

# Plummer News

## November 2017

### DATES OF INTEREST:

- Fall Back Sunday  
November 5th
- November 7th  
Election Day
- November 9th  
Regular City  
Council Meeting  
6p.m.
- November 10th  
City Hall Closed  
for Veteran's Day
- November 23rd &  
24th Closed for  
Thanksgiving

### Hours of Operation

#### City Hall:

Monday- Friday 9:00a.m.  
to 5:00p.m.

Saturday and Sunday  
Closed

#### Library:

Monday-Wednesday:  
10a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday: 2p.m.-6p.m.  
Friday & Sunday: Closed  
Saturday: 10a.m.-2p.m.

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### Craft Sale

There will be a Christmas Bazaar once again this year. It will be held November 11 & 12 from 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. at the American Legion Hall. There will be lots of crafts from jewelry to woodworking. There will be Indian Tacos and spring rolls as well. There will be a raffle for a blanket to support Boys state and tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. Please contact Leticia Kennar for more information 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

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.

Don't forget to go out and vote on Tuesday November 7th at the Plummer Community Center located at 520 C Street. Polls are open from 8:00a.m. until 8:00p.m.



"Tell Me a Tale" is the theme for Idaho Family Reading Week Nov. 12th - 18th. Visitors to the library during that week may enter to win a gift basket. The theme focuses on folk tales, fables, and family story telling. On Nov. 14th there will be a demo of genealogy websites at 2:00 following the Friends meeting at 1:00. Nov. 16th families are invited to attend a story time event with refreshments at 5:00 pm. The drawing for the gift basket will be Nov. 18th. The library will be closed Nov. 11th in observance of Veteran's Day and also Nov. 23rd - 26th for Thanksgiving.



## Message from the Mayor

November is already upon us! The holidays of the season are rapidly approaching and I hope everyone has a safe Halloween! The temperatures have fallen and it feels like autumn!

Speaking of the season...

According to the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) report, while we had record precipitation last spring which alleviated our severe drought conditions, the persistent lack of moisture from July until now has bounced us back into the yellow (abnormally dry) category. That's about to change. The Climate Prediction Center (CPC) has issued a La Niña watch with a 55-65% chance of La Niña conditions developing again this fall and winter. La Niña is what kicked our butts last winter and NWS and NOAA were spot on in that prediction! We are looking at cooler temperatures with a 40-50% increase in precipitation, not so much for Now through November, but in December through February. That means there could be more snow again with an increased chance of flooding this next spring. Prepare for this. Get your firewood in if you haven't already. Weatherize what you can. Make sure the snow blower is ready. I hope it isn't like last winter, but better safe than sorry! Our streets budget and our streets themselves took a beating that we have yet to recover from! We're gearing up at the city to prepare for the worst of it if it does indeed happen.

Speaking of streets, our transportation plan is done and represents a more realistic set of goals. Now we start applying for any roads/streets programs we may be eligible for to try and improve the conditions of our streets. Most of any work on the streets will take place after the snow melts next spring is the drawback.

The loan documents are being finalized for the electric project, and we hope to have them done by Thanksgiving. We've already budgeted for some of the work slated for reimbursement once it is finalized and have started working on some of the worse places in our system in preparation for the coming winter. We have a lineman on board now and are getting a chaser truck, which should reduce outage times significantly. At least the ones we can work on anyway.

Heyburn Park is upgrading some of Hawley's Landing, and we are going in to install upgrades too while they do theirs. Contrary to some criticism I have received for including the lake customers in the overall project, Idaho Parks is PAYING for the work we are doing down there! This will in turn free up that money we had budgeted for that portion of the park to be focused on other aspects of our system! It's called networking and cooperating!

Our water situation has improved tremendously through the hard work and dedication of Leonard and the crew. Finding leaks and replacing old meters as well as some feeder lines has made a big difference! That work will continue for several more years! Baby steps! Sara and Marissa in the office are finding new innovative ways to reduce wasted time on antiquated procedures and improve efficiencies all around.

On closing...

A reminder that the elections are right around the corner! Two seats on the council are open. I encourage everyone to get out and vote! See you next month!

**Mayor Weems**