



# City of Sun Valley Newsletter

Spring 2015

## Upcoming Meetings

**Regular City Council**  
*Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (June is an exception)*  
May 7th at 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 2nd at 4:00 p.m.  
July 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

**Special City Council**  
May 12th at 1:00 p.m.  
- Budget Work Session  
June 16th at 1:00 p.m.  
- Budget Work Session  
June 23rd at 1:00 p.m.  
- Budget Work Session

**Finance Committee**  
*Meetings held the Monday before Regular City Council Meetings at 1:00 p.m.*  
May 4th at 1:00 p.m.  
June 1st at 1:00 p.m.  
June 29th at 1:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning**  
*Meetings held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m.*  
May 14th at 9:00 a.m.  
May 28th at 9:00 a.m.  
June 11th at 9:00 a.m.  
June 25th at 9:00 a.m.

**Office Closures**  
Memorial Day, May 25th  
Independence Day, July 3rd

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

## Mayor's Message

*Dear Citizens,*

The recent yearly audit by the Harris & Co. accounting firm found the City of Sun Valley to be in "excellent financial shape."

The audit showed a completely funded reserve exceeding the G.F.O.A. basic requirements. The basic reserve should be at least an amount to carry the city for sixteen weeks without income; the City of Sun Valley has a thirty-two week reserve.

The city has a net balance of \$9.9 million.

The many deficiencies noted in prior audits from the previous administration continue to be corrected. For example, accounting for the Fire Department, which revealed many irregularities, was moved to the City Treasurer in City Hall.

This year has been a test of governance with the Sun Valley Lodge closed for nine months and a possible loss of Local Option Tax funds. The budget was reduced fifteen percent to balance this expected loss of income. At the six-month mark in this year's bud-

et, we are below in expected expenditures and above in income.

An expected six-month budget adjustment due to the Lodge closure will not be needed. This is a complement to our City Administrator and Treasurer.

The rebuilding of City staff with highly-educated and experienced personnel now has the City in "good hands."

*Dewayne Briscoe*  
Mayor



## Police Department

Spring has arrived with warmer than usual temperatures and an abundance of sunshine. With the change in season we always experience an increase of outdoor activity. Please look out for cyclists and pedestrians along the roads and in path crossings. A re-

minder to motorists and cyclists: please "Share the Road."

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 properties. If you are planning

an extended trip please call us at 208-622-5345 and have your home listed on our "Request Home Watch Book." If you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call the Police Department or 9-1-1 if you witness a crime or possible criminal activity in progress.

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

## Fire Department

Spring is in the air and summer is around the corner. As we put our skis away and pull out the golf clubs and bikes, it's important to start thinking about safety during wildfire season. While wildfires may seem months away, the Sun Valley Fire Department responded to a wildfire in Hailey on March 31 of this year, one of the earliest wildfires in the Valley to date.

There are several preventative actions Sun Valley homeowners can take during the spring season to protect their homes from wildfires during summer:

- Have rain gutters cleaned of all debris such as leaves, twigs, and pine needles. This will prevent flying

embers from igniting the dried material and catching the roof or home on fire.

- Keep it green! Remove dead and dying branches from shrubs and trees. Also remove branches overhanging or touching your home.
- Move firewood piles at least 30 feet away from your house. Firewood is very flammable and can ignite a home rapidly. This will also help keep snakes, spiders and mice from making a new home next to your house.
- Remember to be safe when using stains or varnish on furniture and decks, and dispose of oily rags properly.

With the help of the Sun Valley Fire Department, several neighborhoods in the city are imple-

menting the Firewise Community program. Firewise is a program that helps homeowners take steps to safeguard their house and property against the devastating effects of wildfires. For more information on the Firewise program or want to learn more about wildfire safety, visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) or call the Sun Valley Fire Department.

### **Welcome New Paid-On-Call Firefighters!**

Please help us welcome the newest members of the Sun Valley Fire Department! Lexi Folkinga, Abby Siebert, Danny Walton, and Liz Yuengling are participating in a four-month fire academy, after which they will be nationally certified in Structure and Wildland Firefighting and Hazardous Materials Operations.

## Community Development

### New Building Codes Adopted

The Sun Valley City Council adopted Ordinance No. 474 to become effective on February 11, 2015. The Ordinance incorporates portions of the 2012 editions of the International Residential Code, International Energy Conservation Code, and International Fire Code into the City Code. If you are planning any construction projects in the coming months, please be aware of these changes.

### Spring Reminders

With the arrival of spring, night-time temperatures are often above freezing! It is a good time to open your foundation vents to dry out any winter or early-spring moisture that has accumulated.

#### Hours for Construction Work:

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: No work

### Design Review

Eager to extend your deck, add an addition to your home, or construct a new trellis in your backyard? Please give the Community Development Department adequate time to review your design review application by submitting the required materials as early as possible. By City Code, staff have up to 30 calendar days from the submittal date to review a new design review application and certify it as complete or incomplete. The application submittal date does not constitute a completeness certification. Following review, the project proposal must be publically noticed for at least 15 days prior to taking action. Submitting the necessary design review application materials as early as possible helps staff expedite the approval process.

### Trout Friendly

By conserving water, reducing chemical use, and planting native and drought-tolerant plants, two of the City's properties were recently certified Trout Friendly! The Trout Friendly program is a certification by the Wood River Land Trust emphasizing landscape practices that protect groundwater and the Big Wood River. To learn more about the program, attend the Native & Naturalized Home Tour on June 18th from 5:30-6:30pm at 108 Wedeln Lane.

## 2013-14 Audit and 2015-16 Budget

The City received the Fiscal Year 2013-14 financial audit from our auditors, Harris & Co. We are pleased to report there are no current deficiencies. A copy of the audit is available [online](#) or at City Hall.

The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget process is underway. The process includes the following:

1. Create a budget calendar to schedule tasks and deadlines.
2. Distribute calendar and forms to each Department Head to assist in generating proposed departmental budgets. These requests are then submitted to the Treasurer for review.
3. Generate revenue estimates, which include all resources the City expects to receive in the next budget year.
4. The Treasurer meets with each Department Head to review the Department's budget request and goals and objectives.
5. All expenditure requests are compared to the anticipated resources, and adjustments are made to balance the requests.
6. A budget document is prepared for the City Administrator and Mayor to review. Once their review is complete, the Mayor submits the budget to the City Council.
7. The Mayor and Council review and discuss the proposed budget at work sessions starting in May. The FY 2015-2016 budget public hearing has been scheduled for August 7 at 4:00 p.m.
8. The budget is adopted by the Council and becomes a formal document that guides City functions through the year.

A complete budget calendar is online [here](#).

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### Police Department continued...

This is the time of year that we receive complaints about speeders in and around Sun Valley. We want to keep our neighborhoods safe to walk and bike, so please let us know if you are having a problem. We can send our radar trailer to your area to help remind drivers of their speed.

### Proctor Mountain Trail Parking

There is limited parking for the popular Proctor Mountain Trail at the end of Fairway Road. If the parking area is full at that location, there is additional trailhead parking at the Hemingway Memorial on Trail Creek Road. And please remember to lock your cars; we have had several cars stolen in the area and all of them had keys left in the car.

### Reminder from the Fly Sun Valley Alliance

The Sun Valley Airport will be closed from April 26th at 8 a.m. to May 20th at 12 p.m. for construction on Taxiway B. Alternative nearby airports include Twin Falls (TWF) and Boise (BOI).

### Street Department

Now that the snow is gone, the Street Department has begun its spring projects. This includes sweeping all streets and paths within the City. We also recently completed drainage work at City Hall to prevent water from penetrating the building.

Weed abatement along the City's roads and the path system will begin shortly. Over the next

few months, there will be a total of three applications to control and prevent noxious weeds in the spring and summer seasons.

A street shouldering repair bid to improve drainage will be presented to the City Council at its May 7th meeting. Streets being considered for repair include Juniper, Lupine, Bluebell, Morningstar, Fireweed and Elkhorn.

### Emergency Notification

We want to remind all of our residents of a new county-wide emergency website: [www.blaineemergency.org](http://www.blaineemergency.org). The Local Emergency Planning Committee 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. This system will notify you by text or phone of any emergencies of which you need to be aware. Please go online and check it out.

The Department will also be preparing for a chip seal project that will include all of Elkhorn Road from Highway 75 to the intersection of Dollar Road by City Hall.

