

Plummer News

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DATES OF INTEREST:

- Regular City Council Meeting Thursday February 11th at 6:00p.m.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday February 15th in observation of

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State Service Office Matthew Ranstrom will be at the American Legion Building 888 C Street, Wednesday February 10th from 10 AM to 3PM. No appointment is necessary for this initial visit to our area. Veterans are encouraged to stop by for a visit/consultation. Coffee/Cookies will be provided.

HomeServe

If you are looking for home insurance to help with Plumbing, Electrical, Heating & Cooling. You can purchase plans from www.homeserve.com

Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District

Volunteers needed for fire or ems contact the Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District at 208 686 1313.

Library News

Plummer Public Library is partnering with Idaho Public TV to provide children ages 4 - 8 yrs old with "Story time in a Box" kits. If you would like more information, please contact the library at 208-686-1812.

Two Parent volunteers are needed to help plan the summer reading program. This will consist of one or two meetings with staff to share ideas.

Message from the Mayor

Well, it looks like the Seniors project might be getting some traction again, after all the Covid delays, then the elections, and finally transfer of administrations. This is good news. USDA Community facilities program has come back to life after all this time and Howard out of the Coeur d'Alene office is back on it. USDA is helping us with design costs, which aren't included in the CDBG grant funding for construction we were awarded by Idaho Department of Commerce. We've got to move on it or lose that CDBG funding, and it's a relief that it finally is moving. The design is already done. The Community Facilities program grant is just to pay for it so we can move on construction. Once that happens it should only be maybe six weeks of remodel and the Senior Citizens will have a new home.

I pitched what I called a "novel idea" to our district Senator and Representatives. This after hearing Brad Little brag about a \$600 million surplus on KHQ's morning show on the 21st. I suggested that perhaps, seeing's as there are roughly 225 incorporated communities and cities scattered throughout Idaho, how about they shave off \$100 million of that "surplus" and spread it out among the smallest 150 communities in desperate need of infrastructure improvements, like **STREETS**, for example, and then use the remaining \$500 million for the other stuff of concern. The majority of cities in Idaho have populations of less than 3,000, and these are the cities in most need of actual monies to improve infrastructure and the lives of our Idaho citizenry. If it was evenly split that would come out to roughly \$666,000.00 per community. Imagine what smaller communities with populations less than 2,000 could do. Our population hovers around 1,150 people. We could do some serious streets improvement with even that much, which would set us up for at least a decade, maybe two with good maintenance. A couple million would really do the trick! The responses I got suggested they hadn't considered it that way. But I planted that seed in their fertile minds...let's see if anything sprouts.

Fiber is hung. Waiting on provider action. Electric project will start winding down. I'm looking in to "alternative ideas" in fixing our sewer infrastructure. I don't think it will pan out, but it never hurts to look.

That's about it for now.

Mayor William Weems