



## Words From Mayor Beck

The year 2004 is rapidly disappearing into the past. It has been a good year for the City.

Many construction projects have been started - some completed. The wastewater treatment plant upgrade is underway. The buildings

downtown are complete. Two new parking lots have been constructed. A new subdivision has been built with new homes started. New businesses have opened and appear to be successful. The community has much to be proud of.

As Mayor, I send greetings to each of you. May this Holiday Season be joyous for you and your families.

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## City Announcements & Events

**Council Meetings - December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

**Planning & Zoning Meeting - December 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m.**

**Parks & Recreation Meeting - December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

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## Councilmember's Comments

**Garth Rose**

**Council President**

*Sanitation, Fire & Finance*

Merry Christmas and thank you Sanitation crew for all that you do.

**Joyce Edlefsen**

*Planning & Zoning, Personnel, Work Camp Liaison*

The St. Anthony Work Camp is nearly finished with remodeling the hospital annex building purchased from the city. An open house will be scheduled.

Happy Holidays. Don't forget this is the season of giving. Support community events that raise funds for those less fortunate and give generously to the causes of your choice.

**Shawn Fransen**

*Parks & Recreation, Buildings*  
Nothing to report.

**Cathy Koon,**

*Streets, Airport*

I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. I know there are those of you who find the holidays stressful and depressing, who hate the hustle and bustle and the commercialism of

it all. I'm not much looking forward to Christmas myself.

But then I look around me, and I remember how blessed I am to live in a community that gives so much of itself. I was humbled by the Thanksgiving dinner at the school. I am always amazed at the turnout for the Education Foundation Country Christmas Bazaar. Everywhere I look, I see people reaching out to help other people, and I remember what the holidays are really all about.

So, I hope you can look beyond the tinsel to the real meaning of the season, and I wish you peace and goodwill and joy, and a touch of holiday magic.

**Darby Merrill**

*Police, Animal Control, Personnel*

Have a good holiday season and a safe one. We compliment the Police Department for all they do.

**Lowell Williams**

*Water & Sewer, Finance*

Wastewater treatment plant rebuild is under way with a lot of earth moving.

Former lagoon #1 rip rap has been removed and stored. The

new dike dividing #1 into two basins is in place and both parts are being deepened.

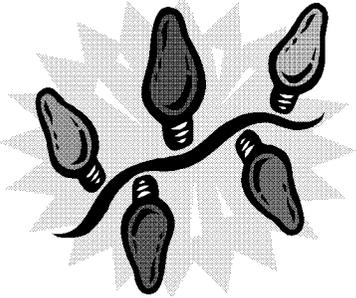
Edstrom, the contractor expects the new entrance road and precast bridge over the canal will be in by Christmas, weather permitting. They are also digging for the new N. Bridge Street sewer line extension.

The City has the \$3.3 mil interim Wells Fargo financing for the plant construction. The funds will have monthly draws for work accomplished. The unused funds are invested in the State Revolving Fund to minimize overall financing costs. This is good management by the Mayor and Taci Stoddard, City Clerk.



The new policy for late accounts is now in effect. Please pay your bill on time!

The City Offices will be closed the Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Please use our payment drop box at the door if you need to make your payment on these days.  
Happy Holidays!



*The Holiday Lighting Contest will be held  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.  
Contact the City Office at 624-3494  
For more information.*

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

