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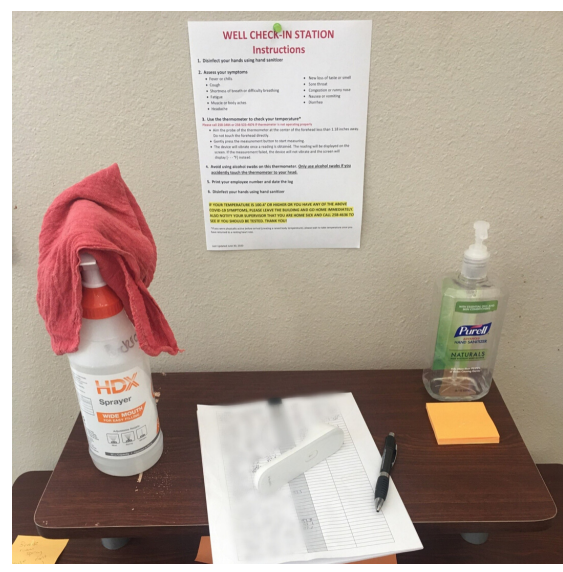
Public Works closed doors to the public and office staff started working remotely on March 30. Inspections were limited, and essential employees working outdoors were split into groups with varying start and ending times to help maintain social distancing. The State reopened June 1, as did some county offices. Employees are required to take temperatures upon arrival and use the hand sanitizer that's provided. Staff meetings are held via online platforms or by distancing in meeting rooms. All inspections are being held. When visiting, we ask that the public continue to adhere to all known safety measures.

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RURAL SEWER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENTS

The Lewis & Clark Subdivision in Clinton has a sewer and water system that is maintained by Missoula County Public Works (RSID 8918). The septic facility for this system had been failing, but with the help of a DNRC grant, the Public Works staff was able to bid and have installed a new septic tank facility to the existing drain field. Mountain View Sales and Excavation, LLC won the bid for the project, and it is up and running smoothly! Job well done by staff and contractor!

With the help of a DNRC grant, Public Works was able to have a new septic tank facility installed...



Sunset West Water Tank

The Sunset West Water Tank needed some required maintenance. Missoula County hired Maguire Iron, LLC as the successful bid. The lid or interior top of the tank required sandblasting, primer, and paint (all meeting AWWA regulations) for this project. No loss of service was experienced, thanks to our dedicated staff. Project will be completed by the end of July 2020.



DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS

SHANE STACK, P.E.

Public Infrastructure

Construction

Shane Stack started as Director of Public Works on April 1, 2019, 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.



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The last Public Works Newsletter was heavily focused on COVID-19 and how Public Works was going to provide services to the public. Through the entire crisis the Public Works Dept. has been evolving as restrictions have been reduced, and we will continue to evolve as necessary to meet suggested and required guidance. Our main focus will remain the safety of staff and the public, while still providing services at the best quality possible.

Through the crisis Public Works has taken advantage of a quiet time and repaved the parking lot at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, completed dust abatement on various county roads across the county, installed new septic tanks for the Lewis and Clark sewer system in Clinton, and painted the inside of the Sunset West water tank at the Wye west of Missoula.

We plan to continue work this summer placing millings on Holland Lake Rd., Frontier Dr., Canyon Dr., and Placid Creek Rd in the Seeley Swan. All of those roads will be chip sealed in August. Additionally we plan to chip seal Tamarack Rd and Juniper Dr near Bonner, pave Stonehaven Ave., Loraine Dr., and Terrace Dr. in the Miller Creek neighborhood. Standard maintenance will continue on all the roads with mowing, sweeping, grading, and pothole patching.

I would like to end the update with a big thank you to the Missoula County Commissioners for placing the Local Option Fuel Tax (LOFT) on the ballot in June, and for the voters of Missoula County for voting in favor of the increase. The revenues from the LOFT are estimated to provide Missoula County an additional \$500,000 annually that can help with the cost of construction and maintenance of 500 miles of county roads.

As always, wishing you the best.



ROAD DEPARTMENT HAS BUSY SEASON

The Road Department is in full swing this spring and summer season, despite working around COVID-19 and necessary safety measures. The Main St bridge in Frenchtown is in the process of being replaced, thanks to a 50% grant from the Montana Dept of Commerce - Treasure State Endowment Program, and should be complete before school starts.



Main St Bridge - Frenchtown



Dust abatement season started west of Missoula on June 23. Start dates pose challenges due to spring rains and schedule of the independent contractor. While PW does all of the prep work, the spraying of magnesium chloride is hired by a winning bid process. Rain did cause some delays to what is normally a consistent 2-week coordinated effort. PW has a cost-share program that is open to all residents on county maintained roads. For info please email kblank@missoulacounty.us.



THE BUILDING DIVISION

HOME BUYING SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE!

CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT PROPERTY OR HOME! BEING WELL RESEARCHED ALWAYS PAYS OFF!

MISSOULA COUNTY PROPERTY INFORMATION DATABASE: THIS TOOL CAN FIND ANY PROPERTY, WHETHER IN THE CITY OR THE COUNTY, AND PROVIDES SO MUCH INFORMATION HELPFUL TO THE HOME BUYING PROCESS. THIS SITE CAN HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE: IS THIS PROPERTY IN THE FLOODPLAIN? WHAT ARE THE TAXES? HOW IS THIS PROPERTY ZONED? IS THERE A CURRENT SEPTIC PERMIT? WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IT IN?

MISSOULACOUNTY.BUILD: THIS IS COUNTY PORTAL FOR BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT. IN CASE YOUR SOON TO BE NEW HOUSE NEEDS A FACELIFT!

CITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: THE CITY OF MISSOULA WEBSITE, FOR PLANNING, BUILDING PERMITS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND MORE.

UTILITY COMPANIES:
ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO FIND OUT WHAT UTILITIES WILL BE SERVICING THE PROPERTY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN.

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FEE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1

The building department has a fee increase effective July 1st. This will effect electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and building permit fees. Please go to <https://www.missoulacounty.us/home/showdocument?id=71459> to read the commissioner adopted resolution or to view the new fees.

Our last fee increase was in 2011, and these new fees were slated to take effect April 1st, however due to the COVID pandemic the commissioners opted to postpone them until July 1st.