



City of St. Anthony Newsletter *June 2010*

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FROM THE MAYOR

The **South Fremont Fire District** voted on annexation of the city at their last District meeting in May. I was disappointed to learn they unanimously rejected the City's request to be annexed into the district. I believe it is in the interest of both the City's and the District's residents to combine into one unified body for the purpose of providing fire protection to southern Fremont County. As I stated to the City Council, annexation, including combining equipment of the District and the City as well as the increased tax base the District would then have under a unified management is the surest way for the residents to realize the best fire protection we can provide. The caveat, as always, is the cost must be reasonable and fair to both residents in the County and the City. The City remains committed to providing its residents with fire protection at a fair and equitable cost. As I have previously discussed, the City's proposed budget for fire protection for the 2010-2011 fiscal year will be \$60,000.00. Also, as of October first, the City will no longer employ the District's employees. This is a substantial savings of tax dollars to all residents of the County and the City. If you have any concerns or comments, please remember, my phone number is 390-0077. I'll be happy to visit with anyone in regards to the city's budget proposals and fire protection. You are also welcome to attend any and all council meetings. Meeting dates and times are listed separately in this newsletter.

Highway projects are well under way and everything is looking good. I just want to say that Knife River Construction has done a good job trying to keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible. We have had to put up with a little noise and some inconvenience, but when it is all done we will have one good looking road. There still is some work to be finished. Knife River plans on sometime mid June to chip and seal and to fix the manholes. Once that is completed stripes and cross walks will be painted. Thanks to all the residents and businesses for their patience and consideration.

I want to give a very special thanks to all those who turned out to help with the **Henry's Fork Greenway Cleanup**, Saturday, May 15th. I don't think I have ever seen so many hard working young men and women and leaders. A special thanks to those who helped organize this day and how well the whole thing was put together. Several church organizations and civic clubs were involved and thanks go out to all of them. This is the kind of cooperation that keeps St. Anthony looking good and makes St. Anthony a very special place to live and raise a family. Everyone keep up the good work!

FREE DOG TAGS!!!

Pick up your free dog tag at Fisherman's Breakfast. If your dog isn't licensed yet, now is the time to do it, because it's FREE. If you miss Fisherman's Breakfast then pick up your free tag at Summerfest or stop at the city offices during the month of June.



News from St. Anthony Chamber



St. Anthony Chamber would like to invite anyone interested in the arts to an informal meeting Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. in the St. Anthony City Building. We celebrate the visual arts as well as the performing arts. Help us get the word out by passing along this information to anyone who might be interested inside or outside the St. Anthony area.

Upcoming meetings:

May 27, 7 p.m. City Council

June 2, 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning

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June 10, 7 p.m. City Council

June 24, 7 p.m. City Council

July 7, 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning

July 8, 7 p.m. City Council

July 10, 7 p.m. Airport Board

Annual Greenway Clean Up was a Success!!

Thanks to all the helpers during the Annual Henry's Fork Greenway Cleanup Day 2010. It was a very productive group that collected over 95 bags of garbage and larger items along both sides of Highway 20 on May 15th. Thanks to Kyle Babbitt for coordinating the overall event and bringing water and snacks. She also picked up the special Adopt-A-Highway bags, vests, and signs for the event from Idaho Transportation Department. Special thanks go to: Sharon Parks, Monica Hill, Mayor Neils Theuson, Gary and Mary Cox, Rod Chandler, and Steve Trafton and other individuals for their efforts. And especially to Mike O'Donnell for taking photos and assisting Kyle with coordination and delivery of supplies during the event. Jocelyn Haeberle was a great addition to the help this year. As a Wal-Mart employee, she was able to get for the event a \$25 gift card at Wal-Mart to help pay for most the refreshments. She and her 5 colleagues spent their morning cleaning the highway median along the Greenway section. Because of their volunteer efforts in the community, the City of St. Anthony may be eligible for a Wal-Mart grant. A huge thanks goes to Tom Erickson and all the participants from the St. Anthony Stake Young Men's and Young Women's Organizations. There were over 30 participants who helped with the highway cleanup from the start of the event. Another group of about 20 focused on the gravel project on more than the first ½ mile of the Greenway trail. Special thanks also goes to Jim Hobbs, Marvin Crain, and Dirk Forbush who bought their ATVs and trailers to move more than a truck load of gravel down the trail. Others loaded and shoveled it on the edges, raked it out, and swept off the asphalt. It was a productive day with still ongoing work to be done to finish the edging. In addition, other groups got bags from the City and cleaned up numerous locations throughout the City. They then ended up at the Highway to help finish up our section besides going further north and south. There was an estimate of 70 people who helped in the other areas. Thanks also to the moms who made lunch in Horsey Park for over 100 volunteers. With a total of 140 volunteers for the morning, all this help equates to 420 volunteer hours along the Greenway and in the other locations. It all helps tremendously!! That is 10.5 weeks of full time work in just one day!! There is always more to be done. If anyone missed the clean-up day but still wants to help, they can walk the trails and pick up garbage as they go. Donations are always welcome (they are used for matches or to maintain the trail!) And for \$25 or more, you can get a Greenway hat or shirt. Also, making benches or work days of edging gravel on the north and south sides would be great community work projects. If anyone is interested, we can also schedule a smaller cleanup day in the fall to finish off the year. We may be able to continue work on the north side with walkways and bridges if we can match volunteer building time with a grant for supplies. If you are interested in this, contact the City. Have an enjoyable and safe summer in the many parks and outdoor spaces in St. Anthony!!!



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