

PLUMMER NEWS

C I T Y O F P L U M M E R

**D A T E S O F
I N T E R E S T :**

- **March 8 regular City Council meeting/Public Hearing**
- **March 20 First Day of Spring**

CHILI FEED A SUCCESS AGAIN

The Plummer Community Action team would like to acknowledge each and every one, whether they be individuals or merchants throughout our community with a sincere "Thank You". Your attendance, assistance, donations and participation in any manner towards the annual chili cook-off auction added to its success. A wonderful time was had by all who attended, and we raised over \$1,000.00 So to each, a pat on the back. The community will definitely benefit.

PUBLIC HEARING

LDS Church has requested a public hearing to build an addition onto the existing building. The Public Hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2012 at 6:00 P.M Any person interested may appear and will be given the opportunity to be heard, either for or against the proposed permit. Written testimony will also be accepted, up to, and including, the 6th day of March, 2012

WATER STUDY

USKH Engineering will be presenting the Water Study for public comment at the regular Plummer City Council meeting. Any one interested in commenting is encouraged to attend the meeting.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT RATE STUDY

Idaho Rural Water did a rate study on our Waste Water Treatment Plant. The findings of the study will be presented to the City Council on March 8, 2012.

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NEW COUNCILMAN

The City would like to welcome new Councilman Brad Hampton. Brad was sworn in at the last council meeting on February 9, 2012.

LIBRARY NEWS

Spring Book discussion

"The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived The Great Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan will be the subject of a special event book discussion Tuesday March 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Plummer Public Library. The only requirement is to read the book prior to the discussion. Light refreshments will be served and the discussion will be followed by a short documentary film clip. Members of the 3Cs group of Coeur d'Alene will moderate this discussion. If you've never participated in a book discussion and are curious, this is a great opportunity to observe, listen, learn and voice your opinion on the topic. The title "Worst Hard Time" is available at area libraries in both book and audio formats. For more information, please call Plummer Public Library at 686-1812.

A short summary of the story:

The dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since, and the stories of the people that held on have never been fully told. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist and author Timothy Egan follows a half-dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, going from sod homes to new framed houses to huddling in basements with the windows sealed by damp sheets in a futile effort to keep dust out. He follows their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black blizzards, crop failure, and the deaths of loved ones. Drawing on the voices of those who stayed and survived-those who, now in their eighties and nineties, will soon carry their memories to the grave-Egan tells a story of endurance and heroism against the backdrop of the great depression.

PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION

The Property Tax Reduction program, also known as Circuit Breaker, reduces property taxes for qualified applicants who own and live in their home as a primary residence. Applicants must be 65 or older, a widow(er), or disabled, and earned \$28,000 or less after deducting medical expenses during 2011. Applications for 2012 can be completed at the Assessor's Office Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (excluding holidays) until the deadline April 16, 2012. Applicants will need to bring copies of their Federal tax return, 1099 forms and other documentation of income, documentation for payment or prepayment of funeral expenses, year-end statements or other proof of payment for medical expenses, and a list of trips for medical purposes to figure mileage.

The Assessor's office will be doing outreach to better assist residents living in outlying areas. Staff will be available in Plummer on March 6th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Plummer Public Library. This valuable program saved nearly 400 county residents just over \$130,000 last year. More information is available at the Benewah County Assessor's office at 245-2821.