

KRAMER'S O A monthly Report R by Town Manager N Brian Kramer E on events R in town.

Here are some of the things going on at town hall,

Effects of the economic situation - We are experiencing the same revenue stresses that towns throughout the state are presently facing. Our sales tax revenue is down considerably from the levels we planned for last spring. At present I am hopeful that we will be able to deal with this without touching our reserves. We've already taken some cost-saving measures and will keep a close eye on it. Call or come see me if you want to see any numbers. I am at 247-4353, ext 16.

Audit of the water system- We have contracted with Cavanaugh and

Associates, an outfit out of Wilmington, to examine our operations and to take a look at system infrastructure. When this is complete we will have a mid and long-term maintenance plan, and a capitol improvement plan for the town water system.

Budget Planning for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (July 2009 to June 2010) - We have started discussions at the departmental level for next year. The second Board of Commissioners meeting for March, April, and May will all be focused on the budget. The dates for these meetings are March 26, April 23, and May 28. All of the meetings are at 10 a.m. and are at Town Hall.

Reminder: Every-other-month water billing soon to begin- We are going to change our water billing procedures by going to an every-other-month format. Here are some timelines

- March 2009 will be your last monthly bill.
- There will be no bill mailed out in April 2009.
- In May 2009 you will receive your first bi-monthly bill.
- You will be billed every other month thereafter (July '09, Sept '09, Nov '09,

etc.).

For answers to your water billing questions, please call Linda Brickhouse at 247-4353 ext. 10.

Next dinner with the Town Manager- Our next quarterly dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wed, April 15, at the Clamdigger. I'll be ready to discuss anything you want to talk about. Note- I will have the July event on Saturday July 18, 2009. I want to especially invite second home owners and weekenders to this. More to follow.

Town Manager e-mail list- If you want to be on my e-mail distribution list for periodic PKS messages, contact me at manager@townofpks.com.

Farewell to Jake Rife- Jake, a PKS resident, is hanging up his rake and stepping down from his part-time position in our Public Service Department. A team is only as good as its players, and Jake is a good one. He is one of the most patriotic men I have met and is an asset to the staff. Jake isn't going anywhere, so it isn't goodbye, just see you around. Thanks Jake.

Oriental Pecan Slaw

*Submitted by Carolyn Rife
from Eileen McBriarty*

- 2-8 oz. pkgs. Chicken Flavored Ramen Noodles
- 2-8 oz. pkgs. Broccoli Slaw
- 1 C. Pecans, coarsely chopped
- 1 C. dry roasted sunflower seeds
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced
- ½ C. sugar
- ¾ C. vegetable oil
- ½ C. cider vinegar
- 1. Set aside packets from Ramen Noodle Mix, they will go into dressing.
- 2. Crunch noodles (in a plastic bag) with a rolling pin and put into a large bowl. Top with Broccoli Slaw. Sprinkle with pecans, sunflower seeds and onions.
- 3. Whisk flavor packets with sugar, oil and vinegar. Pour over slaw. Cover and chill 24 hours. Mix and serve.

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