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## Fall 2016 Update

The leaves have turned, mornings are cold, afternoons are temperate, there's a dusting of snow on the mountain and there is no traffic but the wait at the Pio is still an hour and a half.

## Fall in Sun Valley!

As we begin the new fiscal year 2017, here are a few items that may interest you.

I appointed Police Chief Walt Femling to the new position of Director of Public Safety. In that capacity he will oversee the operations of both the Police and Fire Departments with Assistant Police Chief Mike Crawford and Fire Chief Ray Franco reporting directly to him. This appointment will provide the opportunity to increase administrative efficiency and strategically position the City to address its future emergency services needs.

I am also pleased to announce that Wendy Crosby has been selected as the City's next Finance Manager/Treasurer. Wendy has a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario and has served as the Business Manager of Mountain Rides since 2010. She began working for the City in early October.

As most of you may know, Idaho Power is seeking to construct a redundant transmission line from Hailey to Sun Valley, and has asked the involved governmental entities to weigh in with our thoughts. On August 18, a joint meeting for the citizens of Ketchum and Sun Valley was held at the Community Library to listen to a presentation by IPCO and to offer comments and seek clarification of information. Elected officials from Sun Valley, Ketchum, and Blaine County were in attendance to gather information and opinions of the citizens. At the September 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting, I directed Jae Hill, our Community Development Director, to send a letter to Idaho Power making the following points:

- The line is necessary and vital for our community;
- The best location to underground the line is near Elkhorn Road and Highway 75 resulting in no special charges for local ratepayers and low visual impact; and
- The City supports the creation of local solar, wind, and geothermal energy generation.

In mid-September, construction began on the Elkhorn Fire Station sleeping quarters which will be used by our 24/7 EMTs. They are currently being housed in the two Elkhorn Springs condominiums owned by the City. At the October 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting, it was decided to begin the process of selling the condos and using the proceeds to address workforce housing issues. Since this is anticipated to be a relatively long process, discussions will continue. Construction for the sleeping quarters is scheduled to end by mid-November. Anticipating major road reconstruction and rehabilitation in the Bitterroot area next spring, we have surveyed the effected streets and will be reaching out to property holders who will be impacted. Our intent is to establish understanding by all parties of the scope of the construction, schedule for the work, review



options available to us as to materials, aesthetic considerations, and road longevity and what can be done to mitigate any disruption. We will also coordinate with Sun Valley Water & Sewer. This is a process we look to follow as we deal with infrastructure projects throughout the City. Look for a letter to be sent shortly describing the project in greater detail.

Mark Gilbert, one of the City's two representatives on the Mountain Rides Board, has tendered his resignation ending six years of service to the City in that position. Mark was a highly valued member and will be greatly missed. I appointed Joyce Fabre to that seat. Joyce is a new Elkhorn resident coming from Ketchum and Boise. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana State University and already has become immersed in community work involving Sun Valley Center for the Arts and the Hunger Coalition (when not riding the bus).

Our other representative on the Mountain Rides Board is Councilwoman Jane Conard. Jane was elected in June to serve as a fellow for the American Health Lawyers Association." This honor recognizes her career long achievements, contributions and tenure with AHLA, and her continuing service and leadership in the legal profession." Congrats to Jane.

As always, I am interested in hearing from our citizens, both full-and part- timers. My contact info is: [Phendricks@svidaho.org](mailto:Phendricks@svidaho.org); 818 599 2131, cell.

I hope to see you soon (that means early snowfall).

*Peter*