

PLUMMER NEWS

Dates of Interest:

City Hall Closure:

Monday, Sept. 1st
In observance of
Labor Day

First Day of School:

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd

City Council Meeting:

Regular Council Meeting
Sept. 11th at 6 pm
In the Council Room at
City Hall

EMT Basic Course:

Plummer Ambulance is
conducting a Basic EMT
Course. Starts Oct. 2nd.
Deadline to apply is
September 20th.

Cadet Program:

Gateway Fire Dist. Is
Starting a cadet
program for 16-18 year
Olds. Call Jody
Cuthbert at 686-1313
For more information

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What Does Plummer Mean to You?

If you live here, your ideas matter

Whether you have lived in Plummer your entire life or you came here later in life, you made the decision to make Plummer your home. Something made you stay. Something has made those that have always been here, remain here. The reasons are as unique as we are.

In a few years, I have had the pleasure of meeting many Plummer residents. A few have even shared some wonderful stories with me about Plummer. The combination of the stories and pictures I've seen and archived Council Meeting Minutes that I've read, I have formed a picture of what Plummer must have been like in the beginning and how it changed, grew and progressed. I also hear many complaints that Plummer has experienced more backward motion than forward motion. I've also heard every perspective in between.

I have loved this community from the first moment I arrived. I feel more at home here than I ever felt in the Southern part of the State, growing up. Some of the things that inspire my passion: First and foremost, the community members. The passion that each person holds for Plummer and the direction they would like to see their community go. The

diversity is another beautiful thing about Plummer. We are all individuals and have the potential to bring great ideas and visions to life. With the collection of visions and the collaboration of each other working together, imagine the level of greatness Plummer can achieve. The knowledge and history that resides in this community is incredible.

I have so much faith in this community and our residents



that I truly believe Plummer can easily become what many have hoped and possibly even turn into a better version of the community that some remember.

Sounds promising, doesn't it? Before you say to yourself, "We've tried this so many times before and it never works". Allow me to briefly cover a few simple things we can all do individually, that will help get the ball rolling in a positive forward motion.

In order to inspire and encourage others, change must first start with us. Take a moment to look around your own home and

ask yourself a few questions. Do I have vehicles on my property that don't run and have been sitting there for years? What about weeds or the lawn? How does my home look from the outside? Does the City have rules or Ordinances about certain things inside City limits? The answer to the last question is; yes, the City of Plummer does have Ordinances in place to address many specific issues around our community. They are kept at City Hall under the City Clerk's care. That's me.

You might be wondering what the City Ordinances have to do with you and your efforts towards making our community better. Ordinances are created and passed to address issues that otherwise may not be able to be resolved. Ordinances keep everyone on the same page and responsible for the same things. In a sense, it creates a certain level of uniformity within the community. That doesn't mean you are required to have your home look exactly like your neighbors; it means each of you are doing your part to creating a clean community and environment. When your neighbors see you making the extra effort to make your property shine, they will eventually follow suit. Some might even consider getting a few neighbors together and tackling some bigger jobs as a team.

Another great way to get involved, at the very least informed, is to attend City Council Meetings. The meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at City Hall at 6 p.m.

Make your dreams a reality

What kind of legacy will you leave behind?

Help to secure Plummer's future and a future for your children and their children, in Plummer.

Plummer continued:

You don't have to speak to Council. Meetings are full of information about various issues involving the community. If you attend for no other reason, but to get an idea of what is going on and being done in town, you will be several steps ahead of the community members that choose not to attend. If you have a concern that you would like Council to address and/or consider, be sure to visit City Hall and request to be added to the Council Agenda. There are time restrictions that the City Clerk will be more than happy to address for you and help you through the process.

Looking forward, other ways to help your community is to be willing to participate in the various committees that your Mayor and Council could vote to create in order to collect community input. You could be the voice for your fellow residents. As a member of the Plummer Community, we at City Hall need to hear your concerns/suggestions.

Plummer is in need of and deserves some attention. It cannot all be accomplished without the community's assistance. Help me to be proud of the community we live and work in. Let's make Plummer a place our children have great memories of growing

up in and dream of raising their families here. Amazing things can happen when we show our pride.

You don't have to own your home to get involved. All you have to do is have a love and passion for Plummer, a desire to see our community progress in a positive direction, a little pride and some determination.

Will you be joining me in efforts to make Plummer everything we all can be proud of? No effort will go unnoticed. Every effort, no matter how slight, will make a difference.

If you have questions or more ideas you would like to share, please contact the City Clerk, Erin Austin at City Hall or call 686-1641

Did you know...

For every degree you lower your heat, in the 60-70 degree range, you can save up to 5%, for every degree!

Dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use. Change filter routinely.

You can determine the amount of energy each of your electrical appliances use with simple calculations that can be found on the internet

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES:

- **Well Drilling:** The contractors have begun drilling a new well, in an attempt toward resolving our water deficiencies.
- **Sewer Main Inspections:** Through the months of September and October, the City Crew will be conducting sewer main inspections. This is done with the use of a special video camera that takes images of the inside of the sewer lines.
- **Roads: New/Used Grader:** The City has purchased a new/used road grader. The old grader was in a bad state of repairs and the Crew is confident the new/used grader will help them to remove snow from the roadways quicker. Once the rainy season begins this fall, the Crew will begin grading the roadways. Ditching will continue this fall.
- **Electrical System:** The Crew has been brushing and removing trees and limbs from electrical lines in hopes of reducing the number of outages the City has due to downed trees and fallen limbs.

Library Corner

Summer Reading Program Prize Winners

Joseph Mcquade, Sarah Haynes, Savannah Haynes, Natalie Dionne, Benjamin Dionne, Jan Mitchell, Merlyn Powers, and Olivia Dionne.

The North Idaho Reads discussion will be held Tuesday evening September 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's Conference Room.

For details, please contact the Library at 686-1812

