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Mayor's Message

WOW! What a day! Our Ammon Days celebration was quite the event for both kids and adults. There were activities for all to enjoy. A huge thanks goes out to all the businesses who participated. Visiting the booths and getting acquainted with the local businesses was fun and informative. Thanks to all who participated with a booth.

We extend a special thanks to those businesses who were sponsors of the meals and special events. Your involvement helped us to enjoy the day's events even more. Food always makes us feel good. Thank you to the many volunteers who were very busy at meal time, preparing, serving the meals, and keeping things organized during the day.

Our fire department and Bonneville County Sheriff's demonstrations were fantastic. Thank you for keeping us cool during the hot summer day and teaching us about safety.

Thanks again to everyone who assisted with and participated in the bouncy toys, watermelon eating contest, balloon toss, and free swim. Our newest event, Ammon Has Talent, drew some great local entertainers. Thank you for sharing your talents with us. We hope to get more of you involved with this fun activity next year.

Even through the wind and rain, the evening entertainment by Alex Boye was wonderful. A great big thanks goes to Council Member Russell Slack and his committee for his detail in organizing the Ammon Days event. We appreciate your efforts. It was a fun and successful day at the park, and we hope to see you again next year!

Steve Fuhriman
Mayor



SummerFest 2011

On May 13, 2011, the Kern family of Ammon were changed forever. The only two children of Mike and Roberta Kern, daughters Malinda (19) and Michelle (23), and Michelle's only two children, sons Jack (3) and Gage (9 months), were senselessly killed by the boys' father.

This September 10, 2011, from 10 am to 4 pm, our community and residents of Idaho Falls will rally together to support the Kern family at a new event called SummerFest 2011. There will be great music, food, and fun events, and it will be held on Memorial Drive in Idaho Falls. Proceeds from the event will be divided equally between the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center and Breaking Boundaries to support their Education, Relocation, and Safety Programs. The Kern family has been selected as the first beneficiary of these new programs.

If you would like to participate or make a donation, please visit www.family-freshstart.org for more information.

Get Out and Vote!

The City of Ammon will hold elections on November 8, 2011 for three City Council seats. The seats that are currently up for election are seat #1, currently held by Council Member Lee Bean, seat #3, currently held by Council Member Rex Thompson and seat #5, currently held by Council Member Brian Powell.

Candidates for City elected office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy specifying the office they wish to run for. Candidate election packets will be available for pickup at the City Offices on August 22, 2011. Candidate filings for the November 8 election will be accepted beginning at 8am on August 29, 2011 and end at 5pm on September 9, 2011. Candidate filings must be submitted to the City Office at the office of the City Clerk.

You can locate your Polling Place name and address on the internet at <http://www.idahovotes.gov/Absentee-Ballot/Default.aspx>

October 14, 2011 – Last day to file a declaration of intent to run as a write-in candidate.

November 2, 2011 – Mail in absentee ballots must be received by the election official no later than 5:00 pm for the November 8, 2011 election.

November 8, 2011 – Election polls open at 8:00 am and close at 8:00 pm.

Update on Ammon Sewer Project

Here is a quick update on the progress on the EIR-WWA Sewer Project for the City:

1. The EIRWWA line has been built up to the intersection of 25th (Hitt) and York Road.
2. The next phase of the EIRWWA project is just beginning, and will be constructed with a schedule finish in late 2011.
3. The separation line with IBSD is under construction, with construction scheduled to finish in late 2011.

~ Public Works Dept.

Changes in Dog Laws

There have been several changes to the ordinances pertaining to dogs in the City of Ammon. We would like to thank those who gave their input. Minimum care and adequate shelter were both better defined along with other changes. Below are two main changes. Please go to our web site to view all the ordinances in their entirety or you can come to the City Building to pick up a copy.

A. It shall be unlawful for a responsible party to tether a dog while outdoors, except when all of the following conditions are met:

1. A tether no less than ten feet (10') in length is used in compliance with the requirements of this code. 2. The

tether is connected to the dog by a buckle-type collar or a body harness made of nylon or leather, appropriate for the size and weight of the dog. 3. The total weight of the tether does not weigh more than one-eighth (1/8) of the dog's weight. 4. The dog is tethered in such a manner as to prevent injury, strangulation or entanglement. 5. The dog has access to shelter.

B. Owners and custodians of dogs shall exercise diligence and reasonable care to restrain and confine their dogs on the owner's or custodian's property. Adequate restraint exists when the dog is:

1. Enclosed within a house, building, fence, pen or other enclosure where the dog cannot climb, dig, jump or otherwise escape. Such enclosure must be securely fastened anytime the animal is left unattended.
2. Use of invisible fencing (dog must be wearing a working collar).
3. Tethered in compliance with this ordinance.
4. On a leash held by a competent person.
5. Off leash but under voice control and obedient to that person's commands and that person is present with the dog at all times. (Ordinance 5-4-10)

C. Anytime a dog is housed outdoors for a period of twelve (12) hours or more in a twenty-four (24) hour period a living area shall be provided.

An enclosure used as the primary living area where the dog regularly eats, sleeps, drinks, and eliminates shall be a minimum of one-hundred fifty (150) square feet.

Fifty (50) percent of the required space should be added for the second and each subsequent dog kept within the enclosure. (Ordinance 5-4-11 – effective 1/1/2012).

~ Animal Control Dept

Remember the Curfew

You may not realize, but the City has a curfew for youth ages 18 and younger. The curfew is between 1 am and 5 am. This means that it is unlawful for youth of this age to be outside in any unsupervised place during these hours. Parents can also be liable for a misdemeanor for allowing their youth to be out during these times. See Ordinance 5-2-35, and please obey the curfew!

