

November 12th, 2013

### NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE MAYOR - 2013 in review.

2013 is now history (that is the City's fiscal year of Oct 12 thru Sep 13). Thanks to the cooperation and patience of our residents, the City installed 38 new lift pumps during the spring and early summer of 2013 as an upgrade to our residential sewer system. We hope to see a considerable savings in maintenance costs with the new pumps over the next 3 to five years (or more). Hats off to our city engineer – Jim Coleman; our attorney - Bill Appleton; and Council person Pete Job for making the sewer upgrade project a success (oh yes, and Worst, Inc for installing the system). P&Z has been doing a veomen's job this year. The City Comprehensive Plan is complete and published. Now P&Z is well on the way to developing a Municipal Code for ease of referencing policies guiding our City - hats off to Rita Whiteford and her committee. The lake continues to be a concern for all. In October we removed debris from the "check dam" that helps us control the lake levels in the spring and summer. We continue to monitor reports on the Fernan Lake TMDL (phosphorus loading) reduction planning as well as the algae issues affecting lake quality. Spring clean-up was successful for the most part although many citizens did not take advantage of the program. The spring clean-up program will be modified with the City providing support every other year (see Street Beat). The elections this year welcomed a new council person - Dorris Hoffman. MaryAnn Tierney stays on for another term! Sadly for the

City, Sue Myers' last day of duty will be 31 Dec 13. She served the City well for the last 14 years. A special "Thank You" to Sue for her dedication and untiring service to our community. On behalf of the Council – Best Wishes to all during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays.!!

# The Street Beat – by Heidi Acuff

What a beautiful summer and fall it has been! Our final street sweep for the year was November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note in the future that **THE SWEEP WILL NOT PICKUP PILED LEAVES OR PINE NEEDLES IN THE STREET**, it will only go around them so please, so if you have piled leaves and pine needles in the street pick them up with you yard clean-up.

With winter weather approaching please keep vehicles in driveways and off the streets so the snow plows and service vehicles can access our streets.

The City of Fernan will <u>NOT</u> have a Spring Clean-up 2014. If you do have items to go to the landfill transfer station next spring it is nice to know that that our station is free to our residents. The Coeur d'Alene station is located at 3650 N. Ramsey Road

Please keep speeds down in the village. There have been some "racing residents" and we want to keep our children and pets safe. There will be some work done on our speed bumps in the spring. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our streets please feel free to call me, Heidi Acuff 208.660-9229. Have a wonderful upcoming Holiday Season and stay safe and warm this winter.

- Final street sweep for 2013 was Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- DO NOT PILE LEAVES OR NEEDLES IN THE STREET.
- Keep vehicles off streets and in driveways to aid snow removal
- NO SPRING CLEAN-UP 2014
- Coeur d'Alene landfill station is FREE and located at 3650 N. Ramsey Road
- Keep speeds down in the Village
- Speed bump work to be done in the spring

You can reach me at: heidi@21goldchoice.com

#### P & Z COMMISSION

We need your help. Looking for willing and dedicated committee members. Please call the City clerk or the Mayor if you are interested.

#### WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS.

We would like to welcome back Mary Ann Tierney for another term as a Fernan Councilmember and welcome new member Dorris Hoffman.If you are interested in learning about the activities/events of the City, residents and the public are welcome to attend the City Council meetings and provide public comment. The council meetings dates and times are listed on the City website. They are normally held on the first Monday of every month, 6:30 p.m. at the Fernan Ranger Station.

## Greetings:

I'm happy to be back doing my job as a member of Fernan's Council. Our city is special, and we hope that all our residents are aware of that. The City Christmas tree will be turned on at Thanksgiving for everyone to enjoy.

Mary Ann Tierney

## **REMINDERS**

We would like to remind everyone that dogs must be kept on a leash or in your yard.

Dick Jurvelin, Mayor	208-664-9221
Mary Ann Tierney	208-667-7293
Sue Myers	208-661-2046
Pete Job	509-710-1992
Heidi Acuff	208-660-9229
Dorris Hoffman	208-664-3554
Cindy Espe, City Clerk/Planner	208-818-9053

Please check out our website at <u>www.fernanvillage.org</u> for upcoming meetings and additional information.