

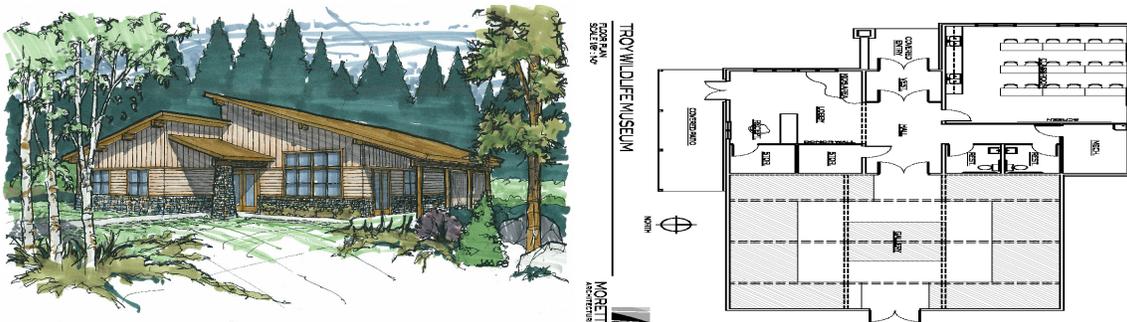
SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008

Phase I of the water project is almost at an end. There will be some activity before the end of the month when another walk-thru is planned. So, if you do have an item that has not been attended to yet, be sure and let us know. We do expect to be fixing streets that were torn up during the water project, and putting chipseal on Kalispell and Spokane Avenues. Pothole repair will also begin.

We have applied for grants for Phase II of the water project. It will be Fall or after before we know if we were successful. Phase II will include replacing the leaking mains along Kootenai Avenue, Yaak Avenue, Third and Fourth Street, create redundancy and increased hydraulic efficiency through water main looping from Well #2 to the Spokane/Kalispell alley, the elementary school and across Callahan Creek. Replace the remaining leaking hydrants and install new hydrants in the areas that currently lack proper hydrant spacing. If we are successful in getting approved for the grants it will be late 2009 before any work is started. The meter reading equipment for the water should be here this month, and will go online. At that point, we will begin reading the meters to get an understanding of the usage for the summer months. By fall you will know what to expect, and the metered amount over basic amount will appear on your billing statement.

The interactive wildlife museum will be underway as early as this fall if weather permits. At the present time the location will be over by Callahan Creek. We expect to start clearing, and if possible put in the foundation this year. The building is approximately 2400 s.f. and will house wildlife mounts, have a meeting/classroom, restrooms, storage and foyer. The covered patio at the back of the building will be on the creek side. This building is to be funded by donations and grants.



Remember, this is the season when weeds grow faster than we think, and need to be dealt with quickly. The City is doing their part and will have a small crew out next week cutting down weeds around town. Let's all do our part and get them cut down.

Owners of any junk vehicles that do not have a valid license, does not run, or is dismantled, and left on the street, or in view from the street, will be at risk to receive a notification for removal.

There will be an opportunity to come into City Hall and see a map for the proposed draft of the growth policy. After review and comments the policy will be submitted to the County and State. Once approved the process for planning and zoning will begin.

Keep in mind that any remodel, new construction, fences, porches, etc., must have a building permit, even though there may not be a fee. This is to make sure it is reviewed for City setbacks, easements and right-of-ways. We would not like to advise removal because the project had already started and was not in compliance.

The City is looking into housing for low to moderate income eligibility. Many cities in Montana already have projects started, and the ones that have been completed, were quite successful.

The sewer project for wastewater treatment now going on down by the city shop is coming along very well. The excavation, and foundation have been completed and blocks laid. This unit once completed will process the wastewater over ultra violet enclosed tubes to remove and sterilize any microbes that may be present in the wastewater before it reaches the Kootenai River. New regulations from Montana DEQ for wastewater treatment require this to be done. The project is expected to be completed by August of this year.

The summer will be a busy time at Roosevelt Park as there will be softball tournaments on June 7 through June 8, and another on July 5 through July 6. The disc golf tournament will be held June 21, 2008. A Blue Grass Festival on July 12, and July 18 through July 20, 2008. A band concert will be performed at the park involving three bands on August 2, 2008. The Mudd Bogg will be on August 9, 2008.

And, don't forget the Old Fashioned Fourth of July. It should be a time for all to have fun and enjoy the festivities. For general and food booth information call Steve Bowen at 295-4858, for parade and games contact Heather McDougall at 295-9993, and for craft vendors call Jody Peterson at 295-7338. We are assured that the fireworks will be as good if not better than last years.

A water advisory is attached and must go out to all users even though the negative results come from a very, very small area of town.

We hope you all have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Jim Hammons
Mayor, City of Troy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in TROY CITY OF Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

Water samples taken on **May 14, 2008** confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria in the water supply serving the City of Troy.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, Coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding Coliforms in the drinking water.

What is being done?

We are chlorinating and flushing the water system at the site of the positive sample.

We are still detecting coliform bacteria. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are present. We anticipate resolving the problem within two weeks.

For more information, please contact DAVID NORMAN at (406) 295-4151, Director of Public Works, 301 E Kootenai Avenue, P O Box 823, Troy, MT 59935.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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