

Friends,

HOT NEWS!

- **MAIN STREET-** is in the process of being repaved, this will lead to detours but is much needed.
- **BRUSH PICK UP; AUGUST-** we are behind in brush pick up and will not have this completed for another three (3) weeks. Our DPW (Department of Public Works) worked to get Labor Day all set up and cleaned up for us, we have had water main breaks and we need to get our road paving done prior to bad weather. Because of the storm on August 29th and all the damage to trees, we are not limiting this pick up to the 10 yards.

Tuesday September 3rd Council Notes:

- As mentioned in my last notes, we are working on an ordinance with Jacklyn Apartments to authorize an annual service charge in lieu of taxes. Again this is needed so that they can apply for more favorable funding options to upgrade the apartments, grounds and common areas. This meeting we had the first reading of the ordinance, meaning we asked questions, but did not vote. We will vote on the ordinance at our next council meeting.
- Electronic Sign Use Policy- we reviewed and approved a sign ordinance for the electronic sign in front of City Hall. In a nut shell this sign was limited to just City specific messaging. We want to also highlight Civic and Non-Profit Groups and events in the community. The policy was approved 5/0. There is a form that will need to be filled out and submitted for the request to put a message on the sign, the City Manager will have the final decision on each request to ensure the request conforms to the policy . Let's see how this goes.... we want to be able to advertise events like Beatnik Bazaar, but this is not intended for Bob's Birthday.

I was copied on a memo this week from the Belding Housing Commission to the Belding Gardeneers, thanking the Gardeneers for supporting a contest for their residents. This contest allowed the residents to showcase their talents, allow for participation in beautifying the neighborhood. All participants received gift cards at an ice cream social, where three (3) top winners were announced. This interaction between organizations is magnificent and shows the culture that we have of working together as a community. NICE WORK!

On behalf of the entire City Council we would like to thank everyone that was involved in the Labor Day Celebration. This event truly represents the culture of our Community! Weather was great and all events were well attended. Next year I want to enter "Gwenie" our springer spaniel in the Pet Show!!! I saw the truck of my dreams in the car show, Belding Fire Department got 2nd in water ball, while the kids all played in the water. Parades, Kick Ball, Market Place, Cake Walk, Midway rides, Museum, Talent Show, Miss Belding Pageant, food, food and food trucks, and so much more, it was all here. A big THANK YOU to the Labor Day Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Belding High School, and all the Businesses and individuals that supported all the events, we as a council thank all of you for making our Belding Great!

Next Council Meeting is September 17th.

Enjoy!