



## Note from the City Administrator

The City Management Team, which includes the Mayor and City Council, in-coming Council Members, department heads, and City Engineer met on December 1 in an open meeting work session to plan the next two year priorities at a goal setting retreat at the Senior Center.

At that meeting, the group reviewed the City mission statement, reviewed the 2010-2012 City accomplishments, reviewed issues, concerns, opportunities, and trends, identified on-going priorities, reviewed proposed programs, policies, projects and initiatives and then ranked them by priority. By the end of the session, the group discussed ideas to make the organization even more effective. Once the city council adopts the entire report and plan in January, it shall be available for viewing at the Public Library, City Hall and on the City's website.

Here is the list of accomplishments from 2010-2012, which we are extremely proud of.

### Major Accomplishments

The following is a partial list of what were identified as major accomplishments during the past two years:

- City took over mowing/trimming of the cemetery
- City took over mosquito spraying of the city
- Seal coat roads at cemetery and other street projects in the city
- Facility use agreement with the Nevada Soccer Club
- Sale of excess properties at Hattery Park and old water plant site; Disposed of city property
- Completed Phase 5 trail connection between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and the Fairgrounds
- Cleaned up Brickman Lot at Knoll Ridge
- Replacing hydrants and getting main valves working
- Completed new Senior Center and City assisted with grant writing and securing over \$90,000
- Expanded GIS mapping and utilizing GPS
- Using a Planning and Zoning intern
- Future Land Use Map changes
- City staff overseeing contracts
- New senior living opportunities
- Continued to provide quality services on a tight budget
- Cleaned ditches at 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Highway
- Merged Park Board and Cemetery Board
- Sidewalk Program – Zone 3 complete
- Promoted within, Public Works Director and merged Water, Wastewater and Street Departments
- New Street Maintenance Facility planning started.
- Attracting new business and creating jobs – DDCE and HZ Windpower (Project Vanilla)
- Enhanced GIS services
- Continued SRO Officer position
- Amended RIF program
- Yard Waste visited
- Completion of 15<sup>th</sup> Street and K Avenue
- Paved Lynn Drive and West O Avenue
- I&I Investigation started
- INTRANS road inspection started
- Reichardt Farm Lease
- Increased partnership with NEDC, updated by-laws, budgeting, membership, website and communication
- Completed Wastewater Trickling Filter Rehabilitation Project
- Flood of 2008 and 2010 closed out
- IDOT presentation on US30 – City committed \$1m toward project
- Implemented 3<sup>rd</sup> quiet zone

Look for the rest of the list in the next newsletter.

### Meeting Schedule.

- **Council: Jan. 9 and 23, City Hall Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.**
- **Library: Jan. 16, Library Meeting Room 4:30 p.m.**
- **Parks and Recreation Board: Jan. 18, Gates Hall 5:15 p.m.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission: Jan. 3, City Hall Council Chambers 6:15 p.m.**

### **Library News**

The Friends of the Nevada Public Library will be having a **two-day book sale** on January 27 and 28 in the basement of the library at 631 K Avenue. It will be open on Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a lot of adult non-fiction and large print books.

The **Reading Group** will be discussing the book, The Patron Saint of Liars by Ann Patchett. Anyone is welcome to join the group at the library on January 26, at 1:30 p.m. The books can be checked out at the library.

Winter/Spring **story times** are available for children, newborns through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign your child up now by calling or stopping at the library.

The **Knitting club** will meet on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the library. Anyone interested in knitting or other handiwork may bring their project to work on while they chat with others with similar interests.

We will be receiving basic **federal tax forms** this year for personal use. They will be located near the non-fiction books. For additional forms visit the following website: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) (federal) or 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). We will NOT be receiving any paper tax forms for the state of Iowa. They will be available online at [www.iowa.gov/tax](http://www.iowa.gov/tax) (state) or you may call 515-281-7239 or 1-800-532-1531 (Iowa only)

The **Teen Advisory Group** will be meeting on January 25 at 3:30 p.m. at the library. This group helps us choose books for the library for the juvenile and young adult collections. Any student in middle school or high school is welcome to come and help out. Please call the library at 382-2628 for more information.

# Let's be healthy together!



## Get Fit Nevada 2012

Program Dates: January 23 - May 1

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*Get Fit Nevada is a community initiative coordinated by Nevada Parks and Recreation. The program will offer activities and incentives for teams of 2-10 people that use the code **LHINEVADA** to register for the LHI program. Teams may use the paper registration; however, online team registration with the code is highly encouraged.*

*Discount coupons are available from Hy-Vee. Coupons will not be accepted if turning in a paper registration.*

What my \$20.00 registration fee includes:

- \* LHI T-shirt
- \* Magazine subscription
- \* Cash and incentive prizes (prize package will be announced at a later date)
- \* Chew and Chat sessions
- \* Personal tracking page
- \* Access to recipes, workouts and health information
- \* Option to compete in Get Fit Nevada's Biggest Loser and Biggest Loser Duo competitions.\*\*
- \* Monthly challenges and more...

### TEAM CAPTAIN'S ROLE

*The captain's role is to register a team of 2-10 people, collect their entry fee, and be a positive role model. You will need to check the website weekly and make sure your team is recording.*

*\*\*For 2011 prize winners to be eligible for Biggest Loser and Biggest Loser Duo awards, your 2012 ending weight loss percent will be calculated from your 2011 ending weight or 2012 beginning weight, whichever is less.*

To register your team online go to [www.livehealthyiowa.org](http://www.livehealthyiowa.org)  
Please be sure to use code

**LHINEVADA**

Get Fit Nevada is funded by the City of Nevada and a grant from Live Healthy Iowa



### Water Rates Increase

The water rates are increasing with January's bill. The flat water charge is going from \$10.70 per bill to \$11.02 per bill and the quantity use charge is going from \$4.92 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.07 per 1,000 gallons.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE WINTER FESTIVAL HOLIDAY COOKIE PARADE COMMITTEE TO THE BAKERS AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS

67 service club members, church groups, non-profit organizations, businesses, volunteers, plus a pack of cub scouts made over 6500 cookies for this year's Winter Festival Cookie Parade event at Gates Hall on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10. The Chamber made record income over \$1,400.00 and Laurie Lingenfelter of Nevada won \$50.00 in Chamber Bucks for her hard work on her Christmas Reindeer, Snowmen and Ornament Cakeballs. Mark your 2012 calendars for next year's event on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15. Happy New Year!

### Parks and Rec. Programs available – call Park and Rec. 382-4352

Strength Training – Jan. 9 – April 17 on Tuesday mornings 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

Kickboxing Classes – Jan. 10 – April 26 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Are you looking for summer employment? Call Parks and Recreation at 382-4352 for opportunities. Summer applications are due January 31 or until positions filled.