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City Council  
1st and 3rd  
Thursday each month.  
Public welcome.  
7 pm, Council Room  
City Hall

# February

Wendell City Mayor & Councilmembers

Mayor Lori Swainston

Council President Don Dunn

Councilman Jason Houser

Councilman Herb Allred

Councilwoman BJ Marshall

# Great News!

## City Council 1/21/2016:

*Mahlke, Hunsaker, & Co. PLLC, fiscal year 2014-2015*

Scott Hunsaker presented the Annual Audit Report for year 2014-2015.

He was pleased to announce the City of Wendell is now out of debt.

The City has been working closely with the auditors for the last five years to get out of debt and get the City back on solid financial ground. Many people have been very supportive and helpful in this process and finally the

**GREAT NEWS is here!**

With that in mind, the City of Wendell will need to keep saving money for a reserve fund. For anyone new to the City or didn't know that the city found itself in a severe financial crisis five years ago, the City of Wendell was around \$800,000 in debt in the general fund. With careful spending and control of the budget each year, the general fund deficit is gone and the City can look forward to the future.

City Council meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday at City Hall, 7 pm.

Come and find out what is going on in your town!



## Happy Valentine's



State Legislators, representing our area will be at City Hall on Saturday, February 13th for a Town Hall Meeting at 2 pm. Legislators scheduled to attend are: Steve Miller, Donna Pence and Michelle Stennett. This is an annual visit to update the Wendell Citizens as to what new legislation is going to be or has been presented in Boise this year. There will also be a question and answer time allowed.

Hope to see everyone there!

There seems to be a continual question surrounding the way PSI collects garbage and replaces cans when necessary. Each household is billed for one garbage can and pickup on the monthly utility bill from the City. If you are in need of an additional can or more, please call PSI at 733-4441. They are very inexpensive and bill you for the extra cans. The City of Wendell does not bill residents for more than one can. (Multiple housing or commercial units are billed differently)

Please do not take more than one garbage can unless you are paying for it directly to PSI. They do an annual audit and will remove cans that you are not paying for. When a house becomes vacant, do not take that can, it belongs with the property. If PSI should take your can because it is damaged and needs to be replaced, they only do replacements on Thursdays. Call them at 733-4441 if your can does not get replaced after being removed by PSI.

Wendell City Library is in need of some new people on the Library Board. If you think you might be interested in volunteering to help, please let our Librarian, Annie Burke, know and she will pass that information on to the Mayor who makes those appointments. Serving as a member of the Library Board requires a once a month meeting to work on Library business and vote on changes and working towards a new Library building.

At least two new members are needed.

Don't forget you can go to [www.wendell.id.gov](http://www.wendell.id.gov) and see the newsletter there each month. At the City's website you can also check out what is going on with the Wendell Animal Shelter, Wendell Food Pantry, Wendell Library, and other local organizations. You will find City Ordinances, Resolutions, policies, history of Wendell, etc.

Around town:

Wendell Physical Therapy is moving right along in construction and should be open sometime this Spring, along with a new coffee shop going in by Miller Bros. , both businesses are located on North Idaho Street.

Irrigation season is just around the corner, look for the irrigation notice in the Times-News and also posted at City Hall for time and date of the annual irrigation hearing with your City Council members. This meeting is the time to come and address any concerns you may have about the Wendell irrigation system. Irrigation bills are mailed in March and then it is too late to make any changes.

## What's for Lunch?

Wendell Senior Center is serving lunch on Mondays and Fridays at noon. Everyone is invited to eat there, suggested donations for your meal are: Under age 60, \$6 and Over age 60, \$4. Come enjoy good company and good food.

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Check the City Hall bulletin board for monthly menus. We will try to keep them posted so you can see what's for lunch :)

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The Seniors are currently working on an Idaho Community Block grant for \$150,000, to purchase the building they are now in.