

# Plummer News May 2018

## DATES OF INTEREST:

- May 10 Regular City Council Meeting 6:00p.m.
- May 28 City Hall Closed in Observation Memorial Day

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## Craft Sale

Come join us in supporting our girls to go to girls state.  
2018 Annual Rummage Sale  
Sponsored by Native Touch Nail and Skincare  
IN SUPPORT OF BOYS STATE (LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL)  
Saturday & Sunday  
MAY 12 & 13, 2018  
10:00am to 6:00pm  
At the American Legion Hall, 888 C Street, Plummer ID 83851

Questions please call Leticia at 208-686-0424 or cell at 208-582-4921

## Plummer Day Forms

Plummer Days will be July 14th this year. Forms can be picked up from City Hall, the City Website or you may contact Yolanda Bone by email ybone@cdatribe-nsn.gov or 208-686-1714 or Christine Hodgson 208-987-0067

## Rummage & Bake Sale

There will be a rummage & bake sale at Plummer Senior Center on

**Saturday June 9th from 10:00 a.m.-  
3:30p.m.**

All donations are accepted

## \*\*Cook Wanted\*\*

The Plummer Senior Center needs a part time cook for Tuesday & Friday lunch meal. Approximately 5 hours per day to prepare a hot meal. The pay is \$50 per shift plus bonus. The more people come, the bigger the bonus. Please contact the Meal Site Manager-Rosemary Niemier-Newman for interview or more information 208-245-1459

## Hydrant Flushing

The City Crew will be flushing hydrant's during the middle of May.

## Yard Sale

Plummer & Worley City Wide Yard sale will be June 8th & 9th from 8-5  
Deadline to get on the map  
June 3  
5 P.M.

For more information please contact 208-661-4444 or 208-686-1325



## Library News

Believe it or not, summer is on the way! "Libraries Rock!" is the theme for this year's summer reading program hosted by Plummer Public Library. The program runs June 14th - Aug. 2nd. It will be open to all ages and we encourage families to participate. All you have to do to win a prize is sign up for the program, check out books, read them and record the titles in your online reading log. There will be some fun family events too. Sign up begins May 21st. Contact the library for the details. 208-686-1812

Bake Sale: Friends of the Library bake sale will be at Umpqua Bank Friday May 25th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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

## Message from the Mayor

I'm going to veer away from my typical reporting on what's happening at City Hall. I want to talk about the coming primary election. What are the potential impacts for us at our local level?

Most seats are up for grabs in our District (5), along with County Commissioner seats. I either know and have worked with the incumbents, or have had the opportunity to listen in person to the spiels of all but one of the candidate's that are vying for these seats on why they are running. Most of it is vague or empty rhetoric espousing the candidates "values" and "principles." Not much, if anything at all, of substance about the issues we face every day at our local municipal or county levels. Important issues like the conditions of our infrastructure(s), employment, economic and community development, affordable housing, our struggling schools, health care, and other things that impact people here in our towns and neighborhoods. I want to know, and you should too, what they are going to do about helping us beef up our infrastructures(s) like roads, bridges and streets, water and sewer, among other things to support business and economic development to provide real jobs for real people who need them? Rural Idaho communities are struggling right now. It's not exclusive to Plummer!

Lets focus on streets for example. Neither the City of Plummer, nor any city in Idaho really draws any revenue from our streets to support their maintenance and care. We can't toll drivers or impose a frontage fee on property owners by Idaho law. We rely on, for the greater part of our streets budgets, tax revenue. And for us, that isn't much! What are the legislators doing session after session? Everything they can to reduce taxes, which in turn fund our streets. We therefore have to amend our appropriations in our city budget to move money from those revenue streams like electric and water, and those systems need improvement too, so we end up robbing Peter to pay Paul to try to keep funding in our streets department. It's a catch-22 thing! I don't want exorbitant taxes either, but the basis of taxation is to pay for these kinds of things. It could very well end up forcing communities like ours to levy their own local taxes and wouldn't that be just lovely!

Thankfully, we have some relief funding from winter of '15-'16 and we can do some streets work with that. The tribe has kicked in some money and we got a small grant. It'll get us started, and we'll do it in small yearly increments but keep in mind it will take about 10 years at least to get all the streets in town before having to start the rotation all over again. I hope who ever comes after me will have the foresight to keep the program going consistently.

Back to my diatribe about the elections. If you have the opportunity to hear any of the candidates and talk to them, take it! Ask them the hard questions! What are they really going to do for us? Most people mistakenly believe that governance starts in D.C. and works down to us. Not so! It works from us here at the local level, on up to county, and state then to D.C.! While "values" and "principles" are important, they, along with morals and ethics are not exclusive to religion or party! I am a member of neither party and suspicious of both! Get out and vote for whom you think is the right person for the job based on what you ask and the answers they give.

I'll see you next month!

Mayor Weems