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Dear Residents of Glenns Ferry,



It was a long week for all of us here in Glenns Ferry. We saw a spike in the number of COVID cases. School was again shut down as the school board looked for ways to slow the virus spread in our district. I talked with Mr. Fisher and he outlined a plan that they adopted to get the kids back into school and to protect employees, students, and the community. The school will be glad to share their plans as we move forward. I am again asking everyone to help each other as much as we can. Act only after getting advice from health care professionals. Much of the material that is being circulated is not true and does not represent a fair appraisal of what the school is doing or has done. When I checked on information sent to me, I found very little of it to be true or a fair representation of the facts involved. I have offered all resources that the city has to the school district to help anyway we can.

The city hall will be the polling place for Hammett, King Hill, and Glenns Ferry for the upcoming election on November 3, 2020. The county will have a system in place to ensure safe, healthy in-person voting. Election officials are implementing enhance safety measures at polling places to ensure a safe environment for voters and poll workers. The health guidelines will be posted. Poll workers will be wearing masks and will be encouraging all voters to wear a mask. We ask that if you see a long line at the polling place, please come back and try a little later. We want everyone to cast their ballot in a safe and secure place. We ask that you follow the arrows and to use the side door on the west end of city hall to access the polling place. All other city entrances will be locked to reduce traffic and help maintain the proper physical distancing. Help by taking proper public health precautions to ensure elections are both safe and accessible to all. Please come out and vote.

The airport has been paved, repainted, and is receiving a fine tuning along the new asphalt. Reopening is now about a week out. I am looking forward to a ribbon cutting and official opening with the state, who provided a big share of the funding. I will make everyone aware of the planned date.

Public works was able to come up with some funding to complete the asphalt on the west end of Garfield and that work was completed the week of October 19th. We will continue to look for opportunities to do more street repairs as funding permits.

We have a serious problem with some trees in the cemetery, park, and along the railroad tracks on East Idaho. The city crew has tried several different solutions, but we were unable to find a cure. Public works has contacted Mr. Brad Stokes the counties University of Idaho Extension Educator and I am pleased that he has extensive experience and knowledge on tree health. Mr. Stokes has agreed to help us this winter and next spring in diagnosing the problems that we have. We look forward to his help.

Construction continues for the new equipment located on the west side of the museum building. Christy Accord continues to lead that project and it is shaping up nicely.

While talking with a friend that had tested positive to COVID last week he told me that he knew exactly when he got it. "I let my guard down one time and went to a large gathering and did not practice all the guidelines and I caught it". As we finished our conversation, he said "Tell everyone to follow the guidelines, this is a serious disease".

I look forward to November. Please stay safe, continue social distancing, stay at home if you feel sick, and quarantine if you test positive.

Sammy and I wish all of you the best in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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