

OPINION

Group creating wastewater program

The Whitefish Community Wastewater Committee is working hard to develop comprehensive recommendations regarding a wastewater management program for the Whitefish City Council's consideration. With a deadline of completing the recommendations by July of this year, the group is plowing through a plethora of details. Briefly, the steps to address our septic leachate issue include:

- Inform the public
- Begin to draft program
- Apply for Planning Grant
- Hire engineer to complete a

The Water Closet

Preliminary Engineering Report (PER)

- Design program project segments
 - Apply for program implementation funding
 - Bid projects
 - Engage contractors
 - Implement program
 - Complete project segments
- The list is short, but the work required to complete each step

is complex and time-consuming. Projects of this magnitude are typically completed in segments and over several years. The wastewater program recommendations must address each step on the list and include a timeline for accomplishing the work.

How funding drives the process

In last month's column we explained the funding opportunities we plan to employ. These funds — including federal and state grants and loans — have specific due dates that drive the planning process. For instance, we cannot apply for program imple-

mentation funding until we have completed the PER. Similarly, we cannot hire an engineer to do the PER until we apply for and receive our Planning Grant, which we cannot apply for without drafting a program. You get the idea.

Gathering information

The end goal is to protect the health of our citizens and our economy by protecting the health of Whitefish Lake. In the early stage of this planning process, we are gathering scientific and technical information, hearing from experts, and listening to citizens' concerns. We are reviewing other

small communities' wastewater management plans, assessing similar project implementations, considering management alternatives, and evaluating our funding options. As we work our way through this extensive planning process, our wastewater management program recommendations are beginning to unfold. Look for ongoing information here in the Whitefish Pilot.

- Jan Metzmaker, Flathead Basin Commission Board Member and Jim Laidlaw, Lion Mountain Area Representative

Bill allows for food trading

This week Senate Bill 94 will have a hearing in the Senate Ag Committee. It will allow high acid foods and dried fruits and vegetables to be exchanged with others on a free will basis.

I have also included home brew in the bill since this growing hobby has become quite popular statewide.

In modern times, food preservation is not a necessity for most of us. People who preserve their food usually have a garden, enjoy the fresh taste of something nurtured by their own hands and especially enjoy sharing their bounty with family and friends.

A year ago there was much excitement by home canners to have an exchange in Whitefish at the brewery. When we showed up on the appointed night we were disappointed to find that it had been cancelled because of health department concerns.

Food preservation has been part of our earliest history. Dried fruits and vegetables have been found in Egyptian tombs dating back thousands of years. American Indians made pemmican and dried buffalo meat to sustain them through their nomadic lives. The beans found in buried earthenware from the Anasazi Indians of Colorado have become a huge favorite in modern times.

This type of bill can encourage a festival similar to ones held around the country, which brings like-minded people together to exchange their food and recipes. The Flathead is a perfect place to begin one, and SB94 will be the springboard for this type of festival without

In My View

Dee Brown

the "pickle police" looking over our shoulders.

Last week's swearing in ceremonies in the House and Senate were inside each chamber with family and friends in attendance. State officials had theirs outside the Capitol building near the

front steps. There was a nip in the air but the ceremony was memorable.

Two fighter jets flew over the crowd as Gov. Steve Bullock was sworn in, along with cavalry cannons blasting afterward. Sen. Max Baucus was home from D.C. to witness the event and later spoke to a joint session while he was in town.

I have met with Governor Bullock's economic advisor and discussed the Calgary economic development center. It sounds like the governor and John Rogers both recognize the viability of more trade with our northern neighbors. I intend to work with his office to come up with a solution which will put more Montanans to work and allow our trade to expand.

Please feel free to visit Helena, testify at committee hearings, visit with your legislators and stay in touch via the Internet. You can look up all the session's information and view many committee meetings on the state's website: www.leg.mt.gov or Google 'Montana Legislature'.

I am honored to serve Senate District 2 and look forward to our interactions. We can all make a difference in Montana by working together on issues addressed during the 63rd legislative session. Please keep in touch.

— Sen. Dee Brown, R-Coram



City considers increased park use fees

Photo group says thanks

Youth Image Project would like to thank the following local organizations for their tremendous support in helping us to bring free educational photographic programs for at-risk teens to the Flathead Valley.

Their kindness resulted in wonderful opportunities for disadvantaged youth to explore the valley photographically and to share their creative vision.

We feel honored and blessed to have the support of the following organizations: Flathead CASA for

Kids, The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, Soroptimist International of Whitefish, Stumptown Art Studio, Native Eyewear, Healing Arts Project, Whitefish Pilot, Two Rivers Consulting, Photo Video Plus, Flathead Beacon, Larry Simpson CPA, Crush Wine Bar, Alicia and Jeremy Brown Photography, Child and Family Services, Wasabi Sushi Bar and Ginger Grill, Three River Bank, Walking Man Frame Shop & Gallery, Glacier Bank, Great Northern Brewery, Glacier Dental

Group, Park Side Federal Credit Union, Flathead Youth Home, The Center for Restorative Youth Justice, 406 Woman and all of the wonderful community organizations who invited YIP students to come and photograph what they do and in turn help local at-risk teenagers learn about and give back to their community.

Thank you so very much. — Jennifer DeMonte is executive director at Youth Image Project

MUNICIPAL COURT

Derek Chapman, 22, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, \$100; no insurance third offense, \$500 / 10 days confinement.

Clayton Larsen, 19, Olney, theft, \$585 / two days confinement.

Richard Kampf, 40, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, 10 days confinement.

Paul Ulberg, 34, Kalispell, disorderly conduct, \$235.

Jessica Kennedy, 36, Whitefish, no drivers license, \$185.

Joe Stark Jr., 49, Whitefish, cell phone, \$100; no insurance, \$285.

Melissa Olson, 45, Kalispell, displaying fictitious or altered license plates, \$185.

Andrew Meador, 25, Kalispell, disorderly conduct, \$185.

Mark Reece, 28, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, \$185; criminal trespassing, \$100.

Elliott Schmidt, 24, Whitefish, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$735.

Steve Dowers, 48, Columbia Falls, no drivers license, \$535; no insurance, \$200.

Lacie Fleming, 21, Whitefish, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$1,085.

Gary Johnson, 30, Aden, Alberta, disturbing the peace, \$300.

Jordan Rodgers, 20, Columbia Falls, disorderly conduct, \$185; MIP, \$200.

Troy Parker, 24, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, \$185.

Gabrielle Meyers, 19, Whitefish, operating a vehicle

with a BAC of 0.02 percent or greater under 21, \$385; no insurance second offense, \$300.

Erin Dougherty, 27, Missoula, cell phone, \$100.

Bryan Myers, 26, Whitefish, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$685.

Karla Trimble, 44, Lethbridge, Alberta, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$685.

William Gartland, 29, Whitefish, theft, \$385 plus \$6.78 in restitution.

Matthew Blouin, 28, Sedro Wolley, Wash., disorderly conduct, \$185.

Skyler Herman, 20, Columbia Falls, cell phone, \$100.

Derek Myers, 32, Minot, N.D., obstructing a peace officer, \$285; criminal mischief, \$250.

John Trebas, 43, Marion, no insurance, \$285.

Wayne Hawes, 39, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, nine days confinement.

Cameron Morris, 19, two counts of theft, \$150 fine for each count plus \$63 restitution.

William Marcial, 26, Whitefish, no drivers license, \$200.

Daniel Pedersen, 47, Whitefish, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$685 / 10 days confinement; no insurance, \$200.

Rachael Greenland, 25, Somers, operating a vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or greater, \$735.

Daniel Simmons, 20, Whitefish, MIP, \$385.

Matthew Schellinger, 30,

Whitefish, assault, \$310.

Cydney McMunn, 30, Eureka, no insurance, \$285.

Cody Grosswiler, 22, Kalispell, disturbing the peace, \$110.

Robert James, 79, St. Ignatius, no insurance, \$285.

Angel Perez, 19, Whitefish, no insurance, \$285.

Adam Carter, 26, Whitefish, no drivers license, \$100.

Michael Giuan, 47, Whitefish, cell phone, \$100.

James Murphy, 55, Whitefish, criminal possession of marijuana, \$200, deferred

imposition.

Donald Pollard, 46, Vale, Ore., no insurance, \$200; obstructing a peace officer, \$300; careless driving, \$100.

Allen Gustafson, 66, Kalispell, cell phone, \$100.

Jennifer Shelton, 28, Whitefish, reckless driving, \$385.

Jordan Curran, 26, Whitefish, disorderly conduct, \$235.

Shanna Adams, 36, Whitefish, reckless driving, \$385.

David Loman, 24, Whitefish,

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