



Welcome to the Rathdrum Wednesday Newsletter!

Winter Driving Conditions are coming

As we enter into the winter driving months, please slow down and drive for the road conditions.

This is something that is repeated ad nauseam year after year. You can't out-drive mother nature. If the roads are slick, SLOW DOWN. If you see an officer or other emergency vehicle on the side of the road with their emergency lights on, SLOW DOWN.

The Montana State Patrol released a dash cam video of an accident showing two 18 wheelers spinning out of control. With the weight they carry, once they break loose, bad things happen. This is a safe for work video and can be found at <http://newsletter.biggeekdad.com/t/i-l-irhrjld-jhkkkuty-u/>

Mail Delays

You may have noticed a lack of mail this past week. With the wind storm that came through Tuesday a week ago, the roof was damaged on the Spokane sorting building. So all mail that previously was sorted in Spokane had to be shipped to Seattle causing a delay.

Fortunately, the sorting facility in Spokane



is back up and running now, so you can now expect your mail as usual.

Democratic Debate

The next debate is this coming Saturday, December 19th at 8pm EST and is sponsored by ABC News, You can watch the debate on ABC, or on the Internet from ABCNews.com.

Candidates on stage will be Hillary Clinton, Bernie

Sanders, and Martin O'Malley

Republican Debate

As you know, last night the Republican presidential candidates took the stage. Candidates on stage for the main event were Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, Carley Fiorina, Chris Christie, John Kasich, and Rand Paul.

Because there are so many Republican candidates, the earlier debate included Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum, Lindsey Graham, and George Pataki.

2015 in Review

In April we thanked the Stein's; Larry, Deasa, and Jim, for their years of service.

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How do I sign up for the Rathdrum Weekly News?

While you can pick up a hard copy of the newsletter at the Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce office, Edward Jones of Rathdrum - Debbie Holmes Office, and at the Rathdrum Weekly News headquarters to name a few, you can sign up to have the newsletter delivered right to your inbox!

Visiting our website at <http://www.RathdrumWeeklyNews.com> you won't find much of a website. It is a pretty ugly, very static, webpage. The 5th line down starts with the words "To sign up for, edit your preferences, or unsubscribe from our newsletter please click [here](#)." The link takes you to a web page where you can sign up to receive the weekly email blast. Once your email address has been entered, our system will send you an email with a confirmation link in it that you have to click on in order to verify your wish to receive our newsletter. We implemented this verification step to help reduce unwanted emails hitting your inbox.

You can use the same link to unsubscribe from the list, should you no longer wish to receive the email blast. You will receive a 'So long and thanks for all the fish' email from our system, and nothing more.

Is it safe to enter your email address? Yes. We are using an industry standard email list distribution software and we have the list secured so only the editor has access to the addresses on the list, and only the editor can post to the list.

Will we sell your email address? Our email list is NOT FOR SALE for any amount of money.

If you don't feel comfortable giving us your email address, you can always download the current issue, as well as any past issue, from our home page. Or, you can send an email to Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com and we will email you a copy.

The Rathdrum Weekly News is an independent, locally owned newsletter published each Wednesday by Joseph Hume, with advertising and editorial offices located at

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The Rathdrum Weekly News welcomes unsolicited editorial, article, or photographic contributions for possible publication within its pages, but reserves the right to edit any materials to conform to recognized Associated Press style guidelines. Editorial contributions, article, and advertising copy must be at the Rathdrum Weekly News by noon Friday of the week proceeding Wednesday's publication. Letters to the

Editor and submitted articles are gladly accepted and published as submitted so long as the content is within community standards and addresses a subject generally recognized to be of community interest.

Any Letter to the Editor or submitted article may be rejected outright because of possible libelous content or reduced in length due to space constraints. Some minor editing may occur. All items submitted must be signed and a working telephone number included. The author's name will be withheld if requested.

Advertising submissions also are accepted at the discretion of the publisher and may be rejected without cause.

The Rathdrum Weekly News assumes no obligation for accidental errors in any advertisement, but will gladly republish that portion in which an error has occurred.

The Rathdrum Weekly News expects its advertisers to respect community decency in its messages and that merchandise and/or services being offered are, indeed, available to the general public at the stated price or cost.

Any advertising, political or otherwise, are accepted on a "cash-with-copy" basis. The publisher has the right to deny the sale of advertising space to a delinquent account.

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The Rathdrum Farmers Market opened for business, and we had the 2nd Annual Flea Market on Main Street. And we lost a home on Main Street.

May started out with cleaning at the Rathdrum Community Garden, Pinegrove Cemetery, and the city in general. There was a (cats only) spay and neuter clinic at the Rathdrum Animal Clinic. We had the North Idaho Veterans Stand Down Day of Appreciation at the Fairgrounds in Coeur d'Alene, a Military Appreciation Day in Spirit Lake, and the Memorial Day Remembrance at Pinegrove Cemetery. The Rathdrum Lion's Club kicked off their 14th Annual Mustang Raffle.

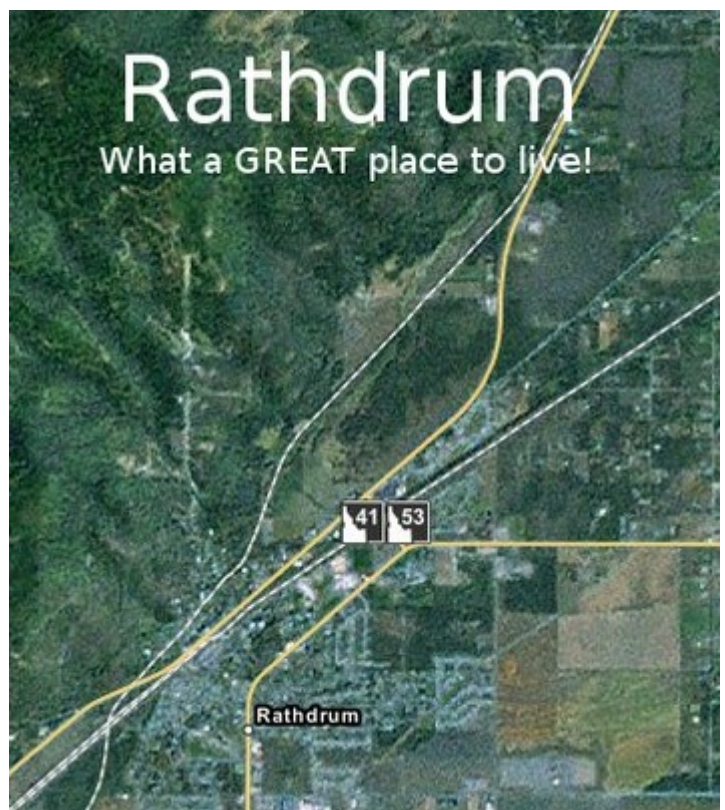
In June we had the Idaho Free Fishing Day at Rathdrum City Park followed closely by the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus at Stub Meyer Park. There was a group of fraternity men cycling through Rathdrum on their way from Seattle to Washington DC. We didn't have that "Green" thing. Sue Ward finally graduated (after how many years...), and we found out the Relay for Life had been canceled. The KARS society held their annual field day exercise at Majestic Park. We ended June with the IronMan competition.

November 17 Windstorms

The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is preparing a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance in dealing with the impacts of

the windstorms that hit Kootenai, Boundary, Benewah and Bonner counties on November 17, 2015. To aid in this effort the Idaho Department of Commerce is collecting economic injury data to be included in the application.

We are interested in hearing from businesses that experienced physical damage and economic injury (lost sales etc.) due to the storms. If you know of any businesses impacted by the storms, or have any questions please contact Jerry Miller at Jerry.Miller@commerce.idaho.gov or Hank Ebert at hank.ebert@commerce.idaho.gov.



Community Calendar

Wed Dec 16	Lakeland Sunrise Rotary 7:00am to 8:00am Lakeland School District #272 Office 15506 N. Washington Street Rathdrum For more information please call 208.687.5765		Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
Thu Dec 17	Mountain Harmony Show Choir Concert Blanchard Community Center Doors open at 6:30pm Concert starts at 7:00pm	Wed Jan 13	American Legion Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at Rathdrum154@gmail.com
Sat Dec 19	Democratic Candidate Debate ABC News Democratic Primary Debate	Thu Jan 14	Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting Starting at 6:30pm Twin Lakes Elementary 5326 W Rice road
Mon Dec 21 - Fri Jan 1	Lakeland Joint School District #272 Christmas Vacation	Sun Jan 17	Democratic Candidate Debate NBC News Democratic Primary Debate
Tue Dec 22	December Solstice http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/December_solstice (The days get longer from here...)	Mon Jan 18	Martin Luther King Jr Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr. Lakeland Joint School District #272 Martin Luther King Jr Day (No school)
Fri Dec 25	Christmas Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas		Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
Thu Dec 31	New Years Eve https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve	Thu Jan 21	Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepard of the Hills Lutheran www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Fri Jan 1	New Years Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Day	Mon Jan 25	Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm
Mon Jan 4	Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212		
Mon Jan 11	Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road		

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Wed Jan 27	American Legion Post 154 Membership Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at Rathdrum154@gmail.com
Thu Jan 28	Republican National Debate Fox News Republican Debate
Fri Jan 29	Lakeland Joint School District #272 End of 2 nd Quarter (No school for students)
Mon Feb 1	Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
Fri Feb 5	Lakeland Joint School District #272 K-8 Parent/teacher conferences 8:00am - 12:00pm (No school for K-8 students)
Sat Feb 6	Republican National Debate ABC / IJReview Republican Debate
Mon Feb 8	Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212
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Sat Feb 13	Republican National Debate CBS News Republican Debate
Mon Feb 15	President's Day https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington's_Birthday Lakeland Joint School District #272 President's Day (No school) Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212

How do you get your event added to our community calendar? It's simple, and it doesn't cost anything! Just send an email to Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com with what, when (date and time), where, cost (if any), and contact or R.S.V.P. information and we will get it posted!


In order to make the next weeks newsletter, we need to have your calendar information to our office by this coming Friday.


If your event is listed, and something changes, please let us know as soon as you can so we can help to get the word out.

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Say you saw it in the
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What to Look For from a Financial Advisor

There's a lot to know about investing, so it's a good idea to get some professional help. But with so many financial advisors out there, how can you choose one that's right for you?

You may have to interview several prospective financial advisors before deciding on one. When you talk to them, see if you can get a sense of how they might work with you. Specifically, try to answer the following questions:

Does this financial advisor ...

... *Understand you?* Perhaps above all else, you want a financial advisor who will take the time to get to know you and your family, your goals and what's important to you.

... *Clearly explain investing?* Once you enter the investment world, you will likely be curious about it. *Why is diversification important? What's a market correction? How do interest rate movements affect different investments?* You will want to work with someone who will make the effort to educate you on investment topics and answer all your questions.

... *Know your investment style?* Obviously, you'll want someone who will recommend only those investments that are in your best interest and that can help you make progress toward your goals. Therefore, the person you choose needs to understand your investment personality - that is, whether you are an aggressive, moderate or conservative investor.

... *Have a certain investment philosophy?* You may have your own investment style and preferences - and so do many financial advisors. In fact, some financial advisors have an overriding investment philosophy that governs many of their recommendations. You need to find this out before you start working with someone.

... *Communicate frequently?* The most knowledgeable financial advisor in the world

won't be of much help to you if he or she is not a good communicator. You need someone who will regularly let you know if you're on track or make suggestions if you're not - even if you aren't scheduled to meet for a while. And, speaking of conferring with your financial advisor, you'll want someone who will meet with you when it's convenient for *you*, whether it's in person or over the phone.

... *Avoid making big promises?* You want a financial advisor with the expertise and experience necessary to help you make the right moves. And you'll want someone committed to your success. But there's a big difference between someone who promises to do the best possible job for you and someone who promises big results. Be wary of financial advisors who claim they can consistently achieve high returns for you - there are very few guarantees in the investment world.

... *Explain how he or she will be compensated?* Financial advisors get paid in various ways, often in some combination of fees and commissions. Ask all potential financial advisors how they get compensated; any reputable professional will be upfront about his or her charges.

By finding the answers to these key questions, you should be able to find a financial advisor who is well-suited to work with you. So take the time you need to gather enough information to feel confident in your choice. After all, you're enlisting the help of someone who can have a big impact on your financial future.

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When free isn't a good thing

We are on several mailing lists around the area and received this as part of an email sent out this past Sunday.

“Our webmaster called this morning with the news that all the photos on the Blanchard, Idaho Facebook account are gone and cannot be retrieved. She is as stunned and saddened as I am. But nothing can be done, so we just need to “let it go”. I have reloaded the Santa pictures that I know so many of you are using for your profile picture and to send to family and friends. When time allows I will reload the 2015 albums, but it is doubtful I will reload any of the archival albums from years past. Sorry, just too time-consuming.”

When you are not paying for the service, you are the product. While data loss doesn't happen very often, when it does it can be devastating. Some time ago, Google lost email for .02% of their (then) 200 million email accounts, about 40 thousand accounts. Unless you were one of the unlucky ones, no big deal. Do you think they care about your lost email? You are kidding yourself if you answer anything but no.

Instead of building a “free” property such as facebook, you really should be building your own site and working with your webmaster at driving eyeballs to your paid for properties.



Memorial Day Honor Guard, from left, Rathdrum Police Officers Clements, Kennedy, Duke, and Owens