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Bayview Community News

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Events &
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Bayview, Inc. – Part I

By Mike Kendel

My, what a lovely, shiny can! Oh look, it has pictures of worms on the label! My, a lovely, shiny can of worms! Let's open it shall we!

In all seriousness, the subject of incorporation has been bandied about at various times here in Bayview and has generally created discord and ill feelings... A real can of worms. Since it's about time for the idea to rear its head again, it seemed a good idea to try to give some background information on the subject so that the forthcoming discussions may be a little more informed and perhaps a little less acrimonious.

Basically, the act of "Incorporating" a town creates a "municipal corporation" in a specified area and including a minimum number of "electors". The formation of these entities is covered by Idaho Statutes Title 50. There is a lot of legalese to wade through but the basic idea is that this creates another "level" of government under the State and County levels. This level of government must meet certain requirements and does have taxing authority.

WHAT IS NECESSARY TO INCORPORATE AN AREA?

A Petition must be presented to the County Board of Commissioners

- This petition must be made by the residents of a contiguous area that is previously unincorporated and contains not less than 125 qualified electors.
- This petition must contain the proposed name of the city and the designated "metes & bounds" (boundaries).
- If there are nearby cities, within 1 or 2 miles depending on their population, they must adopt resolutions approving the incorporation of the new city. See Idaho Statute 50-101 for more details.
- If the County Board is convinced that 60% of the registered voters of the proposed new city have the petition, they may move forward through hearings

(Con't) and resolutions to grant the petition...And voila! The new city exists! See Idaho Statute 50-102 for more details

•The county commissioners will then notify various agencies including the Idaho Secretary of State and applicable courts of the new municipality's existence. In addition, the county commissioners will appoint a Mayor and either 4 or 6 city council members.

NOTES ON PREVIOUS COSTS FOR INCORPORATION:

The last two communities to incorporate in Idaho were Dover in Bonner County (1988) and Star in Ada County (1998). Unfortunately none of the records from those events, nor the failed attempt of Jackson in Cassia County, (2007), appear to be accessible. So we were not able to nail down "historical" data. However one estimate of the Metes & Bounds survey was \$1000-\$5000, (if no on-site survey was required). In addition, the petition itself must be drafted which will involve legal fees and, finally, all of the costs of getting signatures and presenting the petition must be borne by the group seeking to incorporate. At minimum, it would appear that a "war chest" of \$2000 would be the very low end for this project and it wouldn't be hard to see it costing several times that much.

WHAT ARE THE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW CITY?

Per Idaho Statutes, Title 50, Chapter 2 there is a minimum structure that must be set up for a new city. In addition to the appointed Mayor and Council appointed by the County Commissioners, the following positions must be appointed: **City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney, and other officers as may be deemed necessary by the City Council.**

The City Clerk and City Treasurer, (at minimum), must execute performance bonds of the amount specified by the Council. Other appointees may also be required to be bonded.

Wait! What's this on the bottom of the bright, shiny can? Why, I believe it's a price tag...Stay tuned to next month's installment to find out what this new City Incorporation can do and how much it can cost...

A Conversation with Pastor Stephen

By Ali Spahn

Stephen Angliss has been the new pastor of Bayview Bible Chapel since July 1, 2018. There is a buzz around town that this Pastor is steadfast and will get things done. For example, the downstairs room in the Bayview Community Center has been renovated into an inviting, warm and comfortable office where prayer group and confidential meetings take place. Also, there are discussions to renovate another basement room into an attractive, colorful nursery school for the congregation's youngest members to play, learn and enjoy.



Yes, Pastor Stephen is dedicated to his congregation and is even utilizing social media to praise God. The Pastor states, "We live in a technological society. We are also worshipping God through the use of technology." Pastor Stephen believes in making the site the most beautiful and engaging website in North Idaho. "God is attractive. His characteristics and his message are attractive and it should be attractive to all sorts of people. God's message is universal and the way that we function as a church should reflect that," he said.

The Bayview Bible Chapel website is indeed an appealing and informational experience. For instance, for people that may be homebound, Pastor Stephen's Sunday sermons are downloaded directly onto the site to be listened to at their convenience. There's also a blog page that lists special messages from the Pastor which are inspirational and didactic. "Our church should be inviting and communicate our standards and our purpose," Pastor Stephen explains.

"Our Stories" is another powerful piece on the website. "Conversations with" are narratives that are touching, candid and raw. "Listen when the Lord calls," said one member, Judy Robinson, to which her husband, Bruce, exclaimed "Amen!" In another conversation, Larry Mattson explained what "grace" meant to him. The accounts are our local residents sharing their love for Jesus Christ and their own personal struggles. "We all have a story. We all have hurt in this world. We want to lovingly express to people there is a solution to this pain. Life hurts but God heals," said Pastor Stephen.

Pastor Stephen is pleased that his congregation is steadily growing. He would like to reach out to many more residents in the community. "Church is not something you go to; it's something that you are. We want to be the church. We want to have a real active presence in this community," said Pastor Stephen.

If you're interested or just curious about joining a prayer

(Con't) group, Pastor Stephen has a session scheduled after the LOU on Wednesdays. "If people from lunch want to come down, they can join us," he said. In addition, there is a Focus Hour at 9:30 am prior to the Worship Hour at 10:30 am on Sundays. Pastor Stephens explained that the Focus Hour is... "similar to a traditional Sunday School hour, however, we work through a biblically-related topic inductively through small group discussion". This year's series is on the "History of the Church in America". Download American Church History Curriculum

This Pastor does not rest on his laurels. He has an engaging presence and is devoted to serving this community. He feels Bayview and the surrounding communities definitely have an old town attitude and camaraderie which he enjoys. "We worship a God who we consider the best. Give us a shot. You may be surprised what you find," Pastor Stephen said.

You can contact Pastor Stephen through the church website at www.bayviewbiblechapel.org

School Levy Election

by Dr. Meyer,

Superintendent of Lakeland Joint School District

The Lakeland Joint School District (LJSD) will be asking patrons to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming **March 12 election**. In order to determine the specific needs in our district, numerous hours have been spent meeting with staff, patrons and school district stakeholders to prioritize the essentials required to maintain and improve our District's programs. As a broad overview, the levy pays for curriculum resources, instructional staffing and programs, and all extracurricular athletic and academic programs.



After careful deliberation, the LJSD Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to maintain the levy in the amount of \$8,990,534 per year for two years. With the increase in market value, it is likely that taxpayers will see a decrease in their District taxes. The facts and figures regarding this upcoming levy can be found on our website at: www.sd272.org

This measure will go before voters on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Since the property tax law changed at the state level in 2006, school funding has relied on local support to assist in normal operation costs of the District programs; 93 of the 115 districts in Idaho operate with support from local levies.

Town Hall Meetings will be held February 28, 6:00 pm at Timberlake Junior High School and February 27 6:00 pm at Lakeland High School for patrons to hear information and ask questions regarding the upcoming levy.