

LEGAL NOTICES

STILLWATER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
22-1-308 (I) MCA

The Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications from Stillwater County residents willing to serve on the Stillwater County Library Board. The library board meets the third Wednesday of every other month at 4:00 PM to control the expenditures of the public library fund, and the operation and care of the library. This appointment is for a 5-yr term. Those interested in serving on the Library Board may request an application by calling 322-8010, or download one at www.stillwater-countymt.gov. Applications will be accepted until June 24, 2016. Board of Commissioners, Stillwater County: /s/ Dennis Shupak, Chair, Maureen Davey and Gerald W. Dell Members.
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NOTICE

Per Ordinance 8.20.060 wAll Persons are hereby required to remove all weeds and tall grass from their property. If the owner or occupant fails to do so, the City shall remove the same and the cost shall become a lien upon the property. The minimum charge will be \$75.00 plus a \$50.00 admin fee for each instance.
City of Columbus
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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC DISPOSITION

First Interstate Bank will sell the State of Montana liquor license #32-019-8192-001 (the "Liquor License") to the highest qualified bidder in public as follows: Day and Date: Friday, June 17, 2016 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Front door of the Stillwater County Courthouse, 400 E 3rd Ave North, Columbus, MT 59019
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NOTICE

A review of the affairs of Molt Elementary School District No. 12-12, Stillwater County, Molt, MT 59057, has been conducted by STROM & ASSOCIATES, P.C. The review covered the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The review report is on file in its entirety and open to public inspection at Molt Elementary School, School Clerk's office. Sincerely, Gail Karls, School Clerk
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The City of Columbus
Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
For the Monitoring Year 2015
PWSID#MT000185
PO Box 549, Columbus, MT 59019
(406) 322-4424

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source is groundwater from 3 separate wells. Our water sources are located on an Island of the Yellowstone River by the Old Town Shops, in the Beartooth Heights Subdivision and in Heritage Park. At the present time we serve an estimated 1,934 people.

This Consumer Confidence Report will not be mailed to customers but a copy is available upon request. We also have a source water protection plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. This document is available for review at the Public Works Office at 1258 E. 1st Ave. S... This was completed by Montana Rural Water Systems in March of 2013.

We're pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Dennis Holten or Steve Storer They are certified operators with 36 and 21 years experience, respectively, and can be reached at 322-4424. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled Town Council Meetings. They are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 PM.

The City of Columbus chlorinates the water prior to entering the distribution system and routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2015.

"Some of our data in the table is more than one year old, since certain chemical contaminants are monitored less than once a year. Our sampling frequency complies with EPA and State drinking water regulations."

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant that if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safe

TEST RESULTS									
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Sample Date	Highest Level Detected	Range Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination	
Inorganic Contaminants									
Arsenic	N	3-28-13	.009	.001-.009	mg/l	N/A	.01 mg/l	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes	
Barium	N	8-26-13	.09	ND - .09	mg/l	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Chromium	N	8-26-13	ND	ND - ND	mg/l	.1	.1	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits	
Copper	N	09/10/11	0.467*	0.033-0.467*	mg/l	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives	
Fluoride	N	8-26-13	0.5	.4-.5	mg/l	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Lead	N	09/10/11	0.005*	.ND-.005*	mg/l	0	AL=.015	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits	
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	N	7-30-14	4.34	1.20 - 4.34	mg/l	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits	
Selenium	N	8-26-13	.005	.002-.005	mg/l	.05	.05	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines	

***Lead and Copper Rule Testing**
The 1994 Federal Lead & Copper Rule mandates a household testing program for these substances. According to the rule, 90% of the samples from high-risk homes must have levels less than 0.015 milligrams per liter for lead and 1.3 milligrams per liter for copper.

Volatile Organic Contaminants:									
Chlorine	N	11-5-14	0.53	0.2 - 0.55	mg/l	MRDLG = 4	MRDL= 4	Water additive used to control microbes	
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes]	N	8-11-14	12	N/A	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination	

Inorganic Contaminants:
Arsenic - Some people who drink water that contains arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
Barium - Some people who drink water that contains barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.
Chromium - Some people who use water that contains chromium well in excess of the MCL over many years could experience allergic dermatitis.
Copper - Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink that water contains copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.
Fluoride - Some people who drink water that contains fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth.
Lead - Infants and children who drink water that contains lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.
Nitrate - Infants below the age of six months who drink water that contains nitrate in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated could die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.
Selenium - Selenium is an essential nutrient. However, some people who drink water-containing selenium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience hair or fingernail losses, numbness in fingers or toes, or problems with their circulation.

Volatile Organic Contaminants:
A violation was received for the failure to collect a VOC sample from the Heritage Park Well Source in 2015. Samples were collected in February of 2016 and the sample results were well within the MCL for VOC's.
Chlorine - Some people who use water that contains chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience irritating effects to their eyes and nose. Some people who drink water that contains chlorine well in excess of the MRDL could experience stomach discomfort.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM's) - Some people who drink water that contains trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Additional Health Information:
Arsenic: "While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems."

Lead : If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Columbus is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Gross Alpha Radiation and Radiums 226 and 228: As required every 9 years and quarterly for new wells samples were collected from all 3 water sources in 2011 for gross alpha and radiums combined. Samples for gross alpha ranged from - 1.05 +/- 2.60 pCi/l to 8.70 +/- 2.54 pCi/l, the MCL for gross alpha is 15 pCi/l. Samples for Radium 226 ranged from -0.170 +/- 0.296 pCi/l to 0.655 +/- 0.653 pCi/l and samples for Radium 228 ranged from 0.395 +/- 0.493 pCi/l to 1.04 +/- 0.474 pCi/l, the MCL for Radiums 226 plus Radiums 228 combined is 5 pCi/l.

Asbestos: As required every 9 years a water sample is collected for asbestos. In 2011 the Town of Columbus sampled for asbestos on December 7, 2011. The results of this sampling showed that no asbestos fibers were detected.

What does this mean?
We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

"All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or are man- made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials."

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have any questions.
We at the City of Columbus work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Honor
REMEMBER

Columbus Senior News

By Betty Rehm

Columbus Senior Center

Another beautiful week in Stillwater County. Luckily we were not hit by the terrible hail storm that hit Billings area last Saturday.

We want to send out our love and heartfelt sympathy to the family of one of our most faithful members, Al Colgrove, who passed away last week. Joan and Al were here for us all the time and Al did so many different jobs for us. Joan, you are in our thoughts and prayers. We also want to send out our sympathy to the family of Carrol Crusinger. He was from Roundup but lived here quite sometime with his brother and came to the center with him.

We send out our best wishes for a wonderful future for all the county graduates. We are proud of all your accomplishments and will watch for all the great things you accomplish in your lives. Good Luck!

With Memorial Day this weekend, we hope everyone will have a good time with their families and that those who plan to travel have a safe trip. WE ARE CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY.

Last Friday afternoon the bridge players got together again with the following winners: 1st—Frank Repka; 2nd—Glenn Westwood; 3rd—Gordon Williams; 4th—Pat Heard; 5th—Sharon Longin and the silver pot winner was Larry Whitney.

MAY ACTIVITIES
•Monday, May 23: Bingo
•Friday, May 27: Birthday Dinner**
•Monday, May 30: Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE ACTIVITIES
•Friday, June 3: Bridge
•Thursday, June 9: Blood Pressure & Foot Clinic
•Tuesday, June 14: Board & General Meetings

•Sunday, June 19: Happy Father's Day
•Wednesday, June 22: Birthday Dinner
•Every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. is Social Hour (great cinnamon rolls and fellowship)

•Exercise classes every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 11 a.m. everyone is welcome!
**Call in the day before for reservations.

*Call in your daily reservations by 10 a.m. at 322-8605. You don't have to be a member to come and join us for lunch. The price is \$4 for seniors and \$5 for guests.

While we ask that you call in by 10 a.m. to make your lunch reservations, we also ask that if you do reserve a meal and decide you can't come, please call so the cooks can adjust the meal count. Thank you.

MAY MENU

- Friday, May 27: Birthday Dinner Fried Chicken**
- Monday, May 30: Closed for Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 31: Chicken & Noodles

JUNE MENU

- Wednesday, June 1: Western Days-Hamburger
- Thursday, June 2: Salad Luncheon
- Friday, June 3: Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Absarokee Senior News

By the Friends of the

Absarokee Senior Center

Remember: First Thursday of the month is foot day. Schedule your foot pamper session now.

Stillwater County high school graduation swill soon take place or have already taken place.

Our cook, Cindy, had her youngest, Abby, graduate last Sunday, so she can now take a breather and relax. Oh, to be young with all the adventures and life possibilities that lie ahead. Best of luck in the future to all these great young people.

Our library has lots of new books. Please come in and borrow some.

May 30th, Memorial Day, is fast approaching. Don't forget to remember those departed ones, be it family or friends. Give an extra remembrance to the departed military to whom we owe so much. Maybe buy an extra flower or two and honor someone who is no longer remembered.

Senior Senility Prayer: God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

"Political elections are a good deal like marriages, there's no accounting for anyone,s taste." Will Rogers

MAY MENU.

- Monday, May 30: Sloppy Joes
- Tuesday, May 31: Lasagna

JUNE MENU

- Wednesday, June 1: Hamburgers & Potato Salad
- Thursday, June 2: Chicken Parmesan Lunch is served at noon Monday through Thursday, see you there!