

September 2016

PLUMMER NEWS

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I N T E R E S T :

- September 5 City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- September 8 Regular City Council Meeting 6p.m.
- September 22 Regular City Council Meeting Cancelled

Gateway Fire Protection District

Fire Dangers High Be Aware upcoming burn restrictions

High Five Community Transformation Grant

The City is one of 7 Finalists for a \$250,000 Community Transformation Grant. We have submitted a short video. One of the determinations of receiving the grant is for community involvement and to have our residents vote for our City. Online Voting will start on Friday, September 12th and will close on Friday September 24th at 11:59p.m. Please visit the link below to cast your vote or visits the City's Facebook page for the link.

<http://fb.me/cityofplummer>
<http://highfiveidaho.org/voting>

Co-Ed 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament and Community Celebration

Groundbreaking of New Plummer Community Center Basketball Court.

Saturday September 10, 2016

Location: Plummer Community Center

Lunch is at 1:00p.m.

Potluck-Bring side dishes!

Two Brackets-18 & older, 17 & under

First game is at 8:30a.m.

Double Elimination

1st Place Prizes

\$20 Entry Fee per team

Submit registration forms by Friday September 2nd. Forms are available at the Wellness Center

Front Desk

Or

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Library News

There will be an Open House at Plummer Public Library, 849 D St., Sat. Sept.10th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served on the north patio. Meet the Friends of the Library and see what your library has to offer. Event is sponsored and hosted by the Library Friends.

Monday-Wednesday: 10a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday: 2p.m.-6p.m.

Friday & Sunday: Closed

Saturday: 10a.m.-2p.m.

Message From The Mayor

This month has been busy, as you can imagine. We are working on the bond ordinance and will hold a special meeting on September 1st at 6 pm to approve it so we can get it to the county for the fall ballot.

After much thought and consultation, we are going to set the ceiling for the bond at \$6 million dollars. That doesn't mean that's how much we'll ask for, but it gives room to wiggle if we can get the most money without dramatic impacts on rates. There is going to have to be some rate adjustments, but we'll see what comes out in the final wash via the analysis being performed by FCS Group. So far it's sounding like we might be able to afford a lot based almost...and I said *almost* where we are at with rates currently to fix the system. The most dramatic change I'm hoping to restrict it to, is we come up to Avista or KEC levels on the rates. But as I said, I won't know more until I get that analysis in my grubby hands, hopefully within days of this writing. I'll then pass that info along to you.

Funding for the work on the system will come from USDA/RUS/Electric Program loans. There was some concern about cheaper interest rates, but after researching we found that USDA funds the organizations we were looking at and they in turn charge higher interest rates to make their money. We will have to jump through more hoops, but I say fine since the hoops provide for accountability, transparency, cost effectiveness, and environmental assurances. Why do the job if we aren't going to do it right? And I *want* oversight! Enough said!

I'm going to tentatively schedule a series of town meetings to inform you all of what it's going to look like. Those dates are tentatively September 13th & 27th, October 11th & 25th, and finally the night before election November 7th. All will be at 6 pm and there will be pamphlets, displays, as well as people there to answer any questions and take feedback. The bond ordinance will be published in the St. Maries Gazette with a sample ballot. You can also contact me at mayor.cityofplummer@gmail.com with any questions too.

We are moving ahead with working with the tribe to reopen the old lagoons with funding they're getting from Indian Health Services. This will allow for our inflow and infiltration problem to be managed more effectively. To basically store any excess runoff during wet months so we can "process" it at our leisure. Titan construction will be starting on more infiltration and inflow work on the wastewater/sewer lines right after Labor Day weekend, and many of you may have noticed some of their equipment parked at my house. They will tear open D Street all the way to Highway 95 and do some replacement work as well as other sites across town. The school busses will have to take alternative routes while that work happens since the intersection of D and 11th Streets will be closed too. Should take the better part of a week I expect. I've let the folks at the community church know what's happening so they are aware there might be some parking issues for at least one service.

School is starting soon, so a reminder to watch for the kids once it does. We have new crosswalk signs and are working to get them set, but unfortunately it won't be until after school starts.

Any questions or comments, you know how to reach me!