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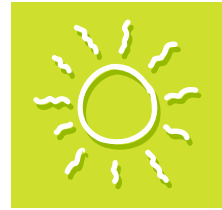
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To the Citizens of Kuna,

Annexations and Local Improvement District

The City is currently planning a new sewer treatment plant near Lake Hazel and Ten Mile Roads. This new facility will create significantly cleaner water than the present system. Eventually the City would like to phase out its existing lagoon system and have all of its wastewater treated by the new system. However, the initial phase of this new plant will serve new growth in the City. To accommodate this new growth and to have new development pay for the initial phase of the new plant, Kuna is pursuing the formation of a Local Improvement District (LID) to finance this facility.

An LID is essentially a mechanism for assessing taxes on property within the district. This tax assessment is what will ultimately pay for the initial phase of the new sewer plant. The City can only create an LID upon property within the boundaries of the City. Consequently, those property owners with land that want to be included in the LID must be annexed into the City.

Some of these properties are outside Kuna's current area of impact. There is no problem with Kuna annexing outside its area of impact so long as all of the property annexed is done with the consent or approval of the owner. Kuna has not annexed any property without the application or consent of the property owner, nor does it intend to.

Despite the size of some of the recent annexations of property, the City has done them with conditions that still allow the City the discretion and control necessary to insist that new development add to the value of the community, not detract from it. An added benefit of the recent annexations is that they firm up a future boundary between the cities of Kuna and Meridian.

The City has explored numerous options for financing and constructing a new and necessary sewer treatment plant. The LID was chosen because it seems to best serve the needs of the City and still require that new development bear the burden of paying for new infrastructure to support and serve it. The existing system will eventually have to be replaced. The City leaders are committed to an open and public process for making decisions like this and invite and encourage all residents to become involved when such decisions need to be made.

Establishment of a Boys and Girls Club

At their next meeting on May 2, 2006, the City Council will consider supporting a feasibility study for establishment of a Boys and Girls Club in Kuna.

Online Payment of Water, Sewer and Trash Bills

As mentioned in last month's issue, City staff is working to provide Kuna citizens the ability to pay their bills online. Beta testing of the E/Bill, E/Pay system will begin on May 1st with launch of the program via the City's website anticipated for June 1, 2006

Together we can keep Kuna a quality, friendly, family-oriented place in which to live.

Dean Obray, Mayor