



CITY NEWS

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 11th
Urban Renewal District Mtg-6:15 pm
City Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

Monday, January 16th
City Hall – CLOSED – MLK Jr. Day

secret santa

Thanks to everyone who took the time to make a generous donation for our community! 43 children received gifts to brighten their Christmas holiday, and Food Baskets were distributed to 16 families in the area! Jennifer at Riggins Whitewater Market would like to thank the Elves who made this happen: Lindy Smither, Jessi Verbeck and Susan Hollenbeak.

Thanks also to those who took time out of their busy schedules to wrap and distribute gifts.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

"Another year is in the books. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our City Councilors for their time and energy this past year. We're looking forward to finishing up some projects in 2023, and facing the challenges a new year brings.

I'd also like to express my appreciation to our dedicated employees who keep the City running... thank you all for what you do!

Wishing all our community and business owners a prosperous year!"

Glenna McClure, Mayor

CITY PARK BOAT RAMP PROJECT UPDATE:

The project contractor, Cook & Sons Construction, is scheduled to begin mobilization of equipment and supplies the first week of January. The site, including the gravel parking area, will be blocked off to all boaters and traffic during the next three months.

Work will begin on taking out the old boat ramp and installing the new ramp during January and February.

All work in the water must be completed by the end of February. In March, additional work will be done on the upper boat ramp area with final cleanup.

WHAT'S NEXT?

With the increased cost of concrete as well as other materials, additional funding is needed in order to complete the access road, and stairway down to the boat ramp. The next Idaho Parks & Recreation Grant Application is in the works and will be submitted the end of January.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT from business owners, recreationalists and individuals are needed to demonstrate to the IDPR Committee the importance of this project to the area. Please submit your letters to: PO Box 249, Riggins or to rigginscity@gmail.com by January 20th.

If the City is successful with this 2023 grant, we will be able to complete this project late summer/early fall this year.

This has been a challenging project to say the least. We appreciate your patience and support over the last couple years.

Salmon River Public Library

LOOKING for ways to protect yourself from scams?

We recently received numerous **Consumer.gov** packs from the Federal Trade Commission with free materials to help you manage your finances and avoid scams.

All the information included comes from the **Consumer.gov** website with basics on money management, credit and debit, and avoiding scams. Stop in the Library and get your free pack of info.

LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF!

LOCAL OPTION TAX

ORDINANCE 220

For those who may be considering starting a business in Riggins, please be aware of the following Local Option Tax requirements:

2% on LODGING RENTALS

2% on PREPARED MEALS

2% on ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK

1% on all other TAXABLE RETAIL SALES

Ordinance 220 is available on the City website, or at City Hall.
An application is required to be filed with the City.

FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNITY AID FUND

Recently, our local First Responders (Riggins City Fire, Salmon River Ambulance District, Riggins Ambulance and Salmon River Rural Fire Department) came together in an effort to help community members following a tragedy.

In the past, the City managed a Salmon River Burnout Fund that provided financial assistance to community members following a fire. After careful consideration, it was agreed upon by all First Responders and the City Council to grow this fund with a portion of monies raised at fundraising events to provide some relief for not only victims of fires, but also medical emergencies. The Community Aid Fund has been formed with representatives from each of the First Responders in an Advisory Group, and is administered by the City.

RIGGINS AMBULANCE

DECEMBER WAS AN EXCITING AND EVENTFUL MONTH FOR OUR AMBULANCE SERVICE!

GRANT AWARD ALERT!!

We received notice our ambulance service was awarded **\$192,308** to purchase a **NEW ambulance!** This new ambulance will replace our older backup ambulance. This is very exciting and amazing for our canyon community. Your crew is working hard to serve you. We will now have two reliable ambulances.

Our **1st Annual Riggins EMS and Dive Team Chili & Salsa Cookoff Fundraiser** was held December 3rd. We had a great turnout with over 15 entries!

Chili Champion - Athena Buck
Salsa Victor - Elly Elder

Thank you to everyone who participated and for the generous donations – we raised over \$1,100 and had a lot of fun in the process!

NEW TOOL ALERT!

The safety of our patients under 100 pounds has now increased with the **FERNO PEDIMATE PLUS!**

It's pretty awesome we have a Car Seat Technician who works on our unit and is able to train us properly! Thanks Elly for the great training to keep our children safe during transport to the hospital.

If a child is involved in a vehicle accident and is still sitting in their car seat, they will remain in that car seat during transport to the hospital.

CITY OF RIGGINS AMBULANCE & SALMON RIVER AMBULANCE DISTRICT
WEBSITE: www.rigginsambulance.org

Statistics, grants, crew info, District meeting agendas and minutes... all just a click away!

2ND ANNUAL FIRST RESPONDERS BASH

Plans are underway for the 2023 Bash Fundraiser.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 18th**