

March 2, 2009

Development

I continue to seek some sort of resolve for our housing issues. Again, I do believe that once we have our property maintenance code enforcement active, we'll certainly make some headway here. My past couple trips to the Capitol, this has been one of the main subjects I have discussed with Legislators.

We recently took part in "Northwest Oklahoma Day" at the Capitol as partners in the Northwest Oklahoma Alliance.

You will find an emailed letter I received from ODOC and OCI attached to this sheet (actually, I believe I'll copy it on the lower portion of this sheet). It regards our being chosen as a community of excellence. This is quite an honor.

We've responded to three different agencies with our possible projects for stimulus funding. We're submitting projects this week through High Plains RC&D.

I'm working with a couple of ladies who would like to implement a "Trap/Neuter/Return" program here in town to address our feral cat population. Atwoods has agreed to donate a few live traps for this program.

James

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Dear Mr. Leonard:

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Community Development Division and the Oklahoma Community Institute will be hosting "Communities of Excellence Day" This event will feature Oklahoma communities from across the state, recognizing their positive impact, partnership development and accomplishments in community improvement and economic development.

Because of the Town of Buffalo's outstanding achievements in community and economic development, you have been determined as 1 of only 18 communities/organizations from across the state selected to participate in this event.

Thank you for your outstanding achievements and being recognized as one of Oklahoma's "Communities of Excellence".

Oklahoma Department of Commerce and Oklahoma Community Institute