



City of St. Anthony Newsletter July 2010

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FROM THE MAYOR

To Clarify Some Misconceptions:

On August 3rd, the South Fremont Fire District will hold a special election asking the fire district residents for an additional \$125,000.00. You will hear a lot of talk of the excellent response time that is achieved by having a manned fire station and what a great bargain you are getting for the

money spent. City Residents will **not** get the opportunity to vote on this issue. However, you can do your part to inform those in the district how this may almost double their taxes.

TRUE or FALSE

1. The City of St. Anthony wants to disband the fire department.

FALSE: Our first and foremost concern is the safety and well being of our residents while saving the tax payers money. In these times of hardship we feel the same good service can be rendered at a much lower cost.

2. When you call Fremont County 9-1-1, the 9-1-1 dispatcher alerts the volunteers to respond to your emergency.

FALSE: The Fremont County 9-1-1 dispatch takes your information and then calls the fire station. The Fire Dispatcher manning the station takes the information from the 9-1-1 dispatcher and then alerts the volunteer fire fighters to respond to your emergency.

3. The man working at the fire station drives the truck to your emergency.

FALSE: The man at the station is serving as the Fire Dispatcher, so he cannot leave the station (in case another call comes in). He alerts the volunteer fire fighters, then starts a fire truck and pulls it out of the building. A volunteer fire fighter then comes to the station to drive the truck to your emergency.

4. Fremont County can dispatch the volunteer fire fighters for free.

TRUE: Fremont County 9-1-1 currently dispatches volunteers for three fire districts. North Fremont, Island Park and Hamer, are dispatched at no cost to those districts. In addition they also dispatch all other emergency calls, including ambulance, police and Search & Rescue.

5. We have a "manned" Fire Station.

FALSE: We can not be compared to a manned fire station. A manned fire station has fire fighters living at, and responding from, the fire station. Our fire fighters are volunteers and do not live at the station. We have fire "dispatchers". See # 2 above. This is a duplication of services.

According to the Idaho State Fire Marshall, the Idaho Survey and Ratings Bureau and several local Fire Chiefs and professional fire fighters, the current method of dispatch and manned station does nothing to improve response time or safety. It has even been suggested it actually takes longer to respond to your emergency because of the "double dispatch". In addition, there is a greater chance for error because the information is relayed from person to person to person.

Fremont County already has a state of the art dispatch service that your tax dollars already paid for. It should be used to its fullest.



COME TO THE JULY 24TH PARADE

The July 24th Parade is to honor our pioneers. Come celebrate with all of St. Anthony this special occasion. We have one of the finest parades in the entire Snake River Valley. Don't forget the Rodeo and play and special fireworks at the end. Come and find out for yourself. Bring your family and friends and enjoy this special day.

DRINKING WATER REPORT

The City of St. Anthony's Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) or Drinking Water Report is available for review either at the City Offices, 420 N. Bridge St., St. Anthony or on the City's Web Site, www.cityofstanthony.com. For information contact the City Offices at 624-3494.



Your photos of the city, people, places, and events are needed for the city website

Show off your photography skills. We need your photos! If you would like to have your photos of the city, events, places or people displayed on the city website please email them to: webmaster@cityofstanthony.org The photos should be JPG format, should be owned by yourself and not protected by copyright. The subject of the photo should be people, places, and events in the City of St. Anthony. No compensation is offered for the use of your photos. After it has been resized to fit the window, the tag "submitted by - your name" will be added to the photo.

Upcoming meetings:

July 7, 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning
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July 8, 7 p.m. City Council

July 22, 7 p.m. City Council
Aug 4, 7 p.m. Planning & Zoning
Aug 12, 7 p.m. City Council

Aug 13, 7 p.m. Airport Board
Aug 19, 7 p.m. City Council
Sept 9, 7 p.m. City Council

SCHOOL STARTS NEXT MONTH!!

There will be traffic flow changes with the new school year. Traffic from the Ag. Shop to the corner of N 1st W and @ 5th N is one-way going southbound. Junior High parent student drop off will be along the south roadway or in the parking lot. From the corner of N 2nd W and W 5th N to 4th N from the Church History Center, past the Henry's Fork Elementary there will be a drop off lane for students. There will be a Bus Lane and a Traffic Lane to observe at all schools. The speed limit around the area will be 20 mph while students are present. Printed maps of these changes will be available at the city offices and from the school district. If you have questions you may call Karen Daw at 624-7542 ext. 2561. Please drive safely and be aware of children!



Special Auction: The city will be selling the Roxy Theater, July 22, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. The Auction will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers. If you are interested contact the city offices, 624-3494, for more information.

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