

Mayor's Newsletter



Mayor Brian Blad
City of Pocatello
P. O. Box 4169
Pocatello, ID
83205-4169

- pocatello.us
- 208.234.6163
- mayor@pocatello.us

Table of Contents:

Heartfelt Thank You	1
Business Rights	1
November Leaf Collection	2
Home Occupations	2

Download Pocatello Connect from the Apple App Store at apple.co/2ISLqs6 and Google Play at bit.ly/2VoyeSr.



Heartfelt Thank You

This month I want my first article to be a heartfelt "Thank You!" to the City's employees. I am grateful to live in Pocatello. The City's employees work hard to make sure we can all feel comfortable raising our families here.

While police departments around the country are being vilified, I'm proud of the Pocatello Police Department (PPD). PPD members care about our community. Recently, officers were investigating a burglary, and an out-of-state individual showed up at the scene. He was filming them and tried to provoke them and interfere. Instead, they treated him with nothing but respect.

Our firefighters and paramedics are also top-notch. Pocatello Fire Department has fought several fires this year that had the potential to be devastating. Because of their expertise and good relationships with local,

State and Federal agencies, the fires were put out quickly.

Thanks also goes to the Planning & Development, Engineering and Building Department staffs. They worked constantly through our state's shutdown and throughout the summer so that contractors, developers and homeowners could get projects done.

I'm grateful for a Water Department that takes pride in delivering clean water every day. No matter the weather, they are out there making sure water is flowing. We've even been recognized as having some of the best tasting tap water in North America because of their efforts.

Science & Environmental staff spend a great deal of time cleaning the Portneuf River and making plans for its future. Our Parks & Recreation staff run their

programs efficiently and provide residents with so many wonderful opportunities! Street Operations crews make sure we can travel about the city without worry during every season. Pocatello Regional Transit drivers are available with a ride and a smile when you need them.

I could go on and on and on about the City's employees. You will not find a better group of people. They take so much pride in their work. They are diligent and professional individuals. I am blessed to be able to work alongside some of the best people I have ever met, and I am publicly giving them my heartfelt thanks! If you have an opportunity to thank a City employee, please do. They are your family, friends and neighbors.

I also appreciate what each of you do every day for Pocatello. As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

Business Rights

As we all continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pocatello Police Department and Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce are reminding business owners, managers and citizens about courtesy when shopping at, eating at or in any way patronizing a local establishment.

Business owners have the right to determine how they would like their businesses to run. Additionally, business owners, managers and employees can

ask patrons to leave their businesses if patrons won't follow the business' policies or are unwilling to do so. Citizens who do not follow a business' rules can be trespassed, and business owners and managers are asked to call 9-1-1 for emergencies. For non-emergency situations, call Police Dispatch at 208.234.6100.

I certainly understand the stresses we are under right now, but a little patience, courtesy and respect go a long

way. I've seen Pocatellans exemplify all of these traits, but, now more than ever, we need to make sure we are being our best selves.

For more information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on what businesses can do to limit workplace violence associated with COVID-19, visit <https://bit.ly/2QszQ9L>.

November Leaf Collection

Fall is here, which means leaves are everywhere! To help you dispose of leaves, the Sanitation Department will be offering curbside leaf collection November 2 through November 28.

Leaves **MUST** be bagged in large, paper, compostable bags. These bags are typically available for purchase at local stores such as Lowe's, The Home Depot, Ace Hardware

and Walmart. Once your leaves are bagged, please leave them on the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular garbage collection day. Please note that leaves in plastic bags **will not** be collected.

Residents participating in the City's yard waste collection program can continue, as usual, putting leaves in the yard waste container. Yard waste carts will be picked up

on regular collection days. Leaves in yard waste carts **should not** be bagged. Residents can fill their yard waste carts and also participate in the curbside leaf collection program.

For more information about the November curbside leaf collection program, contact Sanitation at 208.234.6192.



Home Occupations

Want to operate your business from home? You can! Home occupations are allowed in all residential zoning districts with a Home Occupation License from the City.

Below are just a few of the requirements for a home occupation. The full Pocatello City Code 17.06.400 Home Occupations can be found at codelibrary.amlegal.com/code/s/pocatelloid/latest/pocatello_id/0-0-0-9244.

You must be using the premises primarily as a residence. If so, the residential structure or an accessory building can be used for limited business activities. The commercial activity must be such that it can be conducted without negatively impacting

the health, safety or general welfare of the neighborhood, without unduly increasing traffic or noise or without substantially changing the residential character of a neighborhood.

No oversized vehicle as defined in Section [10.08.090](#) of City Code, or any vehicle which by virtue of dimensions, gross weight or declared use is required by Idaho Code to display, or does display, commercial or apportioned registration plates, may be used or stored on site or on street in carrying out the home occupation.

There are also clearly defined hours of operation for both indoor and outdoor home occupation activities. In

addition, sales and services to patrons should be only by appointment so that there is only one customer on the premises at a time.

Some businesses are not allowed in residential zoning districts no matter what. Home businesses that are strictly prohibited are retail sales, auto repair, manufacturing, adult entertainment and those of similar classification.

The license application can be found at pocatello.us/documentcenter/view/347. For more information about operating your business from home, please contact the Planning & Development Services Department at 208.234.6184.



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 and 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. v23,n10

My question/comment is _____

Name _____ Address _____
Email _____ Telephone _____

