

**Date:** July 19, 2006

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** John Archocosky

**RE:** Activity Report

During the past month much progress has been made on cleanup projects throughout the City.

The DPW crew has been working hard to keep up with the grass cutting and dealing with the Noxious Weed Ordinance violations. As always, this seems to become a real problem during the last week or two of June just when the majority of summer fun activities are about to begin and we are preparing the town for tourists and guests. Dick's crew has been doing a great job with the cleanup and painting of parking areas and major routes throughout the town.

I am very pleased to inform the Council that we have filled the "contracted labor" position of Ordinance Control Officer. One of our own police officers, James Anderson, has agreed to fill the void and has begun working in that capacity. Jim will of course continue working in the Police Department and as such will be able to coordinate the ordinance control activities with the work the police department has been doing. In the past two week since Jim began the control officer duties, the City has been able to follow up on several complaints that were received. Considering the fact that the department is currently short one officer, the time they have available for ordinance enforcement is somewhat limited and may have presented a problem. Ordinance violators should be made aware that the City is now stepping up the enforcement actives and will be issuing citations for those that do not comply immediately with the first warning. The City will no longer tolerate repetitive violations but will instead be referring non-compliance issues to the Iron County Court system.

The office staff has also been unusually busy with utility billing and tax collections as is expected this time of the year. With the summer season in full swing, the influx of tourists and summer residence increases the visitors to City seeking information and help. The staff recently agreed to sell licenses for the County Animal Control Office which will be an added convenience for our citizens.

As requested by the Council, I am continuing to work closely with the DDA, the various development committees and the Iron County EDC to promote several projects as part of the "Cool Cities" initiative. With all the projects we currently have under way, City Attorney Mark Tousignant, the office staff and I have been kept very busy assuring that the City growth continues at a manageable level.