

# Plummer News May 2019

## DATES OF INTEREST:

- May 19 Regular City Council Meeting 6:00p.m.
- May 27 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.  
2019 Annual Rummage Sale

Sponsored by Native Touch Nail and Skincare  
IN SUPPORT OF GIRLS STATE

Saturday & Sunday  
MAY 11 & 12, 2019

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

## Hydrant Flushing

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

**FAMILY FUN!**

# PLUMMER DAYS 2019

**3 ON 3 BASKETBALL  
CAR SHOW  
ALL REUNION DANCE  
VENDORS & MORE!**

**SATURDAY  
JULY 13  
BEGINS AT  
7:30AM**

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## Library News

Congratulations to Ethan Turnlund who won the big jar of candy in the library's guessing game.

Registration for the 2019 Summer Reading Program is May 20th - June 6th. The program is open to school age children who are reading on their own. Pre-registration is required. Forms are available at the library. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories" and is space related. Fun activities and events are being planned for the program which will run June 13th - July 25th. Summer reading programs help with your children's reading skills and helps prevent the "Summer Slide." Please contact the library for more information at 208-686-1812 or email [plummerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:plummerlibrary@gmail.com).

Substitute is needed at the library. If interested, please submit your resume' in person to Plummer Public Library during regular business hours.

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

Now that we're getting in to the warmer months, I wanted to touch base with all of you on fire safety, particularly after the devastating wildfires that wiped out entire communities in California last summer.

We are in the midst of timber country, with forest all around us, so there is a potential that we could face a wildfire event that could threaten our community. One thing going for us though, is we do have some open spaces to the north and west, which serves as a basic fire line unless it's August or later and those open spaces (fields) are full of grain or grasses that is golden and dry.

Where nature or agriculture meets city limits is called a "wild land urban interface," or WUI. It is here that the potential for disaster lies. Once a wildfire jumps the WUI, it's then in town and structures like homes are at risk. And contrary to the TV commercials you see that says embers can travel a mile, embers from a good forest fire can travel up to 12 MILES and will ignite whatever they land on if it's dry.

One big thing here is we have limited water to defend or attack fires. Even with 5 wells, if we had a good larger single structure fire like a church, the school, community center or grocery store, our water reservoirs would run out in only a few hours later in the summer.

This is why I want to bring it to your attention. Our best defense against a wild fire that jumps the WUI is if residents "harden" their homes and outbuildings. What do I mean by that? Keep burnable materials away from structures.

Think of a 3 to 5 foot barrier from the outside walls of your homes to whatever may be burnable. When you landscape or garden, keep this in mind.

Keep tall grasses cut down on and around your property. If you can afford it, have fireproof roofing installed. Double or triple paned windows and solid steel doors are good too. I know, this can cost money! But if you intend to or are remodeling, think about fire safety as you do it. The average cost to fire harden a home is between \$1,200 and \$1,500 bucks. But a lot of money can be saved if you do it yourself by simply being aware of burnable material in your yard. Bark or wood chips along your walls for landscaping can be replaced with gravel for minimal costs. Keep piles of debris well way from your homes walls. Make sure firewood is well covered and away from your walls.

Again, don't let the weeds get tall and dry. Remove dead or dying shrubs or trees from your yard. Simple common sense things like that. It costs about \$250 grand to defend a home from wildfire. It costs under \$2 grand to harden your home so it won't burn in the first place. Something to be aware of and think about. We can provide more info if you need help.

The electric project will be really ramping up in the coming weeks. I want it done by early next year and it looks like we should make it. Hopefully sooner!

We are working on finding the places where water enters our sewer system. Leonard and the crew will also be starting work on replacing water lines too. Little by little we're working on revamping all our utilities!

Well, that's it for now. Until next time!

Mayor William Weems