



# City of Sun Valley Newsletter

Fall 2013

## Upcoming Meetings

### Regular City Council

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

Nov. 7th at 4:00 pm

Dec. 5th at 4:00 pm

Jan. **TBD**

### Finance Committee

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

Nov. 4th at 1:00 pm

Dec. 2nd at 1:00 pm

Jan. **TBD**

### Planning & Zoning

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

Nov. 14th at 9:00 am

Dec. 12th at 9:00 am

### Comprehensive Plan

#### Update Steering

#### Committee

Meetings held at City Hall.

Oct. 29th at 3:00 pm

Nov. 12th at 3:00 pm

### **Office Closures**

Nov. 11th Veterans Day

Nov. 28-29th

Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 25th Christmas Day

Jan. 1st New Year's Day

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

## Mayor's Message

*Dear Citizens,*

Hemingway wrote "best of  
all, he loved the fall".

Fall is progressing and our  
2014 budget started Octo-  
ber 1<sup>st</sup> with a balanced  
budget without new City  
taxes for the second year,  
as I had promised.

The budget provides over  
\$200,000 for the Sun Val-  
ley Marketing Alliance  
(the same percentage of  
local option taxes as  
Ketchum provides) and  
L.O.T. money for a new  
ladder truck for the Fire  
Department. The old truck  
is 25 years old, obsolete,  
and the 85-foot ladder has  
failed several times after  
being certified. The new  
truck was scheduled for  
replacement this year in the  
City's Five-Year Capital  
Improvement Plan and  
Twenty-Year Capital Im-  
provement Needs Assess-

ment, passed unanimously  
by the City Council in 2011.

In 2007, a study known as  
the McGrath Report, was  
commissioned by Ketchum  
and Sun Valley to assess  
fire and emergency medical  
services. The report listed  
safety and operational con-  
cerns of the ladder truck  
and recommended replace-  
ment after 23-years of ser-  
vice. These concerns are  
found on pages 105-109 and  
266 of the report, available  
on the City's Fire Depart-  
ment webpage  
([www.sunvalley.govoffice.org](http://www.sunvalley.govoffice.org)).

With the Beaver Creek Fire  
fresh in our minds, I fail to  
understand how some citi-  
zens would rather increase  
funding for non-profit or-  
ganization than lease the  
critical new truck for the  
safety of our firefighters  
and the protection of our



citizens and their proper-  
ties.

Funding for the fire truck  
will come from local op-  
tion taxes, *not* property  
taxes. With the new truck  
and increased training the  
City's Fire Department is  
now compliant with the  
recommendations of the  
McGrath Report, which  
was a priority for my ad-  
ministration.

Ski Time is coming soon,  
be ready.

*Dewayne Briscoe*  
Mayor

## Election Day — November 5th

Sun Valley City Hall will again be a  
polling place. Polls will be open on  
Tuesday, November 5th from 8:00 a.m.  
until 8:00 p.m. As a reminder, all elec-  
tions are run by the Blaine County Elec-  
tions Office. To register to vote and/or

obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the  
Elections Office at (208) 788-5510. For  
your convenience, voter registration cards  
and absentee ballot request forms are avail-  
able at City Hall.

To view a sample ballot for the Sun Valley  
election, visit the City Clerk's Elections  
page on the City website or [click here](#).

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## Police Department



Chief Walt Femling

After serving as the Temporary Chief of Police for 7 months, I decided to join the Sun Valley City Team as your newly appointed Chief of Police. I am excited to be back to work and be part of Sun Valley. In setting the new direction for the police department, it is imperative that I hear from you, the citizens and business leaders, on what your priorities are and what

concerns you have and how we can help. You can email me at [wfemling@svidaho.org](mailto:wfemling@svidaho.org), call me at 208-622-5345 or stop by and visit with me at City Hall.

An exciting project that we will be working on this year is finding areas where we can cross-train the Police Department with the Fire Department. Our first area of cross training will be to certify officers as first responders and EMT's, so that we can respond to your medical calls better equipped to serve your needs. We have outfitted all of our patrol cars with

new AED's and medical bags to enhance response times.

### Welcome New Patrol Officer, Jameson Sharp

Officer Jameson Sharp came to Sun Valley from the Hailey Police Department, where he was a sergeant. Jameson is a native of Twin Falls, graduated from the College of Southern Idaho, and has been in law enforcement for eight years. We are thrilled to have Jameson as part of our team!

*If you are planning an extended trip, please call 208-622-5345 & have your home listed on our "Request Home Watch Book".*

## Mayor Declares Saturday, November 30th as "Small Business Saturday"

Mayor Dewayne Briscoe signed a proclamation declaring Saturday, November 30th as "Small Business Saturday". Small Business Saturday is a national effort to drive consumers to shop at local independently owned businesses on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Shopping locally any time of the year supports local job growth, boosts the local economy, and contributes to the success and longevity of our local businesses. Join the City of Sun Valley in demonstrating support for local businesses and shop local on Saturday, November 30th! For more information on Small Business Saturday, visit [www.ShopSmall.com](http://www.ShopSmall.com).



## Sun Valley Fire Department Hosts an Open House

The Sun Valley Fire Department held an open house for the public on Saturday, October 5th. Approximately fifty people visited the Elkhorn Fire Station during the event. They enjoyed an up-close look at the Fire Department's fire suppression and backcountry rescue equipment and gear, a cookout, and learning how to make their homes "firewise".

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## Community Development

### Summer 2013 Town Hall Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Update

On August 14, 2013, the Sun Valley Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee held a town hall meeting for the public at the Sun Valley Opera House. Mayor Dewayne Briscoe began the meeting with a warm greeting and brief introduction to the important work ahead. Approximately seventy people attended to get an overview of the progress of the update and to participate in electronic key pad polling with twenty three key questions intended to measure community sentiment. The questions were

based on demographic, land use, social, environmental and economic issues. Results for each question were electronically tabulated and are available for review under the tab for the Comprehensive Plan Update on the City's website at [www.sunvalley.govoffice.com](http://www.sunvalley.govoffice.com). In the coming months, the work of the Steering Committee will primarily focus on land use issues and the vision for the Future Land Use Map and the Land Use Planning Areas. Public participation, input and recommendations are always welcome throughout the process. The current working draft for each section of the Comprehensive Plan

Update recommendation from the Steering Committee is available on the City's website.

### Transportation Plan Update

The City began the process of updating the 1997 Transportation Plan through a \$50,000 grant provided by the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council of the Idaho Transportation Department. The grant will be used to collect traffic volume and use data and fund consulting work needed to produce an updated plan. The City is drafting a scope of work, process framework, and timeline for the update with Keller Associates. The update will be based on heavy public participation,

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## Street Department

**Program highlights:** The Street Department has completed a large chip seal project this summer. The sealed roads included- Fairway, Fairway Loop, Prospector, Weyyakin, Big Wells, Hardrock, Skyline, Skyline Spur, Blue Grouse, Horsehoe, Morningstar, Independence, Keystone, Defiance, Parker Gulch, Silver Queen, Grey Eagle, Paintbrush, Arrowleaf, Syringa, and Dandelion East & West.

We also have had the City's two Oshkosh snowplow trucks in the shop for some much needed repairs and maintenance for the upcoming snow season. Both plow trucks will

be fitted with new snow plow blades.

The exterior of Sun Valley City Hall was painted. Landscaping improvements have begun at City Hall and along Elkhorn Road near the Equipment Storage Facility.

**Future objectives:** Fall projects will include seasonal sprinkler maintenance, preparing all snow removal equipment, and continuing street sweeping until the snow falls. The Equipment Storage Facility is scheduled for exterior painting next year. Landscaping improvements will continue next spring on City properties.



Street Department staff and local contractors completed an extensive chip seal project this summer. Above is an image of the chip sealing project in process, and below is an example of the completed project.



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### Community Development continued....

assisted by a technical advisory committee, and include numerous workshops, meetings and hearings. The City hopes to complete the update process in the Fall of 2014.

### Building Official Tips- Snow Season is Coming

If you need to re-roof and winterize your house, please hurry to begin now before winter comes. The City will facilitate quick review and



authorization for re-roofing projects but reminds property owners and builders that a Class A roof assembly or Class A materials, with no wood products are required. It is also a good time to close your foundation vents if you are concerned about radon. If there is moisture please have it mitigated prior to closing vents. If you have gas fire appliances you should strongly consider installing carbon monoxide detectors. Please prepare now to ensure a healthy and happy winter.

**Holiday Light Reminder-** Please be reminded of the dates and special hours for holiday lighting. Pursuant to City Code, residential and commercial holiday exterior lighting is allowed from Nov. 1 to Mar. 15. Flashing holiday lights are prohibited. Residential holiday lights may only be on between dusk and 11:00 pm. If applicable, please coordinate with your property manager to ensure compliance.

### Do you want to help make Sun Valley safer in the event of a "wildfire"? Volunteer on the new Firewise Committee!

The Sun Valley Fire Department is looking for homeowners and property managers who would like to be part of a committee making their homes, property and neighborhoods "firewise" safe. We are striving to meet a goal of making our city a fire adaptive community. We are looking for volunteers who would like to take charge and help develop a strategy for making Sun Valley a "firewise" community. These volunteers will help talk to neighbors and

friends about living with wildfire and making their homes defendable. To learn more about firewise homes and creating a defensible space around your home, [follow this link to the Firewise.org website.](http://firewise.org)

**If you are interested in helping and being a part of this new committee, please contact Reid Black at the Elkhorn Fire Station (208) 622-8234 or by email, [rblack@svidaho.org](mailto:rblack@svidaho.org).**

### Fireplace Safety

We would like to remind all residents to be safe when using their fireplaces this winter. It is recommended that you have the chimney cleaned and inspected once a year by a qualified chimney sweep. We also want to remind you to make sure the chimney flue is open before starting a fire.



*The Sun Valley Fire Department Mission is to do no harm, survive and be courteous. We accomplish this through compassionate, professional response to all situations where we are called for assistance.*