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Ammon Days 2013

Put Saturday August 3rd on your calendars and enjoy a day of family fun, visit friends and neighbors and take advantage of the free food, booths by local businesses, 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 \$125 for both commercial and informational booths.

Get your talent ready for our third annual Ammon Has Talent competition! We are excited to see and hear your talents. The winners will provide the entertainment for our Ammon Days dinner at the park! There will also be prizes for the top contestants!

If you are interested in participating as a volunteer, or want to set up a booth, please contact April Forrest at aforrest@cityofammon.us.

Summer Water Use

Water use within the City increases dramatically in the summer months. Contrary to what some may think, Ammon's water supply is not unlimited, and the costs to the City in purchasing water rights each year are significant.

In order to help cut down on water usage, the City implements the following rules during the period between May 1 and September 30:

Outside water usage is limited to every other day. Water customers having even numbered street addresses are limited to water usage on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Water customers having odd numbered street addresses are limited to water usage on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Persons having newly seeded, hydro-seeded lawns, or sod requiring additional water may apply for a "New Seed/Sod Watering Permit".

Please check with the City for rules regarding this permit. Churches, schools and city parks which require more time to complete a watering cycle are exempt from this proclamation.

Violations of these rules constitute an infraction and are punishable by penalties set forth in Title 1, Chapter 4, Section 2 of the Ammon City Code, providing a maximum

penalty of \$100 per violation. Please help conserve City water.

Panhandling

With the warmer weather many of us have seen an increase in the number of panhandlers around the area. We wanted to help educate the public about some of the alternatives other than just handing out money. Yes, there are a small number of panhandlers that are truly in need of some help. But the majority of them find it an easy way to get quick cash to be able to support their chemical dependency.

We would like to remind the public that there are other ways to help out these individuals. Donations can be made to the local soup kitchens and shelters around the area. This way the panhandlers who truly want the help can go to these locations. They will be able to get a hot meal and a warm place to sleep.

These are just a couple of ideas to lend a helping hand and to know that the donations that are being made will be well spent. For other ideas, please contact the Ammon Patrol or the City office.

~ Sgt. Jason Sorenson, City of Ammon Patrol Division, BCSO

Movie Night at the Park

Ammon Parks and Recreation Department will have "Movie Night at the Park" this summer. This event will be held at McCowin Park. The movies shown will be as follows: "Rise of the Guardians" will show on June 21st at 9:00 p.m., "Madagascar 3" will show on July 12th at 9:30 p.m., and Avengers will show on August 2nd at 9:30 p.m. Each show will be free to the public.

~ Parks and Rec. Dept.



Broadband

There are big changes happening in the way we get our communications and entertainment services. Not long ago, most of us used plain old wire phone services to communicate with family and friends, and free time at home was spent watching local broadcast television. Today, almost half of us no longer have a wired phone in our home. Most of us are spending less time in front of the television, and when we do only some 14% of that time is actually spent watching local broadcast television where we can receive emergency or weather alerts. These changes are impacting our existing emergency communications systems, rendering them increasingly outdated and ineffective.

The City of Ammon is proud to be involved in a National Science Foundation project which demonstrates one possible solution; using broadband for emergency communications. Recently, the Federal Communications Commission invited two of the project partners, Albion Telephone Company and the City of Ammon, to travel to Washington DC to participate in their March 27th Gigabit Broadband Community workshop and perform live demonstrations using our mobile system. The City's mobile system shows how a broadband connection can be 'sliced' creating a dedicated two way channel for emergency communications alongside the Internet (think of vehicles moving aside for an ambulance or fire truck).

The City hopes to continue its work in this area of national priority by implementing a test system at scale to a limited number of addresses for testing and evaluation. Further information will be posted at: www.id-ignite.org as it becomes available.
~ Broadband Dept.

17th Street

Do you like the new road laid just east of Ammon Road last year? The Public Works Department is planning to complete the rest of 17th Street between Ammon Road and Crowley Road this summer. Be on the lookout for some delays and re-routing of internal traffic.

~ Public Works Dept.

Problem Barking

Now that the weather is getting warmer, people are letting their dogs stay outside more. It's great for the dogs to get fresh air but not for the neighbors if the dog won't stay quiet. The City of Ammon Ordinance 5-4-11 (E) states: "No person owning, harboring, controlling or keeping any dog shall permit the dog to bark, howl or otherwise cause noise which disturbs or is likely to disturb the peace and quiet of any person." Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor and could result in fines up to \$1,000 and/or a court appearance.

Ammon Animal Control recommends talking face to face with the dog's owner as a first step. If this is unsuccessful, you may call and make a formal complaint. Please have the address of the dog when calling. Depending on what prior contacts we have had with the dog owner, we can either post an official warning notice or have you sign on a complaint in order to issue a citation.

~ Animal Control Dept.

Fuel Tank

You may see City of Ammon vehicles on the roads quite often. Whether they are removing snow, repairing roads, or maintaining our parks, Ammon vehicles require a fair amount of fuel to do their work.

Recently, the City installed a 6,000 gallon fuel storage tank and dispensing station.

It is anticipated that this fuel tank will save the City significantly on fuel costs in the future, as the City is able to purchase the fuel at wholesale bulk instead of retail. For example, during the month of February 2013 the City saved approximately \$425 in fuel costs, and the new fuel tank was not completely on line until February 8, 2013.

~ Public Works Dept.

Shrubs

With the spring and summer months upon us, trees and shrubs are going to grow. If you own a lot on a corner

property within the City, and have a street sign on your property, please make certain your vegetation is pruned so pedestrians and cars can safely see the street signage and around street corners. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our City safe.
~ Parks and Rec. Dept.

Parks & 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.

Eagle Scout Projects

Does your scout need an Eagle project? There are always plenty of projects in the parks that need to be done. If you are interested, please contact Ken Knoch, Parks Director 612-4040 for coordinating projects and times.

Online Registration & Reservations

For online registrations this summer for boys knothole, girls' softball, T-Ball, swimming lessons, and other activities or facility rentals, visit www.cityofammon.us.

Hunter's Ed Volunteers

Are you an experienced hunter? If you are interested in the future of hunting, in improving sportsmanship in the field and in overall improvement of the safety and well-being of hunters, then Idaho Fish and Game could use your help. You have to be at least 18 years old and have experience with sporting arms, wildlife and hunting, as well as organizing and instructing youth. Interested? Contact the local Fish and Game office at 208-525-7290.

Memorial Day Run

Foothills to Freedom (5 mile/1 mile) Run
Location: Hawks Landing
Race Start/Gun Salute: 8:00 a.m.
Bring the family out May 27th for this amazing community event. Honoring those who have fought and sacrificed for our freedoms. Patriotic theme including a gun salute, Pipes and Drums, P51 Mustang flyover.
Free pancake breakfast following race.
Register on Active.com or at Teton Running.

