

City of Kuna

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Mayor Nelson's first Web Newsletter

Welcome!

Each month the city will post a newsletter for the public to check and see what is happening in Kuna.

Please let us know your thoughts on this method of communicating.



Irrigation Water

Kuna's Irrigation water year has improved slightly since my last newsletter. The City has been allotted 1.4 acre feet which is a .4 ac.ft. increase.

Projections are that the City will run out of irrigation water about the last week of August unless we hit a rainy spell, in which case we will shut off for a few days to prolong irrigation a little longer in late summer.

It will be a juggling act to keep irrigation water flowing for as long as we can.

To make our water allotment last through August, we will continue to evaluate further preservation options throughout the season.

"An average Kuna lawn only needs ½" of water twice a week. With the lack of irrigation water this year you should raise your mower deck to 4 -1/2" in height. This should help keep your lawns moist between watering."

For more information on the Ridley's Family Market please visit their website at:

www.shopridleys.com

For maps, alternative routes and lists of contractors and other information on the Idaho Power Gateway West Transmission Project please go to:

www.gatewaywestproject.com/



Growth

The Kuna Chamber of Commerce and City have combined our economic development committees into one and will jointly work on attracting new business and expanding current businesses.

Our Community is still growing. Since my last newsletter Ridley's and Ace Hardware are building, 14 housing permits have been issued and 22 other permits issued, so things are happening. We will soon start the process to move our designated industrial zone to the far east of the city along the railroad by Cloverdale Road. I am hopeful businesses will locate there that will generate good jobs for Kuna.

Gateway West

The large 500kV line called Gateway West has been moved into the southern part of the city of Kuna where it does not belong. Can you imagine living in the shadow of huge electrical towers and power lines? We are working with the Governor and Congressional delegation to move those lines back out of our city.

New Police Chief



Kuna Chief Kody Aldrich has been re-assigned into the Ada County Sheriff's main office and **Chief Justin Dusseau** has been assigned as Kuna's new interim Chief.

We wish him well as he addresses the strengths and weaknesses of a growing community. Please make it a point to drop by and get acquainted with Chief Dusseau.

Greenbelt Expansion

The extension of the greenbelt will begin in July with the burning off of the dried grass, weeds and brush along the section from Swan Falls Road to Orchard. That will be followed with clean up of trash and putting trails across the section. Some brush will be cut and removed and the area will be prepared for installing sprinklers and planting. Anyone wanting to help create this historic part of the greenbelt should call Bobbie Withrow at 573-7668 and volunteer.

Community Garden

The community garden is planted, and a new white picket type fence has been installed. If you haven't been by, stop in and take a look. Lots of things growing and you get a good feel by observing what can be done when the community pulls together.

Outdoor Amphitheatre

We currently have four Eagle Scouts that are working on creating an amphitheatre along our greenbelt southwest of the Kuna City baseball fields. These young men are designing and constructing the amphitheatre to make it a monument to veterans as well as a functional outdoor amphitheater where plays and presentations of all kinds can be made in the great outdoors along a beautiful stretch of Kuna's greenbelt. We are truly excited about the project and would ask the community to turn out and help these young men as they create a lasting monument and beautiful tribute to our city and our veterans.

Southwest Entrance into Kuna

The southwest entrance to Kuna on Bridge Street is being scheduled for improvements up and beautification. The island will be landscaped, green belt finished, bridge refurbished and the area beautified so that the entrance will look nice. The City feels it is timely for a community of 16,000 people to spruce up and look as attractive as possible. It will lift all of our spirits as we improve our surroundings and help our economy.

For more information on the Future Greenbelt Extension, Community Garden, the New Outdoor Amphitheatre or any other Park in Kuna, please contact:

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New City Website!

www.kunacity.id.gov

Live on June 1, 2013

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150TH Anniversary in 2014

Plans are being put together for Kuna's 150th anniversary, August 3, 2014 when we will dedicate the new portion of the greenbelt, place a kiosk to locate the 15 mile house/station and mark the crossing of the Silver Trail across Indian Creek. The City will have one section planted with native grass, sagebrush, wild roses, Yarrow, chokecherries and some other vegetation that may have been seen in 1864 when wagons and stages crossed Indian Creek. We have asked Union Pacific to bring a historical train to Kuna and the Historical Society will have the site of the old depot marked and identified so visitors will know where Kuna once had a railroad depot. Other plans are being formulated so that Kuna Days in 2014 will become our sesquicentennial celebration.

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