2014 Fall~Winter Newsletter

Mayor's Corner

Dear Inkom Residents,

Here we are, already close to the end of the year and soon it will be the Holiday Season. The year has flown by and it now is time to review what has transpired over the past few months.

Currently, we have a new bridge being constructed on Main Street located just behind the Bisharat Market. This bridge construction has been a long time coming, so we are happy to see it actually happening. The old bridge was constructed with a fairly large culvert and during periods of extensive rain, trees and/or debris along the river banks would flow downstream and get caught at the opening of the culvert and pretty much plug it off. Without someone being right there to keep the debris from collecting, it would become a potential flooding hazard really quick. As most of you may remember this occurred on July 4th, 2009 causing extensive flooding and damaging a few homes.

Since that time the City has been working with the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to obtain a grant to help pay for a percentage of the costs. Once the bridge is totally completed and all the invoices are paid, FEMA will have helped us with about sixty-six (66) percent of the total costs of what will be two-hundred thousand dollars. The City's share will be approximately $70,000.00 of which a percentage will be completed as in-kind work. We are very fortunate to have City employees who have the skills and knowledge that they do, as we lean on them to work on this project. The bridge is constructed of concrete and structural steel rather than using a culvert, the opening is much wider than the old one. This new bridge has the capability to allow up to three hundred percent more flow under it than what the old one did. For those who live near this bridge, we hope you will rest easier knowing that it now can take more water through it and hopefully you don't have to worry about it overflowing the banks.

We are finally on the home stretch of completing this project. This past weekend the diverted water of Rapid Creek was once again redirected to flow under the new bridge, we began backfilling the diversion channel and reconstructing the road approaches on each side of the bridge. The weather and outside temperature over the next few weeks will determine whether we will be able to finish construction this year or have to wait until Spring of next year to lay the new asphalt. Our hope is that by the 10th of December the bridge will be open for through traffic, as to whether we will have an asphalt road or a graveled one is yet to be determined. If needed, come early Spring of 2015, if the road has not been completed it will be done at that time. Happy Motoring!

As some of you may know, we are currently working on a mandate from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to eliminate the problems we have with our wastewater system where we are unable to meet the limits set by the EPA with our treated discharge. Over the past two years, we have been busy, our first objective was to educate everyone as to what the problem was and then get citizen approval to go after grant money and incur debt as needed to solve the problem. We were able to get some money from the Rural Development which included some grant money of about six hundred thousand dollars once we used the authorized one and a half million dollar loan. We have been approached by various wastewater treatment companies to see if their systems may work to eliminate our problems. A couple of them were looking very promising, but either their system had not been approved by the governing agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) or the Environmental Protection Agency, or their systems have not been able to completely remove all the necessary issues from the City's treated wastewater.

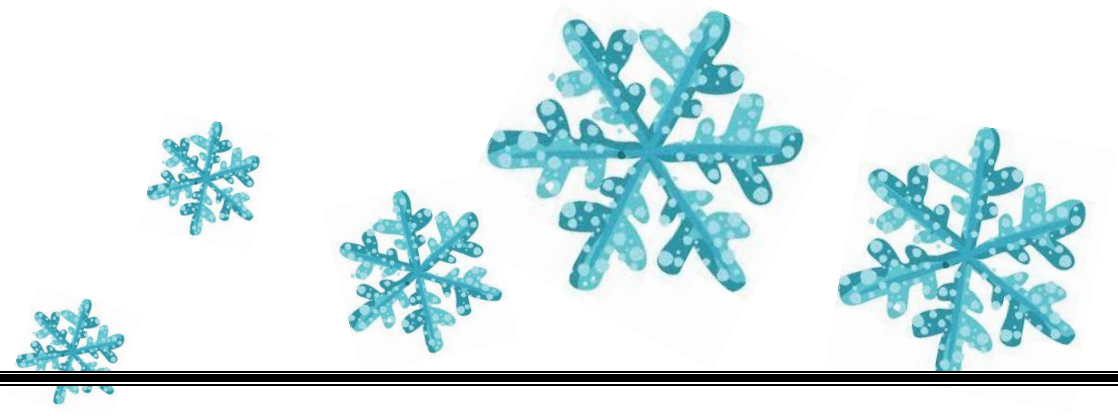
Our next objective to correct the problem was we needed land that could be used for a land application in which we store the treated wastewater in a huge storage pond and during the warmer months we apply the treated wastewater to the land. The necessary amount of land needed for this project is approximately eighty to ninety acres. We have been diligently working to get land in close proximity to the City's wastewater lagoon and system. We have been able to obtain some land from one land owner, but as of yet we are still working (negotiating) to get the other needed land from other land owners. Our City Engineer has been busy designing a system and getting the necessary approvals for it. This process has been very slow and unfortunately does not look as if we are going to meet the mandate that was placed on the City by the EPA. Thus, we are currently working on a letter to send to them explaining where we are and what we have we have been successful in completing thus far. We are in hopes that we will be able to get an extension to correct the problem without receiving any more fines like we did two and a half years ago. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

On September 30, 2014 Marilyn Brown officially retired from the City after working for us approximately sixteen years and under the stewardship of three different Mayors. She was a great employee for the City and did everything she could to keep the City in good condition both financially and administratively. I hope each of you can join in wishing her a very happy retirement and give her the much earned appreciation that she has earned from all of us. Thank you so very much Marilyn! If you see her out and about be sure to extend your gratitude to her.

With Marilyn's retirement comes change and if you have been to the City office as of late, you know that we have a new City Clerk, Tara Solomon and a new Deputy City Clerk, LeAnn Adams. They have both assumed their new roles with much professionalism, which has made the transition really fairly easy. We believe that the both of them will work just as hard to keep things running smoothly as did Marilyn. We congratulate these two women on their new roles with the City and wish them well as we move forward.

It is my hope that you have been updated with the most current information in regards to the City and as we move forward that you will continue to stay involved as we continuously work to improve our wonderful City. Wishing all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and very soon to be Happy Holidays!

Mayor Joel Jolley



CITY HALL

Will be closed NOV. 27TH,
THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 28TH &
DEC. 25TH,
CHRISTMAS DAY

Neighborhood Watch

Just a Reminder-
Crime does Not take time off for the Holidays. Keep your homes and cars locked when unoccupied. If you see anything suspicious contact our local Police.
775-4423

ATTENTION KIDS!!!

Santa is coming To Inkom

December 23RD 7 PM

Dog Licensing

City Ordinance 95-190 section 6.04.020 states the owner shall obtain a license and certificate of ownership for every dog owned by him, which has reached the age of three months.
Dogs licensed between January 1st and January 31st of each year is $5.00. Dogs licensed after February 1st is $10.00
The license is valid from January 1st thru December 31st and may be obtained from City Hall after January 2nd

GEM COMMUNTIY

Thanks Again to all who helped with Sherry's garden this year. We have received many compliments on how well it looks. A special thank you to the Bartschi Family. (Kris, Rachelle,Tatjonna,Tajah) who planted bulbs this fall so we can have spring flowers. Rachelle works with Modern Woodmen who provided the bulbs.

Thanks to All

P.S. Mr. Paul Lish helped plant bulbs also.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

I would like to encourage all Inkom residents to be sure and lock your vehicles at night. We have had many cars and trucks burglarized at night because they were unlocked. It does not matter if the vehicles are in the driveway or parked on the street. When vehicles are locked up the would be thieves do not break into them, but move on to vehicles they find unlocked.

Our thieves are teenagers and they are active late at night or the early morning hours. They are looking for anything they think is of value to take. The thieves will go thru vehicle glove boxes and sometimes leave them open or the car door open in their hast to get away, which is how some people know that someone has been in their vehicle when nothing is taken. Vehicles are often burglarized at night and the resident will not know unless they find something missing. If your vehicle is locked you have discouraged a theft. These thieves are very fast and are in and out of a car in seconds. They usually have a lookout on the street watching for anyone that may see them. They will go through your vehicle even if you have lights on around your yard and house.

Many people do not lock their vehicles because they say there was nothing in it worth stealing. We get call outs to illegal entries because the residents want us to know that someone entered their vehicle, even when there was nothing of value taken. When citizens do not lock their vehicles at night, they are encouraging the thefts to continue.

We would also encourage anyone who sees teenagers out on the street after 11:00 pm to call 911 and have us check them out. There may be a legitimate reason for them being out after 11:00 pm but many times this is how we are able to catch the car thieves.

Cal Edwards
Inkom Police Chief

Police Report

Traffic

24	Verbal Warnings/Citation
5	Traffic Assist
1	Courtesy Transport
2	Citations for no Insurance
1	Traffic Complaint

Calls for Service

1	Theft
2	Vandalism
4	Suspicious Person Call
3	Noise Disturbance
1	Medical Assist
1	Ordinance Violation
1	Civil Dispute
1	Burglary
2	Phone Scams
3	Vin Inspections
1	Dog Calls
1	Verbal Disturbances
1	Welfare Check
1	Discharge firearm in City Limits
4	Family Disturbances
3	Standbys to Keep the Peace
1	Battery
1	Alarm
1	Possession of Paraphernalia
2	Runaway

BURN PERMITS

Before any burn can be conducted, a burn permit needs to be issued.

Burn permits are available at City Hall and www.inkomcity.org

Permits are good for 14 days.
Burn permits are not needed when using Your barbecue pit or burn barrel.

SNOW PLOW SCHEDULE

The following schedule makes The Challenge to keep the streets clear and safe much easier and more efficient. Inkom Municipal Code 10.08. Parking is not allowed on either side, of the entire length of Rapid Creek Road, Grant Street, Main Street and Holstein Street between the hours of 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. of any day during the period from Nov. 1st through April 30th. (When snow is present)All vehicles must be removed from either side of the entire length of all city streets, with the exception of Rapid Creek road, Grant Street, Main Street and Holstein Street between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. of any day during the period of November 1st to April 30th. Citations will be issued for vehicles, trailers, etc. left on city streets from November 1st through April 30th.

When shoveling or plowing your driveways and sidewalks, please DO NOT push snow onto the city streets or other resident's properties.

PAVILLION RENTAL

All day rental
9:00 am to 11:00 pm
City Residents-$15.00
Non-Residents-$31.50
Fee must be paid at the time of reservation.
Plus a $20.00 refundable cleaning deposit
to be paid at the time keys are picked up.
This will be refunded if left clean and no damage.
Reservations for 2015 can be made after Jan. 1, 2015
Inkom City Hall- 365 Rapid Creek
For availability call 775-3372
Or www.inkomcity.org

Christmas Tree Removal

As a service to residents, the City dump truck will be parked behind City Hall for disposal of Christmas trees
December 26th through January 3rd.
The City's garbage contractor will not accept Christmas trees placed in the residential carts.
Please do not dispose of any other garbage in the truck.

Garbage dumpsters are for
HOUSHOLD GARBAGE ONLY.
This is a reminder that the Inkom City Ordinance allows leaves, grass, etc. to be placed in the dumpster but MUST BE BAGGED.
Absolutely No construction garbage, no lumber, tree limbs, carpet, sheet rock, metal, roofing, oil, tires, cement, dirt, fencing, etc.
COMPACTABLE GARBAGE ONLY.
The trucks are compactors. If it cannot be compacted or if it expands it is not to be put in dumpsters.
Please be aware of what you are throwing in your cart.

BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Several property owners have previously been rewarded for the hard work they have done at their homes. The City has given recognition to the following residents

Max & Jan Shaffer
213 W. Putnam Mtn. Loop

Milt & Barbara Jenkins
233 Stephen Street

Tracy & Katie Marshall
214 W Putnam Mtn. Loop

Nick & Johnelle Stoltz
215 W Putnam Mtn. Loop

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!
Be sure to nominate your favorite yard, home, decorations, etc. each month for the Blue Ribbon Award.
Please do so in writing and submit before the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Thank You to all of those who have voted!

A Note from Rapid Creek Bed & Breakfast

We have had a great season and now that the summer is over we slow right down. So we have decided to close for the winter and will reopen the last weekend in May 2015. Thanks for all of your support this year. Have a very Merry Holiday Season! www.rapidcreekbnb.com

We would like to

WELCOME

The most recent residents to our City

Nick & Johnell Stoltz
215 W Putnam Loop

Vicki Jenkins
1036 Opal Lane

Chris & Sarah May
298 Park Street

Janell Wilson
492 Stuart Drive

Please accept our apologies if we have overlooked anyone.

LAND USE BOARD

City Council and the Land Use Board held a Public Hearing on Oct. 9, 2014 to accept the newly proposed Land Use Zones. The City is now in process of approving the new ordinance.

The Land Use Board is working on the ongoing project of updating Inkom City Ordinances.

The Board would also like to remind all citizens that meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. if you would like to attend and/or voice any input.

Ireland Bank
THERE IS A DIFFERENCE™

Ireland Bank is pleased to announce a new Branch Manager and Loan Officer in their Inkom Office. Britney Carson will be serving as Inkom's Branch Manager. Britney graduated from Idaho State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. She has nine years of banking experience where she has served in the bank's Manager's Training Program, as a teller, new accounts representative, loan officer, assistant manager, and is currently an Assistant Vice President and the Pocatello/Inkom Area Manager. Britney manages Ireland Bank's Pocatello Poleline, Pocatello Yellowstone, and Inkom offices.

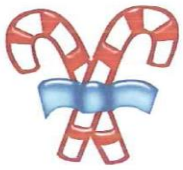
Ireland Bank's Loan Officer, Jared Nelson, will be serving the loan needs of the Inkom community. Jared is an Assistant Vice President as well as a Loan Officer. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Idaho State University and has seven years of lending experience. Jared will work out of the Inkom office every Monday and continue his lending duties in Ireland Bank's Yellowstone office.

MCCAMMON PARADE OF LIGHTS

COME ONE COME ALL

EVERYONE WELCOME

COME JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING
DECEMBER 20TH
SATURDAY 5:00 PM



Decorate your Wagon Vehicle, 4 Wheeler, Horse, or Tractor with Decorations & lights

After parade, join us for Hot Chili & Hot Chocolate at the Rodeo grounds

Our Bonfire will keep you warm and cozy after the parade. Dress warm and bring your chairs. Bring your friends, neighbors & family. Santa will be stopping by for a visit.

Line up for the parade entries will be 4:00 PM at the rodeo grounds.

Donations would be appreciated

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Merry Christmas