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TOWN OFFICE:

Townhall Office opening hours are:

Monday – Thursday 8 am – 12 pm and 1 – 5pm

Fridays 8 am – 2 pm

Please make sure you address your concerns and business with the town within these opening hours.

The Town of Sinclair, Fire Chief Gene Goetz, and Mayor Leif Johansson would like to thank all residents, town employees, volunteering firefighters and anybody involved in helping during the recent water emergency and crisis that affected our town. THANK YOU.

To follow up on this topic, this Water Emergency situation at the beginning of March showed all of us that we need to better the communication ways between the town and residents. Since we understand that many of you do not access social media (even though that it is the fastest way to communicate any updates with residents, for that please see the Town of Sinclair Facebook page link: <https://www.facebook.com/sinclairwyoming>), we encourage you to sign up at least for the email newsletter to get such updates in your inbox. You can do that on our website www.sinclairwyoming.com under the tab "Newsletter Signup".

In any case of emergency, it is hard to get flyers printed and delivered to every resident quickly. Please consider getting yourself connected to at least one way of being electronically connected to the town.

We also attached to this bulletin the information on how to sign up for Alert Sense that is the way to distribute any emergency alerts to the residents of Carbon County via phone call, text message, app, email, or pager. Please consider that option as well for the safety of yourself, your family and community.

If you have any questions or feedback, we would like to hear it and please email it to us townhall@sinclairwyo.com.

The Town of Sinclair created a payment link (the tab "Make Payments") on the Town of Sinclair website page (www.sinclairwyoming.com) to pay for your utilities. The only thing you must do is use a desktop computer and not a cell phone.

BUILDING PERMITS: Everyone who is planning to build/install/add-on anything on their property is reminded to appear in front of the Zoning Board **BEFORE** building anything. Please check with the town clerk and/or maintenance department if you have any questions.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Please welcome with us the newest Council Member – Vicki Gabelson. She joined the Council in January.

ZONING BOARD: The Town of Sinclair appointed new members for the Zoning Board. Welcome on board – Rick McWhorter, Emily Townsend, Ellie Bennett, Ron Bach, and Mike Reed. Emily Townsend serves as Chairwoman. Zoning Board will be addressing variances and special permits. If you have any questions, please address Zoning Board members.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Hello there! For those of you who may not know me or may not even know that a new Community Events Director (basically the Rec Director/Theatre Manager) has been hired I am Monte Thayer, and I am extremely excited to be in this position! I look forward to getting some events going for all age groups within the community and having the Town of Sinclair enjoy special events as they have become accustomed to over the past several years. On the Recreation side of things, we now have the Rec Hall open three days a week which is Monday and Wednesday from 3:15 PM-7:00 PM and on Fridays from 1:15 PM-5:00 PM as the library is still open on Tuesdays & Thursdays to provide some afterschool time. Since this started on February 14th, we have had 76 visitors/participants come in to enjoy several different activities such as basic art crafts, bingo, board games, sporting activities, hide & seek and the bouncy house to name a few. As we start getting more participants, we'll be able to start having more team type competitions for fun and as the weather turns nicer, we'll be getting outside more often.

We will have a "Meet & Greet" scheduled soon so citizens (both adults and kids) can come to the Rec Hall and meet myself and we can get acquainted and have an informative meeting which will include some new rules and requirements concerning the Recreation Department. An announcement on the date and time will be coming out soon.

As I get settled in, I'll get around to planning more activities such as field trips and holiday activities. Speaking of holidays, we are nearing Easter weekend which we will be hosting the Sinclair Annual Easter Egg Hunt and plans are ongoing for that as we speak, and information will be coming out soon.

The "Wednesday Weekly Senior Get Together" has been ongoing and they are now meeting at the Sinclair School in the newly named "Community Room" and anyone interested in joining in on the fun is encouraged to attend on Wednesdays at 9AM. We have a trip planned for seniors to gather and venture in to Rawlins to have lunch at the Rawlins Senior Center on Friday, March 18th. The van will leave the Rec Hall at 11:30AM so if you're interested in participating and enjoying the meal of roast beef and mashed potatoes & gravy call me at (307)-321-8694. I'm looking forward to this opportunity to serve the community of Sinclair!

PARCO SINCLAIR HISTORICAL THEATRE: On Saturday, March 12th, the Parco/Sinclair Historical Theatre was the setting for the first ever musical concert since the renovation was completed and my first go as a theatre promoter! The show featured Sinclair homegrown resident, John Laux, opening the show followed by headliner, Chad Lore "Wyoming's One-Man Band." John was expectedly well received in his opening act and really got the crowd juiced up for a fun evening. He performed some original songs and displayed his talent with both his acoustical guitar and on his electrical piano and it was evident that he had won the crowd over based on the standing ovation he received when he was done! Chad Lore continued to entertain the crowd with his wide array of musical talent of playing drums with his feet, the harmonica with his mouth and the guitar in his hand all the while keeping the crowd laughing with his antics including playing "Cotton Eyed Joe" while balancing a beer bottle on his head! While everything seemed to go over very well and the event came off very smooth, I will still hold an event evaluation which will have John Laux, Jeff Sanders, Mayor Leif Johansson, and myself go over all aspects of the concert to make note of what went well and what can be improved upon for future events.

Speaking of future events, we will begin planning our next event in the theatre real soon and get information as soon as possible. Hopefully, we'll be able to get to the point that we can put out a schedule of the entire upcoming summer for both events in the Theatre and for the Recreation Department. If anyone has any input, concerns, or comments (positive or negative) about any past or future events please let me know by calling me at (307)-321-8694 and we can discuss them publicly or privately. As well, if anyone has any ideas on types of events that they would like to see offered please let me know. I certainly can't make any promises that I or the town can come through with every suggestion made but I can guarantee that every idea will, at the very least, be given its due consideration!

"BUY A SEAT" PROGRAM: This program offers you to buy a seat at Parco Sinclair Historic Theatre for lifetime for \$500.00. If you are interested, please visit or call townhall office at 307-324-3058. Upon purchase, the plaque with your name and information provided will be sealed to the chair(s) in the theatre.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: With the recent water emergency the use of the Alert Sense notification system was used extensively. What we learned from the use of the system was that we have quite a few Sinclair residents that have not signed up for this vital safety program. In an emergency in which the town needs to get information to the residents this is an important tool to get updates to you quickly. The Police Department greatly urges everyone, if you have not, to sign up (please see attached flyer).

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

STREETS: The Maintenance is asking you to move your vehicle during snow storms to help plowing the streets and not getting your vehicles plowed in.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT: We are working on purchasing the phone for the Maintenance Department for them to have one phone while being on-call during weekends and holidays. That would make easier for all residents to be able to contact Maintenance Department in case of emergency. Please check our website for that number information soon.

SANITARY AND SEWER: If you know you have roots in your sewer or bad sewer, the Town rents a sewer auger for \$50.00 to roto-rotter your personal sewer line.

PARKS: DON'T PUT YOUR PERSONAL TRASH IN THE TOWN TRASHES. It is not the town's responsibility to remove your personal household trash.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY: The town will not be liable for sewer back up damages unless there is negligence on the part of the town. We recommend that every resident procure sewer backup coverage under their homeowner's policy.

TOWN OF SINCLAIR ACTIVITIES: Apart from Rec Hall activities, there is something else to look forward to for adult residents of our community. Dianne Johansson is opening her art workshop at the Elementary School for all of you to participate in creative workshops either with her as a teacher (if you want to learn some art styles) or by yourself to work on your own projects. The proposed time slots are as follows: Tuesdays at 1:00-4:00 PM, Wednesdays at 6:00-8:00 PM, and Fridays at 5:00-7:00 PM. Those are suggested time slots, if you are interested in or have other suggestions, please give us a call at townhall at 307-324-3058 (ask for Izabela) or call Dianne directly. This is a donation-based activity as of now. Please see the attached flyer for more info.

We would like to wish everyone a jolly and merry Holiday Season. Stay safe and warm.

Leif Johansson, Mayor