

Downtown Newsletter – Dec. 14, 2016

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DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS:

Downtown Horse Drawn Trolley rides Saturday, December 17th AND Christmas Eve – Dec. 24th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Pick up and drop off at the south east corner of Park Ave & B Street. All rides are free thanks to these Sponsors: Pachangas, Splash, Centre Theatre, Idaho Mountain Trading & Syringa Networks. <http://downtownidahofalls.com/events/> Bundle up and come enjoy a ride around the downtown!

Museum of Idaho Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Reminder: **Free tickets are required** to attend the tree lighting. Tickets can be picked up at the Museum of Idaho or Chesbro Music Co. beginning, Wed., Nov. 23. This One Night only, get your picture taken with penguins from the Idaho Falls Zoo!

Olde Fashioned Christmas and Winter Festival - December 15-31 Come enjoy looking at a wonderful display of festive dollhouse miniatures, unique Santa figurines, homemade gingerbread houses, nativity scenes, decorated trees and items from other cultures. This is free to the public – donations to the Museum are welcome. This event is sponsored by Chesbro Music Co.

Send Letters to Santa via Santa's mailbox located on the patio.

Tuba Christmas Concert on December 17 from 3 to 4 PM.

Victorian Christmas on December 17, The Northwest Living History Association will be making Victorian Era Crafts with children from 9 AM – 5 PM.

Museum Hours - Mon-Tues 9:00am-8:00pm Wed.-Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm;

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve – 9:00am to 4:00pm Questions? Contact the Museum of Idaho at 522-1400.

The City of Idaho Falls presents **"Festival of Lights" in Freeman Park - Nov. 15th thru Dec. 24th** 6:00pm to 9:30pm. \$10 per carload - see website of more info on prices - <http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/city/city-departments/parks-recreation/eventfestival-of-lights.html>

Tales of the Season with Teresa Clark - December 17, 2016 - Noon & 3pm • MC Theater at ARTitorium
Hot cocoa and marshmallows, stories and Christmas blend perfectly together. Grab your family and join master storyteller, Teresa Clark, as she shares Stories for Christmas. <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/tales-of-the-season>

The Twelve Days of Christmas - Idaho Falls School of Ballet - December 17th, 2016 - 7:30 pm • Colonial Theater
What better material for a ballet than a list of whimsical, magical and at times outrageous gifts? A well-meaning admirer showers our heroine with daily deliveries, everything from high couture hens to leaping frog lords and an impressive line of drummers. Don't miss this holiday favorite featuring the musical talents of Melissa Matthews and David Bowman with Idaho Falls School of Ballet dancers! <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/the-twelve-days-of-christmas>

'Santa Crawl' to restock the Idaho Falls' Food Bank, December 17th, downtown Idaho Falls! Calling all Santa's, Elves, Reindeer, Candy Canes, and toy soldiers! Here's how it will work....Bring food items to the **Idaho Brewing Company at 775 S Capital Ave - between noon and 2 on Saturday, the 17th** and you will be given a coupon sheet to guide you through a pub crawl that will save you at least \$20 on Christmas cheer in the downtown pubs! The food bank needs canned meats, canned fruits, canned or dry pasta, canned chili, and Hamburger Helper (or other just add meat dry mixes). **Crawl continues into the evening.** Must be 21 years old to participate. Costumes are encouraged, but you must look like your ID to be served.

On **December 17 - 31, ARTitorium is transforming into a Winter Colorland!** Admission is only \$3 and there are tons of special projects and events:

- Paint Puffy Snowmen
- Decorate Snowflakes, Mittens, and Hats

- Design Funky Trees
- Build a Winter Village
- Make Sledding Penguins and Friends
- And More!

'The Polar Express' - The movie of the classic Christmas tale where a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express. During his adventure he learns about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas. **December 22 & 23 | 12 & 3pm | included in Admission**

'Meet the Robinsons' - Lewis is a brilliant inventor who meets mysterious stranger named Wilbur Robinson, whisking Lewis away in a time machine and together they team up to track down Bowler Hat Guy in a showdown that ends with an unexpected twist of fate. **December 29 & 30 | 12 & 3pm Included in Admission**

Show your ARTitorium wristband at WeeBee Toys and get 10% off your purchase – WeeBee Toys 492 Shoup. ARTitorium - 271 W Broadway, Idaho Falls | 208-552-1080 <http://www.artitoriumonbroadway.org/>

Christmas Through the Years - December 20, 2016 - 7PM • Colonial Theater - Presented by Eagle Rock Dance
<http://www.idahofallsarts.org/a-season-of-giving>

A Christmas Story - Colonial Classic Movies - December 22 - 7:30pm - Colonial Theater
<http://colonialclassicmovies.com/deals/a-christmas-story-dec-22/>

Still shopping for the perfect gift? DOWNTOWN GIFT CERTIFICATES are the answer! - You give Downtown Gift Certificates and they get to pick where to spend it and choose what they really want. Perfect! They can be used just like cash at your favorite downtown shops and restaurants. Get your gift certificates now and enjoy shopping downtown! They can be purchased at the Downtown Development office - 425 N Capital or at The Collective Cachet - 396 Park Ave. <http://downtownidahofalls.com/downtown-gift-certificates/>

We are selling 75 artificial 'noble fir' wreaths with natural-looking tips for only \$3.00 per wreath! When you fluff these wreaths out they are a nice full 23" to 24" wreath. Perfect size for your holiday decorating ideas and can be used indoors or outdoors. Some of the wreaths even have a red bow already on them. We will give a discount to anyone who buys 25 or more. Call us soon, as they are going FAST at this great price! (208) 535-0399 Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corp. or email me at info@downtownidahofalls.com

CULTURAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN:

THE ART MUSEUM OF EASTERN IDAHO (300 S. Capital Ave) <http://theartmuseum.org/>

ART Collective - Thru December 30, 2016 - An annual homage to the art organizations, groups and guilds in eastern Idaho that nurture the professional and artistic development of regional artists.

Also featuring . . . New Acquisitions from TAM's Permanent Collection & the ARTmart ~ affordable, original artwork by Museum Artists for holiday shopping

The Idaho Falls Symphony Proudly Presents **"An Evening of Chamber Music" Saturday, January 7th, 2017 - 7:00pm**, Willard Arts Center, Carr Gallery. Classical music is never more powerful than when performed for an intimate gathering—and paired with yummy desserts. Limited seating is available for this exclusive event. Tickets will not be sold online; call 529-1080 or visit the Symphony office to purchase tickets now.

For more info: <http://www.ifsymphony.org/index.php/concerts/an-evening-of-chamber-music>

Willard Arts Center (450 A Street) –

The 5 Graces Exhibition in the Carr Gallery in the Willard Arts Center through January 8th.

<http://www.idahofallsarts.org/the-5-graces> The 5 Graces Exhibition highlights the works of five area artists, each specializing in a different medium:

John Schroeder (acrylic)

Jason Brown (metal)

Roy Reynolds (oil)

Kevin Odette (photography)

Anne Voillequé (wax)

The Idaho Falls National Exhibition is an annual juried exhibition by the Idaho Falls Arts Council and exhibited at the Willard Arts Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Artists working in all mediums throughout the United States are invited to submit. **Deadline January 18, 2017** For more info go to the website:

<http://www.idahofallsarts.org/9th-annual-national-juried-exhibition>

Idaho Falls Arts Council 498 A Street - (208) 522-0471:

Broadway at the Civic - 'Annie' - January 28, 2017 | 2:30pm and 7:30pm Leapin' Lizards! The world's best-loved musical returns in time-honored form. This production of ANNIE will be a brand new incarnation of the iconic original. <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/broadway-at-the-civic>

The McCartney Years - January 13, 2017 - 7:30 pm • Colonial Theater - The world's number one tribute to Paul McCartney, The McCartney Years spans top albums from The Beatles to Wings, in an electrifying and nostalgic live performance. <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/the-mccartney-years>

Colonial Uncorked - Saturday, January 21, 2017 - Join us on stage! A multi-course small plate dinner with wine pairings catered by the area's best chefs. A limited number of tables of 8 will be available for this intimate evening featuring live entertainment and exemplary cuisine. <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/colonial-uncorked>

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is pleased to display a selection of the permanent collection of the **Eagle Rock Art Guild in the Hall Gallery from December 15, 2016 through March 12, 2017**. The reception will take place on January 12th from 5:30-7:30pm. This will be in conjunction with the reception for **'A Knobel Endeavor: The Private Collection of LeRoy Knobel Exhibition'** in the Carr Gallery on display January 12 - March 12, 2017. Both receptions are sponsored by KISU FM Radio. <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/2016-2017-exhibitions>

Eastern Idaho Jazz Society Jam Session – the first Wednesday of each month – <http://www.eijs.org/>

ARTitorium! (271 W Broadway) <http://www.artitoriumonbroadway.org> a unique facility that combines art and technology to create an interactive space that is perfect for children of all ages! Register for Art Classes! Classes are available for three age groups: 5-7 year olds, 8-10 year olds, and 11 years old and above. <http://www.artitoriumonbroadway.org/art-classes>

New Attractions are headed to ARTitorium! But **we need some donated items** from you to help make them possible. All donations can be dropped off at ARTitorium at 271 W Broadway from 10-6 on Tuesday - Saturday. **Boxes** (for a special project over Thanksgiving Break, November 21-26!) Cereal Boxes - Shoe Boxes - Any Other Small-ish Boxes (Please don't flatten the boxes) **Miscellaneous Items** (for a couple of new permanent installations!) Metal pots and pans, lids – Colanders - Planters/Buckets/Plastic Bins - PVC and/or Copper Pipes and Fittings - Tin Cans - Wind Chimes – Bells – Spoons - Wood Pallets - Milk Jugs/Juice Bottles/Large Soda Bottles – Ribbon Thank you!

Actors' Repertory Theatre of Idaho - (257 W Broadway) **A Skull in Connemara** - January 6 -- 28, 2017 - By Martin McDonagh - For one week each autumn, Mick Dowd is hired to disinter the bones in certain sections of his local cemetery, to make way for new arrivals. As the time approaches for him to dig up those of his own wife, strange rumors regarding his involvement in her sudden death seven years ago gradually begin to resurface. <http://www.artidaho.org/2011-2012-Season.html> (All shows are for Mature Audiences only)

DOWNTOWN MERCHANT SALES AND SPECIAL INFO:

Maggie's Place Tutoring and Enrichment Center – WINTER CAMPS! Dec. 19-23 - LEGO Robotics Camp 10am-12pm or YouTube Video Making Camp 1pm-3pm Enroll online today! Give an "Experience" gift rather than more "stuff" to your favorite child this year! Check out all our enrichment classes! Maggie's Place is located at 320 B St. Ste. 111, Idaho Falls 502-1112 www.maggiesplaceif.com

Healing Hands Reiki and Massage (429 B Street) It is a busy week for us at Healing Hands Reiki and Massage. We have daily massage, psychic readings, reiki treatments, Tarot Card readings and lots more. Special events this week are Palm Readings on Thursday and Saturday, a Breath Work Healing workshop from Shaman Adam Ramirez on Friday evening, and Saturday you can make your own Medicine Bag, attend Spiritual Book Club,

and take an Astrology class! Check us out on Facebook to stay in the know about all upcoming events! <https://www.facebook.com/healinghandsidaho/?fref=ts>

Shaddow Domain llc – 341 W Broadway - There is only a little more than a week to get the perfect unique gift or stocking stuffer for the strange and unusual people in your life. You'll find it here. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shaddowdomain and Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram

WeeBee Toys (492 Shoup) - Show your ARTitorium wristband at WeeBee Toys and get 10% off your purchase - <https://www.facebook.com/weebeetoys/>

Pandora's Baubles and Beads (440 Park Ave) - call us for info on future classes (208) 529-3696 <https://www.facebook.com/pandorasbaublesandbeads/>

The Yarn Connection (415 Park Ave) call for info on future classes 524-8256. <https://www.facebook.com/YarnConnection/>

Centre Twin Theatre - 461 Park Ave. - **new release movies** showing: <http://www.royaltheaters.com/index.php>

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT HAPPENINGS:

Great Harvest Bread Co. (360 A Street - Mon-Sat 6am-6pm) Our Holiday favorites are back! Peppermint Chocolate Cookies & Brownies, peppermint mochas, toasted marshmallow hot chocolates, Gingerbread & Gingerbread cookies & apple spice and cranberry orange breads! And of course, our pumpkin cream cheese rolls & and pumpkin chocolate chip breads, muffins & cookies! Come in and warm up with a hot, hearty soup and grilled sandwich! We now make our famous Jalapeño cheese bread daily! It makes for amazing grilled sandwiches! Remember...we offer free delivery in Historic Downtown 7am-5pm if you can't leave your office or store! (\$10 min please). Just give us a call at 522-7444. Happy Holidays and best wishes for a festive and busy shopping season in our great Historic Downtown! Shop small! See our full menu at <http://greatharvestidahofalls.com/>

A Street Soup Market (445 A Street) We now have beer tasting crates available! Four 5 oz. pours of any beer for only \$6! You can also do a 5oz. taster for \$2! Come in and get one this week! Gift Certificates buy \$50 get \$10 free! Find out what soups and specials we have each day on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/astreetsoupmarket/>

Diablas Kitchen - (368 A Street) (208) 522-1510 We are **open Saturday and Sunday for Weekend Brunch** 10:00am to 3:00pm (which will be something you do not want to miss!) and for **Friday and Saturday night Theme Dinners – reservation only**. Checkout our menus on our facebook page and come join us.

DEC 23 - Christmas Carol Theme Dinner

DEC 31 - New Years Eve!

<https://www.facebook.com/Diablas-Kitchen-105520476153986/>

We will also be offering the restaurant as a venue for business meetings, special group lunches, parties etc.... This will be available Monday-Friday until 3pm. Call or message for details or questions about this. We are going to really amp up our Catering! So give us call for all of your catering needs. (208) 522-1510

Snakebite (401 Park Ave) 11-3:00 lunch 5-9:00 dinner - Happy Hour 3-5:00 In The Bar - All Idaho Beers On Tap Only \$2.00!!! Happy Hour Food Menu & Specials ~ Cheers!!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-SnakeBite-Restaurant/265505283488032>

The Celt (398 W Broadway) <https://www.facebook.com/The.Celt.Idaho.Falls/>

DEC 17 - Rod Gilstrap - Sat 9:30 PM

DEC 22 - Chanman Christmas Show - Thu 7:30 PM

DEC 31 - New Year's Eve with Dr Zoo - Sat 9:30 PM

BlackRock Fine Wine & Craft Beer (439 A Street) <https://www.facebook.com/BlackRockFineWineCraftBeer/>

DEC 14 - Wednesday Wine Tasting Wed 6 PM

DEC 15 - Open Mic Night! Thu 7 PM

DEC 17 - Rail City Jazz Sat 8 PM

DEC 31 - NYE Party w/Mike Banks Jazz Quartet Sat 8 PM

LIVING DOWNTOWN:

743 S. Capital Avenue - INDUSTRIAL LIVE/WORK LOFTS along the Snake River - "WAREHOUSE DISTRICT"

LOCATION - Prime location to develop residential live-work lofts in central Idaho Falls. Seller is looking for a joint venture partner. 1-3 acres are available for development (mixed-use to high density multifamily (R-3) residential uses) on the Snake River and Idaho Falls River Walk with easy access to Snake River Landing and historic downtown Idaho Falls. Be involved in the redevelopment of the "Warehouse District" and part of the expansion of this dynamic area. For more information contact: Doug Powell 208.535.8520 or email douglas.powell@svn.com.

GENERAL INFO:

The traffic signal at Yellowstone Avenue & "B" Street will be removed the morning of Wednesday, December 14, after the morning rush hour. The signal will be replaced with a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon, also known as a HAWK signal, which is anticipated to be functioning by Friday, December 16. To accommodate the work, traffic lane restrictions will be in place throughout the day on both Wednesday and Thursday. During removal and replacement activities, pedestrians should use caution crossing Yellowstone Avenue and are encouraged to use the traffic signals located at Yellowstone Avenue & Broadway and Yellowstone Avenue & Constitution Way.

We would like your help creating the plan for downtown Idaho Falls. What is a Downtown Plan? Simply put, it is a map to guide development and redevelopment in downtown Idaho Falls. It provides a single, coordinating vision and guiding principles for topics such as streetscape design, intersection design, housing, a parking strategy, financing strategies, identification of barriers to success, and identifying catalytic projects. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard and help shape the future of the City. Go to the 'Idaho Falls Downtown Plan' website and give your input <http://www.ifdowntown.com/participate--comment.html> . **This is available until Jan. 1st.**

EIRMC is celebrating their 30 year anniversary! Go to www.eirmc30years.com for anecdotes and video vignettes from awesome EIRMC employees who've been here since day one and community VIP's involved in the opening of the hospital; a historical photo gallery; timeline of EIRMC; and information about **EIRMC's 30,000 canned food drive thru Dec. 31st!** You can 'virtually donate' by simply clicking on the donate button and EIRMC will buy the cans for you! <http://eirmc.com/campaigns/30-years-food-drive> There is a grocery cart in the cafeteria and the main lobby if you want to drop off a donation - please CANNED goods only, no glass, boxes or bags of food. The collected food will be donated to the Community Food Basket, Idaho Falls Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army, North Fremont Food Pantry, Jefferson County Food Bank, Cornerstone Pentecostal Food Bank, North Bingham County Community Food Bank, and Community Dinner Table (Blackfoot Community Pantry), Family Crisis Center, and Teton Valley Food Bank.

Swing Junction's Big Band Swing Dance – first Saturday of the month - 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 485 Constitution Way - Dance to a live big band the first Saturday of every month! Beginners are welcome, no partner required. 8 - 9 pm Introductory Swing Lesson - 9 - 11 pm Fees/Admission: \$7 for the lesson and the dance or \$5 for the dance portion only. <http://swingjunction.blogspot.com/> If you have any further questions, please contact Meredith at swingjunction1@gmail.com

The **bi-annual Discover Idaho Falls Parks and Recreation Guide** (Fall 2016 – Winter 2017) is now available throughout the City and online. <http://read.uberflip.com/i/727698-fall-winter-2016-parks-rec>

DOWNTOWN GIFT CERTIFICATES - Looking for a perfect gift for any occasion? You give the Downtown Gift Certificate and they get to pick where to spend it and choose what they really want. Perfect! They can be used just like cash at your favorite downtown shops and restaurants. Get your gift certificates now and enjoy shopping downtown! They can be purchased at the Downtown Development office - 425 N Capital or at The Collective Cachet - 396 Park Ave. <http://downtownidahofalls.com/downtown-gift-certificates/>

Idaho Falls Public Library (457 Broadway) open Mon-Thurs 10:00am to 9:00pm and Fri & Sat 10:00am to 6:00pm - <http://www.ifpl.org/> **Children** - <http://ifplchildren.blogspot.com/> (story time, & much more)

Pigeon problems on your building? If you need someone to help you we suggest that you contact A1 Pest Control, Rob 208-589-8809. He is very helpful and knowledgeable about how to deal with them in the downtown area.

Are you looking for a space to put your office or new business? Go to our [downtown website](http://downtownidahofalls.com/for-rent-lease/) <http://downtownidahofalls.com/for-rent-lease/> We probably have just what you are looking for downtown!

The Eastern Idaho Visitor Information Center (425 N Capital) has three agencies to serve you: US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce. Not only do we have brochures and information on lots to do in Eastern Idaho and surrounding areas, but also one of the largest collections of BLM, forest and topo maps in the state, and a variety of locally produced products, souvenirs, and field guides. The Visitor Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00pm. For more information, stop by or call 523-1010. http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5411295.pdf

2016 City of Idaho Falls Curb & Gutter Replacement Program - For forms - <http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/city/city-departments/public-works/engineering/curb-gutter-replacement.html>

Event posters – When you are having a special event in your Downtown business and have a poster, please bring it to our office and we will display it in the kiosk bulletin board on the greenbelt. (425 N Capital Ave.)

Report Graffiti as soon as possible when you see it anywhere downtown to the community projects coordinator and public information officer, Joelyn Hansen, at 612-8655. They make every effort to have it removed within 48 hours of being reported. If graffiti has affected your property **always** file a police report online at <http://www.idahofallspolice.com/services/report-a-crime/>

Recycling – There is large city recycling bin in the parking lot at the corner of 'B' Street and Yellowstone for CARD BOARD only. Please smash all your boxes flat and recycle them into this bin. Newspaper & phone books, aluminum cans, plastic and tin cans can be recycled in the Post Office parking lot (on Capital Ave. – South East corner) drop-off bin. If we all do a little, it helps a lot!

If you have an announcement that pertains to the Downtown that you would like to have included in this newsletter please send it to me by noon on any Tuesday. These newsletter emails go out every Wednesday morning. mala@downtownidahofalls.com

Come experience downtown.

Wonderful local restaurants, specialty shops, and cultural attractions.

<http://downtownidahofalls.com/>