City of Iona Newsletter

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VOLUME FIVE MAY, 2016

Planning and Zoning Meeting: May 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Special City Council Meeting: May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting: May 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I don't know if you have had anyone knock on your door to have you sign a petition to recall me as mayor, but I would hope you would give me a call at (208)-521-6970 before you sign it.

I, the City Council, and the Water Committee have been looking at water issues the past year so that we can plan for the future (5-25 years) of the City's water system to be stable for years to come. Some of the items we have considered are: refurbishing our existing water tank, purchasing land for another water tank and well, going from a flat rate to a meter rate, buying more water rights, upgrading the infrastructure, conservation, and enforcement of watering three days a week instead of it being voluntary. It is important as your Mayor, City Council, and Water Committee to put these issues on the table for discussion during our meetings to gather information, ideas, and knowledge to make the best decisions possible.

The people doing the recall wanted to change the way the city did business. The council voted it down because it would have tied the cities hands on even enforcing one person who was habitually wasting water. For example, it would be similar to hiring a policeman, but not giving him a gun or vehicle so that he can have the tools to do their job.

Since the City Council did not pass their referendum they are now trying to recall me as mayor.

Ever since I became Mayor I have only tried to do what is best for the City of Iona. I was born and raised here. After I got out of college and married, I could have lived anywhere but I chose Iona because I love Iona and wanted to raise my family here. As Mayor I have had no vested interest or agenda, except trying to make Iona a wonderful place to live. If you take a look around through the efforts of the City's employees, the City Council, and the Planning and Zoning I think they have all done a great job.

If you have any questions, I again would like to encourage you to call me at (208)-521-6970 or come and see me to find out the facts.

This quote comes from Clerk Roberts that I really like:

"I am only one but I am one. I cannot do everything but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

Sincerely,

Mayor Brad Andersen

COMMUNITY

"Splash Pad Opening" – The Splash Pad at Pioneer Park will open on Wednesday June 1st. It will be open 7 days a week from 11:00am – 7:00pm. If you have any questions about the Splash Pad, please call the City office at (208)-523-5600 or email cityclerk@cityofiona.org

"Iona Days 2016" – This year's Iona Days will be held on Saturday, July 23rd, 2016. Activities will begin at 7:00 am and go till 4:00 p.m. Activities will include the following: pancake breakfast from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., 5k fun run/walk at 8:00 a.m., car show all day, vendors all day, bike parade at 1pm, crafts, kid games/activities, face painting, hair/nails, dunk tank, bounce house, water slide, and entertainment. Then at 6pm The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day-Saints puts on a "free" chicken dinner for the community.

"Movie in the Park" - This year's first Movie in the Park will be on Friday, May 27, 2016 (last Friday in May) held at the City Square at dusk. Bring a blanket or chair and join your neighbors for a free family movie.

"Water Conservation" – As in the past years, we are asking people whose address ends with an odd number (e.g. 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) that you water on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Those with an address that ends with an even number (e.g. 2, 4, 6, 8) to water on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On Sunday please limit your watering to a bare minimum. By doing this, it will help the City to conserve water, keep costs down, better pressure for you as a customer, and a healthier lawn. It is better for your lawn to water every two to three days, than to water every day.

Water Conservation Tips:

1. Check household faucets for leaks. A faucet with even a slow drip can waste up to 3,000 gallons per year.

2. Keep showers to 5 minutes or less. A five-minute shower takes only 10 to 25 gallons; where a bath takes 50 gallons of water.

3. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving. You can save up to 8 gallons of water each time.

4. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator. Then you won't waste water by running it until it gets cold.

5. Use a broom to sweep your driveway or sidewalk instead of using water.

6. Water only three days a week and at night or early in the morning. Over 70% of a household water consumption is used outside.

7. Keep your lawn at least 2 ½ inches high.

8. Fix your leaky toilet. A leaky toilet wastes 50 gallons of water per day or 18,250 gallons per year.

9. Wash clothes only when you have a full load; same with the dishwasher.

10. When washing your automobile, use a trigger sprayer; do not let the water run.

EVENTS

"Arbor Day and Spring Clean-up" – Mark your calendars for this year's Arbor Day and Spring Clean-up for Saturday May 21, 2016. Clean-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. and anyone interested should meet at the Iona Community Center. Following the Clean-up two trees will be planted on Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City of Iona's Planning & Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the evening of May 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Iona Community Center, which is located at 3548 North Main St., Iona, ID. A second public hearing is scheduled for the evening of May 18, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. at the Iona Community Center with the City Council for final review.

"Amended Plat and Variance Application located at 5287 E. Owens Ave., 5287 ½ E. Owens Ave., and 5265 E. Owens Ave" – The purpose of this hearing is to consider a preliminary plat and variance application for the amended plat.

"Luv Em Lots Childcare – Conditional Use Permit" – The purpose of this hearing is to consider a Conditional Use Permit to allow an in-home daycare located at 3032 Olsen St; owned and operated by Michelle Smoley.

NOTE FROM THE CHIEF

"Spring Cleaning" – Please view the City's Code regarding yard debris, litter/weed control and general policy and regulations concerning property maintenance. City code can be found on the website at www.cityofiona.org

Please call with any questions or concerns. Thank you for helping to keep our city beautiful.

Sincerely,

Chief K. Bowcutt

MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (MYAC) – MADISON STOLWORTHY

"Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)" – Members of our Mayor's Youth Advisory Council can often be found volunteering at all of our City's events. The purpose of MYAC is to provide service, advisory to the City, and learn leadership skills to take with them throughout life. The President of MYAC is Madison Stolworthy who is a senior at Bonneville High School. This year Madison has been selected to speak at the Association of Idaho Cities in Boise during the annual conference for the city

leaders. This is certainly a feather in her cap, as well as, for Iona/District #93's Mayor Youth Advisory Council.

Pictured Left to Right: (Sydney Stolworthy, Brooklyn Stolworthy, and **Madison Stolworthy**)

PUBLIC WORKS

"Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 8 – Community Forestry" – Please be mindful that it is unlawful for any person to plant a tree in the public right-of-way without written permission from the City.

"**Property Exterior Display of Addresses**" – Another reminder, that according to the International Building & Fire Code adopted by the City of Iona, all buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of ½ inch (12.7 mm). Where access is by means of a private road and the building address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. **Purpose of this code is for emergency vehicles to property identify and located your residence in case of an emergency.**

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

"Building Safety"

When you enter a house or building, most likely you're not thinking about whether it is properly constructed and safe. Fortunately, your local safety experts think about building safety and fire prevention every day. To help raise awareness of building safety, the Idaho Association of Building Officials (IDABO) and it five chapters around the state are celebrating Building Safety Month throughout the month of May. Across the nation, communities will promote the use and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes to protect lives and property.

Building safety and fire prevention codes address all aspects of construction, such as structural soundness of buildings, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. To ensure buildings are safe requires the active participation of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, builders, engineers, and others in the construction industry, as well as property owners.

"Public safety is our number one concern," said Jon Laux, President of the Idaho Association of Building Officials. "During Building Safety Month and all year long, building safety and fire prevention officials are here to help protect you and your community."

To mark the event Governor Otter signed a Proclamation stating May is "Building Safety Month." Building Safety Month, first observed in 1980, is sponsored by the International Code Council, a membership organization dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, of which IDABO is an active member. The International Code Council develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes—building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

More information about Building Safety Month can be found at www.iccsafe.org.