The wheel as political metaphor

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Nancy Chaney, Mayor, City of Moscow
Mayor’s job description

• Superintending and administrative officer of the City

• Empowered to call meetings of the Council; sign contracts; offer rewards;

• Veto Council decisions; require reports from departments;

• Police power within 5 miles for health issues & within one mile for other matters except taxation; call citizens to aid; subpoena witnesses

• Term of office: Four years

• Elected directly by voters

• No term limits
Desirable traits for elected leaders

### Personal Characteristics
- Determined
- Hard-working
- Compassionate
- Good-humored
- Curious
- Likes variety
- Patient
- Envisions connections
- Trustworthy

### Practiced Skills
- Organized
- Communicates effectively in a variety of ways
- Capable of shifting and refocusing attention
- Knows how to delegate
- Inspires others
- Balances ego with humility
- Understands teamwork
Building a wheel out of traits and skills

- Strength of relationships, chance meetings, kaleidoscopic interaction
- The road traveled: Life lessons, experiences
- The wheel: Binary choices, connecting the spokes
- Luck, happenstance, spiritual intervention
- Going with the flow
- Learned, taught, practiced and evolving techniques
‘Duck & Cover’ Classroom Exercise

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Article: “When bomb shelters were all the rage” by Pat Zacharias, 4-01-99
Moscow 1903

Photo from City archives
Moscow then (1944)...

Photo from City archives
...and recently (Anderson’s silos in Legacy Crossing)

(From City archives)
Tomorrow?

Images courtesy of Professor D. Nels Reese
Chalk art wheel from Safe Routes to School

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Moscow CommUNITY Walk

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Moscow CommUNITY Walk
Neil Armstrong steps on lunar surface, July 21, 1969

Source: Wiki television image
“Two inches of snow on Palouse farmland”
Photo by T. Alan Place, Moscow ID
Renaissance Fair May Pole Dance,
East City Park, Moscow
Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Jan. 2009, Moscow
Provided by Andrea Kramer,
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My Own Home, Moscow

Pictured (L-R): Nancy Lyle, Barbara Wells, Cathy Porter
Senior Fair, Palouse Mall, June 2010
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SYNC: Serving Your New Community, UI 2011

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John Dickinson had a vision...
Itty-bitty Bike Races at Latah Trail Benefit Function

Pictured: Nancy Chaney, Mayor & Tom Lamar, City Council Member

Photo by Aly Lamar
Travel through time...

• Where did you come from?
  – What memories are fondest?
  – Which relationships are most vivid?

• Where are you now?
  – What knowledge have you gained?
  – What relationships have you forged?

• What are your aspirations?
  – How can you accomplish them?
  – What path shall you take?
Thank you

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