

Mayor Angel Zierden  
Breezy Point • 1 day ago •

I received this email from a resident of Breezy Point in response to the city hall project. Not only is none of this true, but this type of behavior is unacceptable. My husband is on Planning and Zoning because the position was open for six months and no other resident had applied for the role. We both wanted to serve our community despite that fact that we both work full time and have four children. This is the reason why good people don't run for office. We work really hard to make the best decisions we can with the information we have, but nothing will ever be good enough for some, who don't care about the truth. Since taking on this role, I have received other emails and read many comments of this nature, but I am done tolerating this behavior from fellow neighbors.

"It didn't take long to find out this project is going to net your family a nice chunk of change.  
how lucky that your husband has his own construction company and he works for the planning and zoning department for breezy point.  
I don't know if this is illegal but it is certainly unethical. Shame on you again. way to go...teaching your children how to use the system to take money from people and put it into your own pocket with no remorse.  
you reap what you sow"

24  
37 Comments

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David Fuhs  
David Fuhs  
• Crosslake•23h

Mayor Zierden, it is heartbreaking to hear of the abuse and disrespect that you have had to endure. People need to be civil and engage constructively. Thanks for being a public servant. Do your best. Kind regards.

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Bob Gastecki  
Bob Gastecki  
• Buschmann•19h

David  
I agree, we should not be abused or disrespected . If there is a problem someone needs to suggest positive solutions not just complain about it. I understand why

people are upset because they did not know about it. I also understand the city council and Mayor saying they are not hiding anything that you can come to the meetings or find the information on the City Website. the problem is most people do not have or make the time to do this, so we do need better communication, and find a solution that will work for all. I have talked with the mayor and city manager, which the mayor responded that is what she is looking to accomplish. But people need to talk with their council members and the mayor. Until yesterday I did not know what was really going on. I just was reading comments on social media, so I decided to call Mayor Angel Zierden (which she has said numerous times to please call if you have questions) and Council Member Brad Scott and our current City Manager at the meeting yesterday. I asked questions and listened to them and was impressed with their commitment. and plans to make Breezy Point a better city. We finally have people working on plans on where the city needs to improve instead of the previous years where there were very few improvements and no real plans to make it better, just more reactionary to problems from what I saw. I have purchased my home in 2011 and feel we now have people in place that are finally getting planning started to correct the problems we have in our city. Please give them a call if you have questions or concerns and not just believe social media. But please be willing to listen and have a positive discussion. We all want the city of Breezy Point to improve.

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Jenny F.

Jenny F.

- Buschmann•17h

Bob

Thank you!

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kathleen axt

kathleen axt

- Hilltop•22h

I absolutely disagree with your comment. I don't understand how 'serving your community' includes spending \$5,000,000 on a building that you don't need against the wishes of the community. And on top of that to deny the taxpayers that will be paying the bill the right to vote on the project..

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Jenny F.

Jenny F.

- Buschmann•18h

kathleen

tax payers aren't paying for it. Know your facts before you speak

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kathleen axt  
kathleen axt  
• Hilltop•22h

and the truth is that a city of 2700 residents does not need a \$5,000,000 city hall.

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Author • Breezy Point•19h

kathleen  
you should tell everyone who sent me this email.

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Dorothy Ross  
Dorothy Ross  
• Crosslake•21h

You don't need to be harassed, but than again the citizens don't need to be taxed out of their homes. That amount of money spent per home is obscene and the citizens should have the ability to vote on it. There could be other creative solutions ,.

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Author • Breezy Point•Edited 19h

Dorothy  
The taxes will not increase because of this project.(edited)

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PETE NISTLER  
PETE NISTLER  
• Hilltop•21h

taxes are plenty high enough inflation makeing money worthless its time to hold on to the spending reins

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Author • Breezy Point•18h

PETE

Taxes won't increase because of the city hall project.

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PETE NISTLER  
PETE NISTLER  
• Hilltop•17h

So your saying we have been taxed to much already if you have money for it. About a tax rebate  
Unless their is a money tree somewhere. It usually us residents

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Author • Breezy Point•Edited 17h

PETE

Administrator Chanski answered this. When you manage your personal finances, do you allow your bank account to go to zero? No, you slowly put money away... See more

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Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•16h

Angelica - What on earth makes you think it's OK to talk to the tax payer's this way?? You are unprofessional at best.

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David Fuhs  
David Fuhs  
• Crosslake•16h

Mayor sounds fine. Consider your own tone. 🙄

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PETE NISTLER  
PETE NISTLER  
• Hilltop•5h

Mayor

slowly little over a yr ago you just paid off dept now you have 12 million to blow on something we don't need

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•44m

Jess

giving orders?

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•43m

David

no elected official should be giving orders to constituents.

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David Fuhs

David Fuhs

- Crosslake•36m

what "giving orders"? Not really. Seems like urging people to read, ask, engage respectfully. Honestly, yes people need to take responsibility to learn the issue before spouting off, and under no circumstances berating disrespectfully a city official. Come on people.

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•30m

David

there are ways you can encourage people to be involved. Wording: " go" " be responsible" do your" theses are orders.

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David Fuhs

David Fuhs

- Crosslake•26m

sorry, I disagree. People who shoot first, then ask questions need a stern urging/request. Frankly, it is silly to call that "giving orders"

gervaise wilhelm

gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

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gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

The meeting last night was simply an opportunity to humor us as residents of Breezy Point. We were told we could get a petition with a thousand signatures but the council has no obligation to act on it. Members of the council definitely suggested such a petition would have no effect on their votes.

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gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

contineued..\  
(Note: 'contineued' is misspelled in the original text)

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•19h

gervaise  
didn't the manager say that?

gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

So in spite of Breezy's unmet needs such as street lights, sidewalks, streets in decent states of repair, etc., the council is convinced that a town of less... See more

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gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

the presentation nor the answers to our questions about the PLAN

gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•19h

Kathi

Hr said ckearly that a petition would probably have no effect on the votes by council members

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Robert Gastecki

Robert Gastecki

- Buschmann•18h

Kathi

the city has over \$12,000,000 in investments and cash available for projects right now. That is why they say the City Hall and Bushman Road could be paid for without raising taxes. Plus the city is getting \$1,500,000 grant to help pay for Bushman Road project.

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•18h

And then the sewer....

Robert Gastecki

Robert Gastecki

- Buschmann•17h

Kathi

, I asked that in yesterday's meeting and was told by the City Manager after they did an assessment of the sewer system and some changes they made they figure the sewer system is good for at least 10 to 15 years. So no new sewer system is needed.

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Robert Gastecki

Robert Gastecki

- Buschmann•17h

Kathi

also the City Manager also said the Community Center is off the table right now.

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•17h

Robert

ok so it's city hall that's the focus.

Robert Gastecki  
Robert Gastecki  
• Buschmann•17h

Kathi  
City Hall abd then Bushman Road

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•17h

Robert  
yes with a grant.

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gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•6h

Its not that I object to a new city hall. I know we werer told that there is enough money to pay for it. I just think there are a few projects that should get priority like street lights, sidewalks and streets.

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Author • Breezy Point•Edited 6h

gervaise  
we will address those things in our streets plan, which we will start next year. It's not as simple as you think it is. There are policy changes we need to look at, which includes assessments, which in turn changes how we pay for those things. Again, I don't understand how many times we have to tell everyone to call us with questions on these issues. They are not black and white, and they don't just happen overnight.(edited)

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Brad Scott  
Add a comment...  
Add a comment...

Jonathan Kurten  
Citizens for Local Government Accountability Breezy Point  
Buschmann • 22 Nov •



Hi all,

I'm sure it's not been missed by anyone in this group that there have been a few controversial situations between Breezy Point residents and the city over the last few months. I believe we can work towards a healthier relationship by a) making information more accessible and b) giving residents a way to band together when feedback needs to be delivered to the city or Council.

Over the last while a group of neighbors have started the Breezy Point Neighborhood Alliance at <https://bpneighborhoodalliance.org/>. We aim to advocate for our neighbors and create effective avenues to engage with our local leaders, especially as we head into an election year in 2024.

We currently share a monthly newsletter that recaps the major decisions made during Council Meetings. We strive to be as unbiased as possible and give context to the votes. This is resident-led and not in any way affiliated with the city.

If you'd like to keep up with the Council but don't have the time to sit through full meetings, we hope you'd consider joining our mailing list. If you're interested but don't want to subscribe you can view all editions of our newsletter, Dear Neighbor, at <https://buttondown.email/neighbor/archive/> at any time.

Posts

George Wells

Breezy Point • 15 Nov •

So the city of Breezy Point will be building a new city hall. I would have thought the residents of the city would be able to vote for such an expense. Does anyone know how we the residents of Breezy Point can have a say in this?

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211 Comments

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

• Breezy Point•1w

Contact board members .

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

• BP Locals•1w

For a town of 2,000 residents...the current building is fine...would be a waste of tax payer money!

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

• Breezy Point•1w

I attended the presentation at city hall and had a chance to tour the office facilities. It's true that the space is limited and the building is in need of renovation. However, I don't think the additional amenities like a pool, gymnasium, and workout area are necessary. We already have a disc golf course for visitors to enjoy, although some residents expressed their opposition. Despite that, the board decided to proceed with the disc golf , with only one dissenting vote from Brad Scott. The plans for expanding city hall are in place, but I believe we should avoid burdening the taxpayers with extra expenses like the other amenities at this time. It would be great if more people got involved in this matter.

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George Wells  
George Wells  
Author • Breezy Point•1w

Kathi

,thank you for your response. I experienced something like this before and the town administration neglected one infrastructure. They didn't address the growth to capacity in the water treatment plant. Which then caused the taxpayers with the burden of pay a larger city to take on our sewer. Has the city done any feasibility studies to see if our infrastructure can handle the growth it has experienced?

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1w

George

yes water treatment plant has been studied and is in the planning stage.

Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•1w

Kathi

the new city hall will not include any community center at this time. The building is going to be built with the possibility of an addition of a community center IF they choose to go down that road in the future.

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Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•1w

George

the water treatment plant will cost approximately \$10 million dollars. New City Hall, approximately \$3 million. Buschmann Road Project, approximately \$2 million.

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1w

Sandy

so I'm sure there are infrastructure grants to help with this.

Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•1w

Dick have you seen the salaries for 2024?

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1w

Sandy

correct. But if it wasn't for our citizen push back that facility would have been built with the previous mayor and board. Votes count.

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George Wells  
George Wells  
Author • Breezy Point•1w

Dick

how can we stop this from happening?

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Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•1w

George

well, after raising my/our taxes(21% & 26% last 2 years)...they are really cash positive. However, that doesn't give them the Right to frivolously spend our tax excess on a new City Hall. Should go to a citywide vote! Attending the meeting on November 27th would be the first step.

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Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•1w

I believe there is a public open house - November 27th 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Lots of money being requested for the 2024 budget....

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Mona Dagestad  
Mona Dagestad  
• Breezy Point•1d

Jess

there's a lot of people at City Hall tonight! Hopefully the city council will understand that we don't need or want a new elaborate city hall!

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Mona

it seems it doesn't matter what we want.

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Dick

I will be there definitely raising my concerns with this process.

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

George

Thank You...unfortunately, I'll be out of town. It' all too easy to spend Other Peoples Money!

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gervaise wilhelm

gervaise wilhelm

- Crosslake•1w

I'd be interested in knowing that too. and also what is wrong with the one that is currently in use

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1w

gervaise

it's too small and building needs repair.

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1w

How about we get some roads paved and a few streetlights put up ! Walking paths on city 4 so people aren't walking in traffic! Maybe repair the existing building or adding an addition! There are so many more things that are more important!

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

Dena

all of these things will be addressed in our streets plan. I would recommend reaching out to get information, which includes a paved trail.

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Jess Oh

Jess Oh

- Buschmann•1w

Dena This is the trail (not sure if there are more being discussed). Grant money is available (not sure if there's potential of the grant application being denied?), but not until 2028.

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Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1w

Jess

where did you share this from? I'd like to see it bigger.. ty

Jess Oh

Jess Oh

- Buschmann•1w

Dena

<https://www.breezypointmn.gov/meetings/recent>

The screenshot was from the Agenda Packet for the "November 6th, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting."

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1w

Jess  
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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•1w

Dena  
I recommend watching back the council meetings, which you can watch on the city's YouTube account. If you have questions regarding the website and where to find specific content, give Daniel at the city a call.

Dena E.  
Dena E.  
• Breezy Point•1w

Thanks! we have a community Facebook page for this area with almost 4k members for anyone that's affiliated with the area and wants to join... See more

Dena E.  
Dena E.  
• Breezy Point•1w

Also some people may not look on the website or social media so maybe a city newsletter every month to inform the residents in a mass mailing! There was one... See more

gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•1w

ALL GOOD QUESTIONS THAT MANY CITIZENS HAVE. LETS LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD NOVEMBER 27 5-7 PM

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gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•1w

The population is less than 3000 now and is reported to be growing by 3% per year. AS Dena pointed out, potential citizens will be more concerned about safety issues like street lights ( I live in a cul de Sac that is unlit and so dark at night it is difficult to find our driveway) and walking paths on Co 4. I would like to have the city council consider re-model for now and address the issues being raised first.

Lori Berg  
Lori Berg  
• Lake Shore•1w

Go to the meeting. If that doesn't work, draw up a petition demanding it go to a ballot vote. You will have to get a certain percentage of registered voters to sign the petition. I would recommend having a lawyer review the petition before you submit it to the city. It works, I've done it before. Got pushed to ballot and got voted down by the voters.

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1w

Lori  
wish we would have known that when disc golf course was proposed.

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Mona Dagestad  
Mona Dagestad  
• Breezy Point•1d

Lori  
janski said at the meeting tonight, that even if a petition was done, it would be up to city council if they accepted it or not.

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George Wells  
George Wells  
Author • Breezy Point•1d

Mona  
Yes I was told we can't change what they have done. It's going to move forward. We need to vote them out. I'll be reminding everyone at election time to dive by the new City Hall for our six yes six employees at city hall. What a stinking joke our city leaders are.

Jonathan Kurten  
Jonathan Kurten  
• Buschmann•Edited 1d

Mona  
we had multiple petitions against the disc golf expansion also, all ignored. Ultimately our only power is going to be our vote. Anything can be stopped, changed, or removed with a new Council and that's what makes Council's decisions to go against their residents so mind boggling to me.(edited)



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Lori Berg

Lori Berg

- Lake Shore•1d

Jonathan it really is, isn't it? They forget who they work for...so sad.

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Lori Berg

Lori Berg

- Lake Shore•1d

Mona

that's asinine!!! I'm so sorry to hear this. I'm so tired of these people forgetting who they work for. I must have caught the process earlier when this happened in lake Shore. I remember they put something in the newsletter about getting bids for a new city hall and the whole town rose up to speak out about it (well most of them lol).

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Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•Edited 1w

I can't help but agree with others that there are many things that our city needs and starting with a large City Hall project seems out of order. It would be great if city leaders... See more

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steven Casperson

steven Casperson

- Lake Shore•1w

When you vote you are asking these people to make these kind of decisions for you

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

steven

only one person on the council is a true taxpayer watchdog.(edited)

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Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•1w

Kathi

who is that? what do the others do?

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1w

Bob

pm you

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

Bob

please reach out to me personally if you have questions.

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

Angel, I am George I started this conversation. My question was how can we stop his unnecessary expenditure for a city hall. I may have found my answer and it's we need to vote for those candidates how truly understand and represent the residents of Breezy Point. All we need is 3 members of the board who feel breezy should have this and it's a done deal. Please reach out to me if I have this wrong.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

George

happy to. Please first review the documents available regarding the costs associated with a remodel and building new prior to our conversation, so we can refer to those. Also, our organizational evaluation will be given to us in December, which will show us that we are making the best decision long term with regards to

growth and costs.(edited)

Mona Dagestad

Mona Dagestad

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

steven

you are correct,we are asking them to make the decision for us, but based on what the residents want and not what each of them personally want. At least three of the council members are not listening to the residents.(edited)

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steven Casperson

steven Casperson

- Lake Shore•1w

Mona

then vote them out next election

Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1w

Dick, if you are unable to attend any meetings or open houses, you can visit the city website and reach out to individual council members to express your opinions.

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Sandy

Thanks Sandy, just did that, much to my surprise the NCH project is in it's later stages....HiTec will be building it and the costs/bids will be completed in January. Hope all is well with you and the farm!

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

Happy to answer any questions you have about city hall. Please reach out to me any time.

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Mayor

please tell us hard working tax payers how to stop the New City Hall...a big misuse of our tax dollars...atleast for now. The timing isn't right. Go to the gas station, grocery store, restaurants, hotels, and property taxes....everything is up 30-50% and wages haven't kept up with these increases. Many residents are struggling to keep up, so they don't see a value add to their Breezy Point experiences with a New City Hall. More parks, golf cart paths, walking paths and Pickleball courts for the kids and their families to enjoy the outdoors experiences in Breezy Point.

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will toft

will toft

• Buschmann•1w

Dick and others, my neighbors greatly appreciate your concern, We fought a losing battle for almost two years to stop the disc golf expansion. With no official record of a council vote an expansion went forward in the middle of the largest residential neighborhood in Breezy. Thousands of trees cut down, tens of thousands of dollars spent to add another 18 holes that adds no public good for us the Breezy residents. My estimation for ongoing maintenance of this boondoggle is over \$ 40.000, a year and that's before we end up paying for police officers to enforce the ordinances being broken by players. I will mention a few infractions, hearing WTF yelled along with constant noise, which is brought on by illegal drinking, which results in public urination. I have stopped using my deck on the weekends. It's not law enforcement's fault. It may be a city hall today and a community center tomorrow [ 3 years ago it was estimated to cost 8 million] We need to pay attention to keep our property taxes down as there seems to be no end of the spending of other people's money.

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George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

can't you answer the questions and concerns we are expressing here in an open form?

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George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

will

we need to vote the mayor and the board out of office. It will be a shame if they vote for this and we the residents get stuck with the bill.

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

will

you have fought this battle on the park board and you are now fighting the amenities of the additions to the city hall on the park board. I too have been fighting this spending spree for years. We managed to get two board members who are big spenders off the board. But we are still stuck with three on the board. ( the mayor ran unopposed) when the push for the fancy fancy community center came up no one listened to us. Then we managed to get two new people on the board. Only these two really listen to people. But they are a minority.(edited)

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Tim Olsen

Tim Olsen

- Buschmann•1w

@George

You are not likely to get an answer on here, at a meeting or in person. You may be granted a conversation, after which you will be told that you've been "heard" and "listened to" but nothing you say will be taken into consideration. For the majority of the current council, there is zero interest in what the taxpayers want.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

George

looking forward to seeing your name on the ballot next year.

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

I hope so.

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Tim Olsen

Tim Olsen

- Buschmann•1w

George, perhaps not an answer to questions you've asked here, but you got a response, so I guess it still kind of counts as an answer?? 🤔

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George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

Angel, I have never felt the desire to be a servant of the people. I am a concerned citizen that wants to make sure those who do run for public office are servants of the people.

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Mayor

Kathi

Mayor

George

Mayor, as the Leader of our City, your comment to George is way out of line. You posted here to answer any and all questions about the New City Hall...and then you dodge all of our questions and concerns! If you push this NCHall forward without any resident feedback, shame on you...so much for your campaign slogan on Transparency!

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

Dick

I've already responded as to next steps to address his concerns regarding city hall. If you want change, you should consider running for office, not complain on social media. We are a republic, not a democracy, so as elected leaders, we make the best decisions we can with the information we are given.

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

Angel, bring this to a vote for the residents and you'll have the true decision "We the People" want.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

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• Breezy Point•Edited 1w

George

Please review the information regarding city hall, and I would be happy to walk through the last six months of workshops, conversations, and information that lead us to this decision. I support putting the community center on the ballot next year given the magnitude of that cost. Just because an issue is on the ballot, doesn't mean that residents will do the due diligence prior to voting. We have spent many hours discussing this issue, and I feel that we are making the best decision for the city long term. Again, happy to discuss outside of this thread.(edited)

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

Angel, I'll go back to my original question. Can you tell me how we can get this decision into the hands of the residents to vote on?

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Mayor Angel Zierden

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• Breezy Point•1w

George

I encourage all residents to attend or watch council meetings in order to stay up to date on issues. During the open forum is a good time to make those... See more

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1w

Mayor

Angel, thank you for answer and service to our community.

will toft

will toft

• Buschmann•1w

Mayor

,George, and all other contributors, I see the mention of a community center again, Crosslake has a CC and I've been informed that its maintenance cost is in the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. I do know of a study that every CC built in the last couple of decades are running deficits to the tune of 30-80%. Taxpayers are on the hoof for that shortfall. WE do not need this, it should not even be brought to a vote if our elected officials are watching out for us, the Breezy Point resident and taxpayer!

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

will

Great point! However, it is more than a "mention"...the New Design Team has added the Community Center to the renderings, for when the City decides to if/when add it. Here's their track record in the last 10 months, Rental Properties, Disc Golf and New City Hall! They are 0-3, I predict they will be 0-4 once they approve the Community Center. They are working in a Vacuum and I feel don't represent the majority of BP residents....hence, they will Never put these things to a Vote!

2

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

will

I've never supported a community center paid for by only tax dollars. I made that clear at the candidate forum last year.(edited)

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

George

thank you. I care about the vitality of this city and its residents. I believe in a systematic approach to making decisions with the understanding that not everyone is going to agree. I have made every effort to communicate with residents and was adamant about not missing a single council meeting, which entailed bringing my 5 day old baby to a four hour meeting in September. Everyone has a different perspective on how things should be done, but it's impossible for residents to always have all the information, which is why I am always willing to have a conversation outside of social media.(edited)

1

Dick Burns



Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Mayor

Thank you. Now please put this \$4,000,000. New City Hall out for a Resident vote...and the show the option of a remodel of existing building. I... See more

3

will toft

will toft

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

I do remember you pledging that, so I was surprised to see it mentioned in one of your threads. Which leads me to ask so why include it in the blueprints for the new city hall? To many of us it feels like if its mentioned now, it will be brought up again with the statement, well we've been talking about it for years and we already have the plans so let's go forward. If this sounds familiar its exactly what was told to us about the disc golf expansion. In fact, we were chastised for not coming to meetings and being involved. Subterfuge may work on the national level [ I.E. the so-called Inflation Reduction Act] but let's maintain total transparency at our local level.

2

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

will

We have to do our best to plan for the future. Maybe that includes a partnership or donation for a community center that offsets the tax payer burden. I don't know. In that case, this is the best option given that it didn't cost us extra for incorporating that part in the plan. Our views on it are the same now, but we have a different perspective on potential outcome.(edited)

Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

when we talk about the community center are we referring to the library and community room, the pool and gym, or all of the above?

I think we've generally combined them in discussion or proposal (I understand the planning implications) and that doesn't allow us to address each on its merits.

I can say for myself that I feel vastly differently about a library than I do about a pool. I can tell you, unequivocally, that a publicly funded pool would never make

sense to me when we live so close to multiple resorts.

2

Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

you mention you do not support a Community Center by tax dollars but are you saying that there will be not tax dollars used in anyway for the Community... See more

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1w

Bob

and Jonathan, I do not support a community center funded by only tax dollars. The library and community room are separate from this.

Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

got it, thank you for clarifying the difference 🙏

Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

so do support using any tax dollars for this to design, build, and maintain the building and grounds every year? You're leaving yourself wide open when... See more

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

Bob

I'm not understanding your question. Are you talking about a community center or city hall?(edited)

Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•Edited 1w

Mayor

the Community Center. You stated I do not support a community center funded by only tax dollars.", so does that mean it is okay to use any tax dollars at all for research, design, building or maintaining it? "Thank you!(edited)

2

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

Bob

There is a good chance it will be on the ballot next year, so the residents can decide since it is a major expense to construct and operate.(edited)

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Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•Edited 1w

Mayor

thank you, but why is just a good chance and not for sure would be on the ballot? Not trying to give you a hard time and apologize if you feel this way... See more

will toft

will toft

- Buschmann•1w

Mayor

, Bob and all Breezy Point taxpayers, so we have gone from you not supporting using our tax dollars at all to putting it on the ballot. I doubt the Resort... See more

2

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 6d

Bob

I am only one vote on the council and we haven't voted to put this on the ballot yet. We are "allowed" to make this decision because we were elected to do so.(edited)

Bob Gastecki

Bob Gastecki

- Buschmann•6d

Mayor

Thank you!

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Mona Dagestad  
Mona Dagestad  
• Breezy Point•6d

Mayor

Happy Thanksgiving! My concern is that when you are making your "allowable" votes, is that you are taking into consideration what we, the residents of Breezy Point want and not just each of you personally.

Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•6d

Mona

Happy Thanksgiving! It has nothing to do with what I want. It's the fact that we spend hours and months discussing and reviewing these issues, which means when it comes time to vote, we are making those decisions based on all the factors including resident feedback.

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

will

but taxes won't be raised according to the Mayor.

Dena E.  
Dena E.  
• Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

where are you getting resident feedback from?? I never got an email, mail, or any kind of notification about any plans of a new city hall? I'm sure I'm not the only one! Also before you go back to your standard answer if "attend the meetings" not everyone can or has the time to do that! There needs to be more transparency on information. Not everyone has social media or goes on the website but we all have a street address where things can be mailed out, sounds like there's enough money from raising our taxes to pay for that! It just sounds like you all are just spending other people's money for a building that doesn't need to be that size for a small resort town, which most of us would like to keep it that way! This isn't the cities or even Crosslake! I can't wait to exercise my rights and vote you all out of there with the exception of Brad Scott who seems to be on the side of the people! Have a great day!

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Dena

here is the information regarding communication on city hall.

3 press releases related to city hall have been issued. June 7, June 9, and November 13

9 social media posts related to city hall have been published. May 9, June 2, June 6, June 8, June 16, September 5, October 9, November 7, and November 13

3 City Council workshops have been conducted where city hall was a significant item on the agenda. May 16, August 1, October 17

6 Regular City Council meetings have contained published agenda items related to city hall. January 3, May 1, June 5, August 7, October 2, November 6

5 updates related to city hall have been published to the city website. June 16, September 5, October 17, November 7, November 13

2 open houses related to city hall have been conducted. June 16, November 27

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Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

where are the mailings to each household?? There wasn't a problem mailing out notices for the sewer date changes? You breezed right by me saying that a lot of people may not have computers or the time to be looking in the website or go to meetings. If there was a mass mailing of a newsletter maybe none of these discussions would be happening! You are not getting the point ! I can guarantee that the next election November you aren't going to be running unopposed after we have all seen how you aren't out for the citizens best interest! I believe you ran on the topic that you wanted to see how taxes can be lowered at the local level which you are not accomplishing with this latest debacle! I have nothing else to say but see you in November where I will not be voting for you and will be supporting someone who cares about our small town and listens to its citizens! Good luck!

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Dena

taxes will not go up because of city hall. I've made that very clear.

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

because they went up last year to help cover it! 🙄 and either way the project is too big when the extra money could be spent in other places such as street lights, paved roads , trails etc!

2

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Jonathan or a gym to compete with private gyms.

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Dena

like I mentioned before, I'm happy to address those things in a conversation. There's so much more that goes into street lights, sidewalks, roads, etc. that we cant address until the streets plan is done. We will also address assessments, which I would like to get rid of entirely. We are starting that plan in 2024. As far as the paved trail, we are voting on a resolution for the county to help us apply for a 800K grant for construction in 2028 for a paved trail. These things are more complicated to try to explain over dialog on social media.(edited)

Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

on the community center. Kathi, where is the council not listening in the "push" for the center? Community Center isn't even being discussed for a near future project. Disc Golf expansion and Community Center action came from 2 councils ago. You can bet that past council would have been breaking ground on that community center, just like the plunge forward and approval of the DG expansion that kicked off such discourse. People should keep in mind, a mayor is a figurehead and over sees actions by the council, administration, and community. A mayor can't even vote on items unless it comes to a tie break. Every single person on that council makes their own decisions and conclusions, and votes their conscious. Everyone who has an opinion should contact the individual council members and give their constructive opinions. You can email them right from the website. This bashing of the mayor on here is just mind boggling. Like what she's doing or not, If she tries to answer, she's slammed. If she doesn't answer, she's slammed. Reading a lot of these messages, how can she not try to come from the side of defense. There is a lot of

misunderstanding via social media. Email or call our representatives to give your opinions.

2

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

Sandy  
the mayor does vote.

Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•Edited 1d

I may be wrong the ability of the mayor to vote. Can someone clarify that for me?(edited)

Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•1d

Kathi  
absolutely not directed at you. My comments are general in nature.

Bob Gastecki  
Bob Gastecki  
• Buschmann•22h

Sandy  
I agree with your comments about people need to talk with their council members and the mayor. Until yesterday I did not know what was really going on. I just was reading comments on social media, so I decided to call Mayor Angel Zierden (which she has said numerous times to please call if you have questions) and Council Member Brad Scott and our current City Manager at the meeting yesterday. I asked questions and listened to them and was impressed with their commitment. and plans to make Breezy Point a better city. We finally have people working on plans on where the city needs to improve instead of the previous years where there were very few improvements and no real plans to make it better, just more reactionary to problems from what I saw. I have purchased my home in 2011 and feel we now have people in place that are finally getting planning started to correct the problems we have in our city. Please give them a call if you have questions or concerns and not just believe social media.

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•21h

Sandy

yes I clarified it above.

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1w

New people need to run for the next election! Especially the ones that are commenting on here! You have my vote! 🇺🇸❤️

6

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Well, to my surprise after visiting the BP city website...hope I'm wrong, but this New City Hall project is in it's Final design phase. I don't think the city council is looking to hear concerns about building a New City Hall at the meeting later this month, but rather input on it's design and features. The new design is quite impressive for our small city...it will most defiantly exceed \$4,000,000.! The current design has a huge basement, for future offices etc...and a propose elevator! I would think after the lack of communication and the lack of BP resident feedback on the Disc golf course expansion...they would over communicate and get BP resident feedback on this New City Hall, just the opposite, I knew nothing about this. I believe their sole vehicle of communication to the residents is their website, would guess less than 5% of BP residents visit their website on a quarterly basis. They are using a "Pull" system versus a "Push" system. A project of this magnitude, \$4,000,000.; the city council needs to Push information to us, rather than expect us to visit their website. They ran their campaigns on Transparency, quite the contrary! On a positive note, I like David the new city administrator and council member Scott.

4

Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•1w

Dick

, some of the Council meetings are up to 4 hours long and their workshops, which are objectively the most productive gathering of Councilmembers, are typically at 1 pm on a weekday. It is very challenging for the average Breezy Point resident to attend these gatherings, and apart from the recording of the council meetings, there's no simple way for residents to follow along. You are right when you say that they operate on a "pull" system instead of a "push" system.

I want to give credit to some of the new members of the Council, as I believe they genuinely seek more transparency and a stronger relationship between the city and its residents. Nonetheless, I must criticize them because they are repeating the



same mistakes made by the previous Council, such as the disc golf expansion.

In my opinion, the Council seems to make decisions based on their own judgment most of the time, while giving only a small amount of consideration to the opinions of the residents. However, I am willing to be proven wrong about this. If the majority of Breezy Point's residents are in favor of constructing a new City Hall, then the Council should present the data to support their decision. But if such data is not available, then the Council should work on building better communication with the residents, instead of making any major and controversial decisions. Otherwise, the same problems will keep arising in the future.

6

Jess Oh

Jess Oh

- Buschmann•1w

Dick

<https://youtu.be/S3UGlmzBwpQ?si=1-1MzL800X2kIpNz>

Starting at 28:55 - this is the mentality. We are faulted for not "getting involved."

1

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1w

Jess

interesting... all of the problems anticipated have come to fruition.

4

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 1w

Also two of the council members were voted off because they were not listening to the taxpayers of Breezy point but listening to the out of towners(edited)

1

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Jonathan workshops need to be video taped.

Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•1w

Dick  
voting on short term rentals and disc golf were made prior to this year.

Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•1w

Mayor  
Yes, but they both got revisited with the New Council and no changes were made.

To be clear, I'm ok with short term rentals that were doing it in 2023. ... See more

4  
Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•2d

Mayor  
Disc Golf final decision was made by the present council. There were options presented, including dismantling the entire expansion and using the land ... See more

5  
will toft  
will toft  
• Buschmann•1d

Dick  
I have been trying to stop or dismantle the disc golf expansion for almost two years. I would love to discuss this and any other topic such as why does the... See more

2  
Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•1d

will  
I'm not a disc golfer and I don't live on that disc course. What they did to you guys was just wrong. They didn't keep affected residents informed as to... See more

3

Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•1w

Dick

let's schedule a call to discuss the details.

Dick Burns

Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•1w

ok

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•1w

Dick

I wasn't here for that vote, but I will say that we haven't come close to reaching the license limit.

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Jonathan Kurten  
Jonathan Kurten  
• Buschmann•1w

George

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Dick

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gervaise

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Dena

, and anyone else in this thread, if you're interested in keeping up with decisions and topics at City Hall I'd point you to Breezy Point Neighborhood... See more

6

gervaise wilhelm  
gervaise wilhelm  
• Crosslake•1w

Jonathan I would like to join you It sounds like an excellent idea

2

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1w

Jonathan I joined , thank you

Also we have a community Facebook page for this area with almost 4k members for anyone that's affiliated with the area and... See more

1

Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•1w

Awesome, I'll share there as well. Thanks,

Dena

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•21h

Dena

can't open

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•21h

Kathi

just go to Facebook and type in Breezy Point , Pequot community page in the search bar .

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•21h

Dena

done

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

I have joined both sites...thanks.

FYI, I talked with the Mayor this morning for 2 hours. It's always important to hear both sides of the issues. In all fairness she has inher... See more

4

Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1w

Exactly what kind of "community input" at the November Open House is the city looking for from the residents? Design is done. Contractors are being considered, if not already chosen. They have put together a community design team. Other than a more formal introduction to the community on the designed plan, what is the purpose of this open house?

5

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1w

Sandy

Hopefully, the mayor will answer your question. I was told yesterday that it was Not a Done Deal! I'm holding out hope that it will go to a resident vote...especially because of the High Dollars to build the NCH. Four council members(3 new) and a Mayor should Not make this decision in a Vacuum. The meeting is next week, but if enough residents attend and voice their opinion it should give them some pause. If someone on here could post something on the BP Facebook page to plea for community attendance , Great! Also, if someone could send out an email blast on the new resident Email communication piece, Great! I didn't know these 2 vehicles existed until yesterday, and I joined both yesterday. I'm hoping the Council Members will do the Right thing.

2

will toft

will toft

- Buschmann•1w

Sandy

Exactly, reminds of the Council meeting in I believe April that was supposed to decide the fate of the disc golf expansion and we were only allowed to express what changes we wanted for the holes only in back of our houses as it was going thru as

planned. In fact, two members of the ruling body flat out said no holes are going away. I do believe something needs to be done with the present facility and I hope they listen to us the taxpayers about our concerns.

3

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

So how was the meeting? Sorry I was out of town.(edited)

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

Administrator Chanski did a fantastic job educating and answering questions. Many residents left feeling that a new build was the better option. Taxes will not go up as a result of this project. I encourage residents to reach out if they have additional questions to avoid the misinformation being shared on social media.

3

Mona Dagestad

Mona Dagestad

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

I felt that residents were leaving out of frustration and that nothing they had to say would matter as the final decision lays with the city council... See more

3

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Mayor

people have questions. Not all social media is misinformation. The council should listen more to what the people say. Taxes will NOT be raised by this project. Taxpayers will hold the council to that statement.(edited)

2

Jess Oh

Jess Oh

- Buschmann•Edited 1d

Kathi

"taxes will not be raised"? That sounds like misinformation to me. I'm curious as to what constitutes misinformation....it appears a lot of the information shared has been screenshots from the city's website.(edited)

2

George Wells

George Wells

Author • Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

, the taxes will not go up for this project. They will go up for something else because they spent it on this project. We need to make sure our voices are heard at election time.

3

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

• Breezy Point•1d

George

when the out of state investors eventually buy the resort, they won't care about the lowly taxpayers of the city of Breezy Point. Mid income and lower income people are doomed.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

• Breezy Point•1d

Jess

You should have attended the meeting.

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

• Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Kathi

What are you talking about? Some of your statements are ridiculous. If you have questions, you should have attended the meeting to ask them instead of flying south for the winter.(edited)

1

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

Mayor  
you might want to review the rules of this site. Personal insults are not “neighborly”

1  
Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

Mayor  
I already took the tour, heard Chansky’s pitch and saw the mock ups. No need. I’m very informed.

2  
Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•20h

Mayor  
Angelica - thank you for your kind response - so neighborly of you. I didn't ask a question or seek clarification, so I'm not sure why you're suggesting I... See more

3  
Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•19h

Jess  
Trust me, you made the Right decision! Many Residents wasted hours of their time last night.

1  
Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1h

Mayor  
I didn’t fly south for the winter. Stop personal insults.

Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d



Is there a recap of this meeting in the Echo?

George Wells  
George Wells  
Author • Breezy Point•1d

Kathi  
a reporter from the Echo was at the meeting.

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

George  
good . I'll look for it.

Dena E.  
Dena E.  
• Breezy Point•18h

George  
hopefully more media will get involved and get to the bottom of this! Why aren't we putting this to a citizen vote is the big question !

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•1d

Too many people don't care about the truth. The complaining will not magically stop with a new council. People don't have time for this nonsense.

will toft  
will toft  
• Buschmann•1d

Mayor  
and all on this thread. Just because taxpayers don't fall in line, does not mean you should insult them. I don't believe anyone criticized you when you said we are not a democracy, we are a representative democracy which means our elected officials should look out for us the taxpayers and voters and not adhere to some sort of narrative or agenda.

3  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

will

it's not about falling in line. It's about residents taking accountability for not doing due diligence and then proceeding to criticize us repeatedly without the facts. It's not an insult, it's the truth. It's okay to be mad, but it's not okay to be mean, and that's exactly what happens on here. To give you an example of what I get from residents, I've posted an email I received regarding this project and I will continue to do so until this type of behavior stops.

3

Tim Olsen

Tim Olsen

- Buschmann•20h

Angel, I care about the truth. What is the truth? I would love to hear it from you and the rest of the council on this particular topic and every topic for that matter. I have asked for the truth for some time now which you know very well, both publicly at meetings and in private conversations with you directly .

Unfortunately, reading through these 185+ comments I see you complaining on social media about people that are complaining on social media...

That is not a solution, is it? When people have a question they are looking for an answer. They are not looking to be told what they did wrong/should have done/should do and never receive an answer at all. The previous council took that approach with residents regarding the disc golf expansion and look at how smoothly that went!!!

We always hear that it's important to learn from your mistakes. In order to learn from them, it is imperative to acknowledge that mistakes have been made.

You have asked me before for solutions, so here is my suggestion... I would simply ask of you and the rest of our elected officials to answer people's questions. Answer them with honesty, "the truth" that you referenced, rather than avoiding an answer. Far be it from me to speak on anyone else's behalf but I believe that it would go a long ways towards building trust.

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•19h

Tim

I gave her 2 solutions 1.) citywide Vote and 2.)improve their communications system. As usual, no response. Ad, late last week I sent her 2 emails, with agin, no response. Don't what else to do, they always ask for solutions, but don't respond to them.

2

Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

My opinion, for what it's worth, we all need to take a step back and take a breath. Let's keep in mind, the City Council has tough decisions to make. No matter what their decisions, 50% of our residents are going to be for a decision and 50% against it. This City Council inherited expensive, and some controversial projects with tough decisions to be made. They are residents of this community, pretty much volunteers, who pay taxes here too. Like us, they want a thriving, safe community that we can be proud of. We all have the option to try to fill one of their seats if you don't agree with their view of what that looks like and how we achieve it. 99% of us don't want their jobs. I don't like some of the decisions made. I struggle at times to understand how they can't possibly agree with my viewpoint. HOWEVER, our city employees and council members are good people, trying to do their best. We have full right to express our opinions and should, but personal attacks against members and their families are completely uncalled for. I don't think a lot of our community truly knows the extent of the verbal abuse to which our council and city employees have experienced. We are better than this. Our true choice should be to be respectful and work within the systems in place to keep Breezy the great place that it is. Thanks for listening...

5

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•Edited 20h

Sandy

I think 50% either way might be presumptuous.(edited)

2

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Sandy

thank you Sandy.

Jonathan Kurten

Jonathan Kurten

- Buschmann•1d

Sandy

there's something really deep at play in Breezy Point. Never in a million years did

I imagine I'd walk my little family into this. I imagined we're moving away from the insane city to a peaceful town. Some days I question if we made the right decision at all.

I do truly hope we can start working together because this fighting is going to cause us long term harm.

It's going to take some humility from both sides. The city doesn't have a monopoly on truth, many residents have very valid concerns and opinions but somehow we let things get tribal so very quickly. It often feels that what we're missing here is a foundation of trust.

6

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•23h

Jonathan Very well said....really Sad when the Residents voices fall on Deaf ears!

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Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

Just making a point Kathy.

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Sandy

I agree. I respect all opinions. But I don't feel elected officials need to call out posters as "ridiculous" .

4

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•23h

Kathi

the leader of our small city is digging a hole, I don't think she can get out of, Sad.

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1d

Sandy, you are always the voice of reason, part of what I like about you...you are a kind person. The rhetoric has gotten out of hand, on both sides.

The BP residents have just 2 reasonable requests.

One, better communication from our City Leaders...most residents knew nothing about this \$5,000,000. New City Hall....much like the lack of communication on Disc Golf Course! The Mayor and council members know they have "insufficient communication system" because they discussed it at the September meeting, but decided to do nothing about it.

Two, the residents requested a "Citywide Vote" on the New City Hall. Per the city administer David, the city hall has only 6 employees, so building a New City Hall of ~16,000 square feet, as compared to the more appropriately sized current City Hall of 4,400 square feet.

In my opinion, these were reasonable requests of our City Leaders...they just want their voices heard.

The End!

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Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Dick

that's the point they aren't getting about the communication! Whatever happened to good old fashioned United States Mail? I don't think it's too much to ask to get some kind of Newsletter every couple months from the Mayor and council to inform us of what's going on! Then we would know to attend the meetings if it's something we want to be involved in! They aren't getting it! This is where the frustration stems from in the first place! We shouldn't have to attend every meeting to make sure they are not being frivolous with our taxes like these last two projects and not even ask for input and put it to a vote for us to decide!

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Dena

it's very easy to view meetings on you tube and e mail council members if needed for input.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Dena

do you know how much it costs to send out a newsletter to all the residents? I believe it's roughly between \$3,000-\$4,000. It wasn't in the budget this year. I know, because it was one of the first things I brought up. So, how much do you think we should add to the levy to send out newsletters throughout the year or how much should we pull from the capital fund to cover it? Everything costs money, which you are saying you don't want to spend. We will be sending out newsletters electronically in 2024.(edited)

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

take it out of the new building funds for a few years and make the current building reasonably remodeled!

2

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

I don't have time for watching you tube videos and especially now that all she wants to do is argue her point instead finding other solutions! My solution will be finding new people to run against them in November that will have the communities best interests instead of spending on big city projects when there are other things that would benefit the community as a whole! Have a great day!

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Suzy W.

Suzy W.

- Pequot Lakes•1d

Dena

"good old fashioned mail" is just that, Old Fashioned and very, very expensive!

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will toft

will toft

- Buschmann•1d

Mayor

according to the Usps.com web site the postage cost would be around \$ 600.00 to send out a direct mailing to every Breezy household. I would think the city has its own postage meter and I would assume there are bulk discounts available.

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

will

The city has a process they would have to follow, and the cost does not include paper, printing, and time. Like I mentioned, I looked into this when I started and still support a newsletter option at least once or twice a year. If I want to send out a newsletter myself, I would personally have to pay for it, which is a large expense especially since it all depends on what exactly you are mailing. Crosby puts a newsletter on the back of their water/sewer bills, but the majority of Breezy residents have a well and septic. Residents are not giving us or the city any credit for the work we have been doing with regards increasing communication. It will never be enough for some.(edited)

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

mayor , moving forward thats all I'm looking for is another way of contacting the citizens of Breezy in the future so we can be informed without having to go on a computer! I think that's where a lot of frustration s are coming from especially when it's a project this big ( plus the disc course) believe it or not many of us had no clue this was happening! '

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Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Dena

Just know that there are many things I have been working on, that I haven't shared publicly, but now understand that I need to do more in 2024.

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Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

Ty

Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•1d

Mayor  
please share the many things you are working on.

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Kathi Malone  
Kathi Malone  
• Breezy Point•1d

Mayor  
Jonathan is doing a very thorough recap along with votes on his site.

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Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•18h

Mayor  
Angelica you know how much the city has spent on "studies"??? Far more than sending a bulk, discounted mailing. Where did you get your numbers?

Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•18h

Jess  
do you know that statute requires those studies for projects?

Jess Oh  
Jess Oh  
• Buschmann•18h

Mayor  
Angelica how many years in a row does it require the same studies be paid for? The statute should also require that city's show proof of adequate residential communication. Especially if projects will cost millions of dollars. This isn't a situation where someone decided they needed a \$5,000.00 scanner and the council approved it. This is millions.  
And what guarantee do you have that our taxes won't go up because of the ridiculous new city hall? You and chanski seem so worried about a new building to add to your resumes - but can the city's gravel roads be graded prior to the snow flying???

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Mayor Angel Zierden  
Mayor Angel Zierden  
• Breezy Point•18h

Jess

You really need to come to meetings. I'm not going to continue to repeat myself.  
The information is available to you.

Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•18h

Mayor

please answer Jess' question, how much were the all studies?

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will toft  
will toft  
• Buschmann•8h

Dick

, this is an educated guess but since late 2020 the city has spent around \$ 115k. to 130k on feasibility studies, comprehensive plans of what residents' priorities are, [ which both councils have ignored], studies of what to pay, studies on how many employees they should have, city hall plans, road studies, community center plans, etc... Seems like the range of these are from \$24k -35k.

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Dick Burns  
Dick Burns  
• BP Locals•8h

will

Thanks a bunch. Now I know why they would not answer Jess' question

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Sandy Logelin  
Sandy Logelin  
• Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Poor communication and lack of trust with our local government has been an ongoing problem, especially with past councils. Because of that, the council has changed, so far with the last election, 3 new members. I personally have seen a big difference, while not perfect, from past councils on communication and transparency. This administration has implemented many avenues for communication to the residents. The new website, which is great, has all the information regarding new studies, projects, etc. They have a Facebook page to reach out with city info.

They now post upcoming meetings, workshops, etc on Next Door. They post on the electronic sign outside of city hall. I personally have stopped in city hall numerous times with questions about what's going on. I am ALWAYS given time by employees to answer any questions I have.

Everyone is welcome to attend council meetings, Park and Rec meetings, and Planning and Zoning. If you can't make those meetings, the entirety of each meeting is recorded and online to view. The council has voted on a new accounting program that will break down every dollar spent and where. A much better, transparent system than we have now and I believe will be available to view. If you are interested in what is happening in our city, it's all there. People just have to take some personal responsibility to look and participate.(edited)

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Sandy

but workshops?? What happens? It's not recorded.

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

We audio record and have minutes.

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

so where can we access the audio. ?

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

Give the city a call.

Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•1d

Sandy

Kathi

The residents are Not asking for a monthly, quarterly newsletter...but a newsletter when large funds are involved, such as anything over a certain dollar amount guessing, but say \$1,000,000. And a citywide Vote on an expenditure over say \$2-3,000,000.

There is so much talk as to how can we afford/spend \$3,000. on this newsletter, but the Council Is willing to spend \$5,000,000. on an Taj Mahal City Hall(not my words, but a city Council member words). Just not very consistent actions.

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Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

Kathi

workshops are open to residents to attend and be involved in. They are held because there just isn't enough time during monthly meetings to get all the information and discuss whatever is needed.

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Sandy

I know. I've attended.

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Mayor

I will.

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•1d

Dick

yes! Exactly! I wish you would run next election! 😊

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Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

On workshops, believe me, none of us like them or like having to do them, but they are just a needed part of running city government. Please feel free to join any workshops that interest you. They are posted on the city website.

Dena E.

Dena E.

- Breezy Point•Edited 1d

Sandy

you should run next election! I would vote for you!(edited)

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Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•1d

Dick

I guessed that.

Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

Dick

seems like a reasonable request.

Patrick Wussow

Patrick Wussow

- Buschmann•1d

Sandy, the mayor of breezy point is a voting member of the city council. The only mayor that breaks ties on our area is the brainerd mayor. Which is called the weak mayor form of... See more

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Sandy Logelin

Sandy Logelin

- Breezy Point•1d

Thanks Patrick!

Kathi Malone

Kathi Malone

- Breezy Point•21h

Dick

I was out of town too. Back in Dec.

Mayor Angel Zierden

Mayor Angel Zierden

- Breezy Point•Edited 17h

Dick

The fact that I took two hours out of my day to speak with you last week, and still you show no appreciation for my time, speaks volumes. I've already answered these questions and no one needs you to speak for them. If anyone has other questions, they can reach out via phone or email. You no longer have my ear.(edited)

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Dick Burns

Dick Burns

- BP Locals•9h

Mayor

Let me Refresh your memory, You requested a meeting with me...and you wasted my time by not answering my questions. You are the Leader of our city and claim to be transparent , but you won't answer simple questions here...for BP residents to see.