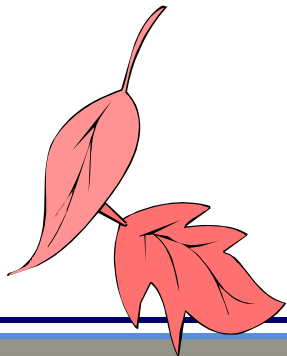


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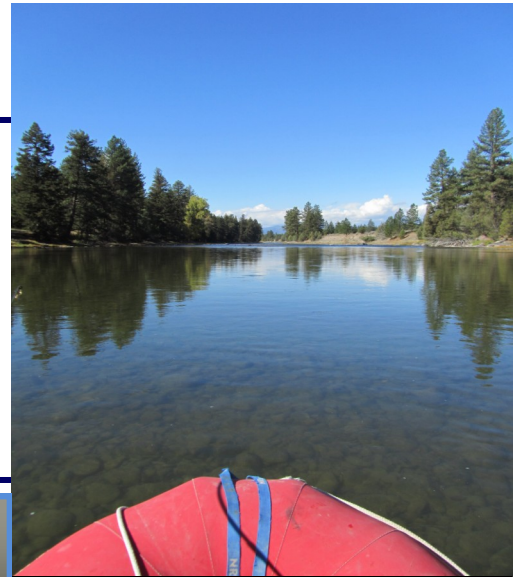
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Floating the Blackfoot in October

Photo by Kris Gullikson

SEELEY LAKE SEWER BOARD NEEDS YOUR HELP

I just want to say to everyone interested in Seeley Lake's infrastructure - *Thank-you!* Without the proper infrastructure Seeley Lake couldn't prosper. We need the proper infrastructure to give the citizens what they deserve. With that said, the Sewer District has been very busy.

1. Treatment Plant Discharge Permit: we drilled the monitoring wells at the proposed plant site the first week in September. All three wells have been sampled and we will continue for 3 more quarters. That will give us the information required to obtain the permit. Also we conducted the Flooded Basin Test the last week of September. The test went well and showed proper drainage for the chambered drain fields required.

2. Phase one collection system: our engineers have been in Seeley surveying the county roads to determine the placement of the collection system. This is the first step in designing the system which will be done thru out the winter. I will be out canvassing the district asking for your sewer information.

We need to know where your sewer discharge pipe is located from your house to place the sewer stub in the proper location.

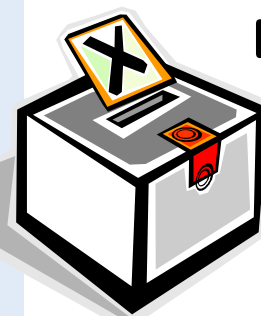
3. Sewer Plant: the board has decided to issue a RFP (request for proposal) from sewer manufacturing companies. That will help the district decide which type of plant the purchase, either a SBR (sequential batch reactor) or a MBR (membrane batch reactor). By the way neither has anything to do with nuclear power. Basically the two plants operate the same way but the MBR plant discharges higher quality water.

4. Income Survey: we sent out the income survey and await the results. This is your turn to help yourself. Without a proper income survey we can't determine the grants we are eligible to get. As it sits now, our income rates don't allow Rural Development to give us any grants. **We need your help!** As of now the 2000 census show our median house hold income is \$36,000.00 We need to be under \$33,500.00

to obtain the first level of grant funding. This could mean the difference in your monthly bill of as much as \$50 per month! SO- YOU NEED TO ACT NOW! **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR SURVEY.** Call 360-7224 if you haven't received one and you will get another.

Now that you're are up to date, here are the goals of the district:

1. Discharge permit by second quarter of 2011.
2. Plans and specifications for phase 1 collection system and treatment plant by April 2011
3. Public meetings to let the community now what the system will be and the estimated cost of the system.
4. Have a bond debt election in the fall of 2011
5. Construction of phase1: 2012



Reminder!
TUES., NOV. 2
Time to exercise your rights and vote!

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YES! *Huge goals-* but they are long overdue. Our third quarter water samples show the same results as the previous results only with peak levels higher and the lower levels higher as well. That means the ground water in the town of Seeley Lake is deteriorating. It is my opinion it is our **DUTY** to leave this world the way we came into it. If we use it - we need to protect it (the environment).

We have a tremendous opportunity here with the possibility of having 2,000 gallons of reusable water from our plant daily. The Clearwater drainage basin is a *closed basin* (meaning no new water rights). This district can use this water as a *commodity to sell* to lower the monthly sewer bill! We can attract *new business* to develop jobs if we have water and sewer available. Research has shown that the cities that have kept their citizens working are the ones that have the infrastructure to do so. We need to act now for our future. Submitted by Randy Gordon



The bridge over the outlet of Seeley Lake



Photo by Karen Kovatch, Seeley Lake

SL Community Council Agenda - November 1, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER
- CORRECTIONS/APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- SECRETARY'S REPORT
- COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT
- PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (3 MINUTE LIMIT)
- NEW BUSINESS:

- Sewer Dist. update- R. Gordon
- T4 Ranch Subdivision-
- All Community Council Meeting
- Medical Marijuana Program in Seeley Lake
- Funding for Communications Project; Sponsored License Plates
- Town Signage: 1. Entry signs into town
- 2. Explore the need for a Community Reader Board (type) Sign
- Citizen Input form- Use and expectations

- OLD BUSINESS:
- Seeley Lake Regional Plan
- Economic Development
- Air Quality
 - Report on Wood Stove Family Fair held on Oct. 30th
- Trails Committee
 - Report on Missoula County Trails Workshop held on Oct. 5
 - Seeley Ranch easement completion
 - Trail from Hwy 83 to Big Larch Campground area
- County Storage update
- County Reply on animal control, bridge path snow removal



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Seeley Lake Community Council** - Tues., Nov. 1 , 6 pm at the Historical Barn,
- Seeley Lake Cemetery Dist.** - 1st Thurs., Nov. 4, at 12pm, DARLOA office
- Seeley Swan Hospital Dist.** - 2nd Monday, Nov. 8, 5 pm at the Clinic Conf. Room
- Seeley Lake Rural Fire Dist.** - 3rd Tues., Nov. 16, 6 pm, Seeley Lake Fire Station
- Seeley Lake Sewer Dist.** - 3rd Thurs., Nov. 18, 5:15 pm @ Historical Barn
- Seeley Lake Refuse Dist.** - 4th Monday, Nov. 22, 7 pm at the SL Transfer Station
- Seeley Lake Water Dist.** - 4th Th., Nov. 25, 5:30 pm, Dist. Office
- Economic Dev. Committee** - 2nd Th., Nov. 11, 7 pm at SL Elementary
- Woodstove Family Fair** - Oct. 30 at Seeley Lake Fire Hall from 10 am-2 pm



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
Please help our kids stay safe!