City of St. Anthony Newsletter

May 2008

Words from Mayor Beck

The City staff and I continue to gather information regarding our deteriorating streets. We have met this week with people who construct and repair streets. We have received some great input from these individuals. This gives us some hope that our situation is not as bad as we had thought. This information will be compiled into a format that will allow us to get an overall view of the problem and probable costs. We will continue to discuss this issue in Council meetings.

Another "hot topic" is dog control. We will need to replace our dog pound. There are several issues needing addressed there. Money is a problem. A group of civic minded citizens have come forward and will assist the city in this effort. The following is a report of activity in 2007 at the dog pound. A total of 202 dogs were impounded in 2007 of which 67 were destroyed, 72 were adopted, and 63 were returned to their owners. So far in 2008, 56 dogs have been impounded, 24 destroyed, 11 adopted and 2 returned to their owners. We encourage the adoption of dogs through our city offices or through other sources such as the humane society; a local veterinarian is euthanizing our animals as needed.

City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings – May 14th, 7:00 p.m.
May 28th, 7:00 p.m.
June 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation- May 7th, 7:00 p.m.
June 4th, 7:00 p.m.
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Department Reports

Police and Fire

The melting snow has given us back our streets. As a result, all State and City parking laws will be enforced, including distance from curbs and roadway edges. Parking in front yards is not allowed except on driveways or on other paved areas. Dirt shoulders are OK for parallel parking in the direction of traffic (right wheels within 18"of the right curb or roadway edge). Angle parking is only authorized where parking spaces are so marked.

Animal Control & Code Compliance

Inoperative vehicles: It is prohibited to store in the open on any property two or more motor vehicles not in running condition, or parts thereof, at any place except at a licensed auto wrecking or junkyard on Hazardous Zone C-3 commercial property. Wadsworth Lumber has the only zone C-3 property within the city limits.

Parks and Recreation

This month will see some new playground equipment installed at the Horsey/Fort Henry Park and the Westside Ball Park. A new slide will be installed at the Horsey Park. The teeter-totters will be removed from the ball park and new spring rockers will replace them. Some older equipment in all the parks will also get a facelift. Loose/fill material will also be added at some parks. We will also have donation buckets around town so be on lookout for them.

To celebrate the new equipment, we will have a scavenger hunt and a party. The party will be at the Horsey Park and time and date will be forthcoming.

Clyde Keefer Park will be getting a major facelift too. Nine diseased willow trees will be removed for safety reasons and to make room for new trees to be planted. A new slide is going in also later this summer.

Parks and Recreation will have a booth at Fisherman's Breakfast. The booth will be outside the main park, so bring your wallets/ purses. We will have another quilt to raffle off. Made and donated by Carolina Palmer. We thank her for the quilt. Tickets will go on sale May 5th, at the City Office and other places TBA. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. The winner will be announced at 12:30 p.m., at the Breakfast. Raffle tickets will be sold that day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

We want to try something new this year. Parks and Recreation would like to sponsor fun kid activities in the parks. At least one activity would take place each month in a different park. The activities could include: finger painting, water slide, crafts, ect. If there is enough

interest the first one will be in June. If you are interested, fill out a registration form at the city office starting May 9th. For more information call Heather at 624-3494 or Melissa at 624-9201.
Have a great month!

Streets and Airport

Nothing reported

Sewer, Water, and Sanitation

Spring cleanup will begin May 19th and run through the 30th. All items need to be sorted according to the landfill recommendations. Grass clippings need to bagged and put into the blue bins that are provided by the city and picked up by PSI. If you need an extra bin you can call the city office and one will be delivered to you for a small monthly fee. Effective this summer grass clippings will not be allowed to be dumped in the alleys, those that choose to do so, can be cited, and clippings will not be picked up by the city crew.

One of the items suggested at Council Meeting on April 9th was to publish the Council Meeting agenda as far as available in the monthly newsletters. The following is preliminary as of May 1, 2008. Other items may be added up to the time of the meeting. There is a public comment time at the beginning of the meeting in which anyone can comment on items listed on the agenda.

AGENDA - City of St. Anthony Council - Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

NEW BUSINESS

Bridge Street Water Project
Possible Removal/Replacement of Slides in City Parks
Preliminary 2009 Budget Procedures Discussion
City Street Improvement Discussion
Tree Removal in Keefer Park
Council Liaison Assignments to City Departments
Possible Auction of Gravel Pit Property on South Side of Town

MINUTES & BILLS

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF NEEDED, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE

Henry's Fork Greenway Cleanup Day
Saturday May 10th, 2008

The Henry's Fork Greenway Committee, City of St. Anthony, and the Henry's Fork Foundation are sponsoring the Annual Greenway CleanUp Day on Saturday May 10, 2008 for 9am to noon. All volunteers are welcome to participate in planning, building, and maintaining the Henry's Fork Greenway in St. Anthony.
Under the direction of Rod Chandler and others, youth groups will be assisting with the roadside cleanup this year. They will also be adding and raking out gravel along the edge of the south trail and then the north trail if time permits.
Meanwhile the Greenway Committee will be conducting a roadside cleanup along Highway 20 along the fence line next to the Greenway trail going south for two miles. Additional volunteers are needed for this effort. If you would like to join them, please park at Keefer Park and meet under the Shell sign at 9am on Saturday. Please wear sturdy shoes and bright clothes, and bring work gloves. Water, bags, and orange vests will be provided. Call Taci Stoddard, City Clerk, at 624-3494 for additional information.