



City of Sun Valley Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings

Regular City Council

Meetings held on the 1st
Thursday of the month at 4:00
p.m.

June 5th at 4:00 p.m.

July 3rd at 4:00 p.m.

Special City Council

May 13th at 1:00 p.m.

- Budget Worksession

May 15th at 1:00 p.m.

- Land Use Items

May 19th at 1:00 p.m.

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June 10th at 10:00 a.m.

- Budget Worksession

June 17th at 10:00 a.m.

- Budget Worksession

Finance Committee

Meetings held the Monday
before Regular City Council
Meetings at 1:00 p.m.

June 2nd at 1:00 p.m.

June 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

Meetings held the first and
third Thursdays of the month
at 9:00 a.m.

May 22nd **cancelled**

June 5 at 9:00 a.m.

- Comprehensive Plan

June 12 at 9:00 a.m.

- Comprehensive Plan

June 26 **cancelled**

Office Closures

Memorial Day, May 26th

Friday, July 4th holiday

Check our [online
meeting calendar](#) for
more information!

Spring 2014

Mayor's Message

Dear Citizens,

Spring is here and we at the City are ramping up for a busy summer season!

We hope citizens will be able to participate in the many meetings scheduled this spring—from Planning and Zoning public hearings to the Comprehensive Plan

Update- there are multiple opportunities for citizen involvement. Most importantly, the City Council and I will be developing the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015. The budget process charts the course for City priorities and projects in the coming year. I welcome your input throughout the budget process and hope you will participate. Visit the [City web](#)



[site](#) for a full list of meeting dates and corresponding materials.

Enjoy the spring weather.

Dewayne Briscoe
Mayor

Police Department

As we enter spring/summer our roadways will increase with pedestrians, bicyclist and golfers. We want to remind motorists to please slow down. "A Tip of the Day"- you can expect to see an increase in patrol presence on Elkhorn Road this summer, so watch your speed!

In response to your feedback, the City will be installing new crosswalks on Elkhorn Road at Horseshoe and Blue

Grouse Roads for safer crossing to the Bus Stop.

In the spring and summer months we see an increase in car burglaries, especially in condo parking lots. Please keep your cars locked at night.

Many of our residents use the time between winter sports season and summer activities to travel. Please continue to be a good neighbor and keep an eye out for each other's homes and property. If you are planning an extended trip please call 622-5345 and have your

home listed on our "Request Home Watch Book." If you see anything suspicious please do not hesitate to call the Sun Valley Police Department at 208-622-5345. If you witness a crime or possible criminal activity in progress, call 911.

Let's have a safe spring and summer and please don't hesitate to give us a call with your concerns.

Walt Femling
Chief of Police

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Welcome to the newest members to the Sun Valley Fire Department team of paid on-call firefighters!

Fire Department

Spring is upon us and the Sun Valley Fire Department is gearing up for another busy summer. Every June in Blaine County, multiple fire agencies gather together to conduct an urban interface fire training scenario. This year the Sun Valley Fire Department will be hosting this training event. Included in the training will be fire agencies from the Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, and several local fire departments in Blaine County.

The training scenario will be conducted on Dollar Mountain with a mock progression of a fire across Dollar Mountain. This training will serve to enhance communications, stra-

tegy, and tactics of fire suppression between all fire agencies involved.

We would like to congratulate and welcome six new members to the department: Nate Galpin, Casey Finegan, Chris Coe, Bree Vanden Heuvel, Matt Hansen, and Lance Levy. These members were part of a group of 19 new recruits from all Blaine County fire departments. They recently completed 140-hours of training in Structure Firefighting, Wildland Firefighting, and Hazardous Materials training to help better serve the citizens of Sun Valley and Blaine County. We appreciate the time and commitment they have shown over the past 4 months and look forward to having them as part of our team!

Fiscal Year 2013 Complete

The City of Sun Valley has received the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 financial audit from the City's auditors, Harris & Co., PLLC. All previous year deficiencies have been rectified and there are no current deficiencies. A copy of the financial audit is available online by clicking [here](#) or at the front desk of Sun Valley City Hall.

The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget process is about to begin. The external contracts are scheduled for presentation on Tuesday, May 13th, 2014. You can find a copy of the complete budget calendar online by clicking [here](#).



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Community Development

2014 Comprehensive Plan Update

After working diligently for a full year, the Citizen's Steering Committee accomplished the first of three review phases for the Comprehensive Plan Update in January 2014. Thank you to all members of the Steering Committee for their valuable time in reviewing the City's existing Comprehensive Plan, listening to public comments, and providing recommendations on sections needing amendment to reflect current conditions. Citizen participation has been of great importance in the formation of a common community vision, a critical tool in guiding and bal-

ancing future development in the City of Sun Valley. The Steering Committee's recommendations are available on the [City website](#).

The Comprehensive Plan is currently under review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Members of the public are welcome to give their comments. The Commission plans to hold public hearing sessions as they go through critical community issues including future land use planning. The document will then go to the City Council for its final review and adoption around summer/fall of 2014.

Supporting background ma-

terials for the update of the Comprehensive Plan are available on the [City website](#) and in the Community Development Department at City Hall during normal City Hall business hours (8am-5pm, Mon.-Fri.).

Landscaping & Tree Removal

We live in a city of great scenic beauty! Trees and landscaping not only compliment the overall aesthetic of our community but also provide relief from and screen building surface areas and street frontage. The City encourages the preservation of existing trees, shrub masses, and important landscape features where reasonable. The removal of trees, shrubs, and nonhazardous plant materials is generally limited to those essential for a sensitive development of site.

If you have any question on tree removal or other significant changes in your landscaping, please check with the Community Development Department at City Hall to ensure compliance with City Ordinance.

Spring Reminders

As the temperatures warm above freezing during the night it is time to open your foundation vents in order to dry out any spring or winter moisture that has accumulated.

In addition, March 15th was

Farewell Corporal Abaid & K9, Dax

In April, Corporal Mike Abaid accepted a position with the Blaine County Sheriff's office where he will serve as Detective and Director of the Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET).

Abaid first began working for Sun Valley as a patrol officer in 2001. Mike created and ran the City K9 program, receiving certification from the Idaho Police Officer Standards and Training Academy along with his partner, K9 Dax. Together, Mike and Dax worked with the county-wide

narcotics task force for 9 years. Abaid later became a lead case agent and worked several large scale narcotic investigations.

As is customary with police K9s, Dax was to be retired into Mike's ownership. Sadly, Dax passed just two days before retirement.

Abaid was well respected and liked by his fellow officers and citizens during his tenure with the Sun Valley Police Department. His presence at the City will be missed and we wish Mike the best of luck.

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the last day for all residential and commercial holiday exterior lighting. If you have not taken down your holiday lighting, it is time for action now!

Roofing Tips

If you are looking at replacing your roof, please remember that it has to be a Class A product such as asphalt or metal. Wood shake roofs are no longer permitted in the City limits. Please consult with your design professional or professional roofer to pick an appropriate roofing product for your home.

Building Department Update

It looks to be a busy building year in

Sun Valley, with large commercial jobs such as the refurbishment and addition to the Sun Valley Lodge and the new middle school at the Community School. Residential construction also appears strong, especially with the addition of new multi-family residences at the White Clouds.

Recently, the City adopted the 2012 International Building & Existing Building codes in accordance with state statute. We plan to adopt the residential and energy codes by January 1st of 2015.

Do you rent your home as a vacation rental?

If you plan to rent your property in 2014, a Municipal Tax Permit is required.

Property owners that rent their home for less than 30-days at a time are subject to the 4% local option tax (LOT) for lodging sales. Not collecting the tax is a violation of local ordinance and can result in the charge of back taxes and penalties. To obtain a permit or simply ask questions regarding this requirement, please contact the City Clerk's office at 208-622-4438. *We will be glad to help!* For more information, [click here](#) to visit the City Clerk's page.

Street Department

The Street Department is responsible for the repair, maintenance, and snow removal on 20-miles of roadway and 13-miles of paved multi-use pathways within the City of Sun Valley. The Street Department is also responsible for all preventative maintenance on all City buildings and grounds.

Our goal is to provide safe, efficient, and orderly travel ways for residents

and visitors. We strive to provide the community with the best service available in all kinds of weather conditions.

It was a very light snow removal season, however, the Street crew was busy keeping culverts and drains open and flowing, reducing erosion, repairing any snow plow equipment that was needed, and storing that equipment for the summer. Summer equipment is being serviced and re-

paired to be ready for the season. Summer road maintenance projects are currently being bidded out.

We have accepted a bid for weed abatement and will have three applications sprayed in the public Right-of-Way along City streets and pathways. Pot hole patching and crack sealing will begin as weather improves, and new street and path paint striping will be implemented soon.