

CITY OF **Ammon** NEWSLETTER

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Ammon – one of the “Best Cities for Young Families”

The City of Ammon has been identified on a list of “The Best Cities for Young Families” in Idaho, by www.nerdwallet.com, a financial resources website. Ammon was ranked fourth on a list of ten cities. A total of sixty-three Idaho cities were analyzed by the website in the process of creating the rankings.

The website analyzed the following three factors in determining which cities to add to the list: (1) Does the city have good public schools?, (2) Can you afford to live there?, and (3) Is the city growing and prospering? Nerd Wallet noted that Ammon’s population doubled between 2000 and 2010, with growth coming “so quickly because of its relatively low housing prices and proximity to Idaho Falls, the state’s largest city outside the Boise metro area.” According to the website, the City of Ammon has a median home value of \$173,900, with a median household income of \$55,617. Ammon received a high rating for the quality of its schools, and also showed an economic growth rate of 16.3% over the past decade.

For more information, see <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/2013/best-cities-idaho-young-families/>.

17th Street Construction

This Summer we know you were inconvenienced for a while with road construction. Thank you for your patience. We hope you appreciate the new stretch of road that has been constructed over the past two years on 17th Street between Crowley and Ammon Roads. This road section is, in a very real sense, brand new, with new material having been laid by our very own City road crews. We anticipate this road will last for many years with minimal repairs.

The City Streets Department is always analyzing the needs of streets through our City, in the hopes of conducting more street projects of this nature in the future. ~ Streets Dept.

Get out and Vote

Elections for City of Ammon Mayor and City Council seats 2, 4 and 6 will be held on November 5, 2013.

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The precinct voting locations are as follows:

PREC POLLING PLACE:

46	Bridgewater Elementary 1499 Indian Hollow 552-5577
48	Tiebreaker Elementary 3100 E 1st 525-4480
49	Hillcrest High School 2800 Owen 525-4429
50	Ammon Fire Station 2137 S Ammon 612-4061
51	Mountain Valley Elementary 2601 S Princess 552-0866
52	Calvary Chapel School 4250 S. 25th E. 521-4216
57	Liberty Square Retirement 2475 S Ammon 552-3381
59	Rimrock Elementary 4855 Brennan Bend 552-4667

For more voter information please visit: <http://www.co.bonneville.id.us/index.php/elections>, or call 208-529-1363.

To locate your precinct please go to: <http://www.idahovotes.gov/YourPollingPlace/WhereDoIVote.aspx>

Parks and Recreation Commission

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking progressive thinking volunteers wanting to make a difference in their parks and recreation system. Search the city web at www.cityofammon.us; connect to the Parks link for information to become a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. ~ Parks Dept.



Precinct 50: Ammon Fire Department

Home Business Licenses

The City of Ammon requires licensing of home operated businesses within the city limits. For those who may operate a business from your home the process is fairly simple. We require you to fill out an application and include a layout of your home along with the square footage of the area of your home or property you use for your home business. You are allowed up to 25% of the square footage of the shadow line of your home (the shadow line is the outside measurement of your home) minus the garages and open patios for your home business. Once you submit your application, City Staff will process it, and in most cases schedule a fire inspection for the area that is to be used for the business. Child care facility allowances are based on the number of children allowed rather than the square footage. Licenses are issued for a one year period with renewal reminders being sent out prior to the expiration of the home occupation license. If you have questions regarding the requirements please contact the office staff at 612-4000. The license application is also available on the City website at www.cityofammon.us under "businesses and starting a business."

Movies in the Park

We hope you enjoyed our three "Movies in the Park" this last summer—look forward next season to 5 more great movies! Hope to see you there!

We hope you have enjoyed your Ammon parks and pool this past season. If you have any suggestions about the city parks or pool, or have suggestions for recreation programs that you would like to see in Ammon please contact Ken Knoch at kknoch@cityofammon.us.

Snow Removal Policy

Moving forward to the snow season, the City would like to clarify the snow removal policy for residents. In the event of a major snow storm, the Mayor can declare a Snow Removal Proclamation. This would require all parked vehicles to be removed from the streets within twelve hours of the proclamation. During average snowfall the following parking restrictions will apply: there shall be no parking of vehicles on the streets during times of heavy snowfall or as notified via a public service announcement issued by the City. The City will make every effort to work with residents to see that vehicles do not need

to be towed, but in some cases City Code 9-9-6 authorizes the City in conjunction with the law enforcement agency of the City to tow and store vehicles found to be in violation of the City Code. ~ Public Works Dept.

Spirit of Ammon Scholarship

Each year, the Spirit of Ammon Scholarship is awarded to Ammon residents attending Eastern Idaho Technical College to further their education. This scholarship was established with the intent of helping the disadvantaged and less fortunate in our community. EITC provides a valuable and needed service to our community. The Scholarship is funded entirely by donations. The more tax-deductible donations it receives, the more Ammon residents may benefit from this Scholarship. You can be a part of The Spirit of Ammon by visiting www.eitcfoundation.org and clicking on the "Donate Now" button. Be sure to indicate that you wish to donate to the "Spirit of Ammon Scholarship," and 100% of your donation will go to an Ammon resident in need of school funding assistance.

Dog Licensing

The City of Ammon requires that all dogs over the age of three months be licensed through the City. Failure to license your dog may result in a citation and fines. Licensing is also an important means of identification and can help you find your pet if it becomes lost. Licenses are valid for one year. Dogs must have the updated tag on their collar at all times.

Also, please help keep our community safe by having your dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian. This is required by state and city law. The rabies vaccination must be effective through the entire licensing period. The primary or first rabies vaccination is valid for one year. The second rabies vaccination given one year later, and subsequent (or booster) rabies vaccinations are valid for three years. If you are unsure of the duration of your dog's vaccination, please call your veterinarian. ~ Animal Safety Dept.

Thank you for Service in the Parks

The Parks Department would like to thank the Ammon community for contributing to our great parks this season. We had many Eagle Scouts and local volunteers willing to commit their efforts to installing new park signage, renovating 2 baseball diamonds, planting flowers, mulching and planting trees, installing a new playground at Woodland Hills Park, installing trash can holders along with volleyball standards throughout the parks and placing new safety material in the playground areas throughout the parks. You make a great difference in the look of our community. Thank you!

Eastern Idaho Regional Wastewater Authority

December will mark the two year anniversary of Ammon's connection to the Regional Waste Water Authority. We are pleased to report that the transition from Idaho Falls to the new system has been seamless. Ammon's newly formed Sewer Department has officially taken over maintenance and operation of Ammon's sewer collection system. They are doing an exceptional job. There have not been interruptions in service, the system has been evaluated and a routine maintenance schedule is being executed.

The taxpayers made the decision in 2005 to bond for this new system. We've begun paying back the bond. Ammon is moving forward with Bingham and Bonneville Counties, and the City of Shelley as partners in this decade long endeavor that has taken a decade to bring to fruition. ~ Public Works Dept.



Oxbow Waste Water Treatment Plant