



# STUMPTOWN *Scoop*

City of Whitefish  
PO BOX 158, Whitefish, Montana 59937

## LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings Whitefish! We are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. And while this brings some sense of normalcy back to our daily lives, we are faced with new challenges as a community in the wake of the pandemic: rising housing prices; continued lack of both workforce and affordable housing; the influx of newcomers who moved to Whitefish seeking a better quality of life; and increasing demands on our public infrastructure. Given these changes, whether you are a long-term resident, just moved here, or are visiting, please show kindness for our fellow people and make small footprints in nature (WanderLightlyWhitefish.com). We all want to experience what makes Whitefish special, so please show respect and help us celebrate the spirit of our townspeople and shared values. Be a Friend of the Fish!

It's budget time, and staff has been working long hours preparing the City's budget for fiscal year 2022 (FY22). The budget is developed based on the goals and priorities set by the City Council and the service level expectations of our community. Recognizing the economic impacts to our community from the pandemic, the proposed budget freezes maintenance assessments at 2020 levels, keeps the 10.0 mill reduction from fiscal year 2021 in place, and provides a modest 2.03% increase in total property tax revenue mainly from the voter approved 24.0 mill levy for the Fire Department and the anticipated growth in taxable values. The City anticipates over \$1.3 million dollars in property

tax relief from the Resort Tax, which is great news for homeowners. 2020-2021 saw the substantial completion of numerous capital projects, notably the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project and Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project. As a result, total capital spending in FY22 is projected to decrease \$21.4 million compared to FY21. These projects were heavy lifts, and our talented staff maximized grant opportunities to keep costs down for Whitefish ratepayers.

I would be remiss if did not take this opportunity to thank Dana Smith, Whitefish City Manager, and Ben Dahlman, City Finance Director, and all department directors, for delivering a transparent, balanced and fair budget to the City Council and taxpayers of Whitefish. Their hard work and dedication to this town is a testament to their character and care for the people they serve.

We are working diligently on a host of planning projects in FY22. At the top of the list is updating multiple components of the City's transportation grid. The Highway 93 South Corridor Plan is nearing completion, and sets forth specific policies for land use, development, and growth at the southern entrance to Whitefish. The plan will address transportation functions and modes, screening, landscaping, and other aspects of urban design, consistent with recently completed corridor plans for Highway 93 West (2015) and Wisconsin Avenue (2018). The City is also in the process of updating its urban corridor study

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John Muhlfeld  
Mayor  
City of Whitefish

# WELCOME

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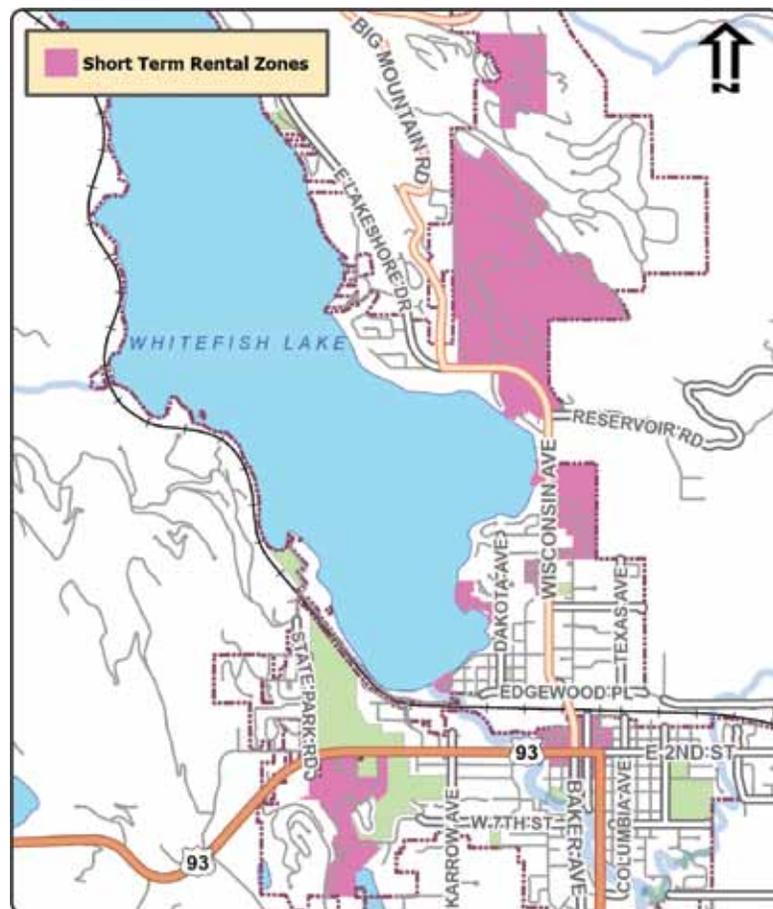
## VACATION RENTALS

Did you know there are 190 short-term rentals licensed to operate in the City of Whitefish?

Short-term rentals, also known as vacation rentals, include stays of less than 30 days. In Whitefish, these rentals are restricted to certain zones highlighted on the map below and must be approved by the City. The City's resort tax applies to all short-term rentals.

The City of Whitefish has a short-term rental management program which was created to ensure the short-term rental market is equitable, rentals are only operating where permitted to do so, meet safety standards and regulations, and the 3% resort tax is collected and invested back into our community.

As a resident of Whitefish, we ask for your help in ensuring compliance. If you suspect the illegal operation or violation of a short-term rental in Whitefish, please report it. Report an issue through the Problem Reporter provided on the website. The City of Whitefish appreciates your assistance in keeping our community safe and a place for all to enjoy.



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Ad placements are available through the newsletter. The revenue from these ads helps support the distribution to all households and businesses in the 59937 zip code - over 8,000 mailboxes!

Contact Michelle Howke, [mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org)

We are excited to be offering both full and half day options for our Summer Day Camp!

Our Morning Recreation program has added new weekly themes!

Find the enrollment link on our Youth Recreation page for our summer programs including:

Sk8fish      Rock Climbing      Field Trip Days  
Don't delay-spots are filling up quickly!

## First Annual Firecracker3v3 Basketball Tournament

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Grades: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, Adults

\$150/Team

Memorial Park Basketball Courts

Teams are guaranteed 5-games, prizes will be given

Contact Stephen (406) 250-6710

skostoff@cityofwhitefish.org for registration

## SUMMER TREE CARE TIPS

- Trees must be watered deeply to fully saturate the roots. A surface application only waters the competing grass but does not help the tree. Mature trees need a minimum of 2 inches of water per week during their growing season (May to October) to stay healthy, maintain their vigor, and provide necessary food to sustain themselves. If rainfall during the week does not supply enough water, make sure to make up the difference.
- Tree Gator Bags and Soaker Hoses provide a great, efficient way to water your trees.
- Mulching increases the moisture-holding capacity of soil. A wood mulch, layered about 2 to 4 inches thick and spread as wide as the drip line of the tree, will hold the moisture longer, inhibit weed growth, and help moderate soil temperatures. Pull the mulch away from the trunk of the trees at least 4 to 6 inches to deter fungal diseases.
- For any assistance regarding a City tree, please contact the Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry Department.



## AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

### Five Year Certification for Early Angler and Off-Season Use

Local boaters can now complete an in-person certification for a five-year period. Boaters are asked to visit the boat launch at either Whitefish City Beach or Whitefish Lake State Park during the months of May or September to complete the certification process. Certified boaters will be given a dated certificate, checklist, and the code for the current year. An updated code will be emailed annually, and a re-certification reminder sent after five years. Boaters must still go through the inspection process when boat launches are open and staffed.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 DONORS!



## Whitefish Prevention & Decontamination Station

### UPDATED HOURS

Memorial Day Weekend through  
Labor Day Weekend  
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### May and September

**Monday-Friday:** Decontaminations available in Whitefish by appointment from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 406-212-0750 to schedule.

**Weekends:** Decontaminations available at Fish, Wildlife and Parks from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 490 N Meridian Road in Kalispell. Call 406-751-4599 or 406-260-1114 to schedule.



## MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Trey Nasset was raised in the Flathead Valley and graduated from Flathead High School in 2009. After high school he earned a Police Science degree through the University of Montana. Following his father's footsteps, Trey began his law enforcement career in the Flathead County Detention Center, where he served as a Detention Officer for 3 years. In 2013 Trey was hired as a Patrol Officer for the Whitefish Police Department. Alongside his patrol duties, Trey currently serves the department as a Firearms Instructor, Crisis Intervention Officer, President of the Whitefish Police Protective Association and Special Olympics Liaison. Trey enjoys spending his off-duty time hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors with his wife and children.

## BEAR COUNTRY - BE AWARE



**Be Bear Aware**  
**Tips for preventing conflicts with bears**

- Remove or secure food attractants
  - Garbage
  - Bird feeders
  - Livestock
  - Domestic fruit trees
  - Animal carcasses
- Properly installed electric fencing is very effective
- Never approach wildlife
- Carry bear spray and know how to use it
- Loud noise can effectively shoo away a bear
- Report bear activity to your local FWP office



**WE LIVE IN BEAR COUNTRY**

Contact your local Fish, Wildlife & Parks bear specialist for assistance.

**For grizzly bears in Flathead County & Swan Valley:**  
Call Tim Manley at (406) 250-1265

**For black bears & mountain lions in the Greater Flathead Valley:**  
Call Erik Wenum at (406) 250-0062

**For black bears or grizzly bears in Lincoln & Sanders Counties:**  
Call Kim Annis at (406) 291-1320

For an emergency, dial 911 

THE OUTSIDE IS IN US ALL. 



**BEAR AWARE CHECKLIST**

Please help prevent conflicts with bears

- Remove or secure attractants
  - Garbage, bird feeders, chickens, pet food, grain, fruit trees, bbq grills
- Carry bear spray & know how to use it
- Loud noises such as car alarms, air horns, & banging pots can be effective in making bears leave
- Never approach wildlife
- Report issues to your local FWP bear specialist.

 FWP.MT.GOV

Every Spring we remind our citizens about the necessity to follow guidelines the City has established to prevent human/animal encounters. Above are suggestions from the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks, (FWP) to reduce those potential conflicts, especially bears. Bear/human conflict can be very dangerous, which is evidenced by the bear attacks we had in the valley last spring, summer, and fall. We encourage you to read the suggestions from FWP and comply.

In Whitefish, garbage cans are the biggest attractant for bears. In accordance with Whitefish City Code §4-2-4 residents are reminded that garbage cans, including animal resistant containers, are to be placed at the curb for disposal no earlier than 4:00 a.m. the day of pickup and retrieved and stored in an animal resistant area prior to 7:00 p.m. the day of service. Those having animal resistant containers can leave them outside, not at the curb, but on your property with the safety latches fastened. It is recommended that all containers, even animal resistant, be stored in a secure area since smells attract bears. The police department has adopted a zero-tolerance policy for those who choose not to follow the ordinance. Fines can be as high as \$500 for a violation.



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.

## FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Did you know that a structure fire starts every 63 seconds in the United States? According to FEMA, between 40 to 60% of the small businesses that suffer a fire or other disaster never reopen. Fire Prevention and Life Safety inspections are a huge part of the fire service.

The Whitefish Fire Department makes every effort to visit each of our commercial occupancies, assisted living facilities, and daycare centers to do a walk-through with the owner / business owner. These visits are designed to:

- A. Allow firefighters to familiarize themselves with these facilities in our primary response area.
- B. Update any contact information and any changes that may have occurred.
- C. Enforce fire codes through education focusing on: Fire Prevention, Maintenance of Safety Systems, Building Egress, Emergency Entry, Hazard Recognition.

The following are the most common issues found that need to be corrected:

1. Address is not visible
2. Non-working keys in lock box
3. Doors and aisle are obstructed
4. Exit signs are not illuminated
5. Combustibles stored too close to the ceiling and/or heat producing devices
6. Incorrect use of extension cords and surge protectors
7. Inaccessibility of fire extinguishers
8. Unmaintained fire alarm and sprinkler system
9. Uncovered electrical boxes
10. Unlabeled electrical panel and breakers

To be placed on the priority list, call Administrative Assistant Maria Albertson at 406-863-2490 or email [malbertson@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:malbertson@cityofwhitefish.org).

## NOTHING COMPARES TO RESCUECARE



No one should hesitate to call an ambulance during an emergency. When seconds count, the pre-hospital care you receive may save your life. If you are worried about the potential cost of ambulance service, give yourself and your family peace of mind with the RescueCare program.

RescueCare protects your entire household against unexpected bills for emergency and medically necessary ambulance transport provided by the Whitefish Fire Department in and around Whitefish. If you do need to

call an ambulance, RescueCare is there to take care of any outstanding balance not covered by your insurance. There are no co-payments or complicated claim forms.

Household membership is \$59 per year for Whitefish residents or \$185 per year for Flathead County residents living outside of Whitefish city limits, but still within the Whitefish Ambulance service area.

The RescueCare Program runs annually from July through June. You can become a member of RescueCare anytime during the year, and the fee is the same regardless of when you enroll. All memberships will start July 1 and expire the following June 30.

For more information call the Fire Department, email [rescuecare@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:rescuecare@cityofwhitefish.org) or visit the website.



**Thank you!!** Whitefish Community Foundation for providing \$4,000 in grant funding towards the purchase of personal protective equipment for our volunteers.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## EDGEWOOD & TEXAS RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT



Construction on the Edgewood Place Reconstruction project is expected to begin in July and wrap up by the end of November. The next roadway project on the Resort Tax priority list is Texas Avenue. Edgewood Place is being reconstructed from Colorado Avenue to the eastern city limits. The project involves enhancements to driver and pedestrian safety, stormwater management improvements, decorative lighting, street trees and water distribution system upgrades.

The City and its consultant, Robert Peccia and Associates, held three virtual public meetings concerning the project. There was also an effort made to meet residents onsite to discuss the project. The new road will include sidewalk on the north side and improved pedestrian crossings at Colorado and Texas Avenues. To improve pedestrian and vehicle safety, the intersections with Colorado and Texas Avenues will include 3-way stops. Information regarding the project will be posted to the City website.

If you have questions about the project, contact our Public Works Office Manager, Jenny Emmenegger.

## BAKER AVENUE UNDERPASS

The much-anticipated Baker Avenue Underpass is now open to the public. Downtown Whitefish has a visitor-driven economy dependent on creating a pedestrian oriented setting. Improvements such as widened sidewalks, pedestrian-scaled streetlights, landscaped curb extensions, and well-defined crosswalks help to enhance the downtown character achieve this pedestrian friendly environment. The Baker Avenue Underpass is a critical element that has been a priority project in several City planning documents for more than a decade.

The Underpass connects downtown Whitefish with the Railway District, a growing economic sector 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. The Underpass and Depot Park serve as “mile marker zero” for the City’s pedestrian and bicycle route network.

The Underpass is 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 are 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. The Farmers Market has been able to expand along the bike path that leads to the Underpass. We look forward to the Underpass serving as a center of our walkable vibrant community for years to come.



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for the downtown core in coordination with the Montana Department of Transportation. The focus encompasses Highway 93 from 13th Street north along Spokane Avenue to 2nd Street and from 2nd Street to Baker Avenue. The study will provide an overall framework for recommending corridor improvements, including multi-modal transportation needs called out in the City’s bike and pedestrian master plan.

This is just a snapshot of what’s going on at City Hall. As life returns to normal, we plan to host a State of the City public presentation at City Hall to provide more detailed information on the various projects the City is working on. Stay tuned, be well, and happy summer to all!

Mayor John Muhlfeld

## WATER FACILITY

The City has been in the process of expanding the existing Water Treatment Plant to give it 50% more capacity than before. Swank Enterprises worked diligently through the winter and the project is nearly complete. LHC was contracted by Swank Enterprises to install a new 24-inch water transmission main up Reservoir Road to increase the ability to move water into the City. Installation of this new transmission main will be complete by the end of May. Surface restoration of Reservoir Road will be completed in June. All other components of the expansion have been installed and the plant is in the process of commissioning and startup.

## WASTEWATER FACILITY

Construction of the City's new Wastewater Treatment Plant has been forging ahead and work is on track for the new plant to start up at the end of June. Swank Enterprises along with their sub-contractors have been working for nearly 17 months and all new treatment components have been installed and are beginning their individual commissioning processes. Upon commissioning of all equipment, seed sludge will be brought in from the City of Kalispell's Wastewater Treatment Plant to jump start the biological treatment and flow will be diverted into the new treatment process. The existing treatment lagoons will then be drained and allowed to dry for a period of years after which the sludge will be removed and hauled off site. The surface of the sludge in the existing treatment lagoons will be treated to help reduce odors until it is dry enough to be removed.

## CITY TRANSITIONS TO CURBSIDE RECYCLING



The recently executed contract with Republic no longer includes recycling services. However, since Council is interested in continuing to provide recycling services, the City has been working on developing a plan on how to move forward. In March of this year, the City accepted bids from contractors for the management of a centralized recycling facility as well as curbside collection. While the long-term cost of operating a centralized recycling facility is lower than those to provide curbside collection, there are many benefits to beginning a curbside collection program.

The current residential program of a single centralized site for recycling suffers from overuse, with excess cardboard and garbage routinely being stacked by containers. Materials contamination, especially among the plastics, is an ongoing issue. Implementing a committed and thoughtful single-stream curbside recycling program can have a substantial positive impact on community waste diversion, reduce contamination issues associated with multi-stream recycling, and support community participation.

Creating a mandatory single-stream curbside recycling program will be a new endeavor for the City of Whitefish and it is going to take a thoughtful planning process in order to ensure its success. However, the City believes the benefits of curbside collection are worth the additional cost as well as the time and effort to establish the program. In addition, the implementation of residential curbside recycling is one of the key strategies recommended in the Climate Action Plan. Stay tuned on additional information on the City's Recycling program.

### 2021 Fall Leaf Clean up

October 22nd thru November 19th, 2021.

Call the Public Works Department to schedule your bags to be picked up or if you are interested in receiving bagged leaves for composting. For more information, please visit our website.



In the City of Whitefish, sidewalk maintenance and repair are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. Clean, clear, and well-maintained sidewalks serve as a visual reminder of a community that considers walking to be a desirable mode of recreation and transportation. The City of Whitefish has adopted a Resolution to assist property owners in repairing sidewalks that meet the criteria for repair/replacement. Please visit our website or email [publicworks@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofwhitefish.org).

## DOWNTOWN HIGHWAY STUDY



## DOWNTOWN WHITEFISH HIGHWAY STUDY

efficient connections for pedestrians, cyclists, and large trucks.

Highway 93 serves as the primary travel route for residents, visitors, and other traffic and includes sections of Spokane Avenue and E. 2nd Street through the center of the community. When backups occur on the Highway, the effects translate into delays and congestion on local cross streets, ultimately making it more difficult to travel through town. In particular, intersection improvements are needed to better accommodate the increasing traffic, whether that's pedestrian and cyclists or cars and large trucks.

The most likely option from past studies and plans includes providing an alternate north-south route on Baker Avenue. However, before a final solution can be selected and constructed, MDT must study the feasibility of all options for making improvements to Highway 93 and adjoining streets through downtown Whitefish. This includes assessing considerations such as the scope of work, cost and available funds, timing, and impacts and benefits for the community. The Downtown Whitefish Highway Study is currently scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. A final design and construction schedule will be determined following completion of the study.

## PARKING PERMIT PILOT PROGRAM

The City of Whitefish is pleased to announce a Downtown Whitefish Parking Permit Pilot Program. The program will run from July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. The cost of the program will be \$20 per month, per license plate, per permit. A limited number of permits will be made available in downtown surface lots and on the third level of the Whitefish downtown parking structure. Public time-limited parking will continue to be available in the surface lots.

This pilot program is an effort to begin the process of providing affordable all-day permitted parking for downtown business owners and employees, to alleviate the need for business owners and employees to move their vehicles to avoid parking citations, and to ensure that on-street parking in front of businesses is available for customers of downtown businesses.

Permits will go on sale June 1, 2021 through an online portal on the City of Whitefish Website. Enforcement of the permit program will be through the City's new License Plate Recognition System mounted on the City's new parking enforcement vehicle.

Permits will be valid at the following parking lot locations:

- Public parking lot south of the Library (West side)
- 1st Street and Spokane Avenue

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) is in the early phases of a project on US Highway 93 through the Whitefish downtown area. The goal of the project is to find ways to improve traffic flow and safety of the highway that align with local planning desires and maintain safe,

- Uncovered lease parking of the Parking Garage
- 3rd Street and Central Avenue

Permits are valid Monday - Friday, 6:00 am - 6:00 pm and can be used in any of the four lots provided, on a first-come first-serve basis.



## WHITEFISH LAKE SHORELINE CONSTRUCTION AND DOCKS

If you live on Whitefish Lake you may be thinking about spring construction projects or getting a new dock. Be aware that any work occurring on or near Whitefish Lake or within the Lakeshore Protection Zone (20 feet above Mean High Water) requires a Lakeshore Construction Permit to be approved before starting work. While minor permits for such things as docks, waterlines, tree removal, and buoys can be approved by staff in a few days, other types of permits such as those for construction of stairs, rip rap, or other larger projects are reviewed by the Lakeshore Protection Committee and the City Council. Plan ahead, as final approval may take a month or more from when the application is submitted. Additionally, properties outside of city limits on Whitefish Lake also need City Lakeshore Construction Permits for docks, buoys and other projects in or on the lake as the lake itself is in city limits. Please call the Planning Office for any questions concerning work within the Lakeshore Protection Zone.

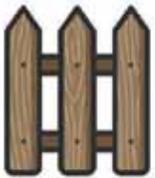
## HELP ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

The City of Whitefish requires that all properties inside city limits take steps to eradicate the growth and spread of noxious weeds by either mowing, pulling, or applying herbicide. Property owners are also required to maintain any adjacent public boulevard, green strip, borrow pit or roadside. The most common types of noxious weeds around town are Canadian Thistle, Knapweed, and Orange Hawkweed. We also have a new, extremely invasive noxious weed called Japanese Knotweed now taking root in the City, generally found along riverbanks, that is very quick to multiply and very difficult to kill. If you have any questions about the best way to remove weeds or you wish to report noxious weeds inside the city limits, please call the Planning and Building Department or email [dgosch@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:dgosch@cityofwhitefish.org).



Clockwise from left: Canadian Thistle, Orange Hawkweed, Japanese Knotweed, Knapweed

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A FENCE?



A \$5 permit is required to build a new fence to ensure it meets the requirements. Any fence in the front yard has a maximum height of four feet. For most residential districts the front yard is the area within 25-feet of the front property line. Some residential districts have larger or smaller front yards. Review the property development standards for your zoning district. Fences in the side or rear of the property have a maximum height of six and one-half feet. "Clear vision triangle" must be maintained at road intersections, and limited to 30-inches. Barbed wire is not allowed with exception for agricultural, country, and suburban zoning districts. There are additional limitations for enclosing usable pastures. Speak with a planner for requirements for schools, tennis courts, swimming pools, or security for commercial or industrial storage yards. For more information contact the Building Department.

## WHAT IS A REQUIRED FOR A SHED?



A permit is required when building a shed that is 200 square feet or larger in a residential district or 120 square feet or larger in a commercial district. Sheds must meet the property development standards for the zoning district in which it is located, regardless of the size. In many residential districts, the accessory building setback is a minimum of six feet from the side and rear property line that does not border a street, lake, stream or the front half of a neighboring lot. In this case, an alley is not considered a street. Commercial properties are required to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee. These regulations do not apply to tiny homes. Contact the Building and Planning Department to confirm requirements when building a shed.



## WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY (WCL)

Despite the limited hours and limited services this past year the library has remained busy. Patrons are continuing to place holds, download audio and e-books through our website, check out materials, attend outdoor story hour, and avail themselves of curbside service. We appreciate our library patrons' patience as we move through COVID constraints and look forward to providing full service this summer.

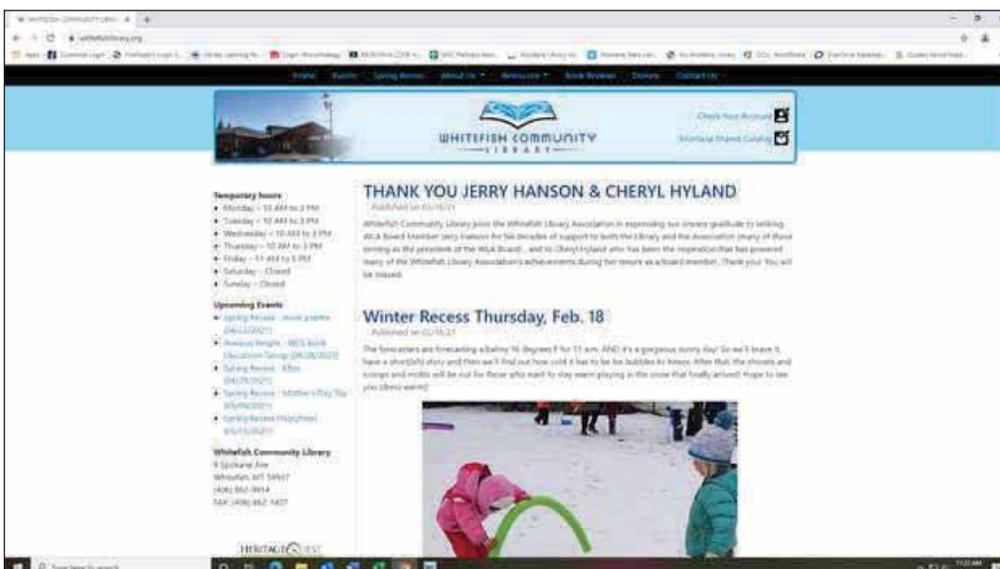
Congratulations to Mary Drew Powers for accepting the new Youth Services Librarian position. Mary Drew has planned some wonderful summer reading programs. The WCL has partnered with the City Parks and Recreation Department to offer a "Summer Reading Challenge at City Parks" that will include "Library Bubbles at the Beach" and "Chalk It Up with the Library". Young patrons can tour local parks through the "Parks for Toddlers" program.

A special thank you to Whitefish Credit Union for sponsoring the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge as part of the "Give-Back-To-The-Community" program. The challenge this year includes the Whitefish Lake Institute (with macroinvertebrates), Wild Wings Raptor Recovery, Flathead Valley Disc Golf, and the Fourth Annual Edible Book Feast. Children will earn points that will be turned into dollars and donated to the local Meals on Wheels program through the North Valley Food Bank.

WCL card holders, that are in good standing, can check out free hotspots, laptops and/or tablets for a two-week period. This program is offered by the Montana State Library.

The Whitefish Library Association received a grant from the Whitefish Community Foundation Great Fish Challenge to replace the old carpeting in the community room with a new versatile plank flooring (picture provided below).

Check out our new handicap accessible website. Mark Witcher at anidea.co created the website to allow patrons with challenges to access the website on their personal devices. Those with special needs will have an entirely new experience when visiting our website.



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**Library Temporary Hours**  
**Mon – Thurs: 10 a.m to 3 p.m**  
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| <b>1/6 Page</b> (roughly 2.38" x 3.5625") | \$150 _____ |
| <b>Banner</b> (7.5" x 0.75")              | \$100 _____ |
| <b>Same Ad as Previously Provided</b>     | _____       |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                             | _____       |

**Reach out to over  
 8,700 households  
 and businesses in  
 the 59937**

**Publication Dates**

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**\$250**

Ad Size = 4.94" x 3.5625"

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**\$150**

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**1/2 PAGE AD**  
**Back Bottom \$400**  
**Inside \$350**

Ad Size = 7.5" x 4.5"  
 (Back Page, Only One per Issue)

**BANNER**  
**\$100** Ad Size = 7.5" x 0.75"

- All ads must be print ready and at least 300 dpi resolution
- Ads are intended to be for Whitefish area businesses selling products or services, or Whitefish area events.
- Ads, ad request forms, and payments are due to the City Clerk by the last Friday of April and October with the newsletter going out a couple of weeks later.

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 I agree to the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my ad in "The Stumptown Scoop" and to the conditions contained herein. I understand that space is limited, and my ad may be bumped to another page, to a subsequent publication, or canceled (City will be in communication with you). I further understand the City of Whitefish reserves the right to publish or not publish ads at their discretion and that ads are for Whitefish area businesses selling products and/or services and Whitefish area events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please call Michelle Howke at (406) 863-2402  
 Please email your ad and ad request form to: [mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org](mailto:mhowke@cityofwhitefish.org)  
 Please submit your payment to the City of Whitefish City Hall at 418 E 2nd St.