www.cityofwhitefish.org)



## Friday Night Ski/Snowboard Program

Join us on the mountain Fridays, January through March. Ski, snowboard, eat pizza, and hang out with your friends. We meet in the Whitefish Middle School Cafeteria immediately after school and return to town by 9:00 PM. Parks and Recreation staff supervise participants during travel and dinner times, but participants must be able to ski/snowboard independently, as this is not an instructional program.

Resident Fee: \$20



## Downtown Leased Parking Available!



Are you interested in parking downtown for more than two or three hours? Avoid an overtime parking ticket and lease a space from 6am – 6pm, Monday thru Friday, right in Downtown Whitefish! Covered and uncovered leased parking spaces are available in the downtown parking facility. The monthly covered rate per parking space is \$40/month and the uncovered rate per parking space is \$30/month. Both types of leases can be paid on a monthly or annual basis. Discounts are available for 12-month leases and bulk purchases. To find out more about parking in downtown, please visit: <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/information/downtown-parking.php> or call us at 406-863-2400.

## K-4th GRADE BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL

Join us at the Roy Duff Memorial Armory for a non-competitive introduction to basketball for boys and girls. Focus will be on basic dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. Games are played for fun and instructional purposes only. There are no other practices scheduled. Each game day will have two parts, an instruction/practice period and a scrimmage period. Registrations available on our website in December.

Kindergarten	Tuesdays	6:00 - 6:30 PM
1st & 2nd Grade	Tuesdays or Wednesdays	6:45 - 7:30 PM
3rd & 4th Grade	Thursdays	6:00 - 7:30 PM
RESIDENT FEE: \$65		

Summer is over and it's time to think about the holidays and the challenges law enforcement faces during that time. Most of the reminders we offer are common sense, but as a wise man once said, "common sense ain't so common."

## We suggest the following when thinking about holidays:

Somehow alcohol and holidays have become synonymous. Remember to drink responsibly and make sure your guests drink responsibly when you are hosting a party. A party host can be held criminally and civilly responsible if a guest is over served and is involved in an incident resulting in injury, property damage or death.

If you are celebrating downtown at some of our great establishments and drink too much, get a safe ride home. There are numerous alternatives to driving drunk. Remember it is NEVER okay to take an alcoholic beverage from a bar or restaurant. A \$3.00 drink could cost you \$250 and a night in jail.

Holidays are a prime time for those who want to take what you have worked so hard to achieve. As the holidays approach, we see an increase in thefts and burglaries. In some cases, a determined thief will accomplish their mission. However, statistics strongly suggest that taking a few small precautions will protect your property and you.

## LOCK YOUR DOORS!!!

Over 75 percent of those who report a theft or burglary will state to an officer that their house or car was broken into. When asked how the thief gained entry, the

victim states "they opened my unlocked door." Items stolen from unlocked cars include firearms, cash, purses, wallets, computers, keys, and holiday presents just to name a few. Remove items from your car and LOCK YOUR DOORS!!

If you are going to be gone over the holidays, tell a neighbor so they can keep an eye on your residence. If you don't know or trust your neighbor, call us and we will ensure extra patrols occur as precaution. Neighbors, if you see something that doesn't look right, call us and we will investigate, that's our job.

Holidays also bring out the telephone and in-person scams. Know who you are talking to and never give out any personal information. Never let a "salesman" in your house unless you know them or have invited them. Thieves use scams to enter a person's house to see what valuables are present.

As always, remember we are here to serve you, but can only be successful if you partner with us. We need your eyes and ears to be an extension of the police department. Remember, if it's too good to be true, it probably is and if you see something that doesn't look right, say something.

## MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Kevin Conway's first experience with Montana was in 2000 when he enrolled at the University of Montana in Missoula. Four years later Kevin graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and began his law enforcement career with a suburban Chicago police agency in Illinois where he served for 11 years. In 2015, Kevin was fortunate enough to be hired by the Whitefish Police Department where he currently holds the rank of Sergeant. Over Kevin's 15 years of law enforcement, he has had the privilege to serve two vastly different communities and grow as a result. Kevin attended training in a variety of law enforcement disciplines including the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Kevin, his wife Liz, son Jack and daughter Madelyn live in Whitefish and enjoy being involved with the community. Kevin and his family enjoy much that Montana has to offer, including skiing, fly fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and boating.

*From all of us to all of you, have a happy and safe holiday season*



**WHITEFISH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

275 Flathead Ave  
Whitefish, MT 59937

If you have a question, comment or suggestion please feel free to contact the Whitefish Police Department at 863-2420, or visit us on Facebook [@Whitefish Police Department](#) and Instagram [@whitefishpolice](#) or our website <http://whitefishpolice.com/>

## MUTUAL-AID ACROSS STATE LINES



As we prepare for winter, California is experiencing yet another fall fire season. On October 28th, the Whitefish Fire Department, through the interstate EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact) Agreement, was able to send a type 5 wildland engine and crew to assist.

Thanks to the crew consisting of Captain Cole Hadley, and Firefighters/Paramedics Ben Fassnacht and Sal Baccaro plus our remaining Firefighter/Paramedics who are picking up the slack while they are deployed for a typical 14-day (plus travel) assignment.

Mutual-Aid is one of those times where you're happy you can help but hope you never need the reciprocal exchange.

## TOP 10 COOKING SAFETY TIP

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and kids should stay at least 3' away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot foods and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children – up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, pets, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

## THANKSGIVING FIRE FACTS

- Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day, Christmas Eve, and the day before Thanksgiving. In 2016, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,570 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving.
- Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths. Cooking equipment was involved in almost half of all reported home fires and home fire injuries, and it is the second leading cause of home fire deaths.

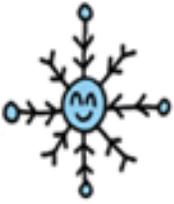
## WINTER STORMS

Most of the U.S. is at risk for winter storms, which can cause dangerous and sometimes life-threatening conditions. Blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, icy road conditions, downed trees and power lines can all wreak havoc on our daily schedules. Home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season, and heating equipment is involved in one of every six reported home fires, and one in every five home fire deaths.

## GENERATORS

Portable generators are useful during power outages; however, many homeowners are unaware that the improper use of portable generators can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide (CO)

poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards. According to a 2013 Consumer Product Safety Commission report, half of the generator-related deaths happened in the four coldest months of the year, November through February, and portable generators were involved in the majority of carbon monoxide deaths involving engine-driven tools.



## City of Whitefish WINTER PARKING Regulations

In order to conduct safe and efficient snow removal operations, City ordinance requires that vehicles be parked as follows:

**EVEN CALENDAR DAY = EVEN SIDE**

&

**ODD CALENDAR DAY =  
ODD SIDE**

Unless other restrictions apply Vehicles not moved during these times may be subject to towing AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE. Please call the Department of Public Works at 863-2460, if you have any questions regarding this policy.

## WASTEWATER PLANT

Anderson-Montgomery Consulting Engineers has completed the final design of the upgrades to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and bidding is underway. Competitive bids for construction of the project will be opened in November with an anticipated Notice of Award to the winning contractor slated for December or January upon approval of the Whitefish City Council. Depending on winter conditions and schedules of the winning contractor, Construction of the plant upgrades will likely begin in the early spring months of 2020 with approximately 18 months allowed for construction completion.

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

In the past decade, the City of Whitefish has seen accelerated growth in the wake of a healthy economy and the discovery of all the area has to offer. This growth combined with more recent hot and dry summers has pushed the City's existing water treatment plant capacity to the brink of its limits. In order to continue to provide the citizens of the City with the same level of water service they have come to expect, in addition to providing water for those looking to build here, the City has moved forward with a

project aimed to expand the capacity of the existing plant. Morrison-Maierle was the engineering firm selected to complete the design of the expansion and design work began in the early summer of 2019. The design is proceeding forward on schedule with the engineers finishing up preliminary design efforts and moving into the final design phase. The design work is scheduled to be completed in the early spring with bidding and selection of a contractor slated to take place in the late spring months.

## WHITEFISH ENGINEERING STANDARDS UPDATE

The Public Works Department has developed an update to the 2009 Whitefish Engineering Standards. The draft 2019 standards were distributed to engineering consultants for comment on October 25th. Major changes to the standards

include: a new stormwater chapter, LED streetlight requirements, a tree protection section, and an increased road base requirement. We expect the new standards to be adopted and go into effect in 2020.

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The City of Whitefish Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees on December 30, January 6 and January 13.

Please place the trees (free of stands, decorations, tinsel, lights, etc.) on the nearest boulevard for pick up. If you do not have a boulevard, please place the tree in the alley at least 10' from the nearest refuse container. There will be a trailer available at the Central Recycling Site located at Railway and Columbia Avenue for drop off as well.

Snow removal activities are priority during winter, so expect delays in tree pickup.

The City encourages residents to find alternative uses for their used Christmas trees, such as chipping them for mulch or using them for fire wood.

Please call 863-2460 if you have any questions.

## ROAD PROJECT UPDATES

**State Park Road:**

Although it was a long summer for residents on the west part of town, Phase I of The State Park Road Reconstruction Project was opened to traffic in late October. This project, which began on July 15th, included reconstruction of State Park Road from Lion Mountain Loop Road to just south of Haugen Heights Road. The new section of roadway includes curb and gutter, 14 foot drive lanes, decorative street lights, and an 8 ft. wide sidewalk. Phase II of the project will pick up where this project left off next year and extend to the railroad tracks.

For updates on the project check out the State Park Road Project Page at [www.cityofwhitefish.com](http://www.cityofwhitefish.com) and follow the Public Works Facebook page (@WhitefishPublicWorks). You can also

call Public Works Office Manager, Jenny Emmenegger, at 863-2460.

**Central Avenue:**

The final phase of Central Avenue is now complete! The project includes curb, gutter, and sidewalk along E. 6th Street between Central Avenue and Spokane Avenue as well as new asphalt surfacing from E. 5th Street to Spokane Avenue.

**Depot Park:**

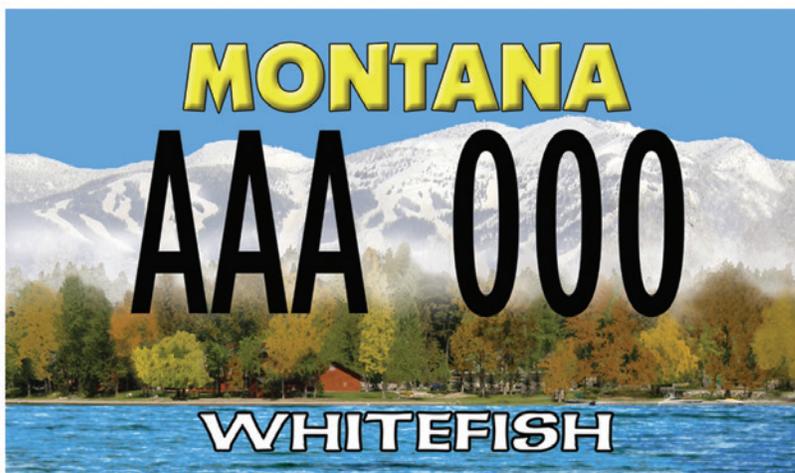
Phase II of the Depot Park Masterplan was completed earlier this year. This phase involved the reconstruction of Railway Street and Spokane Avenue along the south and east side of the park to create a newly revitalized streetscape to match the characteristics of Central Avenue. Expanded open lawn areas and greatly improved visual connection

from the downtown business district to the historic depot were also created.

Stay tuned for details on the final phase of the Depot Park Masterplan to be constructed in 2020 during which time Central Avenue will be reconstructed between Railway Street and Depot Street.

**Monegan Road:**

The gravel base was reconstructed, drainage improvements were built, and asphalt paving was installed earlier this fall on the northernmost section of Monegan Road. The limits of the project began at the junction of Voerman Road and Monegan Road and extend approximately 1,600 feet south. Additional paving is planned to meet up with JP Road in 2021.



# LOVE WHITEFISH?

## Save the Plate!

Montana Legislature has ruled that fundraising license plates must sell at least 400 every year to continue to exist. Choosing to save the Whitefish license plate directly contributes to the Stumptown Historical Society's mission to preserve the history of Whitefish. Past and current projects have included:

- Whitefish Depot Preservation ● Free Year-round Museum ● Whitefish Walking Tour Plaques
- Ski Heritage Museum ● Historical Books ● School History Trips ● Centennial Statue "Whitefish Rising"
- 4th of July Fireworks ● "Hear the Whistle Blow" Fine Art Exhibition

**When you renew your license plate, ask for the  
Stumptown Historical Society Whitefish Plate!**

**Did you know you can have fun and personalize it, too?**

For more information contact: Jill Evans 406-250-3148 [whitefishhistory@gmail.com](mailto:whitefishhistory@gmail.com)

# PLANNING & BUILDING

## TIPS FOR PROVIDING EFFECTIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Healthy public involvement is a critical element to the land use decisions made by the Planning Board and City Council. Those boards encourage citizen input in all decision-making matters, whether in person or by letter or e-mail. While participation in the decision-making process does not guarantee that the final decision will be the one you favor, providing clear comments ensures that your opinion is heard and considered. Planning Board and City Council decisions are usually based on how the proposed land use meets the legal requirements established in the Whitefish city code and Montana state law for the specific type of action (conditional use permit, zone change, subdivision, etc.) and they primarily consider testimony that speaks specifically to the relevant review criteria. You can find the criteria that apply to a proposal by contacting the City of Whitefish Planning Department or viewing the City zoning code online. Here are some pointers to make your public comments most effective:

Know what you want to say: Be sure of your facts when presenting or

preparing your comments. Research the applicable sections of the city code and base your comments on the requirements. Stick to the issues and criteria of the application.

Be concise: Decision makers are generally overloaded with information. Your short, concise comments will be appreciated.

Be courteous and polite: Personal attacks toward any participant including those running the meeting, City staff, the applicants, or audience members draw attention away from the important points you wish to make.

Be timely: Get your written comments in more than a week before a meeting so that they can be included in staff packets. That gives boards adequate time to review and consider your comments.

Additionally, before providing oral comments, you may want to attend a Planning Board hearing ahead of time or watch one of the City Council meeting videos available on the City's website so you know what to expect.

It's also important to maintain eye contact with the hearing body



(Planning Board or City Council), not the audience, the applicant, or City staff and speak clearly and into the microphone so you can be heard. If there are others commenting on the same issue, state your agreement with another's comment instead of repeating information that has been given.

Online Resources :

Whitefish City Code: [https://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=623](https://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=623)

Planning Maps: <http://www.cityof-whitefish.org/information/city-maps.php>

Planning Board Agendas, Packets (Land Use Applications and Staff Reports), and Minutes: <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/boards-and-committees/whitefish-city-county-planning-board.php>

City Council Agendas, Packets (Land Use Applications and Staff Reports), and Minutes: <http://www.cityof-whitefish.org/mayor-and-city-council/2019-agenda-info-minutes-and-video.php>

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Your advertising will reach  
over 8,700 households and  
businesses in 59937

## CONSTRUCTION TIPS: POURING CONCRETE IN COLD WEATHER

We often get questions about winter construction and, more specifically, whether concrete construction can occur when temperatures dip below zero. Although not ideal, concrete can be poured during the winter with special precautions.

Winter concrete construction is more complicated for several reasons:

- Concrete achieves strength by a chemical process called hydration. The process happens when water combines with Portland cement. The process works best when the water is warm. The cold weather in the winter slows down the chemical reaction and therefore slows down the rate of strength gain, which means you have to wait longer before you apply any significant structural loads to concrete.
- To combat the low temperatures and slow rate of hydration, chemical accelerators can be used. Previously, calcium was used to accelerate the chemical reaction and increase the strength gain of concrete until it was discovered that calcium causes corrosion in the reinforcing steel. Now we use non-chloride accelerators.
- Concrete plants use warm water when mixing concrete in the winter. As you can imagine this can be quite costly due to the sheer volume of water that must be heated.
- Finally, insulated blankets and heaters are used to protect concrete from freezing when it's first poured. This allows the chemical process of hydration to continue and therefore create stronger concrete.

Thermal blankets or heat is required based on ambient temperatures during cold weather. The Whitefish Building Department strictly follows the American Concrete Institute recommendations when inspecting, monitoring, and checking temperatures on cold weather concrete. Please contact us at 863-2414 with your questions related to building construction.



## Snow Removal Reminders...

Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do, AND IT'S THE LAW. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, people pushing strollers, or those using wheelchairs or walkers, please do your part!

### When You Remove Snow & Ice...

- \* The occupant or owner of a building or lot is responsible for the removal of snow and ice from the full width of the sidewalk or within a minimum 5 feet of the shared use path, on all sides of your property, down to the cement or pavement.
- \* Business Districts - all sidewalks to be cleared within a minimum of 5 feet of clearance the following morning.
- \* After the sidewalk is cleared, sprinkling sand or salt to help prevent slipping.
- \* Pile snow into your yard and boulevard. IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO SHOVEL SNOW ONTO STREETS, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS & BIKE PATHS.
- \* Clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter.
- \* Clear snow and ice around fire hydrants to provide easier access for the Fire Department.

### Other Reminders...

- \* The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- \* Be sure to arrange for someone to shovel while you are on vacation.
- \* If snow and ice are not removed in a timely manner, owners will be notified, and if not remedied, the City may have the snow removed at the property owner's expense.
- \* Contact the Code Compliance Officer, 863-1242 if you are unable to remove snow or have concerns.



## ARE YOU WINTER READY????

Your water pipes and water meters may be at risk of freezing during prolonged periods of bitter cold. This is especially true if you have had issues with frozen water lines in the past.



### How to prevent frozen water pipes and water meters.

- Pipes most likely to freeze are nearest a wall, door, window and along the floor.
- Open doors to rooms where the pipes and water meter are located, and open cabinet doors below sinks to allow warm air to circulate.
- Wrap pipes and meter with insulation or heat tape. Fill cracks in walls and around windows. These items can be purchased at a local home improvement store.
- If your kitchen or bathroom sink is against an outside wall, insulate the wall to prevent pipes from freezing.
- Eliminate drafts. Close off crawlspace vents and doors. And turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses and drain the pipes.
- If the water meter is in an outdoor pit, check to see if the lid fits properly and there are no cracks into which cold wind could blow or snow to fall in the pit

## DEALING WITH FROZEN PIPES OR WATER METERS

Following these tips can save you a great deal of money. Place this information on your refrigerator during the winter:

- Property owners are responsible for protecting pipes and the water meter from damage.
- If your meter is frozen, call the Water Department 863-2456 or 863-2457.
- If you need the help of a plumber or other professionals, be aware of unintended consequences of contractors thawing water lines, particularly if they are using an electrical welder. These consequences could include fire, explosion, damage to appliances and electronics, and damage to other nearby properties in the case of stray electrical current.
- Determine whether the contractor or plumber is insured before they begin work.
- Lastly, make sure the roof vent is not covered with snow or otherwise blocked. Snow buildup over the vent will cause the sewer drain to slow down. This prevents warmer air in the sewer system from venting up the house line and keeping the line above freezing.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL!!!

**Mayor John Muhlfeld**  
**Rebecca Norton**  
**Steve Qunell**  
**Frank Sweeney**

## PUBLIC ART UNVEILING

You are cordially invited to join the City of Whitefish and Stumptown Art Studio for the unveiling of a public art piece at City Hall on December 5, 2019. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of City Hall with a reception to follow.

## WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## R.E.A.D

Thank you Whitefish Library Association for applying for and receiving a “Round-up For Safety” grant from Flathead Electric Co-op. A special THANK YOU to Flathead Electric Co-op for providing the funding to replace the broken plastic floor outlet covers with heavy duty brass covers. This has been a safety issue for several years and knowing that we need not worry about our patrons tripping or children poking small fingers into the broken outlets is a big relief. The Whitefish Community Library is grateful to Flathead Electric Co-op for their generosity and support of our library and other non-profits over the years.

Whitefish Community Library also thanks the Whitefish Library Association (WLA) for their participation in the Whitefish Community Foundation Great Fish Challenge. Thank you Whitefish Community Foundation! Whitefish Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on fostering philanthropy, building endowments and helping donors benefit our community. Their work makes the Great Fish Community Challenge possible. Because of WLA’s participation in the Challenge we will be able to update 2 staff computers, replace 12 public computer monitors and mice, purchase 2 children’s interactive computers, and add to the juvenile non-fiction collection. A thank you also goes out to Kathryn Harvey and her family for representing the Association in the Color Run and for their help in identifying the needs of children of all ages, and homeschoolers.

### DID YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY:

- Proctors long-distance learning students
- Has the Whitefish Pilot newspapers on microfilm back to 1904
- Provides 17 free public access computers
- Can send and receive faxes
- Offers a free public scanner for photos and documents

### LEARN TO CODE

The library will be offering “Learn to Code” classes on Wednesdays at 3:30. Mr. Patrick Brodie will be presenting the class to foster a community and on-going conversation centered around technology, creativity and innovation in the Flathead valley. No experience with coding is required. Please bring your own laptop. Call the library for more information.

### ELSA AWARD

For the 9th year in a row Whitefish Community Library has received the ELSA (Excellent Library Service Award) from the State Library. This is awarded to libraries that provide excellent service to library users.



The Board of Trustees welcomed a new Tamarack Federation Representative to the Board, Sarah Ericson. Ms.

Ericson joins current Chair, Anne Shaw Moran; Vice Chair, Cheryl Hyland; Kris Lierboe and Mary Vail.

R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program has resumed after the summer break. Reading to a dog - not just any dog - a trained, tested, registered liability insured therapy animal - “improves children’s reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method.” Join us every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30pm in the library community room.



*The library welcomed over 87,000 people during the fiscal year 2017/2018 and checked out over 83,000 items.*

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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

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## BOAT CLUB BAR

### OYSTERS & BUBBLES | Daily 4-6p

Celebrate Happy Hour with fresh, Pacific Northwest raw oysters for \$1 each & a glass of our house rotating "bubbly of choice" for \$6. Plus get 20% off all other Champagne, sparkling wine & white wine.

**LIVE MUSIC** | Every Monday & Wednesday 6-9p  
Friday & Saturday 7-10p

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## FIREBRAND LOUNGE

**LIVE MUSIC** | Every Wednesday, Saturday & First Friday 6-9p

### WINE SCHOOL "Off the Beaten Path" | 6p

**Last Wednesday of each month** Taste & learn!  
Explore different wine regions & their effects on color, fragrance & taste. Sessions offered through May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
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