



STUMPTOWN *Scoop*

City of Whitefish
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER

As this is being written, you are probably enjoying yet another year of heavy traffic here in Whitefish. While we appreciate the outside revenue flowing from visitation to our wonderful community, the traffic can be trying at times. The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) has hired a consultant to work with MDT and the City on transportation alternatives involving Spokane, 2nd Street, and Wisconsin (all of which are part of the State highway system). MDT is drafting a timeline for stakeholder involvement and public outreach, so stay tuned for opportunities for public input.

The City has now passed a Water Conservation Ordinance prohibiting outdoor watering during the hours of 9AM to 5PM. The new ordinance is not about using less water, but about wasting less water. We urge residents and businesses to familiarize themselves with this new ordinance on the City's homepage at www.cityofwhitefish.org and to encourage your friends and neighbors to do this as well.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we reconstruct State Park Road, resurface East 2nd Street, complete the final phase of Central Avenue, pave north Monegan, and finish major upgrades to Depot Park. Whitefish has done an outstanding job of improving infrastructure over the last couple of decades and is looking to continue. This will require yet more of your patience as we do so. Much of Whitefish's infrastructure success is due to the 3% Resort Tax. Thank you for your support.

Construction in and around Depot Park will resume on September 16th with work focusing on Spokane between

Railway and Depot. Work on Central between Railway and Depot will pick up and conclude in the spring. Our efforts in and around Depot Park have drastically improved the usability of the park. Thank you to all involved in the undertaking.

State Park Road will be under construction through 2020. Please drive carefully, follow detour signs, and drive at a low enough speed to avoid kicking up too much dust. This will go a long way to ensure a safe, successful, and less dusty project.

As a reminder, alternate side parking will take effect on October 1st, so please remember to park your vehicles on the odd or even side of the roadway correlating with the date as of 5AM. For example, at 5AM on November 26th all vehicles should be parked on the even side of the street, and vice-a-versa. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Whitefish Community Foundation's Great Fish Challenge is underway and is a great opportunity to give to worthwhile organizations. Your philanthropy would be much appreciated by the many participating non-profit organizations.

Thank you to all who participated in June's wildfire awareness meeting and discussion. We encourage all residents/businesses to learn all they can about how to protect their homes and businesses. For information please visit the City's website under Fire and Ambulance Department.

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

John Muhlfeld – Mayor
Adam M. Hammatt – City Manager

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418 E. 2nd St, Whitefish, MT

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

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

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! Uncovered leased parking spaces are available in the downtown parking facility. The monthly uncovered

rate per parking space is \$30/month and 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.

THE GREEN CORNER - START COMPOSTING AT HOME

Food and yard waste can take up as much as 30% of your trash bin, and organic waste decomposition is the largest source of methane and other greenhouse gas emissions in landfills. But less than 1% of garbage in Montana is currently composted. The City of Whitefish is considering a composting pilot program to fulfill Climate Action Plan goals related to consumption, food, and waste—if you are interested in supporting such a program, fill out the survey that can be found at bit.ly/wfcompst to help gauge community participation and interest in composting. The survey will remain open until September 30th.

By starting to compost at home, you can greatly reduce the amount of waste you send to the landfill while creating a nutrient-rich additive that will improve the health of your yard, garden, and trees without the need for chemical fertilizers. Starting a compost pile is easy! You can either buy or build a bin or make a pile in your backyard. Including both “brown” and “green” materials is important—start with yard waste like dried grass clippings or wood chips, then add nitrogen-rich food waste like fruit and vegetable scraps and coffee

grounds. Do not compost meat, dairy, or fish as this may attract animals to your compost pile and avoid oil or oily wastes as well. Those interested in learning more about backyard composting can visit the WasteNot Compost Demonstration Garden at the Flathead Valley Community College campus. For more online resources and information, visit the WasteNot Project website (wastenotproject.org/compost/) or read this MSU Extension Home Composting Guide (bit.ly/MSUcompost).



Composting can also be a great option for restaurants or other businesses that produce large amounts of food waste. The Whitefish Lake Restaurant has been a customer of Dirt Rich, a local composting business, since 2015 and composting has allowed them to save money by reducing the amount of trash they produce every week while boosting staff morale by proving their commitment to sustainability. Dirt Rich (dirtrichcompost.com/) also provides residential weekly compost pick-up if you can't set up your own compost site, and can accept meat and dairy due to their thermal composting method.

PARKS & RECREATION

OFF SEASON BOAT LAUNCHING ON WHITEFISH LAKE

All motorized and non-motorized watercraft users may launch in the off season by demonstrating via the online Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Self-Certification Program they have acquired sufficient knowledge of aquatic invasive species risks and self-inspection techniques. Users who successfully pass the program test will be issued a certificate and lock code to enter and exit the boat ramps at City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park. Find the off-season online AIS Certification Program at www.cityofwhitefish.org.



Because decontamination is not available during the off-season, high-risk watercraft should abstain from launching in Whitefish Lake

during this time. This includes boats:

- * with ballast tanks or bags that have not been out of the water for 30 days.
- * with standing water and have not been out of the water for 30 days.
- * that have been in mussel-infested waterways in the last 30 days.
- * that have dirt, mud, vegetation, or animal life on any internal or external surface.

Your cooperation will help protect our waterways and is greatly appreciated.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS: ENROLLMENT BEGINS AUGUST

FLAG FOOTBALL:

WHERE: GROUSE MOUNTAIN FIELD (GAMES/PRACTICE)
 WHEN: SEPTEMBER 9 - OCTOBER 2, 2019
 MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 5-6 PM
 FEES: \$65 RESIDENTS/ \$75 NON-RESIDENTS
 DEADLINE: FRIDAY AUGUST 30, 2019
 REGISTER: <https://recre8mt.campmanagement.com/enroll>

If you are interested in volunteering to coach contact the Parks and Recreation Office, 863-2470. No experience necessary

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

WHERE: MULDOWN ELEMENTARY
 WHEN: BEFORE SCHOOL - 7:30 - 8:30 AM
 AFTER SCHOOL - GRADE LEVEL DISMISSAL - 5:30 PM
 FEES: BEFORE SCHOOL \$10/DAY
 AFTER SCHOOL \$15/DAY

Scholarship Applications available at cityofwhitefish.org or at City Hall

CLOSED AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

The City Beach Watercraft Inspection Station
 Whitefish Lake State Park Watercraft Inspection Station
 Whitefish Decontamination Station

The launches will remain locked
 October 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020



DEPOT PARK CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE



Task 1: 5/13/2019- 6/30/2019 Complete

Task 2 & Task 3: 9/16/2019 - 10/31/2019 (+ 30 days for sod to set). Work will be done on Spokane Avenue from the intersection of Railway Street to Depot Street. One lane, two-way traffic will be maintained throughout construction with the use of flaggers.

Task 4: Pending future bidding. Anticipated to be 5/1/2020 - 6/30/2020. This work will be on Central Avenue from Railway Street to Depot Street. Central Avenue will be closed during this portion of the work.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Rob Veneman has been a member of the Whitefish community for 15 years and has been employed with the Police Department for 14 years. Originally from southern Idaho, Rob and his wife, Kristin, went to college at the University of Idaho. While attending college, Rob played on the U of I Rugby team that participated in a tournament held in Whitefish. Once the Venemans found the beauty of the

area they dreamed of one day making it their home. While serving in the United States Marine Corps as an Artillery Officer, Rob began his law enforcement career in West Des Moines, IA while his wife, Kristin, attended medical school. He also served as a Federal Air Marshall after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The Venemans moved around the country fulfilling Kristin's medical school requirements and once she completed school there was an opportunity for a pediatrician here in Whitefish. When they moved to the community, the police department happened to be hiring and Rob was hired in 2005. In 2011 the Venemans moved to Hershey, PA so Kristin could fulfill a

fellowship opportunity in neonatology. After completion they moved back and his wife is now the neonatologist at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Rob has filled the positions of patrol officer, narcotics investigator, detective, school resource officer, motor officer, and is now a Patrol Sergeant.

Rob has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He has served as a volunteer coach in baseball, football, and basketball in the community for 15 years. Rob loves the outdoors including hunting, golfing, and skiing. He and Kristin have four children (Kaleb 22, Ryan 20, Zach 17, and Katie 13).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND OTHER ABUSE

In light of the recent sex scandal involving billionaire Jeffrey Epstein, our staff believes it is an appropriate time to address one of the most vile, violent and under reported (and sometimes never reported) crimes against society; sexual assault/child exploitation. Statistics indicate that sexual assault is only reported to law enforcement 40% of the time. Many of the victims, mostly female, are afraid, embarrassed, or have been threatened or paid to remain silent. In approximately 90% of the cases the victim knows their attacker. The attacker is either an acquaintance, friend or family member and in many cases the victim blames herself or himself for the attack.

What should a victim do? Get professional help! There are numerous resources to assist you in healing and,

yes, they will believe you! If you think you have been drugged and assaulted, time is of the essence. Get medical assistance immediately, if you have a friend you believe has been drugged, get them to the emergency room and coordinate with law enforcement so that we can send samples to the crime lab. Date rape drugs leave the body very rapidly. As in the Epstein case, there are those who will intimidate you or encourage you to lie and state the sexual encounter was consensual. Some deviants even get their victims to sign non-disclosure documents or complete affidavits and then pay them for their silence. No matter what the pressure is to keep quiet, professionals all agree that healing starts with holding the violator accountable. A person who has been sexually assaulted will carry the scars for life. But carrying

those scars alone will have adverse effects on your daily life. Please get help, report the person to law enforcement to ensure that nobody else is a victim.

Speaking of victims: telephone, internet and social media scams continue. Don't be fooled. If you receive communication in any form that you feel is a scam, call us. We will investigate. Never respond to an email, phone call, or text that you feel is suspect. Every month we investigate losses of money and identity because a person became a victim to a scam.

Remember your police department is just that, YOURS! We are here to help the community keep this beautiful, vibrant location what it is.



WHITEFISH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

EVACUATION



As I'm writing this article the summer is changing from a wet spring to a warmer dryer time of year, our typical fire season. All the grass that enjoyed the moisture and grew tall is now drying out. There have been a few lightning strike fires around the state, and some of you are asking about evacuation plans.

While there isn't a "one plan fits all" there are some things all of us can do.

Being told you need to evacuate is very stressful and not the time to be making very important decisions. We recommend that each family sit down and make their emergency plan and build an evacuation checklist together beforehand. Have the discussions now, you may find what's important to you isn't necessarily important to your spouse or other family members. Once you complete your plan and checklist make copies of them and have them available for whomever might be home when it's time to evacuate. Make sure everybody in the household knows the plan and practices it.

There are many variables to consider when making your emergency plans and evacuation checklist. When your smoke alarm goes off in the middle of the night is an example of an immediate evacuation from your home. Does your

home fire drill include things like:

- A known meeting place; and
- Alternate escape routes should the main route be blocked?

Does this plan differ on a warm summer night vs. a below zero winter night?

There will be many variables, so you'll need some alternates and flexibility in your plan.

As you start the planning process the first question is what are you planning to evacuate from? Not everybody lives in a flood zone or near a hazardous materials transportation route, but everybody in the Whitefish area does live within the wildland urban interface. You might not have a forest in your backyard, but we all live within range of an ember shower.

Start by listing the threats you and your family could face and what is the likelihood that you'll have to deal with that threat. If you don't live in a flood plain planning for a flood would be a low priority.

Example of threats we all should prepare for are:

Structure Fire:

- Do you have operating smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms in your home?
- Do you have a home fire escape plan?
- Do you have fire extinguishers?

Wildland Fire:

- Have you prepared your home's defensible space?
- Have you hardened your home against an ember shower?
- Do you have an Evacuation Plan?

Go to www.nfpa.org under their Public Education section for guidance on these and other family emergency plans. Another online tool is www.ready.gov.

Bottom line is when emergency officials are evacuating an area remember they don't have time to explain all the details to each and every person. Please follow their instructions and allow these limited resources to move on and help others.

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) are made through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). This is the same system used for Amber Alerts. These messages come in the form of a text message to all cell phones within the appropriate cell towers. Please follow these instructions. For more information go to www.ready.gov/alerts.

If you'd like to hear more, have an opportunity to ask questions, and have an evaluation of your home's / neighborhood's resilience to fire, I'd love to meet with your homeowners' or neighborhood's organization. Please email Fire Chief Page at ipage@cityofwhitefish.org and we can setup a schedule.



City of Whitefish Fire Department
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GET WATER-WISE THIS SUMMER

Whitefish has recently made a commitment to saving water as a community and adopted a water conservation ordinance to prepare for summer drought. Being careful about how much water you use can save you money and preserve our most valuable natural resource for future generations. Below are some helpful tips you can use to waste less water while still maintaining your outdoor landscaping and indoor comfort.

1. **Make Your Home Water-Smart:** The EPA maintains a comprehensive WaterSense database you can use to find information about saving water both inside and outside your home. You can search for water-efficient products (like toilets, showerheads, or faucets), get landscaping tips, or learn about the biggest water wasters in your home. www.epa.gov/watersense

2. **Cultivate a Successful Lawn:** The City's new water conservation ordinance prohibits watering of lawns during the heat of the day, from 9am-5pm, so it's the perfect time to learn how to better maintain your grass while saving on

water and fertilizer costs. This brochure from MSU Extension features insights and information on establishing and maintaining a lawn (bit.ly/MSUlawns). And make sure to check your sprinklers to prevent irrigation runoff and keep water from being wasted on a sidewalk or street.

3. **Take Shorter Showers:** Spending less time in the shower and being sure to turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth or shaving can quickly add up to significant water savings.

4. **Laundry Smarter:** Only wash full loads of laundry and use cold rather than hot water to save money on electricity bills. To save even more energy, air-dry your clothes on a clothesline or rack during the hot summer months.

5. **Check for Leaks:** Small household leaks can lead to gallons of water waste per day. If you notice a leak, make sure to take care of it right away and periodically check your pipes to make sure you aren't paying for water to drip into your walls or out into the dirt.

REMINDER

Alternate Side Parking will be in effect beginning October 1st.



WASTEWATER PLANT UPDATE

Final design of the new wastewater treatment plant is wrapping up and the project is on track to go to bid early this fall. The new plant is required by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality in order to meet the parameters in the City's discharge permit. Once bids are submitted, the contract for construction will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Construction is anticipated to begin late this fall or early in the spring of 2020, depending on the schedule of the selected contractor and the fall and winter weather conditions. The City has also been working to secure the funds needed to construct the project. In addition to a loan through the State Revolving Fund that will cover a majority of the construction costs, the City is excited to announce that \$1,100,000 of grant money and loan principal forgiveness has been awarded to Whitefish to help offset the overall cost of the project. Once construction begins, the project should take approximately 18-24 months to reach completion.

2019 FALL LEAF PICK-UP SCHEDULE Late October thru Mid November



PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

- All leaves must be bagged and securely tied.
- Bags weighing more than 25 pounds will not be picked up.
- Please, do not place animal waste or refuse products into the bags.
- Do not place leaves into any City refuse container.
- 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.

As an alternative, residents are encouraged to drop off their bags in the LEAF TRAILER parked at the Central Recycling Site.

STATE PARK ROAD PROJECT UNDERWAY

Phase I of The State Park Road Reconstruction Project began on July 15th and will continue into October. This phase of the project extends from Lion Mountain Loop Road to Haugen Heights Road. Next summer the second phase will extend to the railroad tracks.

The road detour is in place with speed bumps installed to slow the increased traffic along the route. The speed limit has been temporarily lowered to 15 mph along the detour and several radar speed

signs have been added.

Sandry Construction, the project contractor, has started with storm drain installation. They will move on to prepare the road subgrade and build some retaining walls along the golf course. The curb and gutter will be installed next along with the concrete shared-use path along the west side of the road. Decorative streetlight installation, paving, and boulevard restoration will be a final step.

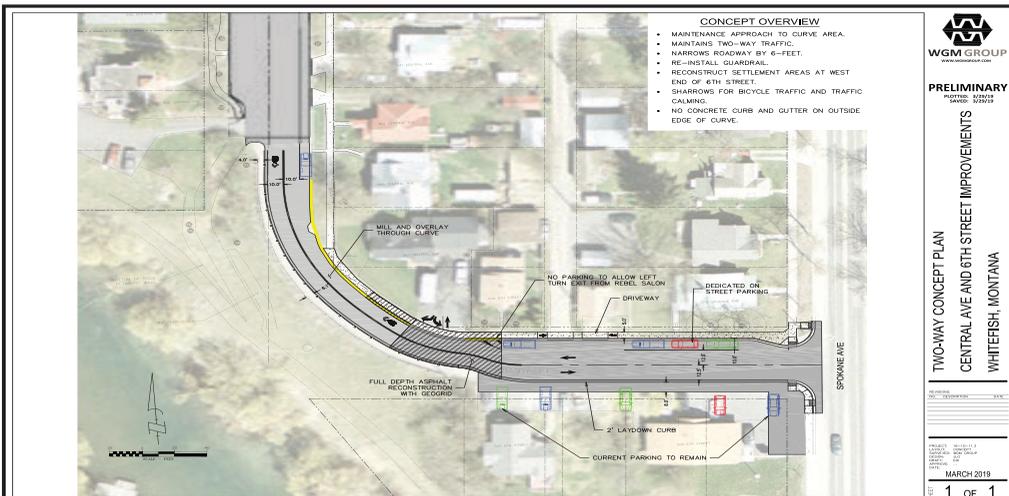
To increase safety the speed limit of State Park Road will be decreased from 35mph to 25mph. Also, a southbound stop sign will be added at the intersection of State Park Road and Lion Mountain Loop Road. For updates on the project check out the State Park Road Project Page at www.cityofwhitefish.com and follow the Public Works Facebook page ([@WhitefishPublicWorks](https://www.facebook.com/WhitefishPublicWorks)). You can also call Public Works Office Manager, Jenny Emmenegger, at 863-2460.



Follow us on Facebook for updates:

[facebook.com/whitefishpublicworks](https://www.facebook.com/whitefishpublicworks)

CENTRAL AVENUE CONSTRUCTION



The City is planning to complete the final phase of Central Avenue construction this fall. 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. After considerable input, and numerous public meetings, it was decided that this section of Central Avenue will continue to operate as a two-way road. Road Closures can be expected this fall in order to facilitate the project.

PLANNING & BUILDING

HOT TOPIC: VACATION RENTALS IN WHITEFISH

Short-term rentals, otherwise known as ‘vacation rentals,’ provide flexible places for visitors to stay, but also impact the stock of available long-term housing units for permanent residents. Short-term rentals are the rental of a house or apartment, or rooms within, for less than 30 days. Many years ago, the City developed special resort zoning districts as well as commercial districts where short-term rentals are permitted, while restricting them in traditional residential neighborhoods. Legal short-term rentals must register with the City, obtain a business license, get a fire inspection, and pay City resort tax prior to listing. Illegal rentals are

units located in the proper zones but not registered, or being advertised for stays of less than 30 days in standard residential zones where short-term rentals are prohibited.

Last year, the City of Whitefish acquired a new tool to help monitor short-term rental activity within the Whitefish City limits, the STR Helper software. It uses sophisticated algorithms to search vacation rental websites for new listings and track both legal and illegal rentals. The software alerts City staff of any new listings allowing them to monitor and enforce the issuance of short-

term rental permits. It is a property owner’s responsibility to make sure a short-term rental is permitted, even if the unit is overseen by a property management company. If a permit has not been approved for a short-term rental, advertising an illegal rental can lead to fines and/or legal action. If you suspect illegal short-term rentals are operating in traditional neighborhoods, you can direct complaints to our Code Compliance officer, Major Robinson, and he will investigate. Additionally, STR Helper has a complaint portal which will be going live soon and will be linked on the City’s website at www.cityofwhitefish.org.



**INTERESTED IN
ADVERTISING IN THE
“SCOOP”?**

Contact Michelle Howke,
mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org
Your advertising will reach
over 8,700 households and
businesses in 59937

SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

The proper installation of these small devices has been a life saver for many families. The Residential Building Code requires that all new homes or homes that have undergone alterations, repairs or an addition have certified smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Smoke detectors are to be located in the following areas:

- (1) in each sleeping room;
- (2) outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms;

(3) on each additional story of the dwelling including basements.

Follow the directions on the unit package for proper installation. Smoke detectors must be wired together so that if one goes off, they all sound. In addition to smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors are also required in all new dwellings that contain a fuel fired appliance or have an attached garage. These alarms must be installed outside each sleeping area and activate when levels of carbon monoxide reach

dangerous levels. On both alarms, check the battery backup regularly and test them to make sure they activate properly. This simple act can help keep you and your family safe.



WHITEFISH'S LEGACY HOMES PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know having a hard time finding an affordable place to live in Whitefish? Are you a business owner that has trouble finding local employees? 56% of the City's local workforce, including teachers, police officers and baristas, live elsewhere and commute to Whitefish for work. Recognizing affordable housing as an issue, the Whitefish City Council recently adopted the Legacy Homes mandatory inclusionary zoning program. It requires new residential developments that need a discretionary permit approval to include 20% of new housing units as permanently affordable through the Whitefish Housing Authority for local working people with moderate incomes.

Developers of multi-family housing and subdivisions will have to put together a Housing Mitigation Plan showing how

they meet the requirements with every submittal. The requirements stipulate that the Legacy Homes should be built on-site and be architecturally similar to the rest of the development, using the same exterior materials and finishes. There are options in special cases for off-site development or paying cash in lieu of building units. To help off-set costs to the developer, the City is offering incentives such as reduced parking and increased density and building height for projects required to comply.

If you are looking for an affordable house or apartment, qualification for the program and pricing is on a sliding scale based on household income. As an example, Legacy Homes rental units will be priced to be affordable for two-person households earning a gross income of \$33,420 to \$44,560 per year, with a two-

bedroom apartment renting from \$941-\$1,254. Two-person households earning \$44,560 to \$66,840 per year can qualify for ownership units, with two-bedroom homes priced from \$175,603 to \$263,404. More information can be found on the Legacy Homes Program section of the City website at www.cityofwhitefish.org.



EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS STEAM WORKSHOP

On May 21, 2019, Whitefish city planners Wendy, Hilary, and Bailey were three of the thirty-five STEAM career women who participated in the Expanding Your Horizons event hosted by the Flathead STEAM Alliance at Flathead Valley Community College. This event is a one-day symposium where 450 middle school girls (grades 7th and 8th) from around the valley are shown the exciting and diverse

experiences that science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) careers have to offer. City planners used a map of the FVCC campus to explain the importance of site planning and overall design concepts to 'Plan for the Future.' It was inspiring to see the ideas and designs created by the participating young women. The Whitefish Planning Department looks forward to participating in future events.



VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

WHITEFISH LAKE AND LAKESHORE COMMITTEE - One position for member-at-large, term ending 12/31/2019

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - One position, term ending 12/31/2020, applicant shall reside within the City limits of Whitefish.

Architectural Review Committee - Three positions, applicants shall reside within City limits, be employed, own a business or own property in City limits, a MT licensed architect, or design professional

If you are interested, contact Michelle Howke, City Clerk, 406-863-2402, or mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org

LIBRARY & MORE

DID YOU KNOW?



Our computer statistics indicate that there are over 2,000 sessions and over 2,700 unique searches a month on our WCL browser. Visitors account for over 70% of the WiFi usage. Our mid-year statistics also indicate that we are on track to set a record for the number of items checked out as well as an increase in our gate count.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Montana State Laws for Cyclists

1. Right-Of-Way: Cyclists lawfully riding their bicycle have the right-of-way. Cyclists can travel in the driving lane and must adhere to all motor vehicle traffic laws. This includes turn indications and stops considered “lawful”. There can be no interference with a cyclist in a designated bicycle lane.

Bicyclists are allowed on sidewalks and crosswalks but must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Flathead Electric Co-op’s “Round-up for Safety” grant that enabled the library to replace all broken plastic floor outlet covers with heavy duty brass covers. Another generous donor purchased a new staff scanner, and WiFi router for the library.

2. Passing: Safe conditions must be present for a motor vehicle to pass a cyclist. Cyclists must follow motor vehicle laws regarding passing when riding in a driving lane.

3. Bike Lanes: It is unlawful to pass on the right at any time on a two-lane road. Motor vehicles cannot drive or park in a bike lane. Bike lanes are reserved for bicycles only. If a motor vehicle must cross over the bike lane while turning or switching lanes, they must follow the right-of-way

FREE SACK LUNCHES

The library partnered with the Whitefish School District’s FIT members to offer a free sack lunch to youngsters who were then treated to a story and activity in the library’s Community Room.



laws concerning cyclists in bike lanes.

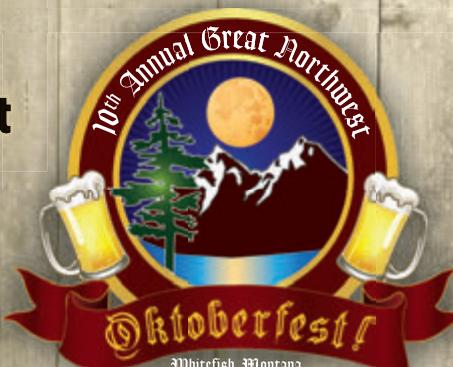
4. Helmets: There is no state law requiring cyclists to wear helmets while riding.

5. Lights: During dark hours of the day, including dawn, dusk and nighttime, a forward-facing white bike or helmet lamp must be used. The light must be visible at least 500 feet in distance. A red light must be placed in the rear with the same visible distance. Reflective material increases the visibility of the rider.

Oktoberfest is Moving to Smith Fields!

10th Annual Greater NW Oktoberfest

Sept 26-28 & Oct 3-5
Smith Fields Sports Complex
1600 Hospital Way
(near North Valley Hospital)



Oktoberfest!
Whitefish, Montana

For more info and a complete schedule of events, call the Chamber @ 862-3501 or visit WhitefishOktoberfest.com

THANK YOU

The WCL Board of Trustees bid farewell to Roger Barber, Vice Chair, and expressed their appreciation for his many contributions to the library over the past 5 years. The Trustees welcomed two new Trustees, Cheryl Hyland and Sarah Erikson to fill two vacant positions.

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This year we are happy to be participating in the Great Fish Community Challenge. The Great Fish Community Challenge is an innovative fundraiser that inspires our community to give, raises awareness, and helps charities raise important program funding. In the end, charities earn a percentage matching grant from Whitefish Community Foundation.

Donations to support the Whitefish Library Association can be made through the Whitefish Community Foundation from July 25 through September 13. Donations to benefit the library will be used to purchase new computers, including touch screen computers for the children, as well as expanding students' library reference and reading materials.

NATURE MEETS TECH

For two weeks in June and July the library partnered with instructors Kate Preston and Victoria Guenzler to offer "Nature Meets Tech" programs for grades 2-5. Attendees engaged in coding activities in the morning and spent afternoons biking, hiking, swimming and picnicking. Kaleidoscope Coding will continue the Coding Club partnership again this fall with Whitefish School District.



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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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**WELCOME JOY HAWLEY
TO THE WHITEFISH
COMMUNITY LIBRARY
STAFF!!**

SUMMER READING INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Mary Drew created an exciting variety of summer programs for the Summer Reading Incentive program. All ages were encouraged to pick up a reading log and be rewarded for the number of minutes they read. Small incentive prizes were awarded for the completion of required reading time with the opportunity to take part in the drawing on Tuesday, August 20, for the larger prizes. This year's pro-

grams included Whitefish Lake Institute, Tots on the Trail at Lion Mountain Trailhead, Wild Wings Raptor Recovery Center, Montana Conversations, North Valley Music School, Stumptown Art Studio and Alpine Theatre Project. Saturday, August 17 at 11:00 am is the popular "Annual Edible Book Contest." Call the library for more information on any of our programs.



WHITEFISH STORYTIME @ NORTH VALLEY FOOD BANK

Every Thursday at 11:00 am "Whitefish Storytime @ North Valley Food Bank" presented a program which included healthy snacks provided by North Valley Food Bank and a story or activity under the Food Bank's canopy.





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CELEBRATE FALL

FALL IN WHITEFISH. Fewer crowds. Cooler temps. Stunning color. Now's *your* chance to enjoy it all.

HARVEST WINE PAIRING DINNER

Wednesday, September 11th Join us for this one-of-a-kind, long-table style feast featuring an artfully prepared multi-course dinner paired with exquisite fine wines served al fresco on the Boat Club Deck. Reservations required. **406.863.4016**

BOAT CLUB BARN DANCE

Saturday, October 12th Enjoy live music, BBQ, bourbon & brews at our annual outdoor dance. For more info visit **lodgeatwhitefishlake.com**.

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