



March 2015

Wendell City Officials:

- Mayor Lori Swainston
- Council President Don Dunn
- Councilman Jason Houser
- Councilman Herb Allred
- Councilwoman B.J. Marshall
- City Administrator Brad Christopherson
- Acting City Clerk, Kyra Germann
- Wendell Librarian, Annie Burke
- Fire Chief Bob Bailey
- Assistant Fire Chief Cystal Houser



Did you know the city has their own website? Go to www.wendell.id.gov to access all kinds of interesting information about Wendell.

Ms. Deborah Gibbs retired from the position of City Clerk / Treasurer in November of 2014. Ms. Gibbs was instrumental in getting the city financially back on track during her four years as City Clerk /Treasurer. When Ms. Gibbs was appointed, the city had a general fund deficit in the amount of \$749,619 and a combined cash total of only \$3527.14. The city's audit in late 2014 shows we still have a general fund deficit of \$102,350 but the combined cash total has grown to \$3,461,667.77.

Many thanks to Ms.Gibbs, City Administrator Brad Christopherson, our City Council members (past and present), Mayor Lori Swainston and all city employees /volunteers for their hard work to get the city back on track financially. The deficit should be erased by the 2015 audit this October.

City of Wendell recently sent out the 2015 irrigation assesments to each property owner in the City of Wendell. Every property is assessed a maintenance fee based on the square footage of the property. This year's fee is .001362 per square foot. Those properties that do actually have access to the ditch water, pay an additional \$105.00 this year. These fees / assessments are due by April 15, 2015. Our Ditch Rider again this year is Lou Logosz. If you need to contact Lou, he can be reached at 293-6261.

The Seniors in Wendell are actively seeking pledges to match grant money available through a USDA block grant. A \$150,000 grant is available if the Seniors can come up with pledges in an equal amount. Fisher Technololgy in Twin Falls has graciously agreed to print 2024 double sided flyers / pledge forms, to mail out to every door in the Wendell zipcode area. Wendell Chamber of Commerce has also generously agreed to pay the postage to mail out all of these flyers. Thanks to these awesome people for helping out.

The Seniors would like to transform the building that is across the street from City Hall, into their new Senior Center. They currently do not have a place to call their own. There is a location available to the Seniors on Mondays for lunch, but not the rest of the week. That space is also very limited and it makes it difficult for very many people to be able to attend Senior activities. Return your pledges to LaVerne Silva or Margaret Presnell.



Call City Hall (536-5161) for their phone # or bring your pledge to City Hall.

PLEASE help with this very worthwhile cause.



Have you licensed your dogs yet this year? Dog licenses are renewed annually in the city of Wendell. Our city code enforcement officer Stephanie Hendrix can write citations for unlicensed dogs.

Signs of Spring are showing up everywhere. The Public Works crew have been working hard to keep our city looking good. Please remember that it is illegal to leave your "trash" on a city right of way. Be sure to come in and get a burn permit before you decide to burn your yard trash. If you are thinking about building a fence this year, fence permits are also required. Call City Hall for more information, 536-5161.

City of Wendell Utility Policy:

Utility bills are **ALWAYS** due on the 20th of the month. When the 20th falls on a weekend or a holiday, they are still due on the 20th. Use the drop box on the front of City Hall, northeast corner of the building. It will be receipted on the next business day, before the penalty is applied. Any payments after the due date are penalized 10% of the outstanding bill. Any utility bills not paid by the **FINAL BUSINESS DAY** of the month, will be turned off for non-pay and will not be turned back on until the account is paid current, plus a \$25.00 turn on / off fee is added to the balance. Turning the meter back on yourself, results in a \$50.00 meter tampering fee.



Wendell Animal Facility

Large donations put the fund raising over the goal!

Ground breaking ceremonies will be held, Saturday, March 14th at 2 pm.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND

The ceremony will be held at the Public Works building on South Shoshone St. The new animal shelter will be built there connecting to the north wall of the public works building. Anythings Pawsable has been working hard and long (we are talking years) to raise the money for the facility. With the awesome donations of many people, it is now becoming a reality. Special guest Senator Lee Heider, who has been working with



Anythings Pawsable founder Mary Holley, will be attending. Thank you to everyone who donated in the jars around town and in City Hall, bought blocks, yard sale items, wrote a generous check etc. Every penny counts! Fund raising is not yet complete though. Enough funds have been raised to complete the outside of the building. More funds will be needed to complete the inside with kennels, etc. Please continue to help.

Wendell Library is excited to share some things that they are doing. Wendell Library reads with the children at the Orchard Valley Headstart on a monthly basis. Also, the Library has a reading club that meets on the first Monday of each month. Ask about joining the book club next time you are in the library. Mrs. Ilene Rounsefell recently donated a large number of microfilms, from the old Wendell Irrigationist newspaper. What a great donation to the library! We are currently working on applying for a grant to purchase a reader so our patrons can enjoy reading about Wendell in the 1920's thru the early 1960's. Coming back this summer, the library will have a used book store and rummage sale in the building west of City Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!



If there was an emergency at your house, could the fire, police, and emt's find you? Do you have a working porchlight that you could turn on to help them locate you? How about your house numbers-are they large enough to be seen from the street and are they on the side of the house where your front door is? Are trees and shrubs trimmed back so the numbers are clearly visible? When was the last time you changed the batteries in your smoke alarms? How important is **YOUR** family's safety?

Wendell Dairy Days

Dairy Days is sponsored by the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

Go online to [Wendell Chamber of Commerce](#) to find out more about what activities are going on with the Chamber.

Information concerning Dairy Days and who to contact is on their website.

The Wendell Chamber meets for lunch on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, at Wendell City Hall, 375 1st Ave. East

Everyone is welcome

Don't forget to license your dogs!



Did you know.....

The City of Wendell has a new RV Dump site and a Bulk Water facility.

Both are located at the Public Works building at 210 S. Shoshone St.

Bulk Water

\$5.00 per 1000 gallons of water. To use the facility you must first come to City Hall and purchase a prepaid card that you then use at the fill station. Users supply their own connector and hose.