

MAYOR's CORNER

Spring is on it's away. The snow crocus are peeking out as an early signal. I personally enjoy each change of the season, but spring seems the most rewarding for my soul. I relish the blooming of the tulips and daffodils. May I wish each and everyone of you a happy spring.

This is also the time of the year to be working on the budget for the next fiscal year. We are currently seeking at least one new member of our budget committee. Melissa Owens has graciously consented to be our Budget Officer for another year. She will put together a draft budget for the budget committee to review. Her information comes from the needs input from departments and anticipated revenue income. The budget committee reviews and scrutinizes the budget, making recommendations for changes. The budget committee members consist of the council and six residents. We need at least one new member this year. If you would consider volunteering to help us, please call Lori Paxton, City Recorder and leave a message. I would be happy to personally call you and discuss the role. (it is your personal opportunity, as a taxpayer to control your taxes). The commitment is usually one meeting a week for five or six weeks. We will be starting soon, please consider volunteering.

While I am on the role of soliciting for volunteers, may I invite you to join the staff of the Bulletin. We have several faithful Bulletin workers, who at this time I am certain would appreciate some assistance. If you are interested in gathering information from various groups, typing input, working with layout, or editing, please call Lori at the City Hall and leave a message for someone from the Bulletin staff to contact you. Our newsletter is a wonderful means of communication, please join us to help with the continued publications.

There is not a lot of "hot" news" from the town at the moment. At our February council meeting, (2/13) business from the audience included a resident who was present to discuss the hazard tree situation

in town. We are still gathering information from citizens who may have a need to have their own trees pruned or who have trees on city property that may need to be removed. Currently we know of one licensed and bonded person who will remove trees and for payment will take the tree for lumber. The town needs to check with the new property owners of Section 10 to confirm ownership and liability. In the interim, please call City Hall if you have such trees. We are keeping an information log and will attempt to coordinate the work to be done at one time.

Mike Witte, as Planning Commission chairperson, presented requests for approval for the toddler's playground fence in the park and for a roof design change for the Community Bible Church. He also requested approval for a citizen to be appointed to the Planning Commission who had expressed an interest. It was suggested that the residency requirement may not yet have been met yet. The recommendation will be addressed at a future meeting.

Gary Shipley presented his report. He praised Karen Davis for her work and her work with volunteers to restore the condition of the cemetery grounds. I have been told by several citizens that the cemetery looks better than it has looked in a long time. Thanks to Karen and her volunteers!

Have you notice the new school zone signs? Gary has been busy putting in additional school zone signs where needed. Please see the new Public Works section in the Bulletin for further information.

We, as a town, are interested in the new ownership of our watershed. We hope to establish a communication link with the new owners and work together to meet their needs and ours. I had hoped to establish a watershed advisory board or water commission, but at this time the council would prefer to deal directly communicating with the new owners.

I may be dreaming, but Happy Spring!

Sara Beck, Mayor

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