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## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Top row left: Kelsey Molyneux, Keegan Brady, Kaitlyn Goetz, Stephanie Paine, Taylor Christensen, Anna Mumm, Jenny Olsen, Miranda Overacre, and Marcus Chapa.  
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## The Mayor's Desk:

It has been six months now since taking office as your Mayor. What a great privilege it has been to serve along side such enthusiastic, professional and dedicated employees at City Hall. I cannot say enough about the positive changes taking place at City Hall and in our community!

Since January we have seen a new and revitalized *Kimberly Business Owners Association* develop. The "KBOA" have a newly elected board of directors and have already been very active in supporting your local business district through activities such as the recent Car Show and Dance on Main Street, and the Fundraising Ice Cream Social for Jim and Cecile Griffith. Contact a local KBOA member for more information.

The *Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MYAC)* was formed in May, 2008 and currently boasts 14 members that attend Kimberly High School. The MYAC will hold regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. This group of young citizens volunteers their time and efforts to support their local government through community projects and civic involvement. The MYAC will be a valuable resource to the City Council in the development of future policy direction. If you would like more information regarding the Youth Advisory Council, please visit [www.cityofkimberly.org](http://www.cityofkimberly.org).

Some of you may have forgotten about this one. After many years and many recent meetings between the City of Kimberly and.....(continues on page 3)

## Important Utility Billing Changes!!

Our current Utility Billing statements tend to be somewhat confusing. There are currently 3 different due dates listed. The actual due date for the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month was located in *small print* along with the penalty date to the left of the bill. The date that was most prevalent was the shut off date printed in a **large font** at the bottom right of the bill. Many people confused the shut off date from the actual due date. To add to the confusion the shut off date varies each month depending on how the date falls within that particular month. But now, there is good news!!

Utility Billing is changing!! We are happy to present to you the new and improved billing statements starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. These statements are a larger size with the ability to print notes, messages, and upcoming events to the community.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the city council adopted a new resolution to help resolve confusion regarding the 3 different due dates. The newly adopted resolution will change the shut off and penalty dates to help eliminate the confusion. (Refer to Resolution No. 225 below, number 2 regarding the Penalty).

In order to avoid a penalty charge of \$10, payments must be made by the 4<sup>th</sup> business day after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month by 4:00pm. What happens after this time of the day? Well, our office runs a daily report to insure all payments have been properly posted to the correct accounts. We call it "Rolling Over". This takes place everyday at 4:00pm. There is one exception which occurs the last day of the month when we run our Utility Billing statements in the early morning. Our date will then "roll over" at 10:00am. So make sure you get it in before then.

All accounts that are 60 days past due appear on our shut off list. As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 the city council agreed that no partial payments will be accepted. This means that the total bill is due by shut off day.

We hope that this helps resolve some of the confusion, but if any questions arise, please call the Kimberly City Hall and we'd be happy to help!

### **RESOLUTION NO. 225**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, PROVIDING THE PENALTY AND SHUT OFF DAY FOR CITY WATER SERVICE AND UTILITIES, FOR PAYMENT OF CITY UTILITY SERVICES, PENALTY DATE FOR NONPAYMENT, AND SHUT OFF DAY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO:

- 1. Payment Due Date:** The payment for City utilities is due on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month.
- 2. Penalty:** Penalties for late payment will begin to accrue at 4:01 p.m. on the fourth business day after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the month. To avoid the ten (\$10) dollar late fee, all payments must be made the fourth business day before 4:00 p.m.
- 3. Shut Off:** Water services will be shut off beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the second month the utility payments are delinquent. If the fifth business day falls on a Friday, the water service will be shut off the following Monday.
- 4. Vacancy:** Utility fees will be charged for a vacant home unless the owner/landlord requests complete shutoff. The charge for each residence for payment of the water/sewer bond will still be due and payable even if the utilities have been shut off.

This Resolution is in full force and effect upon its adoption the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008.

As of August 1<sup>st</sup> the Reminder Notices will no longer be sent to those who haven't made their payments by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

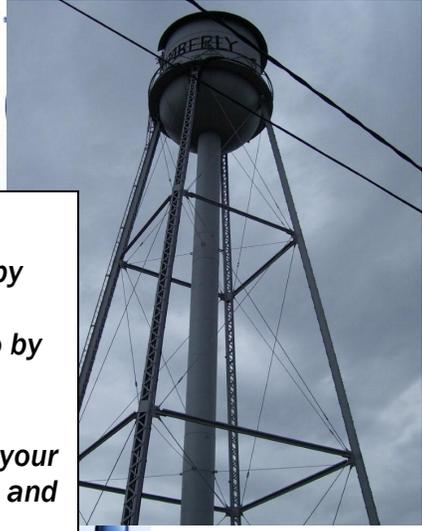
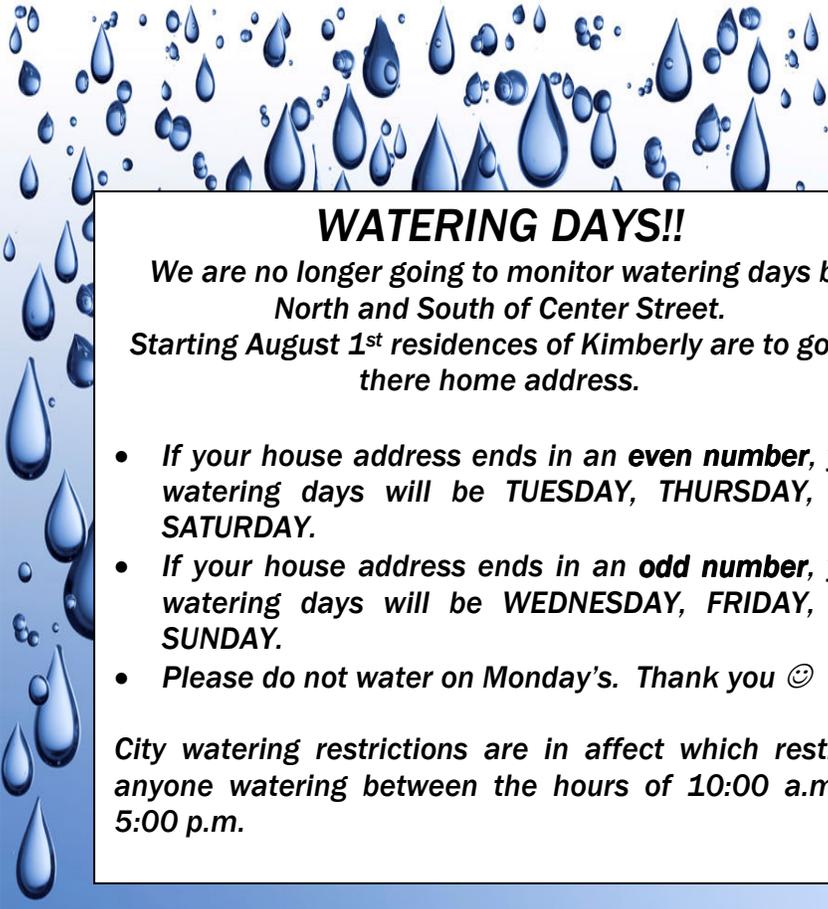
### **No More Vacant Charges**

(Refer to the resolution number 4)

Starting August 1<sup>st</sup> our vacancy charges will disappear.

If a resident leaves for any reason other than moving and would like the water **shut off temporarily** until they return, they will be responsible for only the bond fees of \$8.00 per month, but the water will be shut off.

If a resident leaves for any reason other than moving and wants the water **kept on**, the monthly bill will remain at the current city utility rate.



## **WATERING DAYS!!**

**We are no longer going to monitor watering days by North and South of Center Street. Starting August 1<sup>st</sup> residences of Kimberly are to go by there home address.**

- **If your house address ends in an *even number*, your watering days will be **TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY.****
- **If your house address ends in an *odd number*, your watering days will be **WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, and SUNDAY.****
- **Please do not water on Monday's. Thank you ☺**

**City watering restrictions are in affect which restricts anyone watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE REFER TO ORDINANCE NO. 560 LOCATED AT THE CITY HALL AND ALSO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[www.cityofkimberly.org](http://www.cityofkimberly.org)

(Continuation of The Mayor's Desk) ...Twin Falls County, terms have been reached to provide full emergency and non-emergency dispatch service from **SIRCOMM** to the Kimberly Police Department. This will provide improved service to our community and a safer environment for our officers.

I don't need to tell you how our little town is growing. There are many challenges facing your City Council and our community every day. In 1993 I served on the City Council by appointment of then Mayor, George McAdams. I recall only one Council meeting a month at that time with the occasional addition of budget meetings. Sometime during the mid to late 1990's the City Council decided to have two regular meetings a month to keep up with the ever increasing agenda. I can tell you that if the business of the city continues to increase we may be on track to join Twin Falls and others with weekly meetings just to keep up. Please don't tell the Council I told you this☺.

I was asked the other day why the city waters the parks on the "Wrong Day". My answer was immediately scoffed at. Not sure if I was being ribbed or not? Anyway, here's my best shot. The parks have many uses for the residents of this community. Those uses include, summer baseball leagues (Games day and night), Park reservations for family reunions and birthday parties, unrestricted open weekend activities, etc. The fact is the parks belong to every citizen of this community regardless of which side of town you live on or odd or even number on your house. The City Public Works Department sets the watering schedule of parks to best accommodate the other uses of these same parks and achieve a high level of conservation at the same time.

This newsletter includes very important information about new or improved ordinances that affect you. Please take the time to read and feel free to call city hall should you have any questions. A lot of time and work have been applied to addressing issues such as, Water Conservation, Pressurized Irrigation Systems, Annexation, City Utility Billings and more. I can tell you that there is more, much more to come. The City Council will soon be addressing short falls in the City Water Fund and Contract Sewer Capacity issues with Twin Falls. Oh and by the way did I tell you its time for a New City Hall? (Look for the upcoming City Hall Open House and Tour)

You know, we live in a great community and with open communication between local government and residents; we can accomplish great things together! PMA, PMA, my father would say. Echoes of a childhood acronym stick in my head these days "Positive Mental Attitude". Come join us for a City Council Meeting and remember the words are "We and Us" not "You and Them".

David Overacre  
Mayor



## COMMON BURNING QUESTIONS:



1. CAN I BURN ON MY LAND?
2. WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO IN ORDER TO BURN?
3. WHAT ARE THE HOURS I CAN BURN?
4. WHAT CAN I BURN?
5. WHAT CAN'T I BURN?

Refer to our new Burning Ordinance for the answers.

Contact the Fire Department at 423-4336 for further questions or to retain the burning permit.

### NEW BURNING ORDINANCE NO. 564

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, PROHIBITING THE BURNING OF GARBAGE AND RUBBISH WITHIN THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, PROVIDING FOR THE BURNING OF WEEDS AND TREE LEAVES DURING CERTAIN HOURS WITH A PERMIT; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEALING OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1. Burning Garbage and Rubbish:** It shall be unlawful for any person to burn garbage or rubbish within the City limits.

Paper and paper products only may be burned during the hours and in the type of burning apparatus approved by the Rock Creek Fire Protection District.

**SECTION 2. Hours of Burning:** The burning of paper, paper products, trees leaves, weeds and yard trimmings shall only be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday. Fires must be extinguished by 7:00 p.m. Fires shall not exceed three (3) hours in length.

**SECTION 3. Burning Apparatus:** All materials authorized to be burned herein shall be burned in a burning apparatus as approved by the Rock Creek Fire Protection District or shall be situated on the premises of the owner or occupant in a location to prevent fire hazards. The burning of tree leaves, weeds, and yard trimmings shall only take place on the premises of the owner or occupant as set forth in the burn permit.

**SECTION 4. Repeal:** All ordinances and Sections of the Kimberly Municipal Code in conflict herewith are repealed.

PASSED and duly enacted an Ordinance of the City of Kimberly, Twin Falls County, Idaho, at a convened meeting of the City of Kimberly Council held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

***A special THANK YOU to the City of Kimberly's Fire Department for all their hard work:***

Thank you to the Chief - Mike Hendricks, Battalion Chief - Jason Keller, Assistant Chief - Greg Vawser, and President of the Fireman's Association - John Balling, and all of our city's volunteers.

We also want to say, "Thank You" to Steven Balling, James Moore, and Murtaugh's Mayor - Dee Hunsaker, as they are fighting the fires in California.

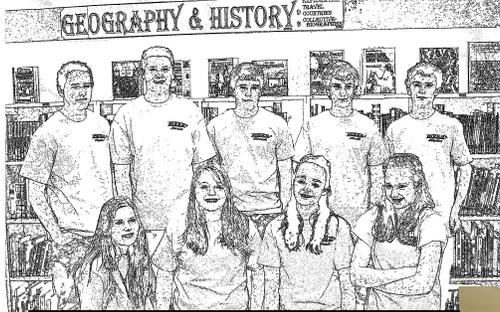
***Thank you for risking your life for the lives of others!!!***

# Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

Motivated Youth Making A difference in our Community

## Youth Advisory Council

Keegan Brady  
 Seth Champlin  
 Marcus Chapa  
 Taylor Christensen  
 Stephen Clements  
 Kaitlyn Goetz  
 Brock Hulsey  
 Kelsey Molyneux  
 Anna Mumm  
 Jenny Olsen  
 Miranda Overacre  
 Stephanie Paine  
 Andy Yung



### **MYAC at the Public Library**

Top Left: Taylor Christensen, Marcus Chapa, Brock Hulsey, Seth Champlin, and Stephen Clements

Bottom Left: Kelsey Molyneux, Anna Mumm, Miranda Overacre, and Kaitlyn Goetz.

## **MYAC**

When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month

Where: City Council Chambers

What Time: 7:00pm



### **MYAC at the Ground Breaking during Good Neighbor Day's**

Top Left: Kelsey Molyneux, Stephanie Paine, Taylor Christensen, Marcus Chapa, Brock Hulsey, Stephen Clements, Andy Yung, and Mayor Overacre

Bottom Left: Anna Mumm, Miranda Overacre, Jenny, Olsen and Kaitlyn Goetz

MYAC is always looking for new youth to join.

If you are an incoming Freshmen or last year Senior in High School and would like to be apart of this council, please fill out an application located at the City Hall.

Applications are also available at our Kimberly High School during regular school hours.

### **MYAC and the Mayor at the City Council Chambers presenting an award to Liberian, Helen McCord**

Top Left: Stephen Clements, Marcus Chapa, Anna Mumm, Keegan Brady, Mayor Overacre, Helen McCord, Kelsey Molyneux, Jenny Olsen, Taylor Christensen, Andy Yung,

Bottom Left: Miranda Overacre and Kaitlyn Goetz

## **What's MYAC All About?**

**Mission Statement:** "The youth are our future. We build youth leaders by providing an environment which promotes those skills necessary to become an effect leader."

Our MYAC is devoted to helping our community. They are a real council, making real decisions. Their council consists of a Youth Mayor, Youth Council President, four Youth Council Members, a Youth Historian, a Youth Treasurer, and a Youth Secretary.

As of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 their votes will be cast to designate each position.

Like all council meetings, the agenda will be posted per meeting at the City Hall and Post office. The community is welcome to attend these meetings as they will discuss city affairs.



## ***Landlords and Tenants***

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 all Utility Bills will be put into the Landlords name.

### **What does this mean for Landlords?**

Landlords will be ultimately responsible for the water bills. It is up to the landlord how the bill will be paid. Either it will be added to their tenant's rent or they can have the bill sent directly to the service address but the bill will remain in the Landlords name.

### **What does this mean for Tenants?**

Tenants will no longer be responsible for a \$100 deposit. Once they have become a Kimberly resident they are responsible to the landlord in how their payment is to be made.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 567**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO AMENDING KIMBERLY CITY CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION § 13.12.080 REQUIRING REAL PROPPERTY OWNERS TO SUBSCRIBE AND PAY FOR UTILITY SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO:

Section 1: That the Kimberly City Code is amended by the addition of a new § 13.12.080 as follows.

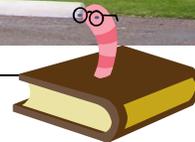
**"13.12.080: REAL PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITY CHARGES:** Effective January 1, 2009, only the owner of the real property served by City services may subscribe to city utility services, including water, sewer and sanitation. The real property owner shall be considered the "water user", "sewer user", "users", "resident" and "person", as used in this code."

Section 2: That this ordinance is effective January 1, 2009.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Kimberly, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.



### **"Catch the Reading Bug"**



June was an eventful month for the Kimberly City Library. The summer reading program was held each Thursday during the entire month of June. Attendance was great! There were a total of 412 kids, 35 teens and 64 adults. A good time was enjoyed by all who participated. The library was bulging and there were lots of incentives for summer reading, tons of fun games and crafts, and a bit of sadness when it was all over. There were some phone calls in July asking if the summer reading program was continuing in July. Look forward to next June for more fun and good reading.

Circulation at the library continues to grow. The month of June was no exception. Please note the following numbers: June 2005 – 2,256, June 2006 – 2,261 June 2007 = 2,307 and June 2008 – 2,899. Wow! The library continues to cultivate great reading, and we are hopeful that the City will have more space for the library in the near future. **HAPPY READING!**



Lee McKinlay, City Councilwoman

# Special Message from Polly Hulsey

Greetings from the City of Kimberly,

What an awesome place to call home. ☺ The employees of the City have been working diligently to continue to make our community a place of pride. I am so impressed with our staff and would like to share a few comments regarding some things we are currently undertaking.



Our front office staff: Jean Hopkins and Aubrie VanBuskirk have taken on the responsibility of updating our customer accounts, working toward our record retention plan and initiating a new disaster plan. In addition, our public works gentlemen have helped them re-paint the front office. {We joke that it has probably not been painted since the early 1900's}. **Please stop by and see the new look, as well as take a chance at our monthly trivia question - there are prizes**

We have a new Community Service Officer - Mayra Gomez-Valencia. Her role encompasses: taking care of our dog control, weed/water ordinances. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff and is working very hard to get out and meet everyone in our community. Please help us welcome her to our team.



Kimberly has experienced our share of growth over the last several years, which has certainly kept our Planning and Zoning Administrator, Dave Abrahamson very busy. The Planning and Zoning Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at @ 7:00 pm the Council Chambers. There are always things happening in our planning and zoning department, so please feel free to attend their meetings.



Currently our Public Works gentlemen are extremely busy trying to get everything ready for Kimberly Good Neighbor Days. We have an extraordinarily talented group (Public Works Superintendent - Rob Wright, Foreman - Kevan Hafer, Ken Millbourn, John Balling and Kyle Hartley) that assist our resident's everyday with things that we never think about, because they simply work so well they go unnoticed. They take care of all of our water, sewer, streets and parks. In addition, they host our annual Arbor Day and involve the youth in our schools with this important event.



*Our Police department is an incredible resource to our community. We currently have a staff of seven, which include: Pat Bermingham, Chief: Stacy Buck, Lieutenant and officers: Tim Miller, Rick Beem, Kirk Rosenau, Rick Scruggs and Mike Huffman. I was thinking about our officers while I was driving to work the other day and realized that when I go to bed at night, I have someone out there that is patrolling and keeping everything safe while I am tucked away. What a great feeling! Please stop our officers and let them know how much you appreciate what they do for us.*

**Our Mayor and Council have been working overtime to continue to serve the residents of Kimberly. We are currently looking at building a new City Hall. Our current City Hall is in desperate need of help. We welcome you to stop by and we will give you a tour of our facility. We have had ceilings collapse, one of the outside walls is caving in and last year we had four internal floods, as well as many additional issues. Therefore, we are actively working on ideas for a new City Hall. We invite you to attend our Council Meetings, which are held on the second and fourth Tuesday @ 7:00pm at our Council Chambers.**

**There are many great things on the horizon in Kimberly and we always welcome your positive comments and suggestions. Go Bulldogs!**

**Polly Hulsey  
City Administrator**