

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR



CITY OF
REXBURG
America's Family Community

JANUARY 2015

City Council Meeting
January 7th & 21st @
7pm in the council
chambers

The new calendars for
Recycling & Green
garbage weeks is in-
correct. The correct
weeks are January 1-3,
11-17, & 25-31. Cor-
rected calendars
should be posted
soon.

SnowFest January 31st

All City Offices will be
closed January 19

Happy New Year!



Mayor's Message

"Tis the Season". I always enjoy Christmas and New Year's. It brings back memories of the distant past and the not so distant past. It was always fun on Christmas afternoon to visit with cousins and see what they got. We played with each other's toys. We shared in the excitement. We then sat down to a Christmas feast. Wow! Our parents were depression era survivors, if you will, and they went all out on preparing a feast. Homemade preserves, homemade pies, home cured ham, and my favorites were English style puddings. I most enjoyed the repeating of stories from the "old folks". My Grandpa would play banjo and guitar, my Grandmother would play the zither. My aunt would play harmonica, and everybody would sing. Much of the time it would be in three part harmony. It was a joyous time. Somehow as we grew older things began to change. The older ones slipped away one by one and we got televisions. Those televisions robbed us of that special time shared with young and old alike.

I want to share with you an experience that I, as your Mayor, am allowed to participate in. It is the annual Shop With A Cop event. We meet on a Saturday morning each year at the tabernacle. We meet children of lesser means and some with special situations that would make their Christmas season less than ideal. Each child is paired with an officer that works in this area. They might be ISP, Fish and Game, area police departments, and sheriff's offices, even BLM. They all come together to provide something special, something memorable, something that is life changing for the children. They join with officers and leave the tabernacle in police cars. With lights flashing and sirens screaming, they make their way to the Golden Arches where the Cichos family generously host breakfast. They get to choose what to eat. After breakfast, "thank you Cichos family", we all journey to Walmart where each child is provided with a pair of winter snow boots, coats, hats, and gloves. They then are given a credit so that they can buy gifts for their family members. It is often an emotional thing for me to watch as these children fuss over picking just the perfect gift for dad or mom and their brothers and sisters. They spend less time on themselves. They are often caught up in the joy of giving. It is the finest hour for our "finest" in uniform, as well. I commend the Rexburg Police Department and all of those who participate. This is a noble thing. Thank you Walmart and all the employees that helped make this event go smoothly.

It gives me joy and brings back to mind the happiness and excitement of the Christmas Season of my youth. The City of Rexburg is doing well. We are indeed Americas Family Community. May we all prosper in the coming new year. May we grow ever closer as family. May we teach our families of the joy of giving and sharing. May each holiday season be memorable. Memorable in the celebration and renewal of values that has made this city and our nation great. Thank you for your sharing and goodness.

-Richard S. Woodland

The annual Rexburg SnowFest is this month!

11 am to 2 pm at Smith Park

Come out and enjoy fun games, sledding, horse drawn wagon rides, hot chocolate, polar bear plunge, figure 8 races, etc. There is something for everyone! Polar Bear Plunge starts at 1:00. Figure 8 Races start at 2:00 behind the old K-mart building.

January 31st

REXBURG SNOW FEST



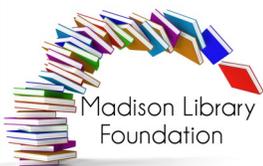
We would like to thank the community for the generous donations to Shop with a Cop. After last month's newsletter, we received so many donations to this program. From a small child carrying in his change jar to neighborhoods forgoing neighbor gifts and giving to Shop with a Cop instead. Thanks to your donations, this program will be able to continue to bless the lives of children and families who otherwise might not have Christmas. It is wonderful to see our community come together to help brighten so many lives with the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you!



Check out our new City Calendar
rexburg.org/pages/clerks-city-calendar

Snow Removal Reminder

The Madison Library Foundation is excited to announce the creation of the Friends of the Madison Library group. For a small yearly fee you can become a member and help support our local library! We help purchase computers, activity kits, and worn out circulation materials. If you have benefited from this great community resource, please consider joining to show your appreciation and make our library even better! Our members only kickoff event will be held Saturday, January 17, from 10 am to noon; and we'll be having a meet and greet story time with some of your children's favorite characters! If anyone has a superhero, princess, or other type of costume and would be willing to help with the event, please contact webmaster@madisonlibfound.org



For more info or to sign up please see www.madisonlibfound.org/friends

Responsibilities and Directions: Rexburg citizens and businesses must remove snow and ice from adjacent pedestrian areas. These areas include, but are not limited to, sidewalks, parking lots, and driveways. Each year, many avoidable accidents happen because of improper snow and ice removal. Compliance is crucial if we are to have a safe community. Citizens and business owners must comply with the following directions in snow and ice removal:

Citizens and business owners "cannot" push snow or ice across or into public streets (Idaho Code § 18-3907).

Snow and ice, once removed, must be stored on the property. For many property owners, snow and ice can be stored in the yard or other locations on the property. For owners of large properties, such as businesses with large parking lots, snow and ice storage areas must be incorporated into the property (Ordinance 1026 § 5.5[A] [9]). Please make sure all snow and ice is removed from around dumpsters so our garbage trucks can get close enough to empty them.

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 Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Become a Friend of the Madison Library! Fill out and mail in the form (or drop off at the Library) with your donation. All funds that help the library replace worn out circulation materials, computer equipment, and expand the discovery kit collection.

Name _____ Email _____
 Address _____ Phone _____

Individual Annual Membership \$5 _____ Family Annual Membership \$10 _____

Please join us 1/17 @ 10am for an exclusive Friends Group Membership Drive Event, we'll have a Character Meet & Greet in the Community room of the Library! Batman, Merida, and more will be there!



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