



STUMPTOWN Scoop

City of Whitefish
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As the end of 2020 approaches, it goes without saying that our community and businesses have faced unprecedented challenges this year. While many of us yearn for normalcy once again, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to require a community-wide effort to slow the spread of the virus. Together, we must follow the guidance of public health officials and the State directives to keep our businesses and schools open, support our hospitals and clinics, protect our vulnerable population, and support first responders and front-line workers. While the City remains committed to responding to the pandemic, the normal day-to-day work and priority projects have continued to move forward.

Implementation of the Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan, adopted by the City Council in 2017, continues:

- The first annual review of the Legacy Homes Program that requires 20% affordable housing on certain developments was completed with recommendations presented to the City Council to improve the program. Implementation of those changes are in progress.
- The property at the corner of Railway Street and Columbia Avenue, commonly referred to the Snow Lot, was transferred to the Whitefish Housing Authority for the development of 24 affordable townhome units based on the approved conceptual design. These affordable townhomes will be available for purchase by those meeting the income requirements.
- The new Alpenglow Apartments, a 38-unit workforce housing development funded through the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits program, is almost complete. Tenants will start moving in before the end of the year.

To learn more about the progress and plans to address affordable workforce housing needs in Whitefish you can read the 2020 Annual Affordable Workforce Housing Update available on the City’s website at: <http://cityofwhitefish.org/201/Strategic-Housing-Plan-Steering-Committee>.

In addition to the workforce housing progress, numerous capital improvement projects continued while others broke ground. Within this issue of the Stumptown Scoop you can read about many of these projects such as the Resort Tax funded State Park Road Reconstruction Project, the Baker Avenue Underpass that is a critical connection for bicyclist and pedestrians between Downtown and the Railway District, and the continued construction at both the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Armory Park has a new playground, which is just the beginning of the Amory Park Redevelopment Project. In addition, after many years the Depot Park Improvement Project was also completed in 2020. While we improve the infrastructure and amenities in town, we thank you for your patience as some of those projects have required adjustments to our local events,

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CITY COUNCIL
City Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd
Mondays of every month at 7:10 P.M. in the
Council Chambers (City Hall, 2nd floor). View
live stream meetings online at youtube.com
and search for the “City of Whitefish” channel.



Dana Smith
City Manager
City of Whitefish

PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE:
Free PARKING HOURS

3-HOUR FREE PARKING: Level 1
• 6:00AM – 6:00PM, Mon. – Fri.

FREE PARKING: all Levels
• 6:00PM – 6:00AM, Mon. – Fri.
• All Weekends & Holidays

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24/7 DROPBOX AT CITY HALL



Did you know the City of Whitefish has a locked drop box accessible 24/7 for your convenience? Located inside the Baker Avenue doors north of the main entrance. Drop-off any payment you would otherwise mail-in or hand deliver. The drop box is checked several times and payments processed the same day. Save on time and stamps, make your payment when it is most convenient for you, and ensure greater social distancing. For questions, please contact our customer service clerks Claire and Jennie at (406)863-2400. We enjoy serving our community and helping everyone stay safe.

O CHRISTMAS TREE, O CHRISTMAS TREE....

The City will be performing curbside Christmas Tree Pickup for one week only. This service will be performed the week of 1/11/2021 (weather permitting). Should you wish to dispose of your tree before, or after then, you can take it to the trailer at the central recycling site on the corner of Railway Street and Columbia Avenue.



BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL LETTERS COMING SOON!

The City of Whitefish will be sending out 2021 business license renewal letters soon. The due date for these renewals is **January 1, 2021**.

Please make time to stay current and avoid late fees and penalties. License fees remitted after January 31, 2021 will be considered delinquent and the late renewal and penalty provisions of the Municipal Code will be initiated. This penalty includes a late renewal of \$40, plus two percent (2%) of the license fee, per month.

In addition, the delinquent business will routinely be processed through the Municipal Court. The Municipal Judge may impose a fine or municipal infraction as great as \$500 per citation.

If your business is inactive as of January 1st you are not required to secure a license. Many contractors, for example, may not be working in Whitefish until later in the calendar year. If you are not working in the City and do not expect to do so until later in the year, you may wait until beginning a job to secure a license. However, annual license fees remain the same regardless of when the license is issued.

We appreciate our business community and are here to serve. If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Staff at (406)863-2400 or via e-mail at customerserviceclerk@cityofwhitefish.org.

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TREE TO TABLE



The Parks and Recreation Department has been working to lessen animal/human interactions in public spaces caused by animal attractants. In addition to installing new bear proof garbage cans in our parks, we also embarked on a program to manage fruit trees on public property. Since there are so many fruit trees in the city, it has been difficult for City staff to manage all the fruit falling to the ground. The North Valley Food Bank heard about our need to manage fruit trees and reached out to offer to volunteer to pick trees and collect fallen fruit. In our first year of coordinating this program with the Food Bank, volunteers picked over 700 pounds of fruit from public trees and harvested 1,500 pounds of fruit (apples, plums, pears) for the entire project. We are looking forward to partnering with the North Valley Food Bank next season.

WINTER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Registration opens in December - Available on our website

Middle School Friday Night Ski/Snowboard Program

January- March

Time: School Dismissal Time – 9:00 PM

Location: Whitefish Middle School & WMR

Age Group: 5th-8th grade

Resident Fee: \$20

Pizza dinner provided! Participants will be supervised during travel times. This is not an instructional program.

K-4th Grade Girls and Boys Basketball

January-February

Location: Roy Duff Memorial Armory

Resident Fee: \$65

Our basketball program is a non-competitive introduction to basketball for boys and girls. Focus will be on basic dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. Games are played for fun and instructional purposes only. Each game day will have two parts, an instruction/practice period, and a scrimmage period.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DECONTAMINATION STATION IMPROVEMENTS

In 2019, the City of Whitefish dedicated space for the preventative decontamination station at the Whitefish City Beach Overflow Parking Lot. In 2020, Whitefish Lake Institute was awarded a grant from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for infrastructure improvements at the parking lot. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks then donated a mobile building to house the decontamination unit and associated equipment. Infrastructure improvements include a valley gutter, French drain, concrete pad for the decontamination unit, foundation for the building, paint striping and landscaping.

The City is excited to have the decontamination station closer to City Beach to better serve the public. The Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff who helped coordinate

construction for this project during a challenging summer would like to thank all of the partners who supported this project, including Whitefish Lake Institute, DNRC, MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Flathead Conservation District, and the Montana Invasive Species Council.



POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Tim Schuch is a native of Montana and a graduate of the Whitefish school system. After high school, Tim obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bethel University in St. Paul Minnesota. During college Tim worked for Special Olympics Minnesota. Tim was hired with the Whitefish Police in 2009 and has served as a Patrol Officer, Motor Officer and a School Resource Officer. Tim is currently assigned to the detective division. Additionally, Tim is a member of the Flathead Dive Recovery Team and the Northwest Run, Lock, Fight, Training group. Recreationally, Tim enjoys the outdoors including scuba diving, golfing, and skiing. Tim and his wife Jackie have three children.

SAFETY MEASURES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

It is hard to believe that the 2020 holiday season is almost upon us. With the holidays come travel, gatherings, and celebration; but for those who do not believe in the laws of the land, these times become an opportunity to expand their criminal enterprises. As we do every year, your police department would like to remind you of safety measures that can prevent holiday predators from ruining what should be joyous times.

Always remove the keys from your car, lock your car doors, and do not leave valuables, firearms or anything that a thief could steal visible in your car. All too often, the police department receives a call that the aforementioned items, which should never be left in a car, have been stolen. When asked how the perpetrator "broke into" the car, we are most often told that they opened an unlocked door.

Lock your homes when you are going to be away. If you are going to be gone for an extended time, ask those you trust to watch your home. You may also notify the Police Department and we will be happy to conduct extra patrols in your area.

Telephone and internet scams are very prevalent during the holiday season. If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. Scammers attempt to convince unsuspecting citizens that they need your assistance, which generally involves money. Never give anyone credit card numbers, bank account numbers or personal identification information unless you are positive the individual requesting them is legitimate. Internet criminals like to prey on the elderly, and in recent history many elderly citizens have been taken advantage of and have lost their life savings. If you have a question about someone soliciting money call the Police Department prior to providing any information or donating money.

The holidays historically bring higher DUI and alcohol related violations to the community. Most recently, local and state law enforcement have seen a much higher level of impaired driving. We opine that this increase may be a result of the current pandemic. A reminder: if you are going to consume alcohol, practice one of the following safety precautions. Stay home. Do not drive drunk. If you go out, arrange for a sober driver or use available local transportation. And most importantly, always use your seatbelt while you are in a vehicle. Much like masks saving lives, seatbelts undoubtedly save lives. BUCKLE UP.



Thank you for your continued support during the past several months. We are proud of the positive reaction our citizens have demonstrated during this unprecedented time and the encouragement and thanks we have received. It is our pleasure and honor to serve and protect this special place and such special people.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

Heating

Heating is the second leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries. December, January and February are the peak months for heating fires. Space heaters are the type of equipment most often involved in home heating equipment fires, figuring in two of every five fires (40%).

Carbon Monoxide

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, propane, etc. do not burn completely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of CO, and are more common during the winter months, and in residential properties.

Winter storms

Most of the U.S. is at risk for winter storms, which can cause dangerous and sometimes life-threatening conditions. Blinding wind-driven snow, extreme cold, icy road conditions, downed trees and power lines can all wreak havoc on our daily schedules. Home fires occur more in the winter than in any other season, and heating equipment is involved in one of every six reported home fires, and one in every five home fire deaths.

Generators

Portable generators are useful during power outages, however, many homeowners are unaware that the improper use of portable generators can be risky. The most common dangers associated with portable generators are carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, electrical shock or electrocution, and fire hazards. According to a 2013 Consumer Product Safety Commission report, half of the generator-related deaths happened in the four coldest months of the year, November through February, and portable generators were involved in the majority of carbon monoxide deaths involving engine-driven tools.

Candles

December is the peak time of year for home candle fires; the top two days for home candle fires are Christmas and Christmas Eve. Each year between 2013-2017, an average of 7,900 home candle fires were reported each year.

Electrical

Electrical home fires are a leading cause of home fires in the U.S. Roughly half of all home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment, while nearly another half involved other known types of equipment like washer or dryer fans, and portable or stationary space heaters.



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COOKING TIPS

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top.
- Keep children at least three feet away from the stove, and away from hot foods and liquids.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords do not dangle off the counter.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children unattended in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working.

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY RESORT TAX



The Edgewood and Texas Reconstruction Project is the next job in the lineup. The project will consist of reconstructing Texas Avenue from Edgewood Place to the northern city limits and Edgewood Place from Colorado Avenue to the eastern city limits. The City has selected the engineering firm of Robert Peccia & Associates (RPA) to assist them with project management, public involvement, surveying and civil engineering. The project will include roadway reconstruction, a bicycle/pedestrian path, decorative street lighting and drainage improvements. It is expected that the project will be phased with Edgewood Place being reconstructed in 2021 and Texas Avenue in 2022.

Throughout the development of the project there will be several public outreach campaigns and opportunities for public involvement. The best source of information for the public will be the City's website at <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/523/Edgewood-and-Texas-Reconstruction-Project>. Informational newsletters and other information regarding the project will be posted to the website.

RPA will create an email list of property owners and residents within the vicinity of Edgewood Place and Texas Avenue corridors. Project newsletters will be distributed to those on the list. To be included, please provide your name, address and e-mail address to btheis@rpa-kal.com. If you have questions about the project contact the Public Works Office Manager, Jenny Emmenegger, at (406)863-2460.

We know it has been a long one, but the final phase of the State Park Road Reconstruction Project is nearly complete! Trees will be planted in the boulevard along the new bicycle and pedestrian path in the spring.



WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Swank Enterprises continues to make excellent progress on construction at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Plant. Both of these projects are mandated by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to meet the growing demands of the City. Considerable work is required in Reservoir Road to facilitate the improvements at the water plant. The sewer main extension will be completed this fall and work in Reservoir Road will continue next spring with the installation of a water main. The water and wastewater plant projects are expected to be completed in summer/fall of 2021 and will increase the City's ability to serve residents and visitors for generations to come.

CITY UTILITIES PREPARING FOR UPCOMING CHANGES

Earlier this year, City Council approved changes to the Utilities Rules and Regulations for Water, Sewer and Garbage Services. Included in these updates is changing the collection of garbage bills from Republic Services to a line item on the City of Whitefish's Utility Bill. Additionally, as part of the change, the City will soon begin keeping rental properties' accounts in the name of Property Owners or Authorized Property Managers. In the near future, the City will be eliminating the \$150 utilities deposit from all new accounts and applying existing deposits held by the City to customer accounts. Some rental accounts may receive a refund. We strive to focus on the best customer service. Stay tuned for updates as we make these transitions in 2021 to be included in future utility bills and on the City's Website at: <http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/339/Utility-Billing>.

BAKER AVENUE UNDERPASS - A Critical Connection is Made

The Baker Avenue Underpass project has been planned for many years. The project was part of the 2006 and 2015 Downtown Business District Master Plans. It was also included in the Connect Whitefish Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Construction of the Underpass started this past September and will be completed Spring of 2021. The City selected WGM Group to design and provide construction management of the project. LHC Inc is the project contractor.

The Underpass will connect downtown Whitefish with the Railway District, a growing economic sector of downtown that has been functionally separated by a busy thoroughfare (Baker Avenue). The Underpass provides a direct and safe link between residential areas, schools, Depot Park, and the Whitefish Community Library on the east side of Baker Avenue with the residential areas, the Railway shopping district and an existing bike path on the west side of Baker Avenue. Depot Park serves as “mile marker zero” for the City’s pedestrian and bicycle route network.

The Underpass will be a well-lit, secure, and airy structure that is accessible to all users. It includes a pre-cast concrete arch that is 20 feet wide. The interior and exterior of the underpass will be lit with LED lighting. The color and intensity of the lighting within the tunnel is adjustable during the day. The City is partnering with the Stumptown Art Studio on creating murals for the tunnel interior. If you have questions about the project contact our Public Works Office Manager, Jenny Emmenegger, at (406)863-2460.



Looking Northeast-The final section of underpass being installed -Randy Reynolds



RECYCLING - Waste Not Whitefish

To divert waste material from the County landfill, the City of Whitefish currently contracts with Republic Services to pick up recyclable materials from the central drop-off location at the corner of Columbia Avenue and Depot Street.



Providing an unstaffed drop-off location requires the community to be good stewards for this service to continue. The site can be a real eyesore when people use it for disposing garbage, leave items that are not recyclable, or fail to deposit recyclable materials completely within the containers provided. Additionally, the high rate of contamination in the bins is jeopardizing the City's ability to offer recycling service.

The City is working on ways to improve the central drop-off location and investigating potential new locations.

BASIC RULES TO FOLLOW	
DO	DON'T
Only put the following in the plastic/metal containers:	Do not put the following in the plastic/metal containers:
Clean and dry plastic jugs and bottles with the #1 or #2 stamped on them, no loose lids	NO plastic bags of any kind (no grocery bags, no garbage bags); they clog up recycling machinery
Clean and dry aluminum cans and tin cans, no loose lids, caps, or tabs	NO plastic clam shells (fruit, egg cartons) or dairy containers regardless of plastic #, they clog up the recycling machinery
	No soiled aluminum foil
Only put the following in the mixed paper containers:	Do not put the following items in the mixed paper containers:
Office paper, newspaper, mail	No shredded paper of any kind
	No post-it or sticky notes
Only put the following in the cardboard containers:	Do not put the following items in with the cardboard:
Clean, dry, flattened cardboard	No pizza boxes or any soiled cardboard
Paper egg cartons	No packaging materials
Flattened paperboard boxes	No styrofoam
Paper bags	

View a full-size poster on the City's Sustainability web page, www.cityofwhitefish.org.

Please do not leave any garbage at the recycling center!!

Photos courtesy of Neil Lovering



WHITEFISH HOUSING TRENDS

Whitefish continues to see rapid growth in all areas of construction, especially new residential units. In Fiscal Year 19/20 (July 1st of 2019 to June 30th, 2020) we saw a record number of new multi-family units permitted, the total of 195 surpassing the previous high of 134 in FY 05/06. Total new residential units (single family, duplex, and multi-family) were 327 in Fiscal Year 19/20, which beat out our previous record of 273 from FY 05/06. In 2020, single-family residences continue to lead the way with 69 new home starts from January–October 2020, 46 of which occurred since July. In addition to new construction, single family additions and remodels have already exceeded 2019 numbers.

The 2016 Housing Needs Assessment called for 980 new residential units to be built by 2020, with over half at affordable prices, to help with our local housing affordability crises and demand. To date, 819 new units were built since 2016, and while some of those units fall within affordability ranges for moderate incomes, only 17 of those were permanently deed restricted for affordability. The City of Whitefish Housing Authority also received a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit to help build the new Alpenglow Apartments on Edgewood, which will eventually provide 52 permanently deed restricted rental units. The first phase will open for rentals this December. The City and the Housing Authority are also working on plans for more affordable housing to be built on the City’s Snow Lot at Railway and Columbia.

Fiscal year 19/20 also saw an increase in new commercial projects over the previous four years. Entering Whitefish via Highway 93 South displays some of it with a new car and RV wash, a Starbucks, and a new Town Pump gas station all currently under construction. Commercial remodel numbers are on pace to exceed 2019 as well. The overall construction climate of Whitefish is vibrant and shows no signs of slowing down as we move into the new year.



SAVE LIVES WITH SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

The proper installation of these small devices can be a life saver for your family. The Building Code requires that all new homes or homes that have undergone alterations, repairs, or an addition have certified smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Even if you are not remodeling, getting some and putting them in proper locations is extremely important. Smoke detectors should be located inside each sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms, and on each additional story of the dwelling, including basements. Follow the directions on the unit package for proper installation.

Hard wired smoke detectors must be wired together so that if one goes off, they all sound. In addition to smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors are also required in all new dwellings that contain a fuel fired appliance or have an attached garage. These alarms must be installed outside each sleeping area and activate when levels of carbon monoxide reach dangerous levels. On both alarms, check the batteries regularly and test them to make sure they activate properly. This simple act can help keep you and your family safe while you sleep at night.

LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

The prognosticators say it is going to be a big snow year, so wax your skis and boards and get your snow shovel handy. In BUSINESS DISTRICTS, our laws require all adjacent sidewalks to be cleared with a minimum width of five feet (5') by ten o'clock each morning. In RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, it is the duty of the adjacent property owner or tenant to keep sidewalks free of all snow and ice accumulations with a minimum width of five feet (5') within twenty-four (24) hours of a snow event.

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES			
For your own benefit and to help your neighbors and visitors pushing strollers, persons with disabilities, active older adults, and bicyclists.			
	IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO SHOVEL SNOW ONTO STREETS, ALLEYS AND SHARED USE PATHS- Pile snow into your yard and boulevard.		Clear any snow and ice around FIRE HYDRANTS that are located on or near your property, to provide easier access for the Fire Department.
	Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property down to the pavement		Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is cleared, sprinkle sand or salt to prevent slipping.
	Corner properties need to clear curb cuts at the corners and crosswalks to the street gutter.		

You are responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk, as well as snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow. The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.

If snow and ice are not removed from sidewalks in a timely manner, property owners will receive a notice. Be sure to arrange for someone to shovel while you are on vacation. If not remedied quickly, the City may have the snow removed at the property owner's expense. If you are physically unable to remove snow, or you have other questions or concerns, please contact the City Planning Office at 406.863.2410 and we will assist you.

The City has a new problem reporting tool, the Citizen Request Tracker, available on the City website (www.cityofwhitefish.org) that you can use to inform us of areas needing snow removal.

Please do your part to keep your neighbors, friends, and family safe from a fall or injury!

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as well as traffic detours and delays.

While we look forward to a new year filled with continued progress on projects, we must address the public health crisis and rising cases of COVID-19. Thank you to the businesses, community members, and visitors who have followed the public health guidance and requirements thus far. Keep up the great work! For those who have chosen not to follow the guidance and requirements, I ask you to consider putting your differences aside to ensure the economy of Whitefish can recover from the ongoing losses more quickly. I also think we can agree that our children learning in schools provides the best education. Help us keep them learning in school! Please wear a face mask or covering, social distance, limit large gatherings (especially as the holidays approach), and wash and sanitize your hands frequently. Whitefish, let's unite again with the health and wellbeing of all community members in mind. Take care and stay healthy.

Dana Smith
City Manager



WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Following City/County/State/CDC recommendations, Whitefish Community Library (WCL) revamped our entire operation to ensure the health and wellbeing for the staff and public during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. Restrooms, computers, community room and seating are temporarily unavailable. Masks are required to enter the building and social visiting while inside is discouraged. Temporary hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 3pm, and Friday from 11am to 5pm. Browse the shelves for books, audio books and DVDs is still encouraged. For those not wishing to come into the library, curbside service is still available. At-risk patrons can call the Library to reserve a time to browse our shelves after hours to ensure safety.



Mary Drew created a unique “Storytime Stroll” on the Library’s east lawn and in Baker Avenue Park. This allowed children to maintain a safe distance while enjoying each other’s company, hearing a story, and doing something fun afterwards. The story was left up for several hours for people to stroll through.

The Whitefish Library Association (WLA) was accepted for participation in the Whitefish Community Foundation (WCF) Great Fish Challenge for 2020. The goal was to raise enough money to replace the 22-year old carpeting which has seen approximately 80,000 people yearly since June of 1998. That adds up to 1,760,000 people or 3,520,000 feet entering the library.

Since the Whitefish Branch Library became the Whitefish Community Library in July 2011, we have grown exponentially. We joined the Partners’ library sharing group and enrolled in OCLC which enabled us to borrow books from anywhere in the United States. That first year WCL had 2,861 active card holders and a circulation of 9,204 material. At the end of 2019 we had 7,503 active card holders and a circulation of 132,000 materials.

The State Library received funding from the Governor’s office to expand the mobile hotspot project and to add devices. These devices and hotspots provide people access to the Internet. We received 2 iPads and 2HP Pros (tablet w/keyboards) to check out to our patrons to take home and use a cellular network to access the Internet. We hope to have these devices available for checkout sometime in November.

During the COVID-19 restrictions, the Whitefish Book Discussion Group met outside under the portico at the library. As the weather transitions into Fall and Winter the group will be meeting online. For a list of future books to be discussed and for more information call the library.



Patrick Brodie’s “Learn to Code” program and his students continue to meet on the WFLearnToCode Slack Channel, 6:30-7:30 every Wednesday. Everyone is invited!

While the library has limited its hours of operation and services to the public, we miss our volunteers and are looking forward to inviting them back into the building as soon as it is safe for all involved.

Whitefish Community Library
9 Spokane Ave
Whitefish, MT 59937
(406)862-9914

Joey Kositzky, Director

Library Temporary Hours:
Monday – 10 a.m to 3 p.m
Tuesday – 10 a.m to 3 p.m
Wednesday – 10 a.m to 3 p.m
Thursday – 10 a.m to 3 p.m
Friday – 11 a.m to 5 p.m
Saturday – Sunday – Closed

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