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Mayor Scalise's Farewell Letter

Citizens of Brush!

As I begin to write this letter of farewell I'd like to start with a quote, "All changes are more or less tinged with melancholy, for what we are leaving behind is part of ourselves" – Amelia Barr.

My service to the Brush community started nearly 20 years ago as a new, energetic and optimistic councilor only wanting to give back to a community that I believed in and wanted to help grow. I served in my capacity as a city councilor for the next 12 years serving under two very good mayors, Larry Coughlin and Steve Treadway.



When I became mayor 8 years ago, I was very fortunate to help hire a new city administrator, Monty Torres, a very qualified, energetic and creative individual who had the ability to help move the community forward. The first few years there were many challenges and opportunities to build partnerships/relationships within our community. The Brush Chamber of Commerce and the City of Brush each had a vision for the community and with the development of the Stakeholder's group melded the two visions into one and from there a strong partnership developed. In the years since, partnerships with other organizations have developed, each with the same goal of building a stronger, more efficient, safer and better community.

Projects that have come to fruition, which in the past had only been talked about, were: the creation of the 2A ballot issue which helped maintain our streets and provide funds for revitalization of our community, the beginning of a multi phase project to help improve drainage of our downtown and to mitigate our flooding issue in the community and also to help beautify our community. Our wastewater treatment plant had far outlived its estimated 20-25 years use, it was approaching a half century and had served the community well. With several years of planning and estimating a new eleven million dollar wastewater treatment plant was finally completed in 2012. The new plant was built with the future growth of our community and the expansion of services available for commercial and industrial use in mind.

As mayor it has been my pleasure to work with many fine department heads and staff who work very hard for our community, they work with employees who are very dedicated who are not just doing their jobs for their paychecks but rather for the pride they have in their work and community. Our citizens are also very special people who believe in their community and want to see it remain a good place to live, work and raise a family. I thank them for their support through some tough financial times, never losing sight of our goal of bettering our community. *(continued on pg 4...)*

Happy
New Year!
2014

New Orleans

2014 community trip

July 26 - August 3

(9 days 8 nights)

cost is \$740s

price includes:

- motorcoach transportation
- 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive night in the New Orleans area
- 14 meals: 8 breakfast and 6 dinners
- Tour of a Louisiana Plantation
- Relaxing Riverboat Cruise on the Mississippi River
- Gaming at fabulous Harrah's Casino
- Visit to the National World War II Museum
- Guided Tour of New Orleans
- and much more

for more info, contact the
Brush Rec office at 842-5280



The Recreation Department now has Facebook and Twitter pages to keep you connected on event updates. Go to brushcolo.com for the links.

City Worker Milestones

We have some great workers that keep the cogs turning here at the City and we would like recognize those who have hit a milestone in their tenure with us:

John Fryar (Police Lieutenant)

5 years

David Hosier (Police Investigator)

5 years

Tim White (Police Officer)

5 years

Leroy Brown (Police Officer)

10 years

Brandon Flecksteiner (Police Sergeant)

10 years

Frank Phillips (Trash Supervisor)

25 years

Steve Dixon (Lead Equipment Operator)

35 years

I-76 Reconstruction Project Update



CDOT is about half way through their project on I-76. We now have a new 8 mile stretch of interstate on the west bound side. The interstate will remain open through the winter. However, this spring, the east bound lanes will be closed off, removed and rebuilt while we will go to head-to-head traffic on the west bound side.

Another significant portion of the project will include the reconstruction of the Colorado Ave/Hwy 71 bridge over the interstate. The closure of the bridge (weather permitting) is expected to begin on February 17th, and reopen May 16th. During that time, no access across the bridge will be available. Detours to the north side of the interstate on Colorado Avenue/Hwy 71 will be provided at Hospital Road and County Road 29. Be sure to go out of your way to support the businesses that will be affected by the bridge construction. Only west-bound vehicles will have the direct access off the interstate to the north of Colorado Ave/Hwy 71, which means half of the traffic flow will face more of a challenge in getting to those businesses, and some may choose to continue on, rather than go through the extra effort needed.

The overall I-76 reconstruction project in place is slated to be finished up late this fall. One of the goals of CDOT and the contractors has been to have as little interruption on our community flow as they can, and so far they have been great in what they have done, and have been a true benefit to the community. Not only are they giving a new interstate to travel on, they are staying at our hotels and rentals in town, buying food and gas, and supporting our local businesses. So the next time you see one of the workers tell them thanks, or at least acknowledge them with a nod and a smile.

Our City Council 2014

At the November 2013 Coordinated Election, the voters elected into office for the 2014-2018 term, the following City Council members:

Mayor - Chuck Schonberger (previously served 8 years on Council)

Ward 1 - Councilor Rick Bain

Ward 2 - Councilor Kimberly Dykes (serving a second term)

Ward 3 - Councilor Jeanine Santistevan

A special thank you to out-going Mayor Daniel R. Scalise who has served a total of 21 years on Brush City Council. Dan served as Mayor for 8 years, from 2006-2014, prior to that time he served as a Councilor from 1993 to 2006. Felix Acosta is also leaving the Council with service of 8 years, 2 of those as Mayor Pro Tem. In addition to these terms he served 3 years from 1969-1972. Their combined years of experience will be missed. The next time you see them, be sure to say thanks!



Chuck, Rick, Kimberly and Jeanine will be joining, Mark Smith, Vicky Quinlin and Health Becker as your City Council. Check out brushcolo.com for more info on our Councilors.



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Get daily support • Track your progress • Success rewarded • It's FREE

For more information and to enroll visit
WeighandWin.com

*Must be 18 or older



A Weigh and Win kiosk is coming to Brush in January 2014.

It will be located at Brush Family Medicine, 2400 Edison Street in Brush.

Look for more information in the months to come.

Out
with
the
old...



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Rebranding Brush!

We mentioned a few months ago our plans of giving Brush! a new look. Things are still under construction, but we wanted to give you a piece of some of the different ideas that have come up so far. Maybe it will be one of these logos, or it may be something completely different! We will have it completed this spring, along with a new web site, a greater online/social media presence, and we will be taking our new attractive look to outside of Brush! to do some advertising and draw some attention this way for future development and growth.



in soon with The nEW...

Downtown Happenings

Things are picking up in downtown Brush! After finishing up the downtown portion of our streetscape project and setting the stage for some economic movement, throughout the past year we have seen buildings sell, new business signs going up, doors opening, and an increase in our foot traffic up and down Clayton and Edison.

Six businesses have opened their doors over the past year: Country Essence Emporium, The Bling and Me, Rodeo Bar, Softone Cleaners, Head 2 Toe Nutrition/Gladiators Boxing Gym, and Sweet Peach Spa. A handful of buildings have also been purchased, two establishments relocated and expanded, and two more businesses are under construction that will be opening soon. Be sure to come down and see for yourself.



(...continued from pg 1) I cannot express to you how much I've enjoyed my time serving the Brush community and I would be lying if I said I wouldn't miss it. I've worked with some great councils, with dedicated people who have grown in their belief that what they do is important and that their sacrifice of time with family and friends is worth their efforts to serve their community. I've encountered many fine people throughout my career, too numerous to mention, who have given me guidance and suggestions and I can only hope they know who they are and how much I appreciate them.

Your new mayor, Chuck Schonberger, will do a tremendous job for the community. He has had many great ideas and has contributed to the community growth in many ways. I'm very comfortable in passing the gavel of mayor off to him and wishing him the many blessings that I've received over the years serving in this capacity.

Sincerely,
Daniel R. Scalise
Mayor, City of Brush!

Don't forget to check out the latest info and updates here in Brush! by dropping in on the city's website: www.brushcolo.com



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City Council Members

Mayor Chuck Schonberger 842-2673

Councilors Ward I

Rick Bain 842-2496
Mark Smith 768-5856

Councilors Ward II

Kimberly Dykes 380-0593
Vicky Quinlin 380-2279

Councilors Ward III

Heath Becker 467-0028
Jeanine Santistevan 842-9907

City Staff 842-5001

Monty Torres	City Administrator
Karen Schminke	Assistant Administrator
Andrea Strand	City Clerk
Joanne Gosselink	Director of Finance
Lance Schwindt	Director of Parks & Rec
Dale Colerick	Director of Utilities & Public Works
Mark Thomas	Police Chief
Tyler Purvis	Marketing Specialist
Loranda Packard	Human Resources
Melissa White	Court Clerk
Deanna Schwindt	Deputy City Clerk/ Utilities
Tadd Anderson	Fire Chief