

Greetings friends and neighbors,

What a beautiful summer we are having, Kids its almost half over can you believe that? Bummer right! Everyone please make sure you stay hydrated; dehydration is the leading cause of illness this time of year. Mmmmm otter pops here we come.

I wanted to real quickly just recognize Kathleen Noh for all her years of service with the Kimberly school district and congratulate her on her retirement. We are looking to Mr. Schroeder now for guidance and I have great confidence in his leadership with the district, congratulations to both of you.

RV Disposal Site- this project has opened and closed for bidding and is projected to break ground in the next 2-3 weeks.

Red Cap corner project- Funding is still on course, however timing is a factor. We had hoped to be able to get underway with this in time to beat winter but all of the **factors involved aren't aligning at this point to make it happen. If things truly play** out in the order they seem to be right now it will more than likely be March of next year (2013) before we are able to begin construction. The timing is out of our hands

Safe routes to school- **I don't know how many folks are familiar with this project** and what it entails. This project is one that has been and will still be managed and accomplished by Jan Hall, Jamie Carlton and Kathleen Noh. The funding of this project is from two sources outside of the City of Kimberly and addresses our much needed sidewalks from 2 blocks south of the Flashing light intersection at Maverick and Fast way 66 and runs south all the way to Gem Drive. This project will be addressed over three phases and will include not only sidewalks but Curb and gutters on both sides of the road, but will replace the road too. We now have a project team and are making effort to coordinate and communicate all aspects of this project. There were some concern at the last council meeting on July 10th r egarding which side of the road we should actually begin on and some other **"why" questions and suggestions, I want to communicate to everyone that we will** be having a Town Hall meeting on this project to identify all the concerns that might be out there and also take suggestions into consideration and act on some. I am of the belief that people speak up for a reason, and that reason is so that I **and the Council can listen.....and we will.** If you have recommendations now please feel free to bring them to City Hall so we can address them, My door is always open, just call ahead so I can make sure im there please.

Downtown revitalization- Update.....**We have worked very diligently and** resubmitted the information requested of us by the Idaho Department of Commerce. Our City Staff along with the Council, JUB, Jeff McCurdy and I have put in hours of preparation in coordination efforts to see this project through. We were re-scored and received points high enough to be competitive. On July 11th Our Project team traveled to Pocatello and gave a 12 minute presentation (similar to the one at the town hall meeting) to The Governors Economic Advisory Board. After the presentation I opened the floor for questions and the Board asked our team multiple questions for over 35 minutes. I have been informed by Dennis Porter from the Idaho department of Commerce that in the 13 years that he has witnessed grant requests go before the Board he has never experienced watching a City receive that much questioning. I asked him why he felt we encountered it and he stated that the Board was faced with 21 million\$ of needs and only 4million\$ in available funding. It was a very tough meeting but necessary for the process, they had some very tough decisions to make. On Monday July 17th I received a call from Dennis Porter informing me that the Board still has us on standby, (no decision was made as of yet) I was instructed that the Board has requested the City of Kimberly to revise our project and scale things back to complete our critical need areas and reduce our budget from needing 500,000 from the Block Grant to 350,000. This will truly reduce the overall project Budget by 150,000. Back to the drawing Board, but we are very close. **What does that mean to the project? Well we don't know just yet, there is much to do. We will** be visiting with JUB and scaling things back in an attempt to reach the goal set by the Board and then re-submit our revision to them for review in October. What a process right, **I guess we can be thankful that the State of Idaho doesn't just give** away half a Million dollars to whatever right! We are blessed that we have a Governor that has the foresight to hand pick people to reside over this Board and that they apply common sense as well a business sense to their duties. I was very fortunate to be a witness to such responsibility and I can only hope that I can exercise the same duties in my position serving all of you. Now we wait till October.

We have two new Officers on our Police force Shane Braack-Saufley who has been with approximately 9 months and Brook Prudent started with us July 1st. Please welcome them **when you see them and hopefully it won't be when their issuing you a citation right.**

If you haven't had an opportunity to meet our new City Administrator please stop by the City and introduce yourself. Nick Camberlango comes to us from the City of Nauvoo, Illinois with very high recommendations and accomplishments. He, his Wife (Abby) and two children are originally from Boise and are now settled in the City of Kimberly. Nick will be seeking additional training in Government Finance and Accounting to help with the Comprehensive needs of the City. We threw him right into the middle of things when he arrived with all of the Grant involvement and the Budget setting process underway.

I am in the process of building a couple of Committees. One is the City Advisory Board; this will be comprised of several community organizations and the leadership of them. I am also working with the URA to rebuild their board and establish a stronger foundation. Finally we are looking at the logistics of possibly establishing a Recreation District, and in order to accomplish this we need to start with people who have a desire to serve in that capacity. For many years the City has been supported by the Lions with Soccer and the KYA with Basketball and baseball, however these programs are getting very large and I have been asked to consider looking at a partnership to help in some way. At this point the first goal of these committees will be to get them established and begin building vision. As vision unfolds recommendations will be proposed to the Council for action.

Community

Don't forget the Farmers Market downtown on Thursday evenings and Friday Nights in the Park every other Friday night through August 24th there will be food, Live Music, Games and Events for the kids. The Proceeds for the Barbecue will go to a Charity of the Barbecue sponsors choice (locally). If you are interested in Volunteering for these events call me and leave a message a City Hall. Also if your service based or Faith based group would like to sponsor one of the game nights or the Barbecue please contact me as well. So far we have the Methodist Church the Kimberly Christian Church, two Wards from the LDS church, Rock Creek Food pantry and the East End providers. Finally if you have a business that you want to raise awareness for bring your information and set up a table for a free promotional opportunity. Don't forget KBOA and check out their website or Call Lance Godfrey at Select Source for upcoming events. Kimberly Good neighbor Days was a success thank you all for such a wonderful event. Congratulations to our Good Neighbors Eldon and Noreen Phillips and our Junior Good neighbor Amanda Hughes. Also thank you to Jonah and Jeremy Hochstrasser for their Eagle Scout Projects. These young men, with the help of their Father John, presented two large Plaques to the City for their Eagle Scout projects. The first plaque was for all of the Fallen Soldiers in the Kimberly Area and the Second was commemorating all of the previous Mayors who have served the City. This Project started with the Direction of Mayor Dave Overacre and we were grateful to be able to see it through, thank you for your vision Dave. We made some changes to the event this year and more will come next year the City will be partnering with the folks who have been managing this event for years to offer support and additional insight on the details of the events. Also KBOA has determined that they will continue the car show with Kimberly Good neighbor Days next year however they are making some other adjustments as **well to activities they feel didn't have the value they desired. I am excited to see the changes they make and what they land on for next year. Thank you KBOA for all of your efforts in our community.**

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Respectfully,

Mayor Tracy Armstrong