

**CITY OF TROY**  
**FALL NEWSLETTER 2008**

The summer has seen the first phase of the water project completed, most notably the installation of water meters, mainline replacement in three streets, and a new 180,000 gallon water tank installed last year, with finish work completed this year.

The new meter reading equipment has been used to identify overall water usage, with surprising information gathered. Our suspicions that there are leaks in the system were confirmed, with a large amount of water lost to the ground. With the second phase grant application completed, we can replace the mainline throughout the rest of the city, tackling the leaks and resolving further water loss.

The meter reading software is in place, and our crews have been out working with the system to ensure readings for each unit. In the coming months, you will see your new meter readings for water usage.

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The sewer UV disinfection project was completed and put through initial testing, with satisfaction that all is working properly. This work was done entirely by federal grant money from Rural Development. Not only does this put us in compliance with current regulations, but in compliance with additional regulations scheduled to be imposed in the future.

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The City's contract with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is scheduled to end in 2011. Recently, we have been contacted by BPA, receiving a contract that shows a \$120,000 increase in the amount we have to pay for power. We must sign the contract this year. There is a plan that will implement paced increases. The first one will raise the basic rate \$4 for all users. Therefore, for residential users, the rate will go from \$6 to \$10. Please see below the *Notice of Electrical Rate Hearing* held on October 15 at 6:30 p.m. that includes the list of rate increases.

**NOTICE OF ELECTRICAL RATE HEARING  
TROY, MONTANA**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 69-7-111 M.C.A. that the City Council of the City of Troy, Montana, has ordered a hearing before the Troy City Council to be held at the Troy City Hall, 301 East Kootenai Avenue, Troy, Montana 59935, on **October 15, 2008**, at the hour of **6:30 p.m.** The purpose of said hearing shall be to consider an increase in the current electrical rates of the Troy municipal electrical system. An estimate of the increase in the customer's average bill is set forth on Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT  
RATE INCREASE

TYPE OF ACCOUNT	BASE RATE		PROPOSED	
	OLD	RATE PER kWh	NEW BASE RATE	RATE PER kWh
COM-1PH + DEMAND	6.00	0.03730	10.00	0.03730
COM - 1PH - ACTUAL	6.00	0.05019	10.00	0.05019
COM - 1PH - AVERAGE	6.00	0.05019	10.00	0.05019
COM - 3PH + DEMAND	18.00	0.03730	22.00	0.03730
COM - 3PH - ACTUAL	18.00	0.05019	22.00	0.05019
RESIDENTIAL - ACTUAL	6.00	0.05019	10.00	0.05019
RESIDENTIAL - AVERAGE	6.00	0.05019	10.00	0.05019
RESIDENTIAL - FUEL ASSIST	6.00	0.05019	10.00	0.05019

EXHIBIT "A"

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The City has an application in for an appropriation to put in storm drains. The intersection of Third Street and Yaak Avenue would be one of the first fixes, where there is considerable ponding after a heavy rain or snow melt. We feel this is a priority due to the proximity of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks, with the constant concern of undermining the road's stability and the possible creation of another sinkhole. Sidewalks would be included as well in this project.

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The bike/walk path project from the Museum to Roosevelt Park is still underway. This project would include fencing near the tracks on the Mill Road side. We are working to secure right-of-way easements from BNSF along Mill Road.

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All these projects depend on appropriations and grants, as well as donations. As we all know, the downturn in the economy creates a difficult atmosphere to secure funding for all these projects, not just in Troy, but across the state.

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The transfer of city property to the school has seen the rise of steel girders that will soon house the school activity center. We have put photos on the City web site of the progress so far.

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We have been notified that the cell tower could be up and running as soon as the end of October. There has been activity at the site, and the City has been contacted to put power in.

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On a final note, the Troy Area Community Association (TACA) has reached the decision to dissolve their organization. The Pub Crawl and Historic Downtown Troy Day were just a couple of the events that were sponsored by TACA. We want to thank them for all their endeavors in the five years they supported the community with their activities, and the legacy they leave behind.

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In closing, now that summer is over and school has started, get out and support your Troy Trojans in all their team activities.

Jim Hammons, Mayor

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