Inkom City Fall ~Winter Newsletter

Mayor's Corner

Dear Inkom Residents

It is hard to believe that a year ago I was putting together my thoughts for the newsletter and the main topic at the time was the construction of the new bridge located on Main Street behind the Bisharat Market. Obviously, everyone knows that it has since been completed and I can say with surety that it has been a wonderful addition to the City's infrastructure. Fortunately, I hear from people that it looks wonderful and thus far it has handled any amount of water flow that has run under it.

Another building project is underway with the construction of Well House No. 3. It is being built along Highway 91 on the property just across from the Elementary School. The City will be the beneficiary of this project as part of an agreement with the Developer of both the new subdivision and area where the new LDS church building is located. As I write this article, the contractor is working to complete the roof on the building. Once completed, this well and well house should be very similar both inside and out with the City's existing two wells. All of the underground piping to connect this well with the existing City water lines has been installed thus far, so once the well pump and motor are installed it won't be long until it is completed and ready to be online with the other two wells. The reasoning for having three active wells is three part, the first is this gives the City the ability to distribute all the needed water even if one well is down for maintenance, the second is we now have the ability to move more water at any given time, and the third is that by equally distributing the work among all three wells (by equal on-time running) this will save the City money in maintenance and repair costs. With the current system, if we were to lose one of the wells, the system would not be able to meet the needs of the City both for drinking and/or irrigating needs, once construction is completed this will not be an issue.

The City's other pressing endeavor is to move our Wastewater Land Application along. As a reminder to everyone, a couple of years or so ago we were hit with a significant fine from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and given a Final Consent Order. The Order given the City was that we had to address the high levels of phosphate and nitrogen that are in our treated wastewater that is being discharged. This is the scenario; many years ago the City received a permit that allowed us to discharge our wastewater into the Portneuf River as long as we fell below a certain level of phosphate and nitrogen. Over the years these same permissible levels have been reduced by the EPA and now our current system (process) will not work. A Wastewater Land Application process means the City's treated wastewater is sent via piping to a storage pond during winter months and during the summer months the treated wastewater is applied to the land by a method of sprinkling. This method of disposing wastewater is monitored very actively by the EPA to make sure that it is accomplishing what the process is supposed to. As the water is applied to the land the phosphate and nitrogen and any other issues are supposed to be absorbed into the vegetation so that it does not go into the ground and pollute any groundwater.

The City has been working with various landowners trying to acquire the necessary land for this project and we are slowly making headway. Once the land is acquired, a storage pond will be built and then the necessary irrigation equipment will be installed. Our hope is to have all of the land purchased by year end and in the Spring begin construction and have this process ready to go by Winter 2016'-2017'. I wish there was more for me to report on, but unfortunately until all the T's are crossed and all the I's are dotted, I am limited as to what I can report.

I would like to thank all of you who went out and used your freedom, right and privilege during the past elections. Because I have not yet seen anywhere where the City's election results may have been posted, I will go ahead and let everyone know what has happened. The Mayor's seat was up for election and since no one ran in opposition, Mayor Joel Jolley was re-elected to another four (4) year term beginning January 2016'. There were three Council seats open for election and no one ran in opposition, so each of the incumbents have been elected. Both Max Shaffer and Boyd Clark were re-elected to another four (4) year term beginning January 2016' and Merrilyn Bearnson was elected to a two (2) year term beginning January 2016'. As Mayor, I want each of these individuals to know how much I appreciate their willingness to get involved in running for office. By doing so our City Government will be able to keep moving forward and progress will continue. I hope in the future that more folks will want to get involved so that we will see a new face to City Government. I know there are capable folks within the City who would like to participate and where there is a need in the City for you to run for an elected office. We will look forward to the next election with much anticipation.

Hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and during the month of December have a very Happy Holidays! Remember to come out and see Santa Claus on December 10th. Many Thanks to the Rashid Bisharat family for making this all possible.

Mayor, Joel Jolley

BLUE RIBBON AWARD

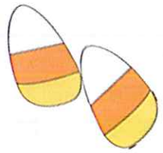
Several property owners have previously been rewarded for the hard work they have done at their homes. The City has given recognition to the following residents

Elaine Pinson~615 Rapid Creek

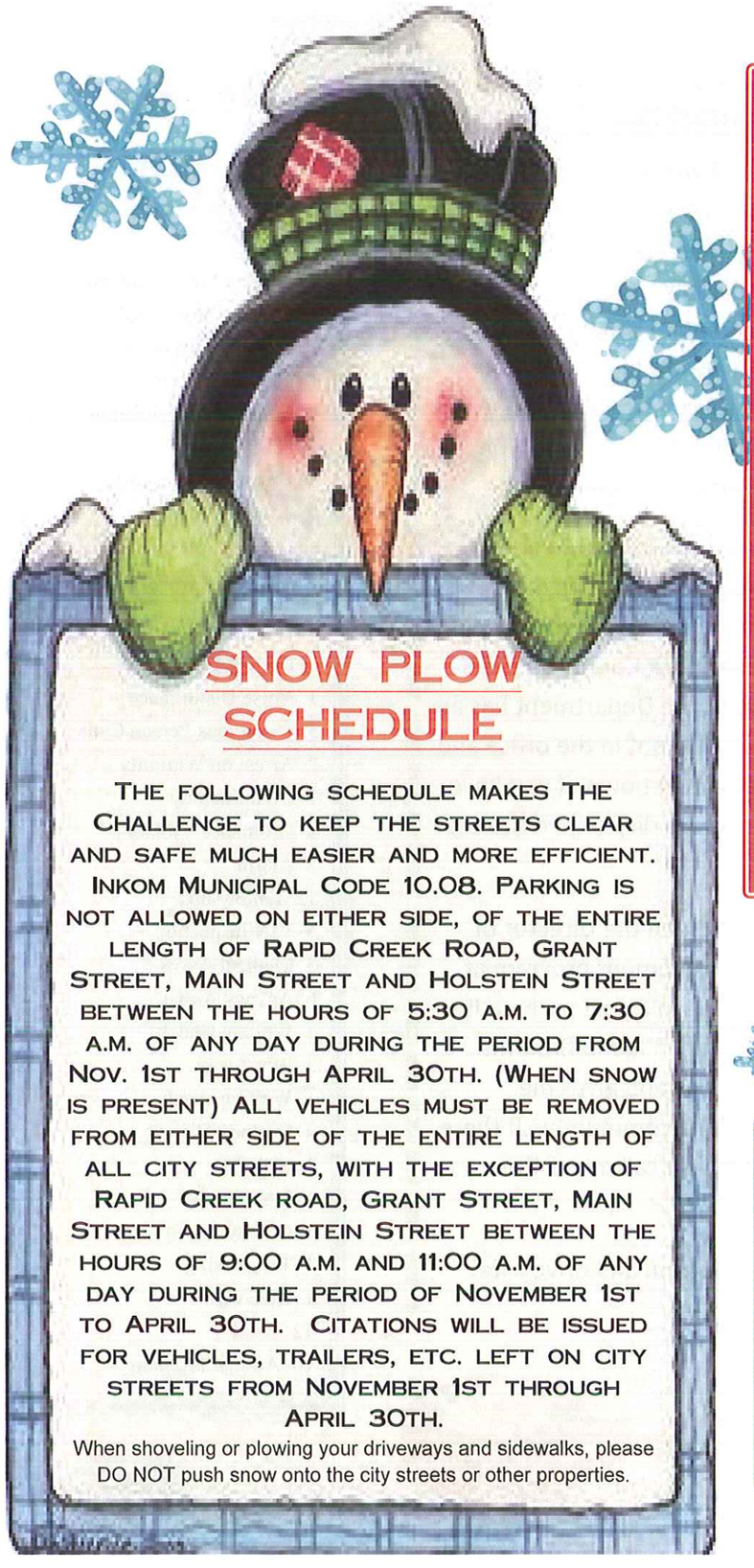
Beatrice Shaffer~631 Grant Street

Carry & Patsy Jackson~1645 Rapid Creek

Amber Golson & Brandon Nelson~220 Roscoe



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!



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 properties.

THE CITY OF INKOM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & EMT'S

IF INTERESTED STOP BY CITY HALL

GEM COMMUNITY

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH SHERRY'S GARDEN THIS SUMMER, AND TO THE CITY FOR PROVIDING THE FLOWERS, AND OUR HARD WORKING MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FOR THEIR SUPPORT. HOPING YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Police Department News

On January 1st of this coming year I will have been the Inkom Police Chief for the past 15 years. I am amazed as I look back on the years at how fast they have gone. Inkom is a great place to live and raise a family. We have very little crime and people in our community usually care and help one another. I hope you will always look after your neighbors and the community to report anything you see as suspicious. The best way to prevent crime is everyone helping to do their part to keep our community safe.

The Inkom Police Department has three part time officers that usually work a limited amount of hours each day. We try to cover different times of the day or night and when an Inkom Officer is not on duty the Bannock County Sheriff's Office covers the city. The Inkom Police Department has an answering machine 775-4423 if we are not in the office and we will always get back to you within 24 hours, if you have an emergency please call 911 as we are dispatched through Sheriff's office.

My full time job for many years has been the Director of the Police academy and the law enforcement program at Idaho State University. I have also been a past paramedic, firefighter, homicide investigator and an Idaho firearms instructor. Having this diverse background gives me experience in many areas to assist the community. If there is anything I can do to assist you please call me or the Inkom Police Department.

I hope you have a Happy Holiday Season and drive safe.

Inkom Police Chief

Cal Edwards

Police Report

Traffic

79 Verbal Warnings/Citation
5 Driving Suspended
12 Citation for no Insurance
1 Reckless driving
4 Non Moving violation
2 DUI
3 Courtesy Transport
9 Motorist Assist

Calls for Service

2 Domestic Disturbance
1 Domestic Violence
1 Noise Disturbance
3 Suspicious Person Calls
2 Arrest on Warrants
7 Civil Standby
4 Ordinance Violation
3 Alarm
12 Follow-ups
5 VIN Inspection
3 Medical Assist
6 Agency Assist
2 Welfare Check
3 Run Away
1 Welfare check
4 Custody Dispute
1 Stalking
1 Mail Fraud
1 County Assist
1 Trespassing
1 Runaway
12 Theft
10 Animal Problem

~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

We would like to WELCOME

The most recent residents to our City

Jared Solomon~193 Roscoe
Trevor & Nichole Campbell~359 Roscoe
Jason & Rainie Hooker~298 Park
Shawn & Shantel Jones~Oxford Peak
Michael & Stacey DeSoto~205 Haystack
Drake & Sierra May~525 Taylor
Lane Miller~426 Rapid Creek
Darren & Alisa Young~316 Old Hwy 30E

Please accept our apologies if we have overlooked anyone.

Neighborhood Watch

We are preparing to go to an Emergency Notification System, instead of our current emergency calling tree. We would only be charged on an as used basis of 10 cents per home called. The system can send both text or voice messages. In the 5 years I have been working with Neighborhood Watch we have never used the calling tree for an emergency notice. So it should not cost us much, but would be good to have in case of an emergency such as city evacuation etc. We would be able to update the call list easier when people move in and out of the city, and we would no longer need zone leaders on our call list. The call list is never sold or used for any other purpose. You can inform our city clerks of the phone # you want used for contact.

****SEE THE FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER****

Even if you think we have your numbers, PLEASE UPDATE

If you have any comments or questions e-mail me at btclark1@live.com or call 705-3015 or come to our next Neighborhood Watch Meeting Jan. 21, 2016 7:00pm @ City Hall.

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

PAVILLION RENTAL

All day rental
9:00 am to 11:00 pm
City Residents-$15.90
Non-Residents-$31.80
Fee must be paid at the time of reservation. Plus
$20.00 refundable cleaning deposit to be paid at the time keys are picked up.
Call 775-3372 for availability
or www.inkomcity.org

BURN PERMITS

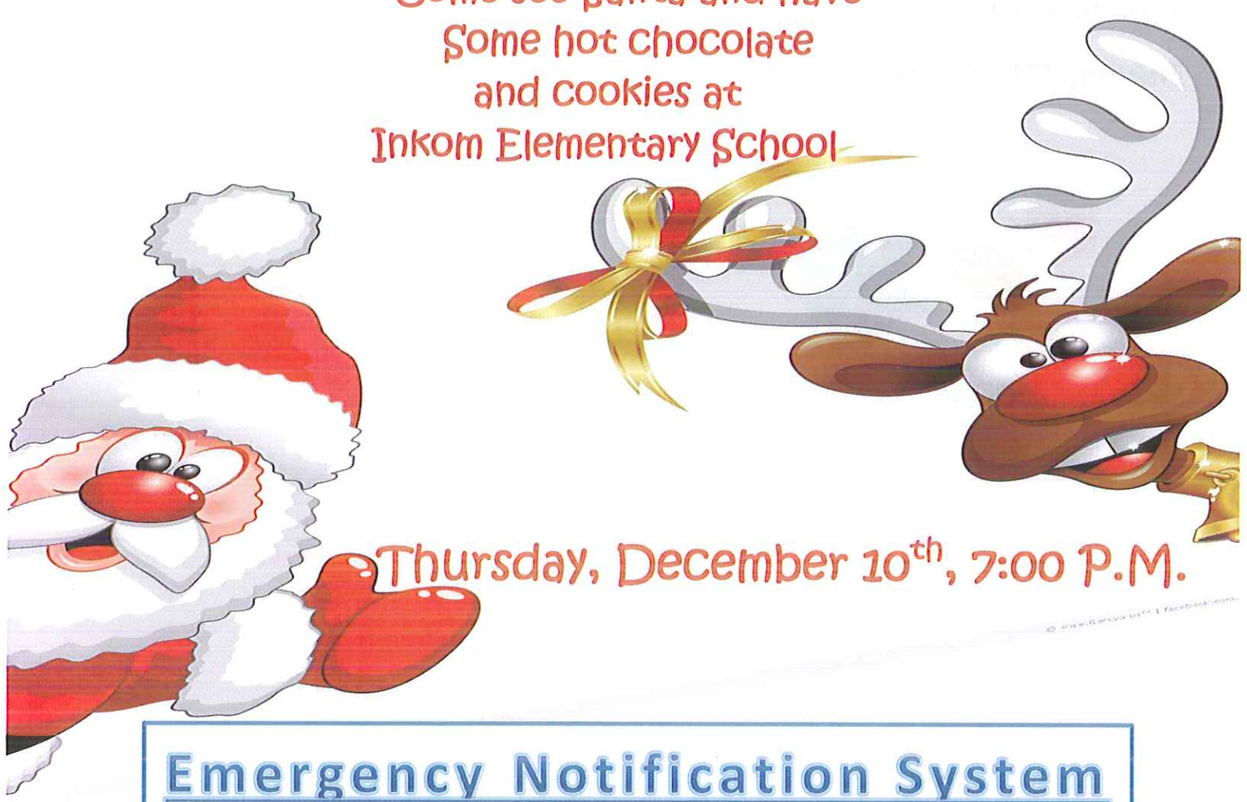
Before any burn, a burn permit needs to be issued. Burn permits are available at City Hall and
www.inkomcity.org
Permits are good for 14 days.
Burn permits are not needed when using barbecue pit or burn barrel.

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.

Santa is Coming to Town!!!

Come see Santa and have
Some hot chocolate
and cookies at
Inkom Elementary School



Thursday, December 10th, 7:00 P.M.

Emergency Notification System

City of Inkom Residents

City Council & Neighborhood Watch need your help!

We need your Name and updated Phone #s (even if you think we have your # please update) to implement an emergency notification system.
This list will never be sold or used for any other purpose.
Please drop this information in the drop box at
City Hall, 365 Rapid Creek
Mail to PO Box 60, Inkom, ID 83245
Call ~ 775-3372
Fax ~ 775-3374
E-mail ~ inkomcityoffices@cableone.net

NAME:_____

PHONE#_____

City of Inkom

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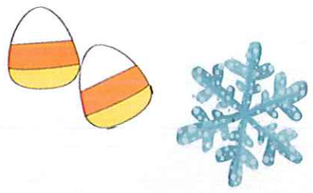

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