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City Council Message

On Friday, May 6th, the City lit the first 2.5 mile section of its new City-owned and operated fiber optic system and quietly took its first steps towards fulfilling a commitment made over 2 years ago to assure that broadband services in our community meet our needs, are competitive and provide the broadband access that our vision of the future will require.

The City fiber system is a local private network spanning numerous locations within the City. This has become necessary due to increasing demand for network communications required to support essential City services and functions. The City stands to realize a return on its investment in the reduction of monthly operational costs and improved ability to provide for future services at almost no additional expense. However, while this financial reality is reason enough for us to invest in a community network; it is not the only benefit we expect to realize.

The Ammon fiber system will be operated as an open access network for the benefit of the entire community. We expect the early beneficiaries of this 'open' policy commitment to be community anchor institutions, such as law enforcement, public safety, emergency responders, and our local schools. We are already working to help a number of these agencies meet their broadband needs. It is our hope that creating this open network will also entice businesses which require robust and affordable broadband services to consider settling their operation in Ammon. We also anticipate being able to serve you, the Ammon residents, by providing you choices in broadband services and providers at faster speeds and better rates than currently available.

These are the many reasons why the City of Ammon will own and operate its very own fiber optic, open access community network. The result will be a win – win for everyone. ~ Brian Powell, City Council



Ammon Days 2011

Get ready for this year's Ammon Days Celebration at McCowin Park on August 6, 2011, the first Saturday in August. In addition to our usual festivities, there will be some new competitions including eating contests, a belly flop contest, and water balloon catching contests with prizes. We also have an "Ammon's Got Talent" competition, broken down into three age groups. We are finalizing the details, so start practicing now!

All the major sponsors have already lined up this year. We are pleased to continue our tradition of providing a no cost breakfast, lunch and dinner. We would like to thank our sponsors for their generous donations, mainly Randall Orthodontics as our event sponsor, EIRMC as our entertainment sponsor, and The Smith Auto Group and Forsgren & Associates as meal sponsors. We have many booth spaces available for businesses who would like to participate. This year we have included a commercial booth space along with our informational booths. Please contact Rachael Lemmon at 239-8723 for details and to sign up. ~ Parks Dept.

Message from the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department, Ammon Division:

I would like to introduce myself. I am Sergeant K. Noah and I am the new Ammon Patrol Division Sergeant. I started in law enforcement in 1997, and have been with the Sheriff's Office since 2003, where I have served in a variety of positions. Your former Sergeant, K. Casper, has been promoted to Patrol Lieutenant and one of his functions is oversight of the Ammon Patrol Division. This is an increased benefit to the City of Ammon, as Lt. Casper is familiar with the workings of the City of Ammon.

The Sheriff's Office wants you to be aware of a web-based program called CrimeMapping.com. This program will allow members of your community to track crime incidents via the internet. Residents can map out incidents online near their home, place of business, or even near their child's school. In addition, residents can also receive automatic e-mail alerts of crimes within a certain radius of their home, work or school. The web page for this service is <http://www.crimemapping.com/map/id/bonnevillecounty>.

If you wish to report a crime not in progress that occurred within the City, call 529-1200 and ask to speak to an Ammon Deputy. Of course, for emergencies please call 911. You should know that the Ammon Division of the Sheriff's Office is housed locally at the Ammon Fire Department Building.

We have two new deputies in the Ammon Division. The Ammon Deputies are Deputy Fitch, Davies, Martin, Williams, Medrano and Schwartz. I look forward to serving your community. ~ Sgt. K. Noah, BCSO

Information about Our Streets

As of May 1 we are about 25% complete with our spring street cleaning projects. Weather permitting, we should finish street sweeping by mid June. We ask for your assistance in identifying areas which are in need of work. Please also be cautious about leaving vehicles on the road for extended periods of time.

Our crews also continue to battle potholes and citizen input is very helpful in identifying problem areas. We anticipate doing an asphalt rehabilitation demonstration project sometime in June. If successful, it will allow us to rebuild some of our badly deteriorated residential streets at a significant cost savings. In late summer, Ammon Road is scheduled for a chip seal. ~ Public Works Dept.

SUMMER FUN AT THE PARK

Please be aware that Ammon Recreation programs and activities are open for online registration. Schedules, costs, and special activity information can be found online at www.ci.ammon.id.us.

Spirit of Ammon Scholarship

We are pleased to announce the first year results of our "Spirit of Ammon" Scholarship. The Scholarship funds, raised solely from donations, allow resident recipients to attend Eastern Idaho Technical College. This past year the Scholarship raised \$2,200, enough money to pay for a year of tuition for this year's recipient, Shawn Elg. Shawn has shown incredible internal strength and character, and we are excited for this opportunity to make a difference in his life. We encourage residents of Ammon to join us in supporting our local students by contributing to The Spirit of Ammon Scholarship. If you would like to donate, please contact Michelle Ziel, the EITC Foundation Director, at 208-524-0464 or michelle.ziel@my.etc.edu. Every penny donated goes directly to Scholarship recipients.

Award for Ammon Water Improvements

Each year American Council of Engineering Companies of Idaho sponsors the Idaho Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. This competition gives public recognition to those engineering achievements that demonstrate a high degree of merit and ingenuity, and that provide a major contribution to technical, economic, and social advancement.

We are proud to announce that in late December 2010, Keller Associates and the City of Ammon received First Place for the Ammon Water System Improvements Project for the 2010 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. At the national level, the Ammon Project received a National Recognition Award and was honored at the 2011 Engineering Excellence Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. on April 1, 2011.

The City of Ammon water project has been completed with cooperation from residents of the City, and so we would like to express our appreciation by letting you know that your water system has now been recognized by other communities in Idaho, as well as across the nation. ~ Public Works Dept.

