

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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It's that time again for spring cleaning, and getting ready for summer. Although it hasn't been a huge snowy winter this year, it is still good to see the robins come in as the forerunner of spring.

The Council did take the recommendation of those present at the recent public hearing on water usage, and extended the time for summer usage months to June through September; winter months usage will be October through May. The rate of .93¢ per 1,000 gallons will be assessed after 6,000 gallons of usage in the winter and after 10,000 gallons of usage in the summer.

Letters have been sent out to approximately 104 residents that are on the continuous leak report. If you have any questions, or if you need assistance in finding the leak, please call City Hall at 295-4151. Remember that the water usage rate goes into effect in May, so you may want to make sure if you have any leaks that you take care of them now. Water meter reading is done on the 20th of each month, with the billing statements going out the 1st of the following month. Below is a list showing the amount of gallons of water that would be wasted depending on the size of the leak.

Waste per quarter psi water pressure			
	Gallons	Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters
	1,181,500	158,000	4,475
	666,000	89,031	2,521
	296,000	39,400	1,115
	74,000	9,850	280



A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown here.

As you know the City has a new mayor, Don Banning, and an all new council; Phil Fisher, Fran McCully, Gary Rose, and Loretta Jones, who joins us again after several years absence. The Mayor has moved his office to the meeting room which is more accessible for those of you wanting to stop in and visit. Allen Dye joins the City as the new City Judge. Judge John Duehr had been with the City for twenty years before his retirement in December, 2009. We applaud all those that have served, and those that will serve the City during their term. The City Police Department is now staffed by Bob McLeod, Chief of Police, and police officers Colin Barnett and Nathan White.

The water project is scheduled to start March 1, 2010. Some of you may have noticed the blue pipe down at the City Shop that will go into the ground for the new water mains. The project will take approximately ninety days. Residents will be notified when the contractor will be in your area. The following is a basic breakdown of the project.

- Yaak Street – Replace approximately 1,050 to 1,715 lineal feet of leaking steel water main with 8" PVC.
- 3rd Street – Replace approximately 950 lineal feet of leaking steel water main with new 10" PVC.
- 4th Street – Replace approximately 315 lineal feet of leaking steel water mains with new 8" PVC.

- Kalispell to Kootenai Avenue on Fourth Street – Replace approximately 400 lineal feet of leaking steel water main with new 8” PVC.
- Well #1 Loop – Install approximately 800 lineal feet of 12” PVC water main to loop the well to the water main on Highway 2.
- Fencing – Install a six foot high chain link fence around the existing reservoir.

A grant was received for tree planting, and replacement of a few trees at the park, for a total of approximately sixty trees. The work will be scheduled for this spring. Bids will be taken until March 12, 2010 at 4 P.M. Bid packets can be picked up at City Hall, 301 E. Kootenai Avenue. The DNRC has some requirements that need to be met if you will be bidding on the job. These items are addressed in the bid packet.

Potholes are a big problem this time of year, but the guys have been out starting to work on these.

Work will continue on the Little League baseball field at Roosevelt Park, and should be completed later this Spring.

The City posts events at the park, and Minutes on the website at www.cityoftroymontana.com. The Minutes are posted once they have been approved by Council. Pictures of the new mayor, council, and police department are now on the website as well. Once we have schedules for the baseball and soccer teams we will post them on the City website. It is shaping up to be an active year at the park.

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