City of St. Anthony Newsletter *September 2005*

Words From Mayor Beck

Phase II of the St. Anthony sewer project will begin Sept. 6th 2005. Some activity is already visible. Hoffco construction has begun mobilization of men, equipment and supplies. The construction will occur primarily in the alleys of the original town site of St. Anthony. Some disruption of traffic may occur when they must dig across streets. Construction will begin on 12th West in the south west corner of town, north of the river and move systematically north and east thru the city. We will be meeting weekly to access progress and plan the future weeks work effort. There will be disruption of sewer service to homes as new lines are placed and new service connections are made. We asked the residents to be patient. The contractor has assured us the disruptions of service will be held to a minimum. A two week work schedule will be posted at the city building.

In addition, effective Sept. 6th, all garbage collection will be in the streets. We ask all residents to remove all garbage stands and personal items from the alleys. This will help clear the alleys of garbage cans. We anticipate converting to the contractor collected garbage system by Nov. 1st 2005. This system will be in the streets, so we all need to be ready for this anyway. More details later.

We appreciate and thank the residents of St. Anthony for your cooperation during this time.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings – September 14th, 7:00 p.m.
September 28th, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation –September 21st, 7:00 p.m.
Planning and Zoning – September 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Councilmember's Comments

Garth Rose
Council President
Sanitation, Fire & Finance

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for a great Summerfest. "Kudos'" to Keith Nave for a great idea.

Thanks to the flower girls – Karen Valenta and Shannon Kearl, the flowers look really pretty this year.

The council is taking proposals for sanitation pickup. If you have any questions call the City office or you can reach me at 390-6528.

Remember to help your neighbors or thank them for being a good neighbor.

Joyce Edlefsen
Planning & Zoning, Personnel, Work Camp Liaison

Fall is fast approaching, and hopefully all of us will be able to use less water, reducing our water bills. Fall also means city elections are coming soon. I'm going to use this space to urge everyone who has ever considered serving in local government to take the opportunity this fall to run for one of the council spots or for mayor.

Personally, I've served on the council since the summer of 1999, thanks to an appointment by then Mayor Chuck Sorenson. After two elections to keep that seat, I've decided it's time for someone else to take a turn on the council. I won't seek re-election. It's been the best civic lesson a citizen of the town can have. I would recommend it highly. It's just time for me to cut back.

Shawn Fransen
Parks & Recreation, Finance

Nothing reported

Cathy Koon,
Streets, Airport

An initial survey of the condition of our streets confirms what we already knew: our city streets are in dismal condition and will require major repairs and renovations. We cannot maintain our streets with a $10,000 annual budget for chips and oil. That won't even repair the cracks. JUB Engineering, the consulting firm working on the joint city/county transportation plan, is going to give us some projections of what it will take to upgrade our streets and how much we need to budget over the next several years. Those figures and some proposed solutions will be presented at a public meeting later this fall. I would encourage every city resident to attend and look at what is facing us.

With the price of oil going steadily higher, we know we will have to come up with other revenue for streets. We will look for grant money,

but streets aren't usually good candidates for those dollars. We may have to consider override levies, bond elections, or local improvement districts.

The alternative may be to remove the existing pavement from some city streets and return to the days of gravel roads. It's not a prospect any of us are happy about. We are facing the same problem we had with the sewer. Our streets are worn out, and we have no money to fix them. And the problem will only get worse as the city grows and traffic increases.

I hate to end this doom-and-gloom without adding a brighter note. Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce for another successful Summerfest. Thanks to the Rotary Club for its plans to build a pavilion at Keefer Park. And thanks to all the city residents who work hard to keep their yards looking nice. This is a beautiful place to live.

Bill Butterfield
Police, Animal Control

A great hurrah for the City of St. Anthony for another job well done on the Summerfest, and I mean a pat on the back for everyone involved.

We need to thank the St. Anthony P.D. also for their organization of traffic both cars and pedestrians. It was fun, thanks again to all.

Darby Merrill
Water & Sewer, Personnel

The City of St. Anthony has taken measures to conserve water by installing timers for the sprinkler systems in the parks and a drip line to water the flowers.

The City and County provided the money and labor to repair the concrete, curb and gutters around the ambulance shed. They did a great job. This area looks really good.

Phase II of the sewer project will begin during the first part of September.

City Clerk's Corner — *Taci Stoddard*

The City Council will be reviewing proposals for garbage services at their meeting on September 12th. The proposals will be evaluated as follows: 50% price and indication of rate increase, 30% experience, 10% time to be in operation, and 10% completeness and conciseness of proposal. If all goes smoothly the new service could be up and running as early as November 1st. The city is still ultimately in charge of the garbage service. We will continue to bill for the services and handle spring clean up and any other clean up issues that arise.

Work should begin this month on Phase II of the Wastewater project which is replacement of collection lines. The City Office has information about where lines are being replaced and if it will affect your area of town.

Please be aware of city ordinances against keeping more than two dogs without a kennel license. Information on obtaining a kennel license is available at the city office.

Beautification Awards

Roger and Gay Orr
595 Bechler

Sahl Apartments
29 W 1st N

GARBAGE PICKUP IN THE STREETS WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6TH!!