

Dear Citizens,

Welcome to winter! It looks like our snow covering is probably here to stay for a while. I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy it or avoid it, whichever is their choice. Since it is here we need to remind everyone to slow down and be careful on our city streets. Please watch for children both playing and walking to and from school.

Winter also brings people out to participate in winter sports. While this is great we ask that you please follow regulations. Riding on private property is trespassing and is definitely illegal. The city codes require everyone to obey all state laws concerning off road vehicles. Property owners are asked to call the sheriff's office to report violations. If possible take pictures of the offenders to show the officers.

As many of you know, Bucky Matkin has resigned as City Councilman. We wish to express our thanks to Bucky for the time and service he has contributed to the city. He was a great addition to our city government and he will be missed. A replacement has not been made at this time but we will definitely announce it when a new council member is selected.

We have a new Christmas event for the city this year. The city, along with our local businesses are sponsoring a **Gingerbread House competition!** Please check our facebook page or flyers around town to get more information. The contest is open to everyone and prizes will be awarded in various categories. The houses will be on display at local businesses from December 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be sure to check them out and vote on your favorites. Prizes will be announced and given on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

While our water system is complete we are still working out some kinks. If you have problems or complaints please call the city office. If it is closed still call and then call the numbers listed in the message. Calling those numbers will bring a faster response than calling other people or posting it on social media. If you don't get a response please call me at 208-238-1456.

Finally we want to wish everyone **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Respectfully,

Gloria Hoopes