



Office Hours

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208-382-5160

City Council Members

Ron Brown
Rachel Huckaby
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Open Seat

Mayor

Judith Nissula

City Treasurer

Tab Hill Snapp-Rankin

City Clerk

Janice Van Winkle

Administrative Support

Krysten Johnson
Brandee Nitzel

Public Works

Matt Fisette
Jason Metz, Supervisor
Zack Redmon
Steve Yamamoto

Building Official

Darryl Shepard

Code Enforcement Official

Shawn Dillon



In person and
digitally via
ZOOM.

City Council Meets

2nd and 4th Mondays monthly
When 6:00 pm
Where City Hall via Zoom
Agendas posted on city website

Find City of Cascade CODE

Go to City of Cascade website.
Open City Government.
Open City Code tab. 

PUBLIC WORKS

Parks - Roads - Water/Sewer
Building and Code Enforcement

Volume VII May 2026



*Cascade was founded on strong American values,
Community, Service, and Pride
Those values are still alive and shining today.
As we celebrate America250, the 250th
anniversary of the United States in 2026,
we're also celebrating our town, our people, and
everything Cascade stands for!*

~ A Little Kindness Goes a Long Way ~
Do you have an Act of Kindness to share?

<https://cascadeid.us/contact/>



FIREWISE USA®
Residents Reducing Wildfire Risks

Projects that reduce wildfire risk and increase preparedness can be accomplished by people of all ages with a variety of time commitments. You might be asking, "What can I do in a single day to help stay safer from wildfire?" **The answer is - a lot!**

On mature trees, use hand pruners and loppers to remove low-hanging tree branches up to a height of 4 feet from the ground (specific height depends on the type and size of tree). Collect downed tree limbs and broken branches and take them to a disposal site. Join Us 4/29/26 at Elk Creek Church, McCall

Projects That Have Benefitted from LOT Funding

Paving Duffers Lane	\$192,801.00
Sports Park Concessions Roofing	\$ 17,270.00
Sports Park Concession Gable repair	\$ 21,000.00
Main Street Sidewalk Project	\$ 41,281.00
Road Striping	\$ 14,715.00
Downtown Sidewalk Repair	\$ 13,531.00
Ventrac Mower & Snow Blower	\$ 65,986.00
Strand Archeological Survey	\$ 8,794.00
Tripping Hazard	\$ 15,000.00

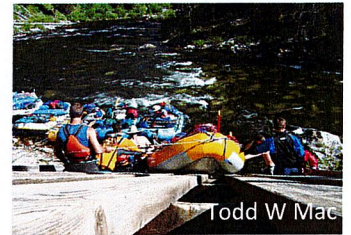
Upcoming Projects Approved for LOT Funding

Strand Paving Project	\$ 26,000.00
FEMA Stormwater	\$ 43,750.00
Payette Street Paving	\$130,000.00
South Main Street Sidewalks	\$ 8,040.00
Armstrong Park Landscaping	\$ 27,785.00
Main Street Solar Lighting	\$100,000.00



*Rafting teaches us to
go with the flow and
embrace the unexpected.*
Unknown

Welcome Home!
We heard you're heading back this way. Give us a holler, at least 24 hours in advance (M-F) please, and we will get your water turned back on.



Todd W Mac

~ River Time ~

What's Inside...

America250 in Idaho

Firewise USA

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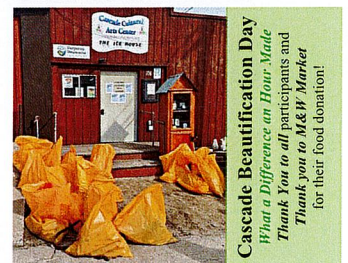
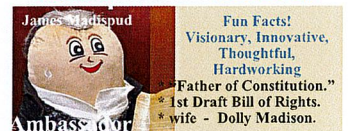
Idaho Power Notice

Code Corner

Noxious Weed Removal
Building Permits Required
Nighttime Lighting
Parking Regulations
Don't Feed Wildlife

Local Option Tax (LOT)
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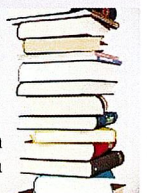
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~ SEEKING ~ LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

**CASCADE
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

M-F 11am 5:30 pm
Sat 10am 2:00 pm





Please, **BE WATER WISE**

International Conservation Week

Day 1 – Monday 4th May: **Water is wild, act like it**

Discover how your everyday water use connects directly to rivers, lakes, and wildlife and why small actions matter more than you think.

Day 2 – Tuesday 5th May: **Small changes. Wild impact.**

Meet the wildlife your water-saving actions help protect, and see how even small changes can support thriving ecosystems.

Day 3 – Wednesday 6th May: **Stop leaks, save habitats**

Learn how hidden leaks waste huge amounts of water, and how fixing them protects rivers, ponds, and wetlands.

Day 4 – Thursday 7th May: **Cool water, save wildlife**

Explore how saving hot water reduces pressure on both energy systems and fragile freshwater environments.

Day 5 – Friday 8th May: **A wilder future**

Celebrate your impact and look ahead, how we can all play a role in creating a water-wise, nature-rich future.

For water saving project ideas search [WSW 2026 resource pack](#)

Mayor's Monthly Coffee Klatch

May 13, 2026 at 9:00 to 9:30 am



Bring your coffee to City Hall and chat with Mayor Nissula who will keep you updated on active and planned city projects.

Monthly Water Testing Results

Public utilities are required by law to take many expensive samples each month. They also must pay the employees that run them, as well as cover administrative costs.

The City of Cascade tests drinking water based on requirements specific to our permit. The testing locations are dictated by Idaho DEQ based on our water distribution system. Water testing occurs in areas with close proximity to our gravity fed tanks and end of the line locations.



Collection Date and Collection Times:

04/07/26 at 8:45 am, 9:00 am

Results:

In compliance.
No exceedances.

Thank You!

When you see this sign you'll know that it is an acknowledgment of projects throughout town that have benefitted from LOT funding.



**Your Local Option
Tax Dollars at Work**

Cascade City Hall

City Council Meetings in person & digitally
City Building Inspector via email and appointment.
buildinginspector@cascadeid.us
Mayor Nissula in person and via telephone
Utility Billing pay online, mail, door slot or office

Questions for the Mayor, Clerks office, Public Works or Code Enforcement? Your calls will be answered or you will be able to leave a message and someone will get back with you in a timely manner.

Cascade City Hall 208-382-4279

GEOTHERMAL
101

Cascade Geothermal Project

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Geothermal Open House at Cascade Auto on
May 7th from 5pm to 6:30 pm

Join the City of Cascade for lite bites, geothermal expansion updates and insights from Idaho Power on business incentives programs.



NOTICE of FREE SEMINAR

"Living w/Wildfire: Insurance & Landowner Preparedness"
May 29, 2026 3pm to 7pm Elk Creek Church, McCall

Presented by VC Fire Working Group

Stats and Stuff

2026 YTD (04/30)	building permit apps	013
2025 YTD (04/30)	building permit apps	002

550% ↑

Idaho Power Project Updates & Outages

Upgrades to Power lines, substations, and other equipment to keep the system safe and improve reliability will begin in April of 2026 at the north end of town.

As planned outages are scheduled, as they are shared, we will try to provide notice via this newsletter.

CODE CORNER

WANTED
DEAD, NOT ALIVE
The Pests of the West



Valley County
Noxious Weed Control
GIVE 'EM A HOLLER
208-382-7199

**Are you building, replacing or remodeling
in or around your home?**

Replacing window's, re-roofing, repairing a deck?

A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

Avoid delays & save money - check in with the building department BEFORE you or your contractor begins work.

NIGHTTIME LIGHTING ORDINANCE



IT'S CODE.

Title 2
Chapter 4



Have you changed an outdoor lightbulb lately?

Do you have outdoor bulbs you need to change out?

Are you purchasing or installing new exterior light fixtures?

CALL BEFORE you flip the switch. 208-382-4279

~ REMINDER ~

IT IS PROHIBITED TO FEED WILDLIFE

Fines in Effect - \$1,000.00

Cascade City Code - Title 5, Chapter 2, Section 4

Parking Regulations

To maintain safety and allow city and emergency personnel access to properly maintain city streets; no parking is allowed in a city right of way (ROW) with the exception of a 2-hour window. Storing your vehicle, cleaning, or performing maintenance on your car in the city ROW is prohibited. *City Code 7-2-2(A)*

Be familiar with the location of your property pins. Be aware that City right of way extends *beyond the visible road bed*. A good rule of thumb would be to park *well within your property lines*.

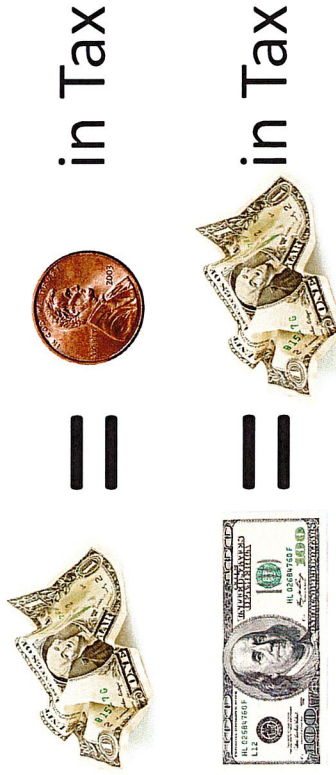


Continuation of LOT for 2027-2031

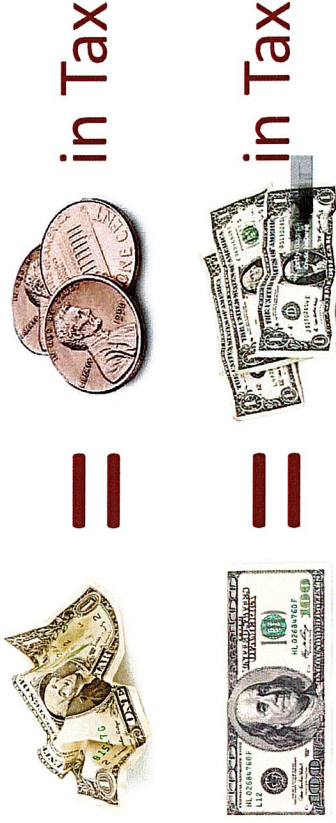
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Non-Property Local Option Tax

1% On Retail Sales *Excluding Groceries*



3% On Short Term Rentals



The Public Voted to Implement the 1% LOT tax in May of 2021. LOT Collection Began on January 1, 2022.

LOT FY End	Revenue generated Per Fiscal Year	% of Tax	Projects Funded to Date
09/30/22	\$150,997.72	1%	Once the LOT investment pool was built up, the City began funding projects for for road improvements and sidewalk improvements including work on removing tripping hazards. Enhancements and improvements to City Parks and pedestrian byways such as extending the paving on the Strand trail as well as work on storm water mitigation which has lessened the flooding of streets and public byways.
09/30/23	\$320,661.10	1%	
09/30/24	\$349,799.95	1%	
09/30/25	\$336,102.07	1%	
YTD 03/31/26	\$167,270.84	1%	

No matter how you vote, PLEASE VOTE on November 3, 2026.

In person at the American Legion Hall **or apply for an absentee ballot** by calling 208-382-7143
or apply online at <https://votertools.voteidaho.gov/>

Question

Can you give me an example of how the continuing LOT revenue could be spent?

Answer

The local option non-property tax will continue be used on public health and safety projects within the city from which local residents will benefit. They may include proper storm water drainage, paving and repairing streets, extending sidewalks, painting a crosswalk or enhancements and improvements to our parks and cemetery, including enhancements to The Strand trail such as additional paving, exercise pods and wildlife viewing benches.

Myth

A local option tax will increase my property taxes.

Myth Buster

No. The local option tax is a **NON-PROPERTY TAX** which is paid by visiting tourist traffic and locals alike.

Myth

I am new to the area, I have never paid a local option (LOT) tax!

Myth Buster

Perhaps that is true however, consider, do you travel to another local town to buy non-perishables and supplies or recreate? Does that town charge a LOT tax aka city sales tax? Both McCall and Donnelly have collected a Local Option Tax (LOT) tax for over a decade.

Myth

I am on a limited income, I can't afford to pay more taxes.

Myth Buster

The 1% tax on groceries will be ELIMINATED. The remaining 1% tax will continue to affect your local, retail purchases in the following ways:



For every \$ 1.00 spent, you would pay an additional penny (\$.01 cents)

or three pennies (\$0.03 cents) for a Short Term Rental user



For every \$100.00 spent, you would pay an additional dollar (\$1.00 dollar)

or three dollars (\$3.00 dollars) for a Short Term Rental user

Question

I don't live in town and I don't have a vote; I just have a business there. Why would I spread a positive message about a LOT tax?

Answer

A business in an attractive and safety conscious environment benefits everyone. Amenities that could be created and/or upgraded could bring tourists, sportsmen, visitors, and people passing through town into your business.