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East Fork Mink Creek Nordic Center

It's cold and stormy this time of year, and some people stay inside. Don't let that be you! Our community has an amazing outdoor winter scene, and I encourage you to check it out.

The East Fork Mink Creek Nordic Center is maintained by the City's Parks & Recreation Department and is located just 7 miles outside Pocatello. It is a quality ski and snowshoe area with approximately 20 km of groomed classic cross-country and skate trails. You can also snowshoe and sled if skiing doesn't appeal to you. For more information about this winter recreation option, go to

pocatello.gov/313/East-Fork-Mink-Creek-Nordic-Center or call the City's Outdoor Recreation staff at 208.234.6237.

Another fun activity you can do as a family or group is visit one of the yurts located around our valley. There is one at the East Fork Mink Creek Nordic Center, and there are others in our area as well. You can hike, ski or snowshoe to the yurts, and you can spend the night at some. It's a lot of fun, very affordable and a great way to create memories for a lifetime.

We have several more weeks until spring arrives. Please take a few minutes to check on your

neighbors to make sure they're doing OK. For some, this is a very difficult time of year. Whether they suffer from seasonal affective disorder, are missing family and friends who have passed or are struggling for any reason, a visit from a friendly face could help so much. It's a great opportunity to re-introduce yourself or make a new friend.

I am grateful to live in a city like Pocatello where we look out for others. Thank you for doing all that you do to help make our community such a great place to live. As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

Bannock County Comprehensive Plan

More and more people are moving to Idaho, and Bannock County is beginning to feel the impacts of that growth. To help plan for the future, Bannock County Planning & Development is editing their 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document outlining how the county should look and feel over the next 20 years. County officials need the public to share their thoughts, so the County can create a future that truly represents our county.

Bannock County is accepting input online at bannockcounty.gov/ourfuture.

For more information or an English-Spanish translation, please call 208.236.7230.

Is Lead Lurking in Your Home?

Pocatello is a city rich in history, heritage, natural beauty and homes built before 1978. While these homes are beautiful, they may also shelter a dangerous legacy – lead-based paint hazards.

Lead-based paint hazards, specifically paint chips and dust, likely exist in most homes built before 1978. When paint chips are ingested or dust from paint is inhaled, it can be dangerous. The health impacts of lead exposure are more harmful to younger children than to older children or adults. Younger children's bodies are still developing. Young children tend

to put their hands or other objects that may be contaminated with lead dust into their mouths, and their digestive systems absorb lead more easily.

Lead poisoning is avoidable if proper testing is done and precautions are taken. The City of Pocatello's Lead Safe and Healthy Homes Program may be able to rehabilitate your home by making it safe from lead paint hazards. This program is **FREE** for qualifying families.

You may qualify for help if

- the property is within Pocatello city limits

- the property was built before 1978
- the homeowner meets federal income guidelines
- a child age 5 or under lives or spends a lot of time in the home
- a pregnant woman lives in the home

For more information, visit leaducate.pocatello.gov.



**2024
Recycling
Schedules**

There seemed to be confusion over the recycling schedule published in the December newsletter, so we thought we would try again.

On this page, you will find separate schedules for A and B pickups. The 2024 holidays are also listed again, so you know when collections will be delayed by a day. There are only 3 holidays our crews take off – Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

To determine if your street is on Schedule A or B, or to view the recycling schedules, visit <https://pocatello.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6829/2024-AB-Recycle-Schedule-and-Street-List-PDF?bidId=> or you can call the Sanitation Department at 208.234.6192.

2024 Recycling Schedule A

2024 Recycling Schedule B

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

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- 1/1 New Year's Day Observed**
One day collection delay Monday thru Friday.
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 2/19 Presidents' Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 5/27 Memorial Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 6/19 Juneteenth**
Normal collection schedule.
- 7/4 Independence Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 9/2 Labor Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 10/14 Columbus Day**
Normal collection schedule.
- 11/11 Veterans Day Observed**
Normal collection schedule.
- 11/28 Thanksgiving Day**
One day collection delay Thursday & Friday.
- 12/25 Christmas Day**
One day collection delay Wednesday thru Friday.

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 to 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. v27,n2

My question/comment is _____

Name _____ Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____