

Town of Elk Mountain Holiday Update

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SEASONS GREETING 2011!

WATER METER REPLACEMENT: The water meters are scheduled to be replaced this month. We would appreciate your cooperation in removing anything you may have on the meter pit lids. We must have access to these pits to replace the meters. Thank you for your help.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS: Nina Watson, Ellen Meyer and Paul Kissinger have been appointed to the Park Board. The Town is looking for interested community and surrounding area residents to serve on the Cemetery Board. Please call or stop by the Town Office and put your name in. There are vacant board seats on the High Country Joint Powers Board and Carbon County Juvenile Services Board; these are appointed positions if you are interested let the Mayor know.

FLOOD PLAN: The Town has received the funds for the FEMA grant. The federal portion of the funds were \$19,135.25 and the State of Wyoming's match was \$4,783.81 for a total of \$23,919.06. These funds were deposited back into the General Fund.

WATER PROJECT: Water Systems Drilling, Inc. has completed their drilling on well #4. Custom Builders has the building erected with most of the exterior completed. They have also started on the construction of the tanks. Work is coming along well and things are on schedule. The meters have been placed on back order again till December 18th with a projected completion date of January 18th.

SEWER UPDATE: Six Points Solution from Laramie has completed work on replacing damaged sections of the sewer pipe on Main and Evans Streets. These two areas were identified as causing the most infiltration of ground water into the system and were the first priority to repair. There are 10 more areas that will need to be repaired in the future. The Town has received a SLIB grant to do needed repair on the sewer building and lagoons. This grant is part of the Countywide Consensus List Awards and the funds come from the Mineral Royalty Grant Program. Public Works Director Larsen will be doing quite a bit of the work but some areas may have to be contracted out.

WYDOT BROS PROJECT: Department of Transportation has updated the Town on the bridge project. A letter was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office back in March of 2011 explaining that they completed a technical analysis of the bridge to determine if it is feasible to rehabilitate to meet current design and functional standards. The conclusion of the report was that in order to widen the bridge and increase the load-carrying capacity it would be necessary to replace all the deck components, stringers, and steel floor beams along with the truss members, with the exception of the verticals using high strength bolts, rather than rivets. Since existing abutments cannot be verified for increased loading it would also be necessary to replace the abutments. With all the changes necessary to meet standards it would result in the loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association with the early 1920's bridge construction techniques. SHPO replied that they concur with WyDot's assessment. WyDot will be holding more Town meetings after the first of the year for community input.

TOWN WEBSITE: Salt Lake Creative Marketing has sent the Town a preview of the webpage they have been working on. After review the Council decided to reject the submission and again put the design out to bid locally. If you are interested in designing the Town's site please contact the office or submit a design by January 2, 2012.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: The Park Board organized putting up the holiday decorations and community luncheon. Thirty-three brave souls came out to decorate the Town. A special thanks to Morris Booth for preparing the smoked brisket and everyone who furnished dishes. We hope you all enjoy the holiday decorations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FUND RAISER: *December 18th* join the Elk Mountain Volunteer Fire Department for their Annual Chili Cook-off, Christmas Caroling, and Raffle. This year's raffle includes a Remington 700 SPS Rifle and a 9/11 wall hanging quilt made by Kathy Williams. Take a chance at winning door prizes donated by area merchants. Stop by the town hall to see the quilt and buy your raffle tickets or get tickets from your volunteers. Festivities start at 6:00pm at the Fire Hall, Everyone's Welcome.

UTILITY BILLING: Linda and Erin had their first training on the Black Mountain Software. You just received your first billing using this system; like everything new there are quirks to be worked out and we're sure corrections to be made. Thank you for your patience in our conversion.

ICE RINK: The Town with help from residents are flooding the ice rink in the park for this skating season. Warm weather has hindered the freezing process but in Wyoming we know that won't last for long!

Looking for stocking stuffers? How about Elk Mountain caps, cups, candy jars, and playing cards!!

Happy Holidays!!!