

CITY OF TROY FALL NEWSLETTER

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Our warm, blue sky days have faded and the events of those days become memories as we continue toward all of the activities that will take us to the end of the year. All of the new colors of the seasons are now before us, new memories to make, and times to enjoy.

Finally, we have come to the point where we are going to open bids for Phase I of the water project. On Monday, October 16th we held a pre-bid meeting that was attended by interested contractors, the engineers for the project, and the City. We are accepting bids until October 25, 2006 at 5 pm; opening them at the Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

It will be up to the contractor awarded the bid if they will start this fall or early next year. This will partly depend on the weather. We expect Phase I of the water project to be completed within eight to nine months depending on the "start date".

The "Invitation to Bid" for the water project does appear in the Western News and we do have it online at cityoftroymontana.com. This is the City's website as you probably know and has all kinds of information and links.

Please note that the City will be strictly enforcing the curfew. Ordinance No. 463, the curfew ordinance will be posted on the City website. The curfew is 10 pm weeknights Sunday through Thursday for those under the age of 18 and 12 midnight, Friday and Saturday. If you want additional details please go online to our website or call City Hall at 295-4151.

City Hall must be advised of any building, remodeling, demolition, new construction, fencing, roofing, porches and etc. that will take place within the city limits. There may not be a fee assessed, but it must be reviewed by the public works departments. They will assess whether or not the setbacks, overhangs, easements or whatever are all accurate and in place *before* you begin your project.

You may have noticed the power and light crew out cutting overhanging limbs. This is a maintenance time for them and is necessary so that there are fewer outages and problems that usually arise during the winter when it is very cold and gets dark so early.

The additional office space at City Hall was completed and has been in use. Several agencies have used it, and rented it for their workshops or meeting.

The City Annex on Third Street has become quite popular and is used by the Chamber of Commerce, TACA, and many other associations. We hope to complete the placing of a bench and a trash receptacle outside the building for those just out walking, or those waiting for a meeting to start.

The Yurt (a Mongolian hut-like tent/cabin) was also completed this summer and has been very well received by those patrons in town and outside of town. We've had many people rent it already. Several people this summer came to stay in it and it has been rented out for several days this fall. It has no power to it, but we expect to remedy that soon. The placement by the river and access to the river has been a real draw for people wanting to experience the great outdoors.

The overlook by the Kootenai River is in the beginning stages. This will be one more place along the walking path at Roosevelt Park to stop and enjoy the view and wildlife along the Kootenai River. There will be a bench, lighting, and an Interpretative sign on the overlook talking about the history of the mill site as well as the Kootenai River.

As you know the Troy Jail and Roosevelt Bridge was submitted for designation as historical sites. We have been assured they will be approved and listed by the Montana Historical Society in their register as well as the National Registry.

Some of you have been asking about how the cell service in Troy is progressing. We have been told that in the near future, perhaps by next year we would have service in Troy. Yes... we know we've been told that before, but we will just keep after them to make good on their commitment.

We want to thank John Konzen, the County Road Department, and the State Road Department for their continued support, and help they provide to the City.

Also, thank yous are in order to all of those associated with the museum here in Troy for the new welcome sign and their part in putting together the Disc Golf tournament this summer. People were here from all parts of the County and one comment was; that "it is the best disc golf course they had ever been to". By the way there is another tournament on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Call Ralph Stever at 295-3016 for more information or go the City website.

You may have noticed that some trees by the green boxes were taken out. They presented a safety hazard and had also contributed to the mess around the green boxes because of the fallen leaves.

New this year is the Booster Club and Pep Club. It is good to know that once again they are here to support the school's sports programs and clubs for students of Troy. Congratulations Trojans and Lady Trojans for your victories this season. A job well done!

We are doing a "Show Your Colors" promotion on our website to showcase pictures taken by you. Send your pictures to our email address- citytroy@troymt.net . Pictures will be chosen to appear on our website in the picture gallery. Your name will appear with your pictures and with your approval may appear as the one of the months on the City online calendar. So "Show Your Colors" and send in your picture

Have a great Fall.

Sincerely,

Jim Hammons
Mayor, City of Troy