

# March 2019 PLUMMER NEWS

DATES OF  
INTEREST:

- March 14th  
Regular City  
Council Meeting  
6 p.m.

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## **\*\*Reminder Day Light Savings End\*\***

**Sunday, March 10, 2019, 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward 1 hour**



## **Plummer Senior Citizens**

The Plummer Senior citizens are still looking for a cook for Tuesday's and Fridays. Meals are served to everyone at noon. Seniors are \$4 donation, all others are \$6. Senior meal site is located at the east side of the American Legion Building next to City Hall. The lunch meal is posted at City Hall in Plummer as well as on the Plummer Senior Citizen's Inc. facebook page.

## **Meet and Greet with State Representatives**

Senator Nelson, Rep. Troy and Rep. Goesling will be at the Gateway on the 9th of March at noon for residents to come visit with them.

## **Coeur d'Alene Reservation Housing Needs Assessment Survey**

The survey is being conducted by Public Works as part of an economic development grant. The purpose of the survey is to provide insight on what future housing options should look like on the Reservation. All survey results are anonymous. The link below will take you to the survey.

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4841242/CDA-Reservation-Housing-Needs-Assessment>

Hard copies of the survey are available at Tribal Headquarters and can be returned to the following locations.

### **Plummer**

Wellness Center  
Tribal Headquarters  
Plummer Library  
Tribal Housing Headquarters

### **Worley**

City Hall

### **Tensed**

Tensed Post Office

### **DeSmet**

DeSmet Post Office

## Message From The Mayor

This winter the snow hung back. And when it arrived, it arrived with a vengeance! Which brought out the snowplows and the screamers and complainers. Everyone needs to know that the duty of the city is to clear the streets. School and business routes first, then other parts of town and finally dead ends or cul-de-sacs. Not your driveway or your cars if they are parallel parked along the street. We realize that not everyone has a driveway and parking on the street is your only alternative. That's okay, but it does present problems for city crews plowing. Crews cannot move the snow off the street and therefore it creates a "bottleneck." As time goes on and more snow falls, the berm grows and the bottleneck becomes narrower and narrower with each plowing session.

This causes an increase in collision risk as two vehicles meet each other in the bottleneck.

Our equipment is configured with what are called "gates" at the ends or sides of the plow blades. This is to negate a huge berm as we move past your driveways. It is NOT a cure all, because even though the gate is dropped, snow is still displaced so instead of having a berm over your driveway two feet in height, the gate keeps it around half that. City crews in Spokane or Coeur d'Alene do not install these devices on their equipment. They have so much to plow that berms over driveways or cars on the streets are the least of their worries. (Other than to tow cars that inhibit plowing, and they do tow them off.)

Residents need to know that the plows do not make just one run past your house! They usually do at least three passes. Intervals of time between each pass may make it seem like they are only making one pass depending on how much distance is in the pass. But they will be back by to move more snow. It does no good to go out and cuss and yell at them because you don't think they are going fast enough or getting to your section of town fast enough. It will get done but it will take time depending on how much snow has accumulated.

As snow accumulates we try to find places to move the snow, but sometimes there is no place to put it so it builds up and this can cause problems of seeing if it is clear in intersections. Please use caution when this happens. As the weather slacks off, we can move the snow from these intersections when it gets bad with loaders and dump truck.

Bottom line is snow is an inconvenience for all of us during the winter. We live in the Pacific Northwest for crying out loud! Just have patience. As for our elderly and disabled who may have difficulty digging out, perhaps the area churches, schools and other civic groups could get volunteers together to address driveways and cars buried along the streets? Family members could maybe check on each other too? What a novel concept! I'll leave you with this thought. We qualified for a grant for a section of sidewalk project that will run from the school to the Department of Education along 11th street. Depending on which side of the street it goes on, I may be responsible for shoveling that sidewalk as it runs along my property. If we had sidewalks throughout town, you would be responsible for it in front of and along your property! Be thankful for that small consolation!

Thankfully, spring is right around the corner! Until next month.

Mayor William Weems

## Library News

Whether you will be spring cleaning, or if you have spring fever, or go on spring break, spring forward and visit the public library to see what's in there for you.

Friends of the Library will resume meeting on Tues. March 12th at 1:00 p.m. New members are still needed.

The next community book discussion is scheduled for March 27th at 12:30 p.m. in the library's conference room.

The title is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens.

For more information, please contact 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.