

Downtown Newsletter – Nov. 23, 2016

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DOWNTOWN EVENTS:

Annual Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting ‘Honoring Idaho’s Brave’ – November 26 @ 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Join us at **Civitan Plaza (Corner of Park Ave & B Street)** for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The large tree in the center of the park will be “Honoring Idaho’s Brave”. The tree will be decorated red, white, and blue and have ornaments for the brave men and women from Idaho that have served or are serving in the military. There will also be an ornament for each branch of service, an ornament for each Battalion of the Idaho Army National Guard, and an ornament for each Gold Star Soldier since September 11, 2001, our Killed In Action Service Members will be represented with a Purple ribbon tied for their sacrifice. You’ll also enjoy the several trees in the Plaza that have been decorated by local schools and other groups. You’ll be entertained with a color guard presentation, the singing of the national anthem, and Christmas carols. We’ll have free hot chocolate just before the tree lighting. Join us, the Mayor and Santa in turning on the lights! **Special thank you to the Civitans for providing the lights!**
<https://www.facebook.com/Idaho-Falls-Downtown-Development-Corporation-223975828803/>

Come Find Santa’s Puppy, ‘Tracker’ - Saturday, December 3rd from 12:00pm to 3:00pm -

Come to the Civitan Plaza (corner of Park Ave & B Street) to pick up your map card, then help Santa find Tracker! On the map card will be a list of where you can find ‘Tracker’. The businesses hide the puppy and then you come find him! Once he is found get your card marked and then off you go to find the next puppy in the next store. Once you have found the required number of “Trackers” you can turn in your card and pick up a prize at “WeeBee Toys” at 492 Shoup Ave. (corner of Shoup Ave. and B Street). Santa will be there to thank you for finding Tracker!! ‘Tracker’ is so important – he helps Santa figure out who is naughty and nice!! The puppies will be hidden in businesses all over downtown.

FRIENDS OF IDAHO FALLS LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE - Friday, Dec. 2 - Saturday Dec. 3 - Lower Floor of Library - 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Great time to buy books in very good condition for Christmas gifts. A large assortment of VHS, DVD and CD’s, still at giveaway prices. Bring your children to discover a wonderland of book reading. Free refreshments.

CULTURAL EVENTS DOWNTOWN:

Museum of Idaho (200 N Eastern Ave) <http://www.museumofidaho.org/> - **Only 3 days left!** "America's Revolution: Rebels With a Cause" thru Nov 26th - you will see artifacts from our Founding Fathers, some of which have never before appeared in public and may never be publicly displayed again. This exhibition is the product of two years of scouring the nation for collectors willing to share their Revolutionary War artifacts.

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.

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.

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

FREE Family Day - December 10, Saturday, 11 am – 3 pm

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 WAC Artist Studios, above the Willard Arts Center, are now open to the public before shows in the theater!

Nov 26th - The WAC Artist Studios, above the Willard Arts Center, will be open for Small Business Saturday!

Studios will be open between 10am-3pm.

Dec 2nd -3rd, 9th -10th - The WAC Artists Studios, above the Willard Arts Center, will be hosting a Holiday Open House! Original paintings, photographs, prints, jewelry, and more will be on display and for sale. Stop in to talk to the artists and enjoy some hot cider! Open hours will be from 10am-4pm.

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>

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

Youth Symphony Winter Concert - Thursday, December 01, 2016 at 7:30 PM - Civic Auditorium - FREE

"We the People Music of Modern Patriots" Featuring Hillcrest High School Chorus Kendell Nielsen Music Director; Ariel Loveland, Assistant Conductor; Camille Blackburn, Hillcrest Choir Director

office@ifsymphony.org / 208-529-1080 <http://www.ifsymphony.org/>

Holiday Pops: The Snowman Movie - Thursday, December 08, 2016 at 7:30 PM Civic Auditorium \$6-\$35

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and everyone is invited to enjoy The Snowman Movie, a heartfelt animated classic from 1982 with music by Howard Blake. The movie will be screened while the Idaho Falls Symphony provides a live orchestral soundtrack in real time. Plus, local dancers from the Idaho Falls School of Ballet will perform excerpts from The Nutcracker Ballet, and audiences can participate in singing a variety of holiday carols. ALL AGES WELCOME! office@ifsymphony.org / 208-529-1080 <http://www.ifsymphony.org/>

Broadway Christmas Wonderland - December 10, 2016 | 8pm at the Civic Auditorium -

'Broadway Christmas Wonderland' features glittering costumes, a dazzling cast, and the highest kicking Chorus Girls this side of the North Pole. Start Christmas in style as Santa and his merry helpers take you on an unforgettable nostalgic Christmas journey. Songs include "White Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Have Yourself A Very Merry Christmas," and many more! <http://www.idahofallsarts.org/broadway-at-the-civic>

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>

Thanksgiving Week! November 21-26 - \$3 Admission per Person - Help Build a Castle in the middle of ARTitorium! Plant a Castle Garden! Add Sea Monsters to the Moat! And more! Also, don't miss the movies included in admission on Friday and Saturday!

- Tangled - Noon and 3pm on Friday, November 25
- Robin Hood - Noon and 3pm on Saturday, November 26

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!

DOWNTOWN MERCHANT SALES AND SPECIAL INFO:

WeeBee Toys (492 Shoup) : Locally owned and operated store with an amazing selection of specialty toys, games and books. We carry top brands of real toys from Melissa and Doug, Klutz Books, K'nex, Magformers, Blue Orange Games, Alex Brands, Fat Brain Toys, Hape, Bruder, classic wooden toys, play food, babies, die cast cars, puppets, books, arts, crafts, games and much more. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 to 6.

<https://www.facebook.com/weebeetoys/>

Maggie's Place Tutoring and Enrichment Center - Enroll online today. 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) <https://www.facebook.com/healinghandsidaho/>

In addition to massage, reiki and psychic readings, we are happy to announce that we now offer tarot readings, rune readings and palm readings. Our **Black Friday special** is a shopping respite, with a movie, cocoa and treats in our Spiritual Center. We will also be offering Angel Readings and have extended hours until 9:00 PM.

NOV 30 - God: A Different Conversation - Wed 6 PM

DEC 3 - Mediumship Class, w/Katie - Sat 2 PM

DEC 4 - Four Winds of Breathe - Sun 6 PM

Pandora's Baubles and Beads (440 Park Ave) - Our **November Class list** now available

<https://www.facebook.com/pandorasbaublesandbeads/> **BLACK FRIDAY SALES!! ALL WEEK – THANKSGIVING WEEK - NOV. 21, thru 26, 2016** - 50% Off Freshwater Pearl Strands; 25% Off Seed Beads Czech Glass; 20% Off Pre-Made Jewelry; 35% Off Stone Strands on the Wall; 25% Off Fancy Stone Strands (excludes those marked with "Yvonne" or "Y"); 15% Off! All Chain, Silver Beads and Findings - *Sales Exclude Consignment, Trunk Show, and items pre-purchased*

The Yarn Connection – Fall 2016 Class Schedule (415 Park Ave) for a list of upcoming classes go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/YarnConnection/> or call for more info 524-8256.

Shaddow Domain llc – 341 W Broadway - Due to popular demand, we have expanded our "not quite right" greeting card selection. We're not just birthdays any more, we have Anniversary, Congratulations, Thank you and now Christmas cards! We are stocking up on lots of other unique items so stop in soon! Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/shaddowdomain and Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram

Centre Twin Theater - 461 Park Ave. - movies showing: <http://www.royalthaters.com/index.php>

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT FOR CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER at **Dreams & Things Unique Boutique 320 B St.**

Ste. 109 - It's that time of year when we want to do something to help make the holidays special for people in our community. Dreams & Things Unique Boutique, a local small gift basket business, has adopted residents at our local nursing homes in Idaho Falls and we want to present each one of them with a special gift basket for Christmas. This may be the only gift some of them will receive this holiday.

We are asking the businesses in the community to help us with this project by adopting a Grandparent for Christmas. Your cost is only \$25 per adoption and is a tax write-off. Your donation will sponsor a special gift basket for one resident and enable them to have a Merry Christmas. Your business card will be attached to the gift basket so they will know that the gift is from you and your business. Thank you so much for making the holidays special for those special residents in our local nursing homes!

You may send a check and your business card, made out to Adopt-A-Grandparent or Dreams & Things Unique Boutique: 320 B St. Ste. 109, or call (208) 528-0772 or come by the store to pay cash or credit/debit card.

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT HAPPENINGS:

Great Harvest (360 A Street) Fall favorites are back! Pumpkin Spice Lattes, Pumpkin Chai's, Pumpkin Hot Chocolates, Pumpkin Brownies, Pumpkin cookies, Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Bread, Apple Spice Cake, Ginger Bread and Gingerbread Cookies! **Pumpkin Rolls will be available daily!** Fall is the perfect time to enjoy one our Hot Grilled Sandwiches like Turkey Pesto, Southwest Chicken or Club with one of our Hot Hearty Soups like Creamy Potato, Chili, Beef Stew or Corn Chowder. Or give one of our salads a try like our Sante Fe Chicken Salad with our own fresh Pico, avocados, salsa & chips or our Greek Salad with Kalamata olives, artichoke hearts, cherry tomatoes and feta cheese! Remember...**we offer FREE DELIVERY in HISTORIC DOWNTOWN from 7am-3pm** (\$10 minimum order please!) so if you can't leave your office or shop just give us a call at 522-7444. See our full menus of breads, sweets, coffees, sandwiches & soups on our website at <http://greatharvestidahofalls.com/>

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.

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

NOV 25 - Black Friday Breakfast! Fri 8 AM

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!!

6th Annual Holiday Brunch – Sunday, Dec. 4th from 9:00am to 1:00pm

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

MarCellar's (431 Park Ave.) – Sunday, Dec 4th Annual Holiday Sale from noon to 4:00pm

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

NOV 23 - The Opskamatrists 9 PM

NOV 26 - Dr Zoo 9:30 PM

DEC 9 - The Kyle Gass Band 9:30 PM

DEC 10 - Cory 9:30 PM

DEC 22 - Chanman Christmas Show 7:30 PM

DEC 31- New Years w Dr Zoo

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

NOV 23 - Thanksgiving Wine Tasting 6:00pm

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:

What a deal!! We are selling 100 '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 sure to go FAST at this great price! (208) 535-0399

4th of July Fireworks Celebration – Seeking Community Feedback - <https://www.facebook.com/IdahoFallsGov/>

Many are aware that Frank VanderSloot, CEO of Melaleuca, recently announced during a press conference that the annual "Melaleuca Freedom Celebration" and fireworks display would be moving in 2017 from its current location around the River Walk in Idaho Falls to an undetermined location. **As this event has been a long-standing community tradition for many years, we feel it is extremely important to gather feedback from community members.** What are your thoughts and ideas? As you post, we encourage constructive dialogue and creative ideas about the next location for the celebration. You can leave a comment on our facebook page and/or at the phone number and email address previously provided by Melaleuca at (208) 528-2011, freedom@melaleuca.com. Please note that while city staff may not reply to every comment on our facebook post, all comments will be reviewed by the city's elected officials and leadership team. Thank you in advance for your time, thoughtful dialogue and consideration of the opportunity before us. The more feedback we get from the community on this issue, the better.

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.**

Swing Junction's Big Band Swing Dance – December 3, 2016 - 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/>

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/>

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.

Miracle on 34th Street presented as a live Radio-Broadcast at the Trinity United Methodist Church (237 N Water Ave.) Dec. 8 – 10 at 7:30pm – there will also be a matinee on the 10th at 2:00pm. Admission is free! Donations are welcome to benefit the Trinity United Methodist Church building fund.

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>

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

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<http://downtownidahofalls.com/>

