



# CITY NEWS

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### CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 8th  
City Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
City Hall–CLOSED–President's Day

### PUBLIC WORKS CORNER – What is “SEWER JETTING”?

Sewer jetting, also known as hydro-jetting, is a method used by Public Works staff to clear debris from sewer lines. A sewer jetter operates by spraying high pressure water into the sewer line to dislodge any debris or roots in the pipe. The water is forced through a one inch rigid hose with a small diameter nozzle attached. The hose works its way through the pipe utilizing the water pressure to pull itself through the line. As the hose proceeds through the pipe it creates a loud noise and a vacuum effect of the air within the pipe. **This change in air pressure can cause a toilet to overflow. Recently the public works department cleaned several sewer lines that created this exact situation, water splashing from toilets which led to several upset residents in the area of the project.** The fix for this issue is actually a simple one. The plumbing vents on the house need to be able to "vent" the air pressure changes occurring in the sewer main created by the jetter. If these vents are clogged or covered, the air pressure changes can be forced out through the toilet in the house. The most common cause of vent obstruction is wasps building nests in the vent stack pipe. The second is people taping the vent closed. Covering your plumbing vents can cause toilets and sinks to drain slowly and your toilet to overflow when the Public Works crew hydro cleans the sewer line your house is attached to.

**Please make sure your vents are not obstructed in any manner.**

### Salmon River Public Library

2022  
TAX SEASON  
is here!

Tax forms can be  
printed...  
just .25 per page

### RIGGINS AMBULANCE

***Fun fact: there is  
no Paramedic  
service based in  
Idaho County.  
We will be the first!***

When you see Cody  
and Fred, give them  
some encouragement  
as this is an  
intense course with a  
bunch of clinical hours  
outside of the Canyon.  
The support this  
canyon gives to our  
ambulance service  
is amazing.  
***Thank you!***

### What is the difference between an EMT and Paramedic?

Both EMTs and paramedics are trained and ready to transport patients in need and provide them with emergency care, but what's the difference?

**EMTs** are the most common providers of emergency medical services. EMTs are trained to provide care and transport to patients with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. EMT training programs follow guidelines set in part by NREMT and involve lectures, demonstration and practical application of the skills necessary in emergency situations. Topics covered during instruction include common medical emergencies, childbirth, working with children, environmental emergencies, extrication from motor vehicles, and much more.

A **PARAMEDIC** is an allied health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients. They have the complex knowledge and skill to perform patient care with advanced equipment. Paramedics provide advanced life support using equipment such as manual defibrillators, administer medications, and perform lifesaving procedures like a tracheotomy. The training for paramedics is much more robust and longer, around 1500 hours versus the 150 hours required for an EMT.



Exciting news! Both Cody and Fred  
have been accepted into  
**PARAMEDIC SCHOOL!**

This is a 14-month long program with  
Madison Fire Department in Rexburg.  
Classes will be online  
Wednesday & Thursday evenings.  
A Paramedic service is the highest  
level of care an EMS provider  
and ambulance service can possess.