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#### Check Out Our New Website

The City of Ammon website, [www.ci.ammon.id.us](http://www.ci.ammon.id.us), is moving to [www.cityofammon.us](http://www.cityofammon.us). The site is still under construction, but we hope you will find it to be more user-friendly.

#### How to be Prepared for Flooding

On February 22, water from a local canal overflowed, flooding several homes in Ammon. Many volunteers from around Ammon and other local areas graciously offered their time and efforts to stop the flood waters. We thank them for their assistance, and are saddened by the loss felt by many local residents.

With the devastating events of February 22 still fresh in our minds, we felt it was important to share some thoughts on preparing your property for a flood, should it occur again in the future.

When a flood watch is issued:

- Have flood boards and/or sandbags prepared to protect your property;
- Ensure your family knows the location of your emergency kit;
- Prepare your vehicle in case an evacuation is necessary; and
- Alert your neighbors, especially those who may need additional help.

When a flood warning is issued:

- Listen to the local radio/TV and weather stations for updates;
- Be prepared to evacuate immediately;
- Regularly monitor the water levels for the water source nearest to your property;
- Move any valuables and furniture to a higher floor; and
- Move pets to safety.

In addition, there are other safety tips to remember in the case of a flood:

- Stay away from any electrical outlet or breaker panel while standing in water;
- Ensure your family knows how to turn off the power and gas to your property safely;
- Avoid disaster areas if you can; give emergency services time to clear hazardous areas;
- Report problems with power lines or gas leaks immediately;
- Wear adequate en-

closed footwear to avoid injury to your feet;

(f) Keep an eye out for any dangerous or venomous animals that may have washed into your home;

(g) Avoid walking or driving through floodwater as there may be underlying dangers;

(h) Be wary of bridges or canal banks, as they may collapse;

(i) Avoid contact with floodwater as much as possible, as it could be contaminated;

(j) Continue to monitor local media stations in the event of further severe weather.

Sand bags are also available from the City and other localities for use in these emergencies. We encourage residents to visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and consider preparing an emergency plan for your home and family.

~ Ammon Fire Dept.

#### Spirit of Ammon Scholarship

Last year, the Ammon City Council gave out its first Spirit of Ammon Scholarship to Shawn Elg, a student at Eastern Idaho Technical College. The Scholarship, which comes entirely from donations, enabled Shawn to attend EITC for one year tuition free.

This year, we are excited to be able to help another Ammon resident fulfill their dreams of receiving a college education. We invite you to join with us in donating to the Spirit of Ammon Scholarship award by contacting Michelle Ziel the EITC Foundation Director at 208-524-0464 or [michelle.ziel@my.eitc.edu](mailto:michelle.ziel@my.eitc.edu). The EITC Scholarship program will be held on April 26, 2012, at which time the Spirit of Ammon Scholarship for 2012 will be awarded.



## Ammon Days 2012

Put Saturday August 4th on your calendars and be prepared for another enjoyable day of fun with your family, friends and neighbors with food, booths by local business, various activities, entertainment, free swimming and more, all at McCowin Park.

If you are interested in having a booth this year, the cost will be \$100 for both commercial and informational booths.

Also, this will be our second year of Ammon Has Talent, so start preparing your talent for the show! The winners will provide the entertainment for our Ammon Days dinner at the park! If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or in the Ammon Days planning, you want to set up a booth, or have any other questions about Ammon Days this year, contact Ken Knoch at the City office, 612-4040, or at [kknoch@cityofammon.us](mailto:kknoch@cityofammon.us). ~ Parks Dept.

## Reminder about Door-to-Door Sales

As a reminder, most door-to-door salespeople in the City must be licensed and carry a badge from the City containing information about their licensed business. The badge will have a picture of the employee, the employee's name, the business name, and a contact phone number. Student groups and religious or charitable organizations which are exempt from taxation and have a local charter or sponsor located in the City are exempt from the licensing requirement.

With the warmer weather, we expect more door-to-door salespeople in the City. We recommend that citizens require salespersons to present their badge prior to presenting what they are selling.

## New Sewer Plant

In December of last year, a new and exciting change happened in the City of Ammon. Many of us have heard or read about authors that start a new book, only to be taken in a whole new direction from that which they had in mind. Well, the City of Ammon has embarked on a new storyline with the operation and maintenance of our own sewer lines. Up until December of last year, we depended on the City of Idaho Falls for sewer line maintenance within our city. They responded to calls of sewer issues within homes, cleaned lines on a periodic basis,

and kept all of the sewer lift stations running. December changed that, since we are no longer sending all our sewer flows to Idaho Falls. Nearly all of our sewer flow is now flowing to a new treatment facility that is located outside of Shelley. The Eastern Idaho Regional Waste-Water Authority, of which the City is a member, has completed nearly 14 miles of sewer line between Ammon and Shelley. We have also removed one sewer lift station from service, since the flow can now go a different direction, without being pumped. City crews will now respond to back-up issues, will clean the sewer lines, and will repair and maintain the existing sewer lift stations.

We are writing new chapters of our city, and some of those chapters remain an undeveloped storyline. Time will allow us to better understand where we have problems, and clearly identify areas where concentration is needed to continue operations and improve service life of the infrastructure. The chapters and pages of our book are looking like they are going to be a little mystery, some science, some auto-biography, with a little humor thrown in for good measure. Keep helping us write our own history and stay informed by asking questions.

~ Lance Bates, City Engineer

## Protecting our Sewer System

The new Eastern Idaho Regional Waste-water Authority treatment plant. and sewage disposal system is an invaluable asset to our City, and we want to protect it by using it properly.

Our sewer system is designed to handle three types of wastes: wastewater, human body waste, and toilet paper. It is not designed to handle foreign objects such as baby wipes, feminine products, rags, diapers, wood, toys, plastic objects, gravel, grass cuttings, etc.

But the worst culprits are baby wipes. Baby wipes are the most common cause of overflows or other sewer problems.

To protect our system, please refrain from flushing any of these foreign objects down the toilet. By following these rules, we can preserve our new sewer system for decades to come.

## Night Swimming Lessons

For those of you who work during the day and would prefer evening swimming lessons for your children, the schedule this summer for evening lessons will be Monday through Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

~ Parks Dept.

## Eagle Scout Projects

This time of year there are always projects in the parks that need to be completed. If you have a child currently working on completing his Eagle Scout, feel free to contact Ken Knoch, our parks director, at 612-4040 to coordinate projects and times. ~ Parks Dept.

## Water Conservation

Please note that water conservation within the City starts on May 1 and continues through September 30. During this Time, even numbered houses can water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Odd numbered houses can water on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Sunday is a free day. Thanks for your efforts to conserve water in our City.

## Online Registration and Reservations

Go online to [www.cityofammon.us](http://www.cityofammon.us) to register your children for Ammon sports programs this summer. Registration for boy's knothole, girls' softball and T-ball ends April 27th. Registration for swimming lessons begins on May 27th. You can also reserve park shelters, fields and the swimming pool online.

~ Parks Dept.

