



CITY NEWS

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*"Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!
Hopefully 2021 will be a more prosperous year for our small
businesses in the Salmon River Canyon."*

Glenna McClure, Mayor

LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RIGGINS

A group of School District staff attended the December City Council meeting to voice their concerns about the lack of affordable housing in town. These folks are being displaced due to either an increase in their monthly rent, or a change in the status of their rental (many of our local rental properties have been converted to vacation rentals). School District staff believes there is also a wage gap here with long term rentals having "metro" pricing.

Jr/Sr High School Principal, Kyle Ewing, submitted a letter to the City Council in support of the district staff and their concern stating, *"the lack of affordable housing and rental units is a threat to our students' learning, a threat to the success of our schools, and a threat to the long-term health and stability of our community"*.

This is an issue throughout the state, stated Councilor Brady Clay. The geographic location of Riggins limits building – we're between a mountain and the river. There are very few properties in city limits that are buildable, but with some negotiation and creativity... can we come together and fix the problem? What have other small cities done?

Resources and information are being gathered from the Clearwater Economic Development Association and the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, which will be reviewed and discussed at the January 13th City Council meeting.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 13th

6:15 p.m. URA Meeting

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting

Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
CLOSED



Dog Licenses

City of Riggins DOG LICENSES

expire every year on
December 31st.

Protect your pooches -
purchase your annual dog
license at City Hall and put
the tag on their collar.

**Cost is \$5 for male dogs;
\$7 for females and \$3 for
spayed females.**

PUBLIC WORKS CORNER

The guys are studying for Water Treatment and Distribution Licensing exams in 2021. Core competencies include: Operation of System; Water Quality Parameters and Sampling; Operate Equipment; Install, Maintain and Evaluate Equipment; Perform Safety Duties; and Perform Administrative and Compliance Duties.

Here are a couple examples of test questions:

The service connection on a water main sits at 795 feet above sea level. The connection is fed from a reservoir that sits 975 feet above sea level.

What is the pressure at the service connection?

Your plant is designed to operate at 2 MGD, and you know you've been using about 18 pounds of Chlorine per day.

What is your dose rate?

Salmon River Public Library

Did you know...

There were
7,479
books checked
out of our
Library in
2020.

Just how many
books are in
our Library?
12,554

How many folks
have a
Library Card?
310

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- ✓ City Council Meeting Minutes
- ✓ Link to Pay Utility Bill Online
- ✓ Resort Tax Reporting Form
- ✓ ... and much more!

AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND

This fund is used to accumulate funds from aluminum can recycling and memorial donations to be used to help with the cost of a new ambulance.

You may have heard the Riggins EMS recently received a grant for a **NEW AMBULANCE**. But did you know we have a community member who volunteers his time to collect, crush and transport all the donated aluminum cans from the drop-off bin behind City Hall... with ALL the proceeds going to the Ambulance Replacement Fund?

FRITZ KETTENBURG

It all started when Fritz was kind enough to pitch in one weekend to help with the can recycling project the late PATSY MURPHY had started. Patsy wanted this to help pay for a new ambulance. 25 years later, Fritz faithfully continues to recycle aluminum cans provided by the locals with all proceeds going to the Ambulance Replacement Fund.

*While the grant for the new ambulance is \$135,000,
\$38,000 from this account
will be used to cover the remainder of the cost of the new ambulance.*

THANK YOU FRITZ! PATSY WOULD BE PROUD!



SECRET SANTA 2020 A SUCCESS

Thank you to all who contributed to make our Secret Santa another success this year.

27 children were treated to a very Merry Christmas thanks to the generosity of our community.

There were also 14 Food Baskets that were distributed to families which included hand sanitizers, toilet paper and paper towels this year.

Special thanks to Jennifer Llewellyn for coordinating again this year, and Santa's Helpers for wrapping all those presents!

PHASE 2 GRANT APPLICATION

Work has begun on the grant application for Phase 2 of the City Park Boat Ramp project which will renovate the concrete boat ramp.

If we are successful with this application, the boat ramp will be replaced at a flatter slope; a staging area will be added, and pedestrian access from the parking lot.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

are needed for this grant application. Please forward to the Riggins City Clerk by Mid-January.

