

SPRING NEWSLETTER

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There are several projects that are planned for this year, some that have been in the works for a few years, like the walking path from the Museum by Steins down to Third Street and across the tracks to Roosevelt Park. Part of this project is to upgrade the streets along Third and Yaak, but it depends how far the funds will go. This is a County project funded with a CTEP grant. The City will be helping with labor and equipment.

The City crew has been out, when weather permitted, to fill some of the larger potholes. We hope that with warmer weather they can all be fixed.

Many of you may have noticed that the trees by City Hall were taken down. The root systems of the trees were doing a number to the sidewalks making them uneven and a hazard. The sidewalks and tree stumps have been completely taken out and new sidewalks, trees and lighting will replace what is there now. When future funding becomes available, the plan is to do all of Third Street with new lighting and sidewalks.

There is a new baseball field being cut out at Roosevelt Park, and an RV Parking area installed in the area along the river side that will be cleared and grass planted. The lights along the walking path have been replaced and are lighting up the night once again. These are a new, more efficient white light that consumes less energy.

The City has a Park Ordinance #611, and there is a schedule of park user fees to help defray the cost of park maintenance, and support the upgrade and installation of new facilities. You can check out the user fees on the web site at cityoftroymontana.com.

There are several events planned at the park again this year. Upcoming are:

1. Softball Tournament – June 6, 7
2. Disc Golf Tournament – June 20
3. July 4th Celebration – July 4
4. Blue Grass Festival – July 17, 18, & 19
5. Arts on the Grass (Troy Museum)– July 18
6. Yaak Valley Forest Council (Festival) – July 25
7. Scotchman’s Peak Boogie – August 1
8. TVFD Mud Bog – August 8
9. Good Sam’s Rally – August 13, 14, 15, & 16

The City applied for grant money to continue work on the water system, Phase II. The City did get \$175,000 from the Omnibus Fund, \$750,000 from TSEP, \$100,000 from DNRC and hopefully \$300,000 from the 595 Grant funds, with the rest coming from a SRF water Loan Program for \$500,000 with payments on only half of the amount, and an interest rate between .75 and 1.75 on the half. This will continue the replacement of water mains, the completion of the chlorination system required by the State, and telemetry for the water tanks, along with a few other miscellaneous items. Phase III funding will be sought with applications to the funding agencies in May 2010 that will complete the water system and allow replacement of service lines from the meter to the residence. Once the system has a series of water usages amounts compiled through the summer, a public hearing will be held to establish the water usage over the amount allowed in the basic rate. Water leakage is a huge problem. See below for what a small leak or drippy faucet adds up to in gallons.

Waste per quarter psi water pressure

Diameter of stream	Gallons	Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters
 1 / 4 "	1,181,500	158,000	4,475
 3 / 16 "	666,000	89,031	2,521
 1 / 8 "	296,000	39,400	1,115
 1 / 16 "	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.

The 2008 Water CCR Report is on the city web site: cityoftroymontana.com

Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the planning and zoning committee. Meetings to get started on this will begin soon. There may be a temporary weed control position available if funding is received. If anyone is interested contact City Hall for more information.

City Hall will have some brick work repair this summer. This winter was worse than usual on the building.

Since we are going into summer, remember to cut down all tall weeds and tall grasses on your property. Also, a reminder that dog licenses can be renewed beginning July 1, 2009.

With the end of the school year approaching, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and coaches for their hard work and dedication to our students and student athletes. I'd like to acknowledge all the athletes for their achievements this year. Also, a special thank you to Mr. Lizotte for having the POD government classes for coming to City Council meetings. The Council and I really enjoyed having them at the meetings, as well as the interviews they conducted with us. We were impressed with how well-mannered the students were, as well as with their background knowledge before interviewing us. Thank you for making all of Troy proud of you!

Sincerely,

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