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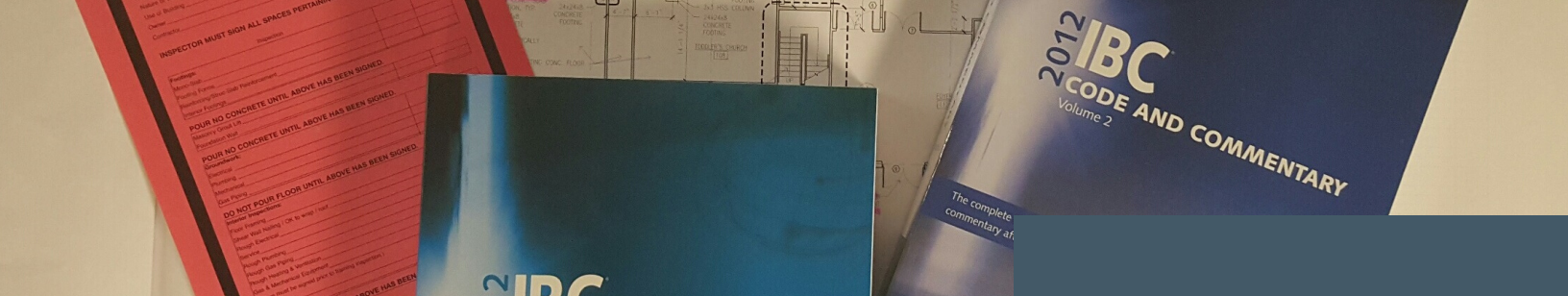
New Year, New Newsletter

Welcome to the first Missoula County Public Works newsletter! Public Works is committed to enhancing communication between agencies, the public, and the community overall. With each quarterly publication our hope is to provide timely information on upcoming policy changes, code adoptions, office closures and other information to help for a smooth interaction with our department. We'll highlight road projects, welcome new employees, and celebrate retirees! If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact us with your email address at 406.258.3701 or mcpw@missoulacounty.us!



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SERVICES WE PROVIDE

THE OBJECTIVE

The objective of Missoula County Public Works is to serve the residents of the County in the areas of engineering and surveying services, road and bridge construction and maintenance, water and wastewater facilities construction and maintenance, mapping and Rural Special Improvement District (RSID) creation.



THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY:

- Road Maintenance and Construction
- Bridge Design, Construction and Maintenance
- Road/Walkway Design and Construction
- Subdivision Review and Approval
- Approach, Excavation and Dust Abatement Permitting
- Road Signing and Striping
- Water and Sewer System Operation and Maintenance
- Mapping Services and Addressing
- Survey
- Building Plan Review and Inspections

'Our goal is to provide the highest achievable quality of service to the Missoula community...'



DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

SHANE STACK, P.E.

Public Infrastructure

Construction

Shane Stack started as Director of Public Works on April 1, after nearly 23 years with the Montana Department of Transportation, most recently as the Missoula District Preconstruction Engineer. At MDT, he planned, implemented and oversaw several high-profile, multimillion-dollar engineering projects in the Missoula area.



It is an honor to be a part of this team. Thank you for the gracious welcome!

I've only been at Missoula County Public Works for nine months, and I've found that while we each have different responsibilities to the public, we all have many characteristics in common. Without question, we recognize we're here to serve the community; we are mindful of budgets and getting the most out of the public's funding; and we care about our jobs and believe in doing the best work possible.

In Public Works, we are responsible for the infrastructure of roads, bridges, water and sewer systems. The Building Division ensures our structures are safe, while the Surveyors Office guides our work by defining property boundaries. Together, our dedication keeps these important facilities safe and available to our families, friends and neighbors.

Highlights from this year: A pump upgrade to the Lolo water system will ensure water service continues, and we were able to affirm the original water rights so the community will have needed water for years to come. Projects are underway on the Sunset West water system and in the planning stages for the Lewis and Clark sewer system. Updates to come!

The road and bridge crew reconstructed part of Deschamps Lane and paved Beckwith Street in Frenchtown, Tamarack and Juniper in East Missoula, and several streets in West Riverside. The Seeley crew paved Bear Creek Road and completed sorely needed maintenance work on Kraft Creek Road.

The Building Division has been successful with permitting and inspections amid an ever-increasing workload, and we hear only positive comments from both the team and the public they serve. They have teamed with other county permitting departments to develop a website to improve customers' permitting experience. The survey team continues to provide services to the public and a wide variety of county departments. They make the job they do seem effortless as they work hard every day researching, collecting data in the field, grounding truthing points, checking encroachments, and a variety of other tasks.

Again, thank you to Public Works for your dedication in keeping our beautiful county working and our community members safe. This team's efforts keep water clean, roads drivable, buildings safe and boundaries clear. With the continued commitment of everyone at Public Works, 2020 is bound to be another year worthy of celebration.

As always, wishing you the best.



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COMMISSIONER'S VISIT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES

In late August, the Missoula County Commissioner's visited the Training Drive location and spoke with staff to learn about the facilities and the equipment that help make work possible. Public Works staff gave the commissioners a tour of the buildings while sharing the challenges that the department faces with limited budgets and an ever-increasing desire for services from the public.



The commissioner's later visited sewer and water systems at the Wye, El Mar, and Lolo locations, as well as a handful of county roadways in between. At the Wye, the commissioner's were given a tour of the Sunset West water system that included a quick look of the pump and a visit to the water tank. They traveled to El Mar, saw one of the pumps and main office, then moved onto Lolo where they were shown two newly installed pumps, an older pump system north of Lolo, and the sewer treatment facilities. In all, it was a great opportunity to get to know one another and share more about collaborating to reach common goals.





Beckwith Street in Frenchtown - Before



Tamarack & Juniper Drive

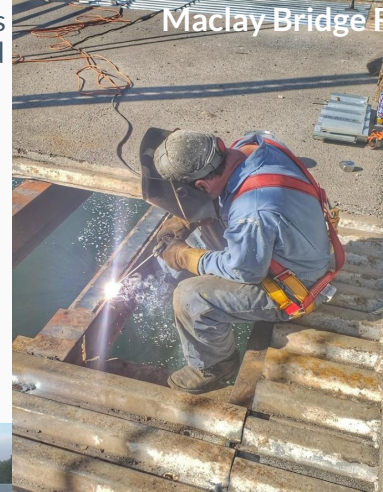


ROAD DEPARTMENT MAKES SEVERAL LONG-AWAITED IMPROVEMENTS

2019 saw the completion of several road projects that were in dire need of repair, as well as some much needed structural work to Maclay Bridge. West Riverside residents on 2nd thru 9th Streets now all have paved roads and W Riverside Drive was repaved. Further west, and with the help of the Montana Department of Transportation, residents on Tamarack Road and Juniper Drive got the facelift they'd been promised by getting an asphalt overlay to alleviate major potholes and broken up road material. The road crew went to Frenchtown and completed a sorely needed reconstruct to 5,140 feet of Beckwith Street. Phase 1 of a major reconstruction project spanning the length of Deschamps Lane was finished. This phase involved road re-alignment and paving north of Roller Coaster Road to Moccasin Lane. Bear Creek Road in Potomac got repaved and Spurgin Road's west end got widened shoulders and new pavement. Part of Leo Hansen Road in Florence had an unplanned reconstruct after a tough winter and spring. Hundreds of potholes were patched, miles of roads graded, and dozens of culverts were cleaned; we mowed, we dust-abated, and many overtime hours were worked to get it all done in time to prepare for winter maintenance!



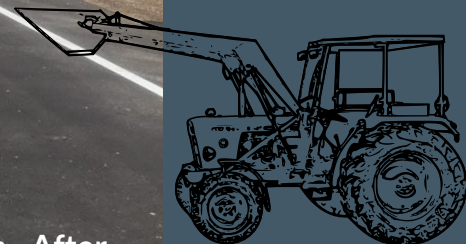
Maclay Bridge Rehab



The MCRD is responsible for the maintenance of 474 miles of roads in Missoula County... 232 are paved, 242 are gravel.



Beckwith Street in Frenchtown - After

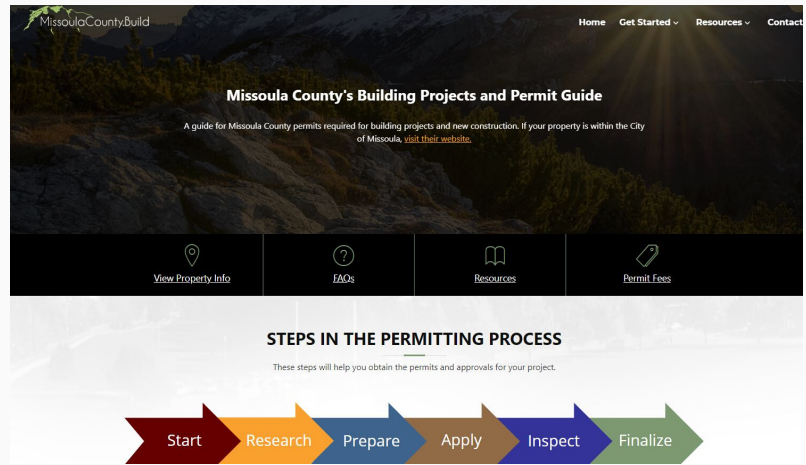


WELCOME TO THE BUILDING DIVISION

MISSOULA COUNTY'S NEW ONLINE GUIDE FOR BUILDING PROJECTS AND PERMITS

Missoula County has launched a new website to guide homeowners through the process of applying for permits they'll likely need for new construction and other work on their home.

The website, www.missoulacounty.build, provides a step-by-step overview of the permitting process. It's aimed at property owners who live in Missoula County but outside City of Missoula limits. While the site mainly targets homeowners looking to apply for permits, it includes some helpful tips for contractors as well.



WHO WE ARE

- A staff of 10 ready to help you through the permitting and construction process.

WHAT WE DO

- We review construction plans to ensure compliance with current building codes adopted by the State of Montana.
- Initiate, monitor, and issue most Missoula County permits including building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, land use/zoning compliance, address/approach and excavation.

WHY WE DO IT

- Permits protect you and your family, home and financial investment.
- Inspections ensure work is done safely and that it meets the minimum code requirements.
- It's the law. We ensure compliance with local, state and international building codes.

