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DOG LICENSES – We are planning on having our annual Dog Clinic at the Town Shed on February 25th from 10AM until 1PM. Clay will be there to offer Rabies shots for \$12 and Parvo/Distemper Combo for \$15. The fee for licensing dogs is reduced if you take care of it at or before the time of the Dog Clinic. Also if you have proof that your dog has been “fixed,” the rates are discounted. Bev should have tags shortly and you can simply bring her the appropriate paperwork (not the dog!) and get a tag from her at the office if you can’t come to the Clinic and don’t need shots or have evidence from a Vet that the required shots are current.

FLOODING – The storms on January 18-21 certainly made all of us more aware of the effects of water and gravity on our homes, yards, roads and canals. Unfortunately, several homes were negatively affected to varying degrees by the sudden rain on the frozen soil, combined with rapid melt of accumulated snow. If you had any water within the structure of your home, please provide me a brief summary of the water amount and any estimated damages. I will remove names and addresses from this information and include it in the Annual Report to FMEA as required by the National Flood Insurance Program.

Much flooding can be minimized by doing the following:

1. Ensure proper grading within 10 feet of your home. (The Building Code requires a minimum drop of a half inch per foot for the first 10 feet from a residential foundation.)
2. Pipe all rain gutter downspouts around the home to an area away from and lower than your foundation, but not where they will intentionally dump on your neighbor.
3. Consider adding raised berms above your home if the terrain above could channel water towards your foundation.
4. Place permanent raised flower beds in areas where you have needed sandbags in the past to divert flow.

The swales in the newer areas of Town are designed to contain the run-off from the hard surfaces of roofs and roadways to prevent water from moving down hill into canals or yards. Even though they are sized for a 100 year storm, they are not sized for the frozen ground scenario we faced in January, where all of the acreage essentially acts as a hard surface. These systems generally work very well as designed and cannot be modified without specific permission

from the Town. Please do not place impermeable linings alongside any roads that could affect water absorption or fill in the low areas, since that act selfishly moves the water down to those that live below.

PARADISE YOUTH COUNCIL – Margaret O Bray will be organizing a Paradise Youth Council for those between the ages of 14 and 19 that are interested in service for our community. Please contact her directly (245-4760 or at Mountain Crest) for more information regarding this opportunity. As many high school students and their parents rapidly realize, a key component of most college scholarship applications is the service that young people are involved with. Being on the Youth Council is not only a benefit for the youth and the community; it is also a very good resume builder for those that are college bound and need scholarships or acceptance into various schools.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Mr. Jesse Sharp has agreed to join our Planning and Zoning Board and we welcome him warmly. He brings many years of experience working as a plumbing contractor in both the private sector and with municipalities. The Planning and Zoning Board typically meets the last Wed or Thurs of each month. Currently they are working on a Conditional Use Permit for the LDS Church that will replace the building currently located on the west end of the Town Square. Any persons interested in hearing the discussions related to that project are welcome to attend that public meeting.

TRAFFIC SIGNS – In the last few weeks, we have had several traffic signs (stop signs) that have been knocked over or even more strangely, removed and hung upside down. If you see signs that are out of place, please let me know immediately so I can get them fixed before an accident happens. Also – if you see any suspicious looking folks out playing with traffic signs for some reason, keep track of who they are and let me or the County Sherriff Office know the details.

We are in the process of mapping out all of the traffic signs in town and making a list of those that are faded badly so we can get them replaced when the weather gets a little nicer. Also, we need to replace some missing street marker signs (the green ones) so that visitors, pizza delivery drivers, or County EMS/Sherriff Office folks have an easier time finding where they are going. If anyone has found any of those missing green signs, please set them on the front landing at the Town Hall, no questions asked!

Please call me with any, concerns, comments, or questions regarding the above notes or other Town issues.

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