

City News You Can Use This Week
Mayor Gordon Petrie

1. Building/Zoning Department

- Winter will soon officially arrive, so, make sure you close your foundation vents to stop cold air from entering your crawl space and damaging your pipes. In the spring, open them back up to allow air movement to eliminate any moisture that may have collected during the winter.

2. Fire Department

- Holiday Candle Safety: (1) Always place candles on stable furniture, in sturdy holders that will catch dripping wax; (2) Place candles where children or pets will not be able to knock them over; (3) Never leave candles unattended and always extinguish them before you go out when you go to bed; (4) Always keep candles away from all things that can catch fire.

3. Library

- Our Friends of the Library continue their annual lobby Christmas Bazaar. They have collectibles, white elephant gifts, hostess gifts, and special pieces to add festivity to your Christmas season. It runs through Dec 7th, M-F 11 am-6 pm, and Saturday 11 am-3 pm.
- During December, the library will offer "Food for Fines." This will help you easily clear your account of fines (\$1 per item donated) and help out our local food bank as well.

4. Police Department

- Holiday Travelers driving on the snow-packed roads of Idaho should be prepared for emergencies. Before leaving home for your destination or returning home, ensure you have jumper cables, cell phone chargers, shovels, blankets, flashlights, extra batteries, extra food and water, and the ability to start a small fire.

5. Public Works

- Public Works has been contacting those of you who received an EPA-required lead and copper letter. We have had several calls and we will continue contacting each of you. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to mitigate the required hyperbolic language the EPA required for all communities, whether they have lead issues or not. BTW, the city does NOT inject fluoride into our water.

6. Systems Administration (IT)

- Idaho's fiber deployment, from Riggins to Star, has started. You will likely see crews working along Highway 16 and to the east in Gem County. While the project is not a city project, it will greatly benefit us. The state's fiber optics initiative will tie into the fiber optics we have installed for the last eight years. It's hard to have too much fiber optics.
- This is a solid partnership. We will work closely with the contractors for the months to come as they complete the build-out portion from Star through Gem County.

7. City Clerk

- Have you renewed your dog, business or alcohol license yet? Now is a good time to do that.