

City of Annapolis

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December 28, 2024 – Year End Follow Up

This year was probably the most difficult but at the same time we saw a community pull together and help one another in the community's time of need.

May 2024 Tornado:

The tornado was devastating to so many in our community just as previous tornados in previous years in the community. Myself and we can only praise God that no one was injured in anyway when the tornado hit or during the cleanup, this tornado could have ended much differently. One thing that others and myself witnessed is everyone pulling together to clean up the community so utility workers could do what they needed to do.

There were emergency plans in place for a direct hit of a Tornado and the City of Annapolis Emergency Management Team, Iron County Emergency Management Team and MO State Emergency Management responded exactly as they needed to, very thankful and proud of them all. The members of the City of Annapolis Emergency Management Team are Robert Meinhardt, Byron J. Ashlock, Amanda Bollinger and myself.

Would also like to take this time to thank a special individual that approached me and wanted to know what we needed directly after the tornado hit. Kyle Huff was instrumental in putting teams and equipment together from SGI to help clear debris. Kyle approached me at the Emergency Operations Center, and told Kyle that Ben Starnes was blocked in at home and needed him here and he had a crew clear a path. Also, Champion Springs Road was hit hard, and families were stuck out that road, Kyle and his crews went and cleared the road. Not only did Kyle have teams helping those two locations, but also helped clear debris in the city. Kyle was and always will be instrumental to our community, his leadership and legacy will live on through Hunter and Sawyer his family. We will always have him and his family in our prayers and forever grateful to them all.

Would also like to thank the following for their help cleaning up after the tornado:

T&M Rectors,
Terry Bollinger and Crew, T&T Concrete,
Jeremy Savage and Crew, Savage Excavating,
Hunter Huff Crew,
Ben Dinkins and Crew, Dinkins Excavating,
Richie Warren, Warren Logging,
Raymond Forshee, Forshee Towing,
Josh Fostich Logging,
And all the volunteers that came to help

As a community we are forever thankful to everyone that spent days and weeks helping to recover.

City Water Disaster:

Just a few months after the tornado there was a disaster with the main well stopping supplying water to the city. This can not be confirmed but it was speculated at many levels of governmental leadership that a plate shifted causing the disaster. Everyone from the city and other government officials all jumped in to find a solution to the problem. The

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city had already been working on a backup well, so we were ahead of the game there, now it was speeding up the completion process. I must say a huge thank you to Raymond Forshee, Sandy Warncke and Brad Slusher for pulling together to make sure the city did not run out of water. Raymond Forshee went to Piedmont and Ironton several times a day to fill a water tanker to keep our water tank filled. That was a lot of time and effort on his part, and we are so ever thankful for everything he does for this city. Sandy May had just as important a role during this crucial time. Sandy did all her normal job tasks and kept up with all the communication at all levels regarding the water problem, communication and meetings were a huge part of this process. There was no way for all involved to do their jobs and the community not to run out of water without these two people, God has blessed us with them.

Raymond and Brad were able to restore the well that went down to partial capacity and we are progressing on the new well. There were a lot of government processes to that we had to meet and qualify for, which we did. Also, would like to thank SGI for helping fund the new well out of the donated funds that will keep water flowing to the city.

Believe in what you may but in these two situations God put the resources and made the plans possible for this community. I have always said since the beginning that this community is not just made up of city residents, we have a huge community from all over that comes and works in the City of Annapolis every day. People come to the City of Annapolis from all over the country, and even from outside the country.

Over the last year there have been a lot of positive things that have taken place, just to name a few.

- 1) SGI donated 1 million dollars to the City of Annapolis, which was also shared with the South Iron School to help them recover from the tornado.
- 2) We were able to provide Free Produce each week to the community and continue once a month in the winter.
- 3) South Iron School events that took place during the school year.
- 4) The 37th Annual Freedom Fest and the Parade, Event Coordinator South Iron Community Betterment.
- 5) The 24th Annual Annapolis First Baptist Annual Car Show.
- 6) The Annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lightning, Event Coordinator's were Stevee Anne Deboard, Sarah Warren and Sandy may
- 7) The Christmas Bazaar, Event Coordinated by South Iron Community Betterment

There were new businesses added this year:

The Panthers Den Daycare
The Laundry Depot, LLP

Coming Years:

We have some large obstacles to overcome in the coming years and we are already in planning mode for preparation. I would like to ask that you pray that God leads us in the right direction to overcome these obstacles. Everything is possible with prayer and all of us working together.

Message from the Mayor:

I would like to take this time to personally thank each one of you for all your help and dedication this last year. Would also like to thank everyone involved in coordinating the wonderful events this year. This year was a difficult year, but through prayers and all your help we made it through it. Couldn't be prouder of this community and everyone that helped this community this year.

City of Annapolis Mayor,
Scott L. Oatman

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City of Annapolis Alderman,
President, Jennifer Adams, Sherry Casteel, Sue Colyott, and Amanda Bollinger