

# October 2017

# PLUMMER NEWS

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- October 12  
Regular City  
Council Meeting  
6 p.m.

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## Christmas Bazaar

There will be a Christmas Bazaar once again this year. It will be held November 11 & 12 at the American Legion Hall. If you would like to be a vendor there is a \$20 Vendor fee for the entire weekend and a table is included. The Vendor fees collected will go to the American Legion Boys State fund. Please contact Leticia Kennar for more information or to receive the vendor forms. You can reach her via telephone 208-686-0424 or stop by Native Touch Nail Salon on Hwy 5 located next to City Hall.

## City Elections November 7, 2017

The City of Plummer has two Council seats up for Election this year. We have Terry Allen, Leticia Kennar, Ashley Lounsbury and Stacey Sonder running for the two Council Seats. Write-ins will be accepted until October 10, 2017 by 5p.m. If you have any questions regarding the election process please contact the City Hall at 208-686-1641

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots can be turned in up until 8:00 p.m. Nov 7. The last day to vote absentee in person is November 3rd. The last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot is October 27th. The last day to pre-register to vote is Friday October 13th. You can still register the day of the elections. Absentee ballot forms can be found at: [www.idahovotes.gov](http://www.idahovotes.gov)

## Concerns about County Dumpsters near the City Sewer Plant

Please no dumping on the ground. No wood or metal in the dumpsters. There is a transfer station (ie. Dump) south of St. Maries on Hwy 3 that will take wood and metal. Their phone # is 208-245-1694. Address: 75 Landfill RD, St. Maries, Idaho 83861 Hours: Monday through Saturday 6:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

## Library News

There will be a 4-H Open House at Plummer Public Library Tues. Oct. 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This will be a good time to have your questions about 4-H answered and learn about opportunities and projects available for youth through the University of Idaho Extension Program.

A service is available through your public library that you might not be aware of: E-books, E audio books and even music can be downloaded for FREE to your computer or mobile device. To access the online card catalog and view the selection, go to <http://catalog.cin.bywatersolutions.com>. All you need is your library card number and password. For more information, please call the library at 208-686-1812, or email [plummerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:plummerlibrary@gmail.com)

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

We just had our community Review and it was excellent! I'd like to thank all of you who came and participated! It was a real eye opener! We had representatives from HUD, USDA, Idaho Commission on the Arts, Latah Credit Union, Timber Plus, the University of Idaho, Department of commerce, Representative Caroline Nilsson-Troy, and even an economics Professor and students visiting from Spain sit in on the process to name a few! Home teams consisted of residents, local business people, and a good turn out of tribal department people. It was awesome! The dialogues covered the gambit of issues we face here. High unemployment, low incomes, need for adequate housing, all of our infrastructure, economic conditions traffic, you name it! What I observed and what I found really gratifying is that discussions touched on the underlying tensions that exist between the varying cultures that call this community home. Things that aren't acknowledged but exist none-the-less and are often hidden by "political correctness." The first step in resolving a lot of the issues we face is to admit there is a problem that exists, then move forward with steps of mutual ideas and then solutions creating a better quality of life for everyone! If nothing else came from this review effort, I would call it a success. But much more was addressed!

Personally, for me, having outside eyes assess our community allowed me the opportunity to see things from a more positive angle. I spend so much time working on the things that are crumbling that I often forget to appreciate the assets we have here! Our access to quality medical care and resources. Our access to a sportsman's paradise of hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and all the things that are associated with that like the abundance of wildlife and natural surroundings. The Lake, streams and rivers that flow throughout our region. The forests and mountains. The trail. The people. The location. The climate. Our proximity to cities and educational resources. I could go on and on!

Now we just need to keep the momentum going from the energy that the review created! And a final report will be given at a town hall meeting later this fall. I hope you will all attend. We'll let you know when it's ready! An added plus is it counts as a \$40,000 match to any grants we apply for in the future! And, the review helped lessen the black eye Plummer had with these funding agencies over the water bond grant a couple years ago. That's a plus, so now we may actually get some much needed grant funding in the very near future!

Changing gears a bit, some of you have noticed the weird water coloration that's been happening lately. There's nothing wrong with the water safety, but there have been some major repairs going on. When that happens, it stirs up sediments and it will soon fade out. Just keep in mind that when you do see water discoloration, it means that a repair has just happened! And that's a good thing! We found a really big leak and fixed it. Leonard and the guys have been doing an awesome job finding these leaks and breaks in lines throughout town, some really old! Now we are keeping an eye on the reservoirs and well pump run times, and if this repair and the others we been doing do what I think they will, I am going to lift the water moratorium! Then we just have to deal with the sewer moratorium. I'll be constantly researching ways to deal with that too!

We are moving forward with grant applications to restore and rehabilitate the community center. I've had a historical architect and historical structural engineers examine the building and it has gotten a passing grade (85 out of 100) for restoration. Some aspects of it are in remarkably good shape! But it is on the cusp of save or raze. So we are going to restore it to its 1930's glory with some modern improvements to meet ADA compliance and energy savings. We are taking steps to get it nominated for the National Historical Register. I'll keep you all posted as we progress through this project.

In closing, you'll see some work starting on the electrical system. We have hired a manager/lineman for the system and he comes on board October 2nd. It's taken a while, but we are seeing movement forward! I equate it to righting a capsized ship. We've been pumping air into its compartments and have tow ropes tied to it, as it wants to roll back up right. It's getting to the equilibrium point where we are no longer going to have to pull on the ropes and it will roll back upright on it's own! Now we just have to refit it and put it back into service!

See you next month!

Mayor Weems