

# CITY OF BOWMAN

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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### Snow Removal

Accumulations of snow, whether occurring naturally or as the result of snow removal efforts, can obscure driver sight lines, impede traffic and create access problems-not only for motorists but also for public equipment operators.

Please remember that snow plows and snow equipment have the right of way at all times. Pedestrians and vehicles should allow a wide safety area around snow plows and equipment when they are working. While all operators try to watch out, their main focus is on the job of removing snow for public safety. The equipment operators are not able to stop as quickly as cars do. They also have blind spots that may prevent them from seeing other cars. Snowplows are equipped with beacon lights and back-up alarms that warn other drivers to stay back at least 50 feet. Walking or driving too closely behind equipment can endanger you and the snow plow operator.

Depending on the fall pattern and amount of snow during the season, snow piles may build up in the middle of streets. This is an unfortunate but necessary action to keep roads and walkways clear for safe travel. Hauling snow away may not be an option until a break in the weather. Please take extra precaution while driving around the snow piles.

To provide safe access for commuters and to avoid high traffic volumes, the street department clears the streets in the early morning hours. The 48 hour parking ordinance is enforced so streets can be opened for commuters. The streets have been carefully prioritized according to traffic volume and public safety routes. Bowman's Snow Removal Emergency Route plan: Divide; 9<sup>th</sup> Ave; 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW; 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW; 7<sup>th</sup> Ave; after these areas are plowed the residential streets are next.

### 2010 City Election

Offices that will be on the Ballot: Term of the Office is 4 years:

- 2 City Commissioners
- 1 Municipal Judge
- 3 Park and Rec Members

### Qualifications to run for Office:

Reside within the city limits of the City of Bowman  
Resident of the City of Bowman for at least 9

Months  
Not be in default to the City of Bowman  
Petitions Signatures: Must reside within City limits

### Required Forms:

May be picked up at City Hall  
SFN 2704: Petition form for Signatures  
SFN 10172: Statement of Interests

**January 9:** Earliest date to begin circulation of Petition

**January 11:** Earliest date to file petition with City Auditor

**April 9:** Latest date to file Petitions: Petitions must be in the City Auditors office by Friday, April 9, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

**June 8:** Election Day

### City of Bowman Website

After almost a year of careful planning, the long-held vision of Bowman County and City leaders has finally become a reality with the launch of the new area website: [www.bowmand.com](http://www.bowmand.com).

A marketing committee, comprised of representatives from Bowman County, the City of Bowman, the Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce, Bowman Tax and Tourism, and led by the Bowman County Development Corporation (BCDC), directed the marketing efforts.

The site has several special features that will benefit area residents who want to keep informed on local happenings. Both City and County pages will have minutes from commission board meetings, along with notices of upcoming meetings. The Bowman Area Chamber of Commerce page lists the year's events in great detail and the BCDC page features local projects, business opportunities and current job openings.

Each department on the site has a news section that highlights what's going on in the community area. The website was the final phase of marketing campaign that also produced new logos and a Bowman County profile brochure. For more information on the site, please contact the Chamber and BCDC office at 701-523-5880.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

**From the City Commissioners & the City Employees.**



## Meeting Highlights



- ❖ Ordinance #8.0606 – Liquor License addition: In the event that an existing license holder fails to renew their license within the period prescribed by the notice to renew sent to them by the City Auditor, the City of Bowman may choose not to renew the license or, in the event the City of Bowman does choose to renew the license, the cost of the license shall double.
- ❖ Resolution to Vacate: The western most cul de sac of 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW and Park Street NW located in the Replat of Lots 1,2 &5 to 1A, 1B, 2A, 5A of the Wiffler First subdivisions Plat of Lots 11 -37 of the Wiffler second subdivision to the City of Bowman.
- ❖ Resolution to Vacate: The north/south alley between lots 1, 2,3 and 4 of the NW Estates First Addition to the city of Bowman and Lots 5,6,7,8,9 and 10 of NW Estates First Addition to the City of Bowman.
- ❖ The Police Department received three “in car digital cameras”. Two cameras were purchased with grant money and one from the equipment fund.
- ❖ James and Snavelly attended the annual Oil & Gas Producing Counties meeting.
- ❖ The asphalt shingle pit is full at the landfill. Miller Construction has built two new pits on this site.
- ❖ Discussion has been held on placing a pedestrian crossing/school crossing on Hwy 85. Placement of crossing must be cleared by the Department of Transportation.
- ❖ An Oil Revenue Committee has been created to track revenue and expenditures from oil production, participate in future oil legislation and gain knowledge of Bowman County oil production. Members of the Oil Revenue Committee: City Commissioners: Les Snavelly, Lyn James; City Auditor, Judy Pond; City Engineer, Dan Brosz and EDC Director, Ashley Alderson.
- ❖ Motion was made to accept Dakota Western Bank’s 1 year checking account bid for 1.51% fixed rate
- ❖ The Commission accepted the low bid of \$99,300 from Swanston Equipment for the purchase of a new sweeper.

**Library News** The Bowman Regional Public Library has been bustling with activity. Through a partnership with the North Dakota Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the library has been the site of The Big Read. The Big Read is a national book discussion project. We read The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers, discussed the book in two parts with Jim McWilliams, a professor from Dickinson State University, and then watched the 1968 movie.

Good news on the computer front - the library has been awarded a grant from the North Dakota State Library. This grant of nearly \$16,000 will fund new, up-to-date computers within the library along with new computer peripherals like a new printer, scanner, etc. Watch for news in the coming months about the new state of the art tech center at the library including news about our mini computer classes. These classes will feature the databases like the Chilton's Auto Repair manual database, the Health and Wellness databases, and Homework Helpers.

The library stocks over 17,000 pieces of material including books, books on CD, magazines and newspapers, and an extensive video and DVD collection. We are especially proud of our extensive collection of New York Times Best Sellers. Story Time with Librarian, Leah King, continues to be a popular stop for children ages 2-5. Each Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM the library fills with children ready to listen to a story or two and participate in a craft project. Board games like Scrabble are also popular with the older children. Librarian, Petra Larkin, gets the kids answering questions on trivia night.

Watch for new Children's picture books in the library in January. The library was awarded the Libri Foundation grant for children's books. Local matching funds were provided by Jess Snavelly Memorial donations. This grant awards \$1400 worth of new books for the children and is only available to rural communities.