



STUMPTOWN Scoop

LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from City Hall! In this issue of the Stumptown Scoop you will find improvement project updates, learn about Vision Whitefish 2045 (Growth Policy Update), see our summer program opportunities, and learn about other programs and tips as we prepare for another busy summer ahead.

Here are some other key project highlights:

- The 2023 Montana Legislative Session was a whirlwind of bills targeting local governments from planning and zoning to municipal finance. While the City voiced its support and opposition to bills based on the City Council’s legislative proprieties, some bills were passed that will affect the City. Most impactful are those associated with land use planning and zoning. City staff will work on updates to the Whitefish City Code to be consistent with State law in the coming months. Thanks to those who took the time to voice their opinions too!
- It’s budget season at the City again and the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget was distributed to the City Council on May 15th. The budget is based on the goals and priorities set by the City Council and takes into consideration the service level expectations of our community. This coming year presents some challenges from a budgeting perspective due to a reduction in additional property tax relief from Resort Tax, as well as continued rising costs of supplies, equipment and services. However, as in past years, we are working hard to keep property tax and utility rate increases to a minimum. Budget work sessions are scheduled on May 30th and June 12th with the City Council to review the proposed budget.
- At the beginning of the year, the City Council established the Whitefish Community Housing Committee (WCHC), a restructuring of the former Whitefish Strategic Housing Plan Steering Committee, which was called for in the Whitefish Community Housing Roadmap (Roadmap). Members of the WCHC include individuals representing the Whitefish Housing Authority, Housing Whitefish, the Whitefish Chamber of Commerce, the Whitefish Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as other members-at-large with expertise in the development and financing of community housing projects. The highest priority of the WCHC is the completion of the Housing Development Plan and the Financial Plan for action items identified in the Roadmap. To learn more about what the City is doing to address our community housing needs, you can visit our website here: <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/575/Community-Housing>.

To keep up to date on City projects, please visit our website at <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org>, create an account, and sign up for email notifications. Wishing you all a safe and fun-filled summer!

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 Public Works/Streets..... 863-1260
 f @WhitefishPublicWorks
 Utility Billing863-2457

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 275 Flathead Ave, Whitefish, MT
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 Municipal Court863-2440
 Police Department 863-2420

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LIBRARY 862-9914
 9 Spokane Ave, Whitefish, MT
 f @WhitefishCommunityLibrary or
whitefishlibrary.org

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
 “City of Whitefish” channel.



Dana Smith
City Manager
City of Whitefish

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CITY-WIDE SWITCH TO BEAR-RESISTANT CONTAINERS



Thanks for your patience! Changing over to the new bear-resistant garbage cans for residential properties has not been without its challenges, but we are here to help. Please continue to communicate with us about issues that arise. We will work with Republic Services to resolve the issues or put you in contact with the appropriate Republic Services' staff. We are moving toward our desired outcome of minimizing bear activity and the potential for human-bear conflicts in town. Bear-resistant garbage cans can be placed near the right-of-way no earlier than 7:00 p.m. the day before pickup and removed no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of pickup. A minimum of four feet on either side is required to ensure that the truck arms can fit around the container. Please ensure that your can lid is in the locked position, including on days scheduled for pickup. Cans that are not in the locked position or have protruding or overflowing garbage are subject to additional fees. Cans must be pulled from the City right-of-way on non-pickup days and should not obstruct vehicle traffic or pedestrian traffic. We thank you for taking part in this effort. For more information on the bear-resistant container please visit: <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/526/Garbage>.

VACANCIES ON CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

FLATHEAD CITY-COUNTY HEALTH BOARD One (1) position, complete term ending 12/31/2024. Applicants shall be a resident of Whitefish to hold the City's position on the Health Board. [Board of Health By-Laws](#)

WHITEFISH LAKE AND LAKESHORE PROTECTION COMMITTEE One (1) position, complete the term ending 12/31/2024. Applicant must be a lakefront property owner and reside within the corporate limits of the city of Whitefish.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT One (1) position, complete the term ending 12/31/2023. Applicant shall reside within the city limits of Whitefish.

FLATHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD Two (2) positions, 3-year terms to serve as an urban supervisor. Pursuant §76-15-311 M.C.A, (1) applicants may reside within the city limits of Whitefish; and (1) applicant may live outside the municipality the supervisor represents, but the supervisor must reside within the boundaries of the district. For more details on this board, please see their website <https://flatheadcd.org/>

IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE One (1) position to complete term ending 12/31/2025. Applicants shall be a member-at-large and shall reside or work within the City limits.

BOARD OF APPEALS One (1) position, term not designated. The Board of Appeals determines suitability of alternate materials and methods of construction and to provide for reasonable interpretations of the International Building Code. Applicant must be qualified by experience or training to pass on matters pertaining to building construction.

For more information visit the [Boards & Committees](#) page of the City's website.

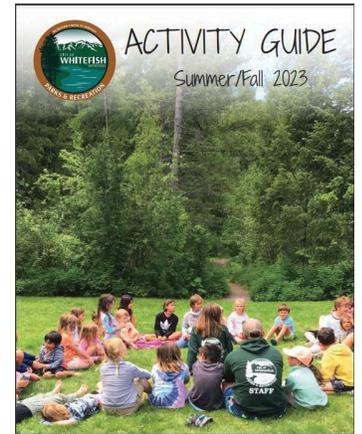
2023 SUMMER/FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE



This summer we are offering many great activities for youth: Field Games and Intro to Paddle Sports to keep them moving, and Basketball, Tennis, and Pickleball to help them learn new skills. Flag football starts this fall for 1st-4th graders, and adult Ultimate Frisbee Fours starts in August! Check out the Activity Guide for more details!

Please note that Summer Day Camp is full. You may sign up for the waitlist. Space remains available in our summer Recreation Programs. Don't miss out! Sign up today!

Scan the QR code to download the Activity Guide, or visit <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/179/Recreation-Programs>



ARMORY PARK UPDATE

Work has resumed on Phase III of the Armory Park Master Plan. Throughout the summer, the ball diamonds, lacrosse field, and playground will be unavailable for use to allow the new grass to grow. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation in our efforts to improve outdoor space for the community.

OUR LAKE, OUR FUTURE PROGRAM UPDATES

Watercraft Inspection Stations at Whitefish City Beach and Whitefish Lake State Park opened May 1st with the following hours:

- June through August - 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- September - 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Decontamination Station - Located on the corner of Edgewood Place and Washington Avenue near Whitefish City Beach.

- June through August - 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- September - Decontaminations available on weekends, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday by appointment only. Call 406-212-0750 to schedule.

Decontamination must be performed prior to launching in Whitefish Lake—even if you have been inspected at another inspection station—on all the following watercraft:

- with ballast tanks or bags as determined by watercraft inspection staff
- that have been in a mussel infested waterway in the last 30 days
- with standing water
- that inspectors deem are too dirty to inspect

There is NO fee for decontamination.

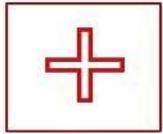


Enrolling in a recreation program and reserving a park facility is now easier than ever! To view our new platform, scan the QR code or visit <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/179/Recreation-Programs>. Create an account, make your selection, and complete payment online.



Parks and Recreation
Department
<https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/591/Parks-Recreation>

2023-2024 RESCUE CARE REGISTRATION OPEN



RESCUE CARE

Many people are concerned about the potential cost of calling an ambulance during a medical emergency. Don't worry – just sign up for Rescue Care! Members who are transported by the Whitefish Fire Department's ambulance to local hospitals do not receive a bill. The patient's insurance is billed and the amount that insurance covers is considered payment in full.

Rescue Care is affordable and covers your entire household. The annual membership is \$59 for city residents and \$185 for Flathead County residents within the Whitefish Fire Service Area. The 2023-2024 Rescue Care program begins July 1, 2023 and runs through June 30, 2024. Applications are available online at [CityofWhitefish.org/24-7/Rescue-Care](https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/24-7/Rescue-Care).

NEW BURN PERMIT SYSTEM FOR FLATHEAD COUNTY

Flathead County has a new automated burn permit system for properties located outside of city limits. If you plan to burn within the City of Whitefish, you will need to obtain a burn permit from the Whitefish Fire Department. Permit applications are available online at <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/238/Burn-Permit> or by calling 406-863-2490.

Burn permits are now required year-round with Flathead County's new online automated system at <https://app.egovmt.com/burnpermit>. The system allows residents to obtain, activate, and renew their annual permits. While the permit number is valid for the entire year, burning will still not be allowed during the months of July, August, and September due to fire season.

Prior to igniting any burn, permittees will need to activate their permit number each day. If burning is not allowed due to fire danger or air quality restrictions, the system will not allow the permit to be activated. This new system provides dispatchers with real time awareness on where active burns are happening, which helps to keep false alarm responses to a minimum. If you have any questions about the new burn permit system, contact the Flathead City-County Health Department at 406-751-8130.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE



Firefighter / Paramedic Scott Alexander recently celebrated his 20-year anniversary with the Whitefish Fire Department. Here is a picture of Scott giving a tour of the station to elementary school children.

Congratulations on 20 years and thank you for your continued service to our community!

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SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
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'NOTIFY ME' PORTAL OF THE
CITY WEBSITE
CITY NEWS, CITY MEETINGS,
PRESS RELEASES, TRAFFIC
ALERTS, EMERGENCY ALERTS
AND MORE!!!

[CITYOFWHITEFISH.ORG](https://www.cityofwhitefish.org)

WHITEFISH HAS THREE NEW FIREFIGHTERS!

Whitefish Fire has hired three new firefighter / paramedics to serve our growing community. Each of our three shifts now has six first responders. Please join us in welcoming Annie Nixon (Left, A-Shift), Judson Swart (Center, B-Shift), and Lindsay Strouse (Right, C-Shift) to our crew.



FIRE SAFE GRILLING

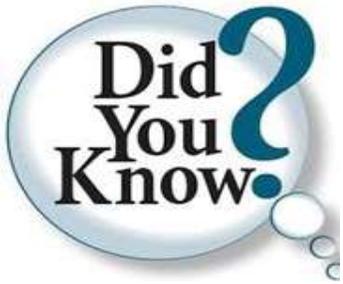
The National Fire Protection Association has five tips to keep your summer fire safe.

1. Make sure your gas grill is working properly. Check the gas tank hose for small leaks using the soapy bubble test before using the grill for the first time each year.
2. Never leave open flames unattended. Closely monitor the cooking process and let the grill cool completely before putting it away. For campfires and fire pits, always have a garden hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt nearby. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the area.
3. Keep your distance from flammable items. Place your grill at least three feet from anything that can burn, including deck railings and overhead branches and shrubs.
4. Use fuel and extension cords correctly. Use only charcoal starter fluid to ignite charcoal grills, not gasoline or combustible liquids. For electric charcoal starters, make sure the extension cord is for outdoor use.
5. If a fire breaks out, call 911. Anytime there is an issue controlling a fire, immediately call 911.



City of Whitefish Fire Department - Whitefish Fire Service Area
275 Flathead Avenue- PO Box 158
Whitefish, Montana 59937
406-863-2483 / Fax: 406-863-2499





It is the property owners responsibility to maintain sidewalks in the City of Whitefish? Well, don't despair, we're here to help. The City initiated a program to help property owners repair dilapidated sidewalks. That's right, just jump on our website and fill out a simple application, and you're well on your way to smoother sidewalks. For complete information, go to: <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/274/Sidewalk-Cost-Share>

KARROW AVENUE PROJECT

The Resort Tax committee recommended Karrow Avenue as the next street reconstruction project. Council approved this recommendation, and the city has hired RPA Engineering to design and provide construction management for the project. Karrow Avenue reconstruction will extend from 7th Street to 2nd Street/Highway 93. The project will include a shared use path on one side. This will connect the 7th Street shared use path to the 2nd Street/Highway 93 path. Currently there is no facility for pedestrians or cyclists on Karrow Avenue. Construction of the project will occur in 2024. Besides a shared use path, the project will include stormwater management improvements, including curbs and gutters, water distribution system upgrades, decorative lighting, and street trees. If you have questions about the project, contact our Public Works Office Manager Tammy Omundson at 406-863-1260.

TEXAS AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE

The Texas Avenue Reconstruction Project was started in July 2022 and completed in the spring of 2023. The reconstruction of this collector street serves a vital role in the City's transportation network. One of the highest priorities of this job is the enhancement of driver and pedestrian safety that will be realized through roadway improvements, street lighting, intersection improvements, and improved pedestrian accommodations, including a shared use path along the west side of the road.

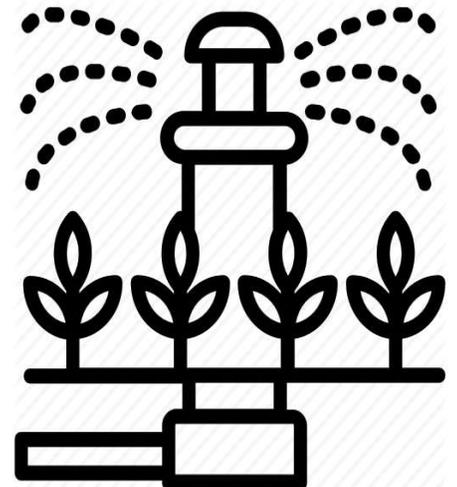
Complete project information can be found at: <https://www.cityofwhitefish.org/523/Edgewood-and-Texas-Reconstruction-Project>

SPOKANE AVENUE/HIGHWAY 93 PROJECT UPDATE

During the drafting of this newsletter, the City is finishing the replacement of the Spokane Avenue water main with anticipated completion in late May 2023. Part of the funding for the water main replacement was provided by federal grant dollars from the American Recovery Program Act (ARPA). Once the water main replacement is finished, the Montana Department of Transportation will be completing an overlay of Spokane Avenue from 13th Street to 2nd Street.

BILLING FOR IRRIGATION

Whitefish residential customers who do not have a separate irrigation meter are allowed a monthly summer watering maximum of 12,000 gallons per month at a reduced rate. This is based on the average consecutive and consistent use during the seven monthly billing periods of November through May. Sewer charges are based on the average used during the same seven-month period. For those who use larger amounts of water outside, such as for lawn or garden irrigation, it is possible to purchase a separate meter from the Utility Billing office for this purpose. The meter cost and installation are the property owner's responsibility. For more information, please call the Utility Billing Dept. at 406-863-2456.



4 REASONS YOU SHOULDN'T CONNECT A SUMP PUMP TO THE SEWER LINE

It's **AGAINST THE LAW**. That's right, connecting a sump pump to the sanitary sewer line is a no-no in Whitefish, Montana! In fact, you could be fined for each day that your sump pump is illegally hooked into the sanitary sewer.



Illegally connected sump pumps are overwhelming to the City's sewage collection system and **SEWER BACKUPS WILL BE YOUR FAULT!** During a heavy rainstorm, the volume of water that sump pumps can move is more than the municipal sewer system and water treatment facility are designed to handle. If the sewer main gets overwhelmed, then wastewater can get backed up into your sewer line and your neighbor's line.

When water treatment facilities are overloaded, they can dump sewage or only partially cleaned water into local water outlets, which is harmful to the environment. This means **FISH COULD DIE!**



You could have **ISSUES SELLING YOUR HOUSE**. If you're looking to sell your home and your sump pump is incorrectly hooked up, it may get flagged during a home inspection.

There are two acceptable methods for discharging a sump pump. The first is to have the discharge pipe empty onto your property. It is recommended you do so at least 10 feet from the home. With this approach, make sure the ground slopes away from the foundation.

The second option is connecting the sump pump to the storm drain, which is separate from the sanitary sewer system. This approach usually requires professional installation and completely removes the water from your property. If you need help properly discharging your sump pump, feel free to give the City a call or schedule an appointment at 406-863-1260.

GET THE LEAD OUT!

Communities across the U.S. are removing thousands of lead service lines to meet impending lead & copper rule regulations. The Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) is a complex set of regulations established in 1991 under the Safe Drinking Water Act. While intended to protect the public from lead in drinking water, the LCR focuses only on detecting and preventing severe contamination across a community. Stay tuned for more information from the City of Whitefish on how you can help us meet these new regulations.



MEET YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sergeant Stratton

Seth Stratton is a proud Montana native who was raised in the Flathead Valley, graduated from Flathead High School, and later earned an Associates of Applied Science in Electrical Technology from Flathead Valley Community College. Volunteering as a ski instructor, Seth found a joy and purpose in serving others and the community.

Seth began his career in Law Enforcement as a Detention Officer with the Flathead County Sherriff's Office and then a Patrol Officer for the Columbia Falls Police Department. In 2017 he found home with the Whitefish Police Department, working as a Patrol Officer, a member with the Northwest Drug Task Force and most recently, a Patrol Sergeant. Additionally, Seth also serves as the Field Training Coordinator, a Field Training Officer, and a Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor for the Whitefish Police Department.

On Seth's days off, he enjoys spending time with his wife, children, and family. Whether it's exploring the great outdoors, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting or simply barbecuing in the back yard.

WALKING YOUR DOG



Spring is here, and we love to spend more time outdoors utilizing our great Whitefish Trail system, neighborhoods, and parks. Many of us like to bring along our dogs and at times forget the rules and laws that have been enacted to keep Whitefish the special place it is. One of the most important things to remember is YOU are responsible for your dog. That means they must be on a leash when they join you on your walk. Dogs that are off leash on public property will subject the owner to a fine and/or seizure of the dog should the dog bite someone. Owners of vicious dogs that attack and bite someone or another dog will be responsible for medical bills.

Dog owners are reminded to clean up after their dogs. Many of our trails have convenient dog poop bag dispensers for your convenience and use. Please use them and ensure that you place the bag in the garbage, don't leave it along the trail, that it is littering. You are required to clean up after your dog in all public venues, so carry a bag with you and help us keep our community clean.

Those of you who like to take your dogs with you in the car are reminded that letting your dog sit on your lap while you drive may look cute but is very dangerous. Should you have to take quick action your dog may interfere with the operation of the vehicle and may be injured or killed should your airbag deploy. Additionally, drivers letting their dogs sit on their laps, while they drive, may be stopped, and cited for careless or reckless driving. Routinely, during the summer, the police department is dispatched to a dog that is in a car in distress. Temperature in cars can reach 130 to 140 degrees in a short time span. Please do not expose your pet to a life-threatening event. The police department is authorized by law to enter the vehicle by any means and remove the dog from the car and hold the owner criminally liable.

If you have a question, comment or suggestions about anything on this page or other police issues, please feel free to contact the Whitefish Police Department at 406-863-2420.

We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate our first-responders, city officials, and neighborhood watch leaders. Whitefish is ranked #1 this year among the safest cities in Montana. You can find the full report here: <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-montana/>



WHEN DO YOU NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?



It's construction season. Are you planning a building project? A city building permit is needed for all new construction in city limits, including but not limited to both residential and commercial buildings, additions, remodels, roofing (if sheathing is being replaced), residential storage buildings over 200 square feet, retaining walls, and decks. Permits for electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems are also required. The Whitefish Building Department is always here to help with questions related to your building project and when a permit is needed. Please contact us at 406-863-2410 or by email at buildingdepart@cityofwhitefish.org or visit the city website at www.cityofwhitefish.org for more information.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR 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. It is very quick to multiply, very difficult to kill, and is generally found along riverbanks. If you have any questions about the best way to remove weeds or you wish to report noxious weeds inside the city limits, please contact the City Code Compliance Officer Michael Samdahl at 406-863-1242 or email msamdahl@cityofwhitefish.org.



Canadian Thistle



Orange Hawkweed



Japanese Knotweed



Knapweed

WE ARE HIRING!

The City of Whitefish is a professional organization providing many valuable municipal services to residents and visitors of the City. We have temporary, seasonal and full-time positions available. Not only does the City offer an attractive benefits package, holidays, and vacation, it also provides an

opportunity to work with an amazing group of individuals who are professional and caring of their co-workers and the citizens of Whitefish. Visit our website for positions that are available. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/whitefish>

VISION WHITEFISH 2045: GROWTH POLICY UPDATE

The City of Whitefish is preparing to update its Growth Policy and invites you to get involved and provide your input!

A Growth Policy (also known as a Comprehensive Plan) represents our community's vision of how we want to grow and change. This includes where future development or redevelopment should occur, where housing could locate, and how we can continue to provide roads and public utilities, protect natural areas, and meet other objectives while still preserving its community character. A Growth Policy provides the legal basis for adopting or updating zoning regulations, which can be used to achieve the goals of the Plan. Under Montana state statutes, the Planning Board is the public entity authorized to prepare a Growth Policy for review and adoption by the City Council. The Planning Board will be holding periodic work sessions at 5 p.m. before their regular meetings to work with staff and the public to develop the plan.

Robust and inclusive community engagement is indispensable to drafting and updating a Growth Policy. The City invites everyone in Whitefish to get involved in the process!

The City has developed a Public Engagement Plan which outlines how the public can get involved in the process. It describes the process that will be used, how public outreach will occur, the visioning process, and opportunities for community and stakeholder involvement. The city will also have an online public participation website that will be an all-in-one resource for information and input related to the Growth Policy. The schedule for public participation is still being developed, so check in under the Planning & Building Department page on the city website (www.cityofwhitefish.org) under Vision Whitefish 2045 for current information. Any questions or comments can be directed to Alan Tiefenbach, City Long Range Planner, at 406-863-2413 or atiefenbach@cityofwhitefish.org.

THINGS TO KNOW WHEN DOING CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE WHITEFISH RIVER

Citizens are reminded that any construction work, trail building, or dirt moving within 20' of the Whitefish River top of bank or high water may require a 310 permit from the Flathead Conservation District. Permits are required for any physical alteration that has the potential to affect a stream or its channel. Contact the Flathead Conservation District to find out if your project needs a permit. Go to their website at www.Flatheadcd.org or call them at 406-752-4220. Any fill or construction near the river may also require a Floodplain Permit. The City's Water Quality Ordinance requires a setback and a buffer of 75' from high water where construction activities are limited and tree removal and pesticide applications are regulated. Contact the planning staff at 406-863-2410 if you have questions.

UNDERSTANDING LAKESHORE CONSTRUCTION AND DOCK PERMITS

If you live on Whitefish Lake, you may be thinking about spring construction projects. This is a reminder that any work occurring on or near Whitefish Lake or within the Lakeshore Protection Zone (from Mean High Water to twenty feet up-land) requires a Lakeshore Construction Permit to be approved before starting work. While minor permits for such things as docks 60' or under, waterlines, tree removal, and buoys are approved by staff in a few days; other types of permits, such as construction of stairs, retaining walls, or other larger projects, are reviewed and approved 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 at 406-863-2410.

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY (WCL)

In January the beloved director Joey Kositzky retired from the library. For 36 years Joey represented the library and there are quite a few who don't remember anyone else in the leadership position. The former Youth Services Librarian, Mary Drew Powers, has taken over as Library Director. Mary Drew started as a part-time Library Technician in 2015. We are excited to have Mary Drew evolve into the Director position. Be sure to congratulate her at your next visit to the Whitefish Community Library.



Gina Schiff joined the Whitefish Community Library team in March as a Youth Services Librarian. She is a former Special Education teacher at Deer Park School for 26 years. Gina strives to build confidence and promote a positive learning environment and is skilled at developing education programs and working with kids and adults of all ages.

Gina brings enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the Library. Look for more activities and other changes in the Children's area. The Summer Reading Adventure kicks off June 12 and features events with

local nonprofits, end-of-challenge prizes, and The Edible Book Contest in August. Come on in and say hello to Gina!

WHITEFISH COMMUNITY LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Whitefish Community Library is to bring people and ideas together by providing and sharing information, inspiring lifelong learning, advancing knowledge and strengthen our community.

Approved by the Whitefish Community Library Board of Trustees on August 14, 2019.
Former Chair Ann Shaw Moran

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR SUMMER EVENTS, CHECK OUT YOUR ACCOUNT, ACCESS THE MONTANA SHARED CATALOG, AND FOR BOOK REVIEWS

[HTTPS://WHITEFISHLIBRARY.ORG/](https://whitefishlibrary.org/)

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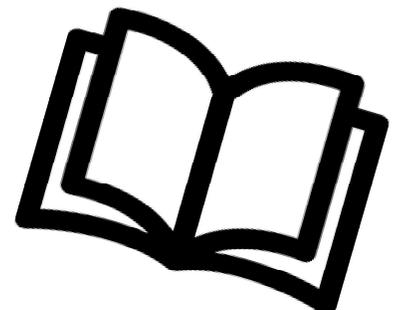
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Whitefish, MT 59937
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<https://whitefishlibrary.org/>

Library Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tues - Thurs 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

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