

Mayor's Newsletter



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Colder Weather & COVID-19

I have to say that fall is arguably my favorite season of the year. Because we live in this gorgeous valley, we get to witness the beautiful color changes all around us. There isn't a place I would rather be than right here.

However, fall brings cooler temperatures, and right behind fall is winter with even colder weather. These changes mean we can't hold as many activities outside, which will impact how we deal with COVID-19. I know it's been a long year, and everyone has COVID-19 fatigue. I do too, but now is not the time to relax.

Over the last few months, we have seen positive cases in our region grow to what I consider unacceptable numbers. As our activities move indoors, I hope that we, as a community, put

even more emphasis on COVID-19 safety precautions. Please observe 6-feet of social distance, and please wear a mask.

I understand many people disagree with wearing masks. I also know many people are worried about leaving their homes, because people aren't wearing masks. There are people on both sides with strong opinions. There are also individuals who cannot wear masks for legitimate medical reasons.

I'm simply asking everyone, please, continue wearing and/or start wearing a mask (if you are able) for the sake of our neighbors, friends and family. I've said it before and will say it again. Wearing a mask isn't about keeping you from getting COVID-19.

Wearing a mask (and following the other safety precautions) is about slowing the spread of the disease so our medical services are not overwhelmed. I want hospital beds, ventilators and other medical supplies/equipment available when you need it – whether it's because you've had a stroke, been in an accident or contracted COVID-19.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe. I appreciate your willingness to follow the COVID-19 safety precautions as we move our activities indoors due to colder weather. Please play your part in keeping Pocatello healthy and the best place to live! As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

Welcome Resolution

Recently, the City Council unanimously voted to adopt a "Welcome Resolution" presented by the volunteer Human Relations Advisory Committee. The resolution affirms that Pocatello is a "welcoming and inclusive" city.

The resolution states

The City of Pocatello celebrates and values its long-standing tradition of welcoming visitors and newcomers to this beautiful valley, and creating a vibrant, diverse community where all of our residents feel welcomed, safe, and able to fully participate in, and contribute to, our city's economic and social life.

It goes on

The City reaffirms its values of inclusion, respect, and justice and the City's commitment toward actions to reinforce these values. We have a dream of continuing to cultivate a culture of harmony and inclusion.

Pocatellans are "encouraged to do their part in reaching out and welcoming all those who live in and visit our great city."

Since our beginning, Pocatello has always been a diverse community, and welcoming and including everyone is part of our everyday traditions. The resolution dovetails perfectly

with the City's mission statement – Pocatello is a vibrant community promoting a high quality of life through innovation, growth, respect, inclusiveness and pride in who we are.

I want to thank the members of the Human Relations Advisory Committee and the citizens who brought forward the idea for the resolution. It is important for our community, and I appreciate their commitment. Please take a few minutes to read the resolution and consider how you can continue our welcoming and inclusive traditions.

ACT Program

Marshall Public Library patrons will be able to enjoy a little free art and culture this fall and winter.

Through the Library's Arts and Community Ticket program, patrons can enjoy theater performances at Idaho State University's L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center and peruse the exhibits at the Idaho Museum of Natural History or Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Museum at no cost.

All tickets are available in sets. The set of tickets to performances at the Performing Arts Center includes 2 adult tickets, except for the performances of *Elephant & Piggie*, which includes tickets for 2 adults and 2 children. A set of tickets to the museums includes 1 adult ticket and 2 youth tickets.

Tickets are available the first Monday of each month on a first-come, first served basis

with 2 sets available for each facility. Tickets were purchased through support from the Pocatello Arts Council and the Idaho Museum of Natural History.

For more information on the Arts and Community Tickets Program, contact Amy Campbell, Public Services Supervisor, at 208.232.1263 ext. 105.



Holiday Collections

With the holidays coming up, here are some important Sanitation Department dates and programs to remember.

Thanksgiving

For the week of Thanksgiving, there will be regular collection Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no collection Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. Thursday's collection will be Friday, and Friday's will be Saturday.

Christmas & New Year's

For the weeks of Christmas and New Year's there will be regular collection Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no

collection Friday. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Holiday Garbage

Sanitation will collect your holiday overflow items from December 26 through December 31. Bags or boxes of extra garbage should be placed next to your autocart on your normal collection day. Please do not put Christmas trees out for collection.

Christmas trees

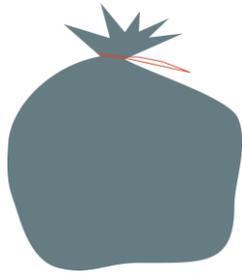
You may drop Christmas trees off at 1 of our 3 drop-off locations. They are at

- Pocatello City Hall – 911 North 7th Avenue
- Rainey Park – 900 South Arthur Avenue

- Sister City Park entrance – off Pocatello Creek Road

Christmas tree drop boxes will be available December 26 through January 8. Please make sure there are no ornaments, lights, strings or wires attached to the trees. The City's Parks & Recreation Department will be chipping the trees for ground cover and other projects.

For more information about the holiday collection dates and programs, please call Sanitation at 208.234.6192 or visit [/380/garbage-collection-schedule](http://380/garbage-collection-schedule).



Reminder... The Sanitation Department is also collecting leaves in compostable bags through November 28. Please set out your compostable bags of leaves by 7 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day.

If there is a topic you'd like me to address in future newsletters or if you want to comment or ask a question, please use this sheet and send your comment to me. If you wish to call or e-mail, my number and address are listed on the front page. While I cannot respond to all comments individually, I do pass them on to the appropriate departments. v23,n11

My question/comment is _____

Name _____ Address _____

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