



**City of Saxman
Building and Ordinance Committee
Meeting
December 07, 2021
4:30 PM**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Comment

Consideration of the Agenda

Old Business

1. Fire Chief Consult for Public Safety Building

Background: City Council requested a meeting with the Fire Chief to discuss location of the future public safety building. The Fire Chief and the Mayor were to look at sites that may be workable and bring this back to the next Building and Ordinance Meeting in December.

2. Discuss Location for the New City Shop

Background: Continue discussion on the location for the new city shop.

New Business

3. December Newsletter

Background: Presentation of the December Newsletter which shows the new addition to the Newsletter. The section on the back allows residents of the City of Saxman to provide input and recommendations for the City Councils consideration at the Building and Ordinance Committee Meetings. Continue discussion of a resident public comment.

4. Citizen Concern from Newsletter

Background: Presentation of the feedback/concern received from a citizen in our community.

Council Comments

Adjournment

City of Saxman

Monthly Newsletter



Office Closure Notice

The City Hall Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas Eve. Our regular hours will resume on Monday, December 27th. The City Hall Office will also be closed on News Years Eve, December 31st, 2021.



City Hall

Monday-Friday
8:00 AM -4:00 PM
Closed daily from:
Noon – 1:00 PM for lunch

Building & Ordinance Committee

December 7th at 4:30 PM

Seaport Committee

December 7th at 5:30 PM

Finance Committee

December 9th at 4:00 PM

Public Safety Committee

TBD

City Council Meeting

December 15th at 5:30 PM

Community members are encouraged & welcome to attend!

VPSO

Officer M. Nunley
Officer P. Brown

For emergencies call the Troopers at 225-5118
They will dispatch the VPSO

Peppermint Bark

Ingredients

- 12oz Semi-Sweet Chocolate, Chopped
- 12oz White Chocolate, Chopped
- ½ tsp Peppermint Extract
- 8 Candy Canes, Crushed

Directions

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Fill the bottom of a large pot with 3" water and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Stir occasionally until chocolate melts. Stir in extract. Pour into prepared baking sheet and spread evenly. Refrigerate 20 minutes until set.
2. Over the same pot of barely simmering water, place another large heatproof bowl. Add the white chocolate and stir until melted. Pour over semi-sweet chocolate then top immediately with candy canes. Refrigerate for 20 minutes until set.



Find the full recipe here: <https://www.delish.com/holiday-recipes/christmas/a24882732/homemade-peppermint-bark-recipe/>

We Would Love to Hear from our Community

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Resident Name (optional): _____

Physical and Mailing Address (optional): _____

Contact Phone Number (optional): _____

Today's Date: _____

Please list your comments/concerns here:



Announcements



Please make sure to secure your trash cans so the bears do not get in them!



Do you have an event you would like to announce in our newsletter? Email dclerksaxman@kpunet.net.



You can now pay your water and sewer bill online and setup autopay! Just go to cityofsaxman.com and click on the "online payments" option. It is so easy!!!



Send us your photos from around Saxman! Your picture could be featured on our Facebook page or in our newsletter! Email photos to dclerksaxman@kpunet.net along with a brief description.

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Saxman City Council Members:

- Mayor Frank Seludo
- Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas
- Woody Watson
- Norman Natkong Sr.
- Gabriella Daniels
- Rick Makua
- Denny Blair



October 18, 2021 **COMMUNITY PRIDE**

To: Honorable Mayor Frank Seludo and Saxman City Council Members

In the late 1960's my late husband William Olsen was gifted our property in Saxman by his mother, Annie Olsen. This neighborhood began in the 70's. The owners were William Olsen, Karen Olsen Murphy, sister of William Olsen, William (Bill) Williams, Eugene Trout and later Mike Nelson.

The group filed an easement to take a piece of each of our lots which enabled us to build a private road. At that time it was not connected to the Saxman road system. It came directly off of Tongass Highway. This was the beginning of what was much later **incorrectly** called Coho Road.

The neighborhood was a very good one with everyone, through the years, making improvements. Decks were built, yards, flowers and trees were planted. We all had much pride in our street and community.

Several of us held positions within the city, from council members to mayor, to the first Cape Fox Corporation Board of Directors. Bill Williams later went on to hold a position as a legislator for the state of Alaska. Both Karen and I served on the Saxman city council.

With the addition of Eagle Avenue and then Wolf Street we were later connected to the Saxman road system. New houses were built on these streets.

Through the years we sadly watched parts of the community go from one of pride to one of dismay. Elders passed on and there became a change in the look of Saxman. Pride in the community waned as the beauty was becoming a thing of the past. What happened?

At the current time those of us left, Karen Olsen Huff, and Sydney Olsen Burton, have remained owners while the other homes on our street have passed on to a generation who it seems have ceased to have the same feeling for the community. Some houses have become a dumping ground for garbage, wrecked cars and a general lack of pride. Drugs have become a serious issue. Property value has decreased.

At this time, because of age and a need for more accommodating housing the two of us remaining will be forced to sell and move on but we both feel the same pride in our homes and community as we always have.

The problem I am addressing to you today concerns two houses located on the lower half of Wolf St. My biggest concern is the last house. (see enclosures) In a very short time this home has gone from a nice home to one of utter trash. The other house has been accumulating for some time but it appears they are in

the process of cleaning up the area. These homes will gravely affect our property value for resale.

I have worked very hard keeping up my home and property. It is a beautiful home with a fantastic view. A perfect home for some young family starting out just as we did.

The sale of this house comes with much sadness. I have so many good memories. But due to physical problems and aging I am unable to reside here any longer. I truly need the equity to enable me to move on. I am not asking for anything other than, these homes clean up their exteriors. I will not be able to sell my home and get fair market value because of the decrease in property value. I am asking them to put there homes back the way they were. Please, as the council help me in achieving this goal.

Showing pride in your community is showing pride in yourself.

I appreciate all of you and know that your work on the council is not an easy job. I hope to hear from you.

Sincerely,



Sydney (Olsen) Burton
907-254-0566







Item 3.



Received
12-01-2021

December 2021

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Resident Name (optional): Wittbe

Physical and Mailing Address (optional): 2333 Dexter Ave

Contact Phone Number (optional): 907-225-2661

Today's Date: 12-4-2021

Please list your comments/concerns here:

We are very concerned because our neighbors just threw their garbage out side their house - White garbage bags every where - this causes a real rat problem and in season the bears to - I really wish I knew what to do about it.

Bark Wittbe