

# GITTY NEWS AUGUST 2022

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## **CALENDAR**

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 p.m. FY23 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING City Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.

- Please take the time to complete the SURVEY that was mailed out to all residents and business owners. Your input is needed to make the new Comprehensive Plan a practical and useful tool for our community.
- It's the middle of summer and the heat is on! Please keep an eye on your friends and neighbors – and be sure and stay hydrated. Please knock down dry grass and weeds on your property to reduce the risk of fire.
- I'd like to thank all the volunteers (and there's a bunch of you) who've helped out with community events this spring and summer... everyone sure appreciate your support!
- ✓ If you haven't heard, there's a new COMMUNITY MEAL at the Riggins Community Center every Tuesday at Noon—appetizer, main dish, dessert and beverage—only \$7 for those under 60 years old—Seniors by donation.

School will be starting August 30<sup>th</sup>; please keep an eye out for our kids!

Glenna McClure, Mayor

# CITY PARK BOAT RAMP PROJECT UPDATE:

GREAT NEWS! The Army Corps of Engineers has approved the Permit and the project can proceed! The anticipated start date will be sometime next month – September.

#### NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO HOUSING ASSESSMENT

The City of Riggins is a member of CEDA (Clearwater Economic Development Association); CEDA serves Idaho County and the Riggins community. Earlier this year, CEDA contracted with Points Consulting to complete this assessment which is intended to inform housing development and decision making around housing as well as to provide a better understanding of the economic impacts of workforce housing on employee recruitment and retention in the area. **Key findings include:** 

- Latah, Idaho, Lewis and Clearwater counties all exceed the national average ratio of median home values to median household income. In each case, median home values are 3.6 to 4.7 times higher than annual median income. In particular, Riggins and Moscow are in the most disadvantageous locations for home affordability.
- In summer 2022, cost escalation is hitting on all cylinders due to a combination of home value and interest rate increases. An average home costing \$250K in 2020 will have increased to over \$313K, while the average associated mortgage would have increased from \$1,010 to \$1,700.
- Four of the five CEDA District counties saw a triple-digit percentage increase in home sales prices over the past nine-years: Clearwater (+241%), Lewis (+147%), Idaho (103%), Nez Perce (+110%), and Latah (+78%). At the same time, the inventory of homes for sale increased in some places (namely, Clearwater and Idaho counties), while significantly decreasing in Nez Perce County.
- All counties have seen an uptick in the array of remote workers, work-from-home and part-time residents. Such households provide many benefits from an economic development perspective. However, with an inadequate supply of new housing units, they are likely to bid up the market outside the reach of some long-term local residents.

The full report is available on the CEDA website - clearwater-eda.org - under the "reports" tab.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 (FY 2023) CITY OF RIGGINS, IDAHO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Riggins, Idaho will hold a public hearing for consideration of the proposed budget for the fiscal period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 pursuant to the provisions of Section 50-1002, Idaho Code. The hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.at the City Hall Council Chambers, 126 North Main Street, Riggins, Idaho. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such a budget should or should not be adopted. Copies of the proposed budget in detail are available at City Hall during regular office hours. Note that the figures below include proposed projects that may or may not be completed due to the availability of revenue sources, including grant funds.

	PROPOSED	PROPOSED
FUND NAME	REVENUE	EXPENDITURE
*Property Tax Levy	\$ 49,529*	
General Government	916,907	\$ 962,633
Street	443,846	461,719
Library	14,986	31,846
Park	3,414	56,181
Water	1,037,564	1,037,564
Sewer	2,640,212	2,640,212
Sanitation	153,157	153,157
City Park Boat Ramp Project	496,560	449,220
TOTAL	\$ 5,792,532	\$ 5,792,532

# \*Property Tax Relief = \$36,357

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Riggins proposes to increase certain existing fees by amounts that exceed five percent (5%) of the fee from the current fiscal year and impose new service fees beginning October 1, 2022. The fee increases are necessary to cover increased costs associated with this service.

	CURRENT FEES	PROPOSED FEES
Cart	\$ 28.30	\$ 30.70
2-Yard Dumpster	139.65	151.63
4-Yard Dumpster	211.25	229.38
6-Yard Dumpster	270.80	294.05
8-Yard Dumpster	358.45	389.24
	2-Yard Dumpster 4-Yard Dumpster 6-Yard Dumpster	Cart \$ 28.30 2-Yard Dumpster 139.65 4-Yard Dumpster 211.25 6-Yard Dumpster 270.80

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Riggins will hold a public hearing for consideration of a proposed amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget. The proposed amendment reflects new service fees for ambulance services. The fee increases or new fees are necessary to cover increased costs associated with ambulance services.

AMBULANCE FEES:	PROPOSED NEW FEE
ALS 1	\$375
ALS 1 EMERGENCY	\$550
BLS 1	\$300
BLS 1 EMERGENCY	\$475
ALS 2	\$800
MILEAGE (PER MILE)	\$ 17
BLS SUPPLIES, PPE, DECONTAMINATION	\$100
ALS SUPPLIES, PPE, DECONTAMINATION	\$150
OXYGEN	\$100
IV SUPPLIES	\$100
INTEROSSEOS SUPPLIES	\$200
INTUBATION SUPPLIES	\$150
EKG SUPPLIES	\$250
BLS/ALS DEFIBRILLATION SUPPLIES	\$100
RESCUE/EXTRICATION VEHICLE	\$250

# RIGGINS ANBULANGE

#1: We have purchased a brand new TNT Storm Surge battery powered EXTRICATION CUTTER! This purchase was made possible because of our First Responder Bash fundraiser in March.

The general public has referred to these types of tools as the "Jaws of Life" over the years and required 2-3 people to operate. With today's technology, this unit operates by a Milwaukee 18V battery and is all self-contained in one unit which means it only takes ONE person to operate and get the job done more efficiently and effectively! Next year we plan to purchase the TNT Spreaders and Ram to make a complete set of TNT battery powered tools.

#2: If you've ever had the great privilege of being cut out of a vehicle, you will be thankful for this next new tool... a

#### WINDSHIELD CUTTER!

Thanks to this new tool, the process is so much more comfortable for the patient inside the car. It's quiet and doesn't throw glass everywhere. We can remove a windshield in seconds with this tool.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Garry & Elly Elder for purchasing and donating this tool to the Riggins Ambulance. Elly is one of our EMTs who attended the Extrication Training held in May. She saw the need for this tool and purchased it for us. *Thank you!* 



