



# City of Sun Valley Newsletter

Fall 2014

## Upcoming Meetings

### Regular City Council

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

Nov. 6th at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Jan. TBD

### Finance Committee

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

Nov. 3th at 1:00 p.m.

Dec. 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Jan. TBD

### Planning & Zoning

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

Nov. 13th at 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 18th at 9:00 a.m.

### City Council Review of Comprehensive Plan Update

Meetings held at City Hall.

TBD

### **Office Closures**

**Nov. 11th** Veterans Day

**Nov. 27-28th**

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,*

We are actively proceeding on the planning and implementation of Council-approved authorization for twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) coverage in Sun Valley.

Many citizens are unaware that the Elkhorn Fire Station has never been staffed or open at night or on the weekends. Currently, Sun Valley EMT services must come in from Ketchum Ambulance service or by Sun Valley firefighters on call from their homes. Neither

meets the accepted standard response time of six minutes for medical emergencies, particularly in winter-time.

My plan is to station an EMT in one of the city-owned condominiums in Elkhorn Springs on nights and weekends. At their annual meeting last month, the Elkhorn Springs homeowners voted unanimously to approve housing an EMT in the city-owned condo. The Sun Valley Elkhorn Association (SVEA) Board also voted for approval



for an EMT to be housed in Elkhorn on nights and weekends.

We will implement this important addition for the health and welfare of our citizens as soon as possible to ensure coverage within the nationally-accepted six-minute response time for medical emergencies.

*Dewayne Briscoe*  
Mayor

## Welcome Alissa Weber, City Clerk!

Alissa started with the City of Sun Valley in August 2014. She comes to us from San Francisco, where she most recently worked on public policy issues. She has a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California, Berkeley and a J.D. from Duke University.



## Election Day—November 4, 2014

City Hall will again be a polling place for the November 4, 2014 Election. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

As a reminder, the Blaine County Elections Office runs all elections. To register to vote and/or obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Elections Office at (208) 788-5510 or visit their [website](#). All election-related forms should be submitted to the County Election Office by mail, fax or in person.

To view a sample ballot, [click here](#).

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### Police Department

#### Emergency Notification

The City of Sun Valley is a partner with the Blaine County Emergency Planning Committee, which has just launched a new emergency and disaster preparedness website: [www.blaineemergency.org](http://www.blaineemergency.org).

The website is for the use of our community in special situations such as major emergencies, major news developments and stories, weather, storm monitoring and much more. This website will provide accurate and timely emergency and disaster information for the community. We encourage all Sun Valley residents to sign up for the New Community Alert System that appears on the home page of the website. Please go online and check it out.

#### Radar Trailer

The speed radar trailer is up and running! It will be moved around

the City of Sun Valley to remind everyone of the speed limit and help slow down the traffic. One area of concern is on Dollar Road, where we have the Community School students crossing Dollar in the morning and afternoon. So please watch your speed; there is an officer there every morning!

#### New Police Officers

We would like to introduce you to our new police officers for Sun Valley:



**Monique Ray** recently graduated from Northwest Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Political Science; she

also competed for four years as a collegiate athlete on the women's soccer team. Monique grew up in Middleton, Idaho, enjoys riding her motorcycle, and is a skill training instructor for riders with Idaho STAR.



**Jeffery Macinanti** grew up in the Boston, Massachusetts area and came to Idaho in 2008 to attend BYU of Idaho. His law enforcement background includes two years as a reserve Deputy Sheriff with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and two years as a Deputy Sheriff with the Clark County Sheriff's Office. Jeffrey enjoys sports, playing semi-professional football, and served as an assistant high school football coach.

#### Mayor Declares October 5 – 11, 2014 Mental Health Awareness Week

Mayor Dewayne Briscoe signed a proclamation declaring the week of October 5 - 11 Mental Health Awareness Week in an effort to raise public awareness and promote treatment and recovery. For more information on mental health issues in the Wood River Valley, see the NAMI-WRV [website](#).

#### Mayor Declares November 29, 2014 Small Business Saturday

Mayor Briscoe signed a proclamation declaring November 29 Small Business Saturday to celebrate the contributions small businesses make to our local economy and community. Please demonstrate support for local businesses and shop local on Saturday, November 30th!

### Blaine County Comprehensive Plan Update

Blaine County is currently in the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan and seeks input from County residents. The Plan will serve as a foundation for County decisions on land use, infrastructure, services, recreation, natural recreation, and other topics. A short survey has been developed to help the County understand what the community cares about most. You can access the survey in English here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/bccompplan](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bccompplan) and in Spanish here: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/s/bcplan>

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## Community Development

### Citizens Actively Participated at Town Hall Meeting for the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update

Approximately 100 citizens attended the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update Town Hall Meeting at Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge on August 18, 2014. Mayor Dewayne Briscoe kicked off the meeting. Mark Hofman, Director of Community Development, gave a presentation summarizing the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendations.



Back in January 2013, Mayor Briscoe appointed 20 Sun Valley residents to a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. They met for 13 months to amend the 2005 Comprehensive Plan and then turned over their recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission held a series of public meetings and hearings before they finalized their recommendations to go to the City Council.

During the Town Hall meeting, many citizens asked questions and brought forward their concerns regarding the proposed changes. Items of interest were the three recommended Land Use Planning Areas (LUPAs) that cover land owned by the

Sun Valley Resort. Residents indicated their preference for maintaining green space and a pledge for careful deliberation prior to developing land, while maintaining the character of Sun Valley.

Following the Town Hall meeting, the updated draft Plan was turned over to the City Council, which held its first meeting on September 30, 2014.

Members of the public are always welcome to participate and give their comments. Supporting background materials for the update of the Comprehensive Plan are available on the City website ([www.sunvalley.govoffice.com](http://www.sunvalley.govoffice.com)) and in the Community Development Department at City Hall during regular business hours.

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## Street Department

### Recent Department Highlights:

The Street Department completed reconstruction of two damaged retaining walls and made drainage improvements along Trail Creek Road in early fall. The new walls are expected to last for decades.

The highly used "Trail Creek Path" north of the Sun Valley Club was repaved and the Hemingway Memorial parking lot was redesigned to improve path users' safety.

Staff has continued training and are close to completing their "Road Scholar" Certification.

The annual changeover from summer to winter has begun with road shouldering repair, culvert/drainage maintenance, equipment servicing, and building maintenance.

### Future Objectives:

Last year's freeze/thaw cycles and heavy rains revealed some drainage issues throughout the city. Roadway drainage improvements will continue throughout the fall and City Hall's drain fields will be up-graded. City Hall will also have its main entrance repaired to create a safer environment for residents, employees, and visitors.

Our main priority during winter is keeping city streets clear of snow and ice for residents, visitors, and emergency vehicles. During times of dry weather, we work on building and vehicle maintenance, planning summer construction projects, and special event planning.

The repaved Trail Creek Bike Path with newly-added parking stalls.



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### Community Development continued....

#### Building Official's Tips for the Season



Fall is here and winter is soon approaching. This is the time of year when we close our homes for winter and start up our fireplaces and furnaces. If you use a wood-burning fireplace or gas furnace, you should have it cleaned, inspected and serviced, as well as install carbon

monoxide detectors outside of bedrooms.

We also live in a high radon area and, although not every area or home exhibits radon, it has a greater chance of building up in the winter months when houses are closed up. If you are concerned about radon, contact a local radon mitigation expert and have your home tested.

Have a great winter and let it snow!

**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 November 1 to March 15. Flashing holiday lights are prohibited. Residential holiday lights may only be on between dusk and 11:00 p.m. If applicable, please coordinate with your property manager to ensure compliance.

### Fire Department

The leaves are changing colors and the nighttime temperatures are getting cooler here in the Wood River Valley. It is the time of year when people begin to utilize



their fireplaces on these cool evenings and nights. While the ambiance and warmth of a fire in the fireplace is a welcome addition to almost any home this time of year, there are many safety concerns when burning wood within your fireplace. Please keep the following in mind as you begin stoking your first fires of the season.

- Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of furniture, books,

newspapers, and other flammable materials that might have accumulated over summer;

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional chimney sweep to ensure it is clear of obstructions and cleaned of creosote;
- Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order;
- Never leave a fire unattended;
- Never burn a Christmas tree, garbage, charcoal or plastic in the fireplace; and
- Dispose of ashes in a proper fire-safe container when cleaning a fireplace, particularly after having a recent fire in the fireplace.

For more tips on fireplace safety, visit: [http://static.hpba.org/fileadmin/factsheets/product/FS\\_FireplaceSafetyv.pdf](http://static.hpba.org/fileadmin/factsheets/product/FS_FireplaceSafetyv.pdf)