

CITY OF TROY

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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Even though the weather at times is not an indication it is spring, a sure sign is the many people you see hauling building material, or buying paint for spring projects. The park is seeing more use on the walking path, and the kids playing basketball are in good form.

The weather doesn't always comply, but City crews have been out fixing potholes. More need to be done.

With Spring there is always spring cleanup that we do to haul away and dump that part of "winter" that looks a little out-of-place among the first flowers, and greening grass. Remember to call as soon as possible to get on the list to haul away your junk vehicles, and to keep down any weeds around your property.

Some of this work has already begun, and we thank you for sprucing up our city, keeping it clean, and making us proud to live in Troy.

You may have noticed the truck at the "Pink Apartments" loaded with junk to haul off. The inside of the building has been striped down to make way for the remodeling to be done. Each unit will be completely re-done. The outside will undergo a transformation as well. This building has been a part of Troy history, and once cleaned up and remodeled, will remain so for several more years.

One more fire bay will soon be completed at City Hall. This bay is being converted to an office and a storage area. The brick front will be the same type of veneer that can be found outside the City Courtroom.

The ball field at Roosevelt Park is in the process of a make-over. The soils in that area do not allow for the rain or snow melt to drain as quickly as it should. We hope to get this remedied, but, again the weather has been against us. When it stopped raining (for a few minutes) the ground was so soft that heavy equipment necessary to help correct the problem could not get in or on the field as the ground was not hard enough to support the weight. If they had been allowed to go on the fields, it would have meant broken sprinklers, and damage to the asphalt and grass. The asphalt by the baseball and soccer fields do not have a base that will hold a huge amount of weight when the ground is so soft. We were all disappointed when the first game of the new girl's baseball team could not be played here.

The City crew has also been busy helping the County put in the disc golf course over by the museum. It seems to be a big hit as we've seen quite a few people down there trying it out. This was done in preparation for a "disc golf tournament that will be held in June, 2006. Ralph Stever has been out and about getting sponsors for the event. The course here is rated as one of the top professional disc courses in Montana.

The #1 project of course, is the City Water Project. It has been quite the undertaking to fulfill all the requirements, but it appears the end is in sight and we will be able to go to bid soon. (Smile). Yes, we know, we've said that before. Recently the acquisition for the well and tank site were completed, and hopefully the issues with meter pits along Highway 2 has been reconciled. Thanks to all of you that helped us out.

We are hoping that the City will be able to construct an interactive wildlife, fish and fowl museum building at the park. We have been approached by a few people that say they would help in painting the building and the murals needed to display mounts of wildlife, birds and fish. Also, others have said they would like their mounts to be displayed if we do erect such a place, and others have advised that some associations rotate displays that come from different parts of the country as well as different parts of the world. It would be great to put this together for all of us to enjoy.

The Mayor has been working with a number of people to get cell service into Troy. We have received letters from a few companies that may be interested, and some that gave useful information. We would like to have this service in Troy by next year.

We have also been looking into an alternative energy source to fall back on that will be more affordable for the future. We talked to the Governor and everyone on down the line about how this could be accomplished. We are still working to see if this is a viable project. There is a lot of interest for alternative energy plants. The City is definitely looking into the possibilities. There are some that are looking at us.....to see if we can do it.

With the New Year Jim Hammons was installed as mayor after being elected in November, and the City Council got two new members; Ron Rebo and Larry Baker. Larry Baker was elected in November for a four year term, and Ron Rebo was appointed to a vacant seat that will expire in 2008.

The Mayor was ask recently to speak at the Montana State Trails Conference in Helena. He gave a 20 minute talk with the help of a slide presentation on how Troy has so far completed Phase I and Phase II of the walking path at the park. There are additional phases that will link our path to the one the County put in at the "airport", and to the areas by the museum on Hwy 2, and along Lake Creek.

Kit Pearson comes to the Police Department from Washington State in January of this year. We welcome him and his family to Troy.

We have put up a sign at the edge of town that states "**Building Permits are Required**". This is for any construction, remodel, or removal. Please be sure and contact the City **before** any removal or re-model is done. There are specific regulations now in place pertaining to older building that may have asbestos contamination and will have to be processed accordingly.

We have seen Denise Smith from Senator Conrad Burns's office in Kalispell in town a few times this winter checking to see what our concerns and wishes are. Also, Catherine LeCours of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality has been here to keep us updated as to the latest developments in the Troy asbestos cleanup. A warm thank you to them both for their tireless concern for all of us in Troy. You can reach Denise Smith at 1-800-344-1513 or e-mail her at denise_smith@burns.senate.gov, and Catherine LeCours at 1-800-246-8198, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or e-mail: clecours@state.mt.us.

The tree planting and cleaning for Arbor Day will be Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 11 am. Each year the boy scouts and others come down to help the City. Last year over 200 tree seedlings were planted. This year we expect to do about the same. The trees are being planted to provide a buffer along the lagoon fence and the walking path.

The first baseball tournament of the season will be June 10th, and we hope to have a few fun surprises for that event for all to enjoy. The final baseball tournament for the season will be the City's when we play against the City of Libby, on August 5-6, 2006.

We have started to re-vamp the City of Troy web site and hope this will be completed and updated by the end of summer. Hopefully we will be able to keep you informed on the monthly events that take place *before* they happen. Let us know what you think.

Sincerely,

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