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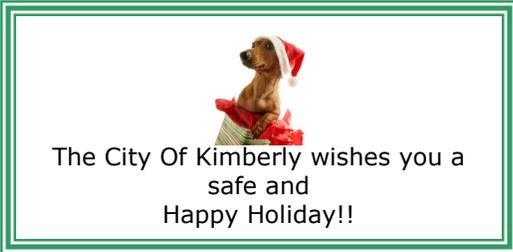
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**KIMBERLY  
CITY HALL**

**Mayor**  
 David Overacre

**Councilmen**  
 President George Plew  
 Chris Glenn  
 Lee McKinlay  
 Warren Wade



The City Of Kimberly wishes you a  
safe and  
Happy Holiday!!

## Annual Audit Report

*On Tuesday, January 27th the City Council will be discussing our annual audit.*

*CPA Mike Burr, the City's Auditor will be attending this meeting.*

*All citizens are welcome to attend this meeting held at the Kimberly Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.*

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From the Mayor's Desk

Merry Christmas!

While this year is drawing to an end I want to say "Thank You" to each and every neighbor in Kimberly. You have in one way or another contributed to a wonderful year in this beautiful little town in Idaho we all call home. Challenges are a part of life we face everyday. Sometimes doing our very best to address the needs of ourselves, family and community is all we can ask of each other. At the end of the day, month or year...how do we measure the heights of our efforts or the depth of our resolve? Did we do all we could do to rise above the challenges, face the needs and answer the call?

*"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing."*

-- Theodore Roosevelt

I have kept this quote close to me this past year to remind me why I am here. This is not to say that mistakes aren't made but that we are all human and with our best efforts we can still achieve great things. I feel very blessed this holiday season for all that God has given me and my family. My prayer for this community is that we all count our blessings this Christmas, and make 2009 a year that brings this community closer together. I encourage you to get involved and plugged into all that Kimberly has to offer. Everywhere I look in town I see activities and people gathering together. There are many local Churches to attend and activities at our local Schools and Ageless Senior Center. There are many businesses in town offering more and more local services and great restaurants offering a variety of fair. This is truly an exciting time in Kimberly!

Sincerely,

David Overacre, Mayor





## **Landlords and Tenants**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 all Utility Bills will be put into the Landlords name.

### **What does this mean for Landlords?**

Landlords will be ultimately responsible for the utility bills. It is up to the landlord how the bill will be paid. Landlords will have the option by adding the cost to their tenant's rent or having the bill sent directly to the service address in care of the tenant but the bill will remain in the Landlords name.

### **What does this mean for Tenants?**

Tenants will no longer be responsible for the utility deposit. Once they have become a Kimberly resident they are responsible to the landlord in how their payment will be made.



### **Attention: Tenants** **Refundable Deposit!!!**

**Once your landlord has come to the City Hall to put their name on the rental in which you live, your deposit will be returned to you.**

**The sooner your landlord puts the Utility Bill in their name, the faster you can have cash back in your pocket!**

*Note: Deposits will only be returned to tenants that have kept their account current with no delinquencies and/or late charges for a 12 month period.*

### **Attention: Landlords**

**Before January 1<sup>st</sup> all landlords are to contact our City Office and fill out a new Utility Application for all rentals.**

**Please also provide information on how you wish set up the billing.**

*Note: Applications are also available by fax. Contact the City Hall and they will fax you an application.*

*Deputy City Clerk*

### ***Jean Hopkins***



I moved to Kimberly from Moab Utah three years ago. I started working for the City in 2006. I have one son, one daughter, four granddaughters and two grandsons. I enjoy hiking and traveling. I want to wish all the citizens of Kimberly a Safe and Happy Holiday.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 567**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO AMENDING KIMBERLY CITY CODE BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION § 13.12.080 REQUIRING REAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO SUBSCRIBE AND PAY FOR UTILITY SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, IDAHO:

Section 1: That the Kimberly City Code is amended by the addition of a new § 13.12.080 as follows.

**"13.12.080: REAL PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITY CHARGES:** Effective January 1, 2009, only the owner of the real property served by City services may subscribe to city utility services, including water, sewer and sanitation. The real property owner shall be considered the "water user", "sewer user", "users", "resident" and "person", as used in this code."

Section 2: That this ordinance is effective January 1, 2009.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Kimberly, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

### ***Aubrie VanBuskirk***

*Administrative Assistant*

I've worked for the City of Kimberly since March 2008. I'm not just an employee, but a wife, sister, an aunt, youth leader and student. I enjoy spending time with my family especially during this time of year!

Merry Christmas City of Kimberly!





# Planning and Zoning News



## Meeting Time Change!!!

P&Z Meeting are held the first Tuesday of each month at the City Council Chambers.

Starting Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Planning and Zoning meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. They will no longer meet at 7:00 p.m.



*Dave Abrahamson  
P&Z Administrator*

## NEWEST MEMEBER

The Planning and Zoning Board would like to welcome their newest member Kelly Weeks. Kelly started in October! Welcome!

## *A Special Thank You to the KBOA*

*The City of Kimberly would like to thank the Kimberly Business Owner's Association for all of the hard work that it took to put on the Christmas Tree Lighting.  
It looks great!*



## BULIDING PERMIT REMINDER

Any new addition to your property will need a building permit. It may require a fee. Be sure that your setbacks are 7 FEET from the side property line, 10 FEET from the rear property line, and 25 FEET from the front properly line.

If you would like to add on to your home, be sure and check to see if you meet the current setbacks.

## Welcome to our future Kimberly Businesses!

Coming soon.....

**Hogie Yogi** located at Red Cap Corner  
*and*  
**Fire 10 Grill** located in the Center Street Plaza

## Welcome to our Newest Businesses!



Here is a picture of Jennifer Stephenson owner of the Laughing Daisy. This new store is located on 217 Main North.

Come in and see the exquisite collection of home décor!! Home décor specialists are also available to bring a new look to your home.



Here, Owner Heather Cartwright is cutting the red ribbon at her first open house to the new Quilt Barn located at 239 Main North in the old Arnold's Building.

Come in and see these wonderful crafted quilts and maybe you'll even learn how to create one of your own designs!!

# The Pet Page

## Community Service Officer Mayra Gomez

I moved from a small town in Oregon in March of 2007. It has been quite an adventure to my family and me to live in a completely new state. I have been married for six years and we have a four year old son. It has been wonderful.

I started working for the City of Kimberly in June 2008 as the Community Service Officer. Be safe during the Holiday's and don't forget to get your pet an extra treat for Christmas.

Happy Holidays!  
Mayra Gomez-Valencia



### Dog License Renewals

*Friendly reminder that all dog license renewals will be due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009*

#### **COST FOR RENEWAL:**

The cost is \$5.00 until March 31, 2009. Any renewals received after March 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged \$10.00.

#### **WHAT TO BRING:**

Please bring proof of rabies vaccination; either a copy of your veterinary records, an updated rabies tag, or a proof of purchase if the vaccination is done by oneself.

*Please Note: Without proof, a renewal tag cannot be issued.*



### Animal Permits

Special Animal permits are due on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. If you have the following animals at your residence, please fill out an application at the City Office.

Fowl - \$5.00 per 10 fowls  
Horse - \$5.00 each  
Cow - \$5.00 each  
Sheep - \$5.00 each  
Goat - \$5.00 each

The property of where such animals are maintained must contain at least one-half (1/2) acre per animal and cannot come within twenty-five feet (25') of any building used for residential purposes by anyone other than the one keeping or maintaining.



## Annual Pet Clinic

On Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Veterinary Clinic will be hosting their annual canine booster and rabies shot event.

It will be held at the City of Kimberly from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Booster Shot - \$12.50  
Rabies Shot - \$8.50

Dog Licensing will also be available for \$5.00 for a new or renewal license.

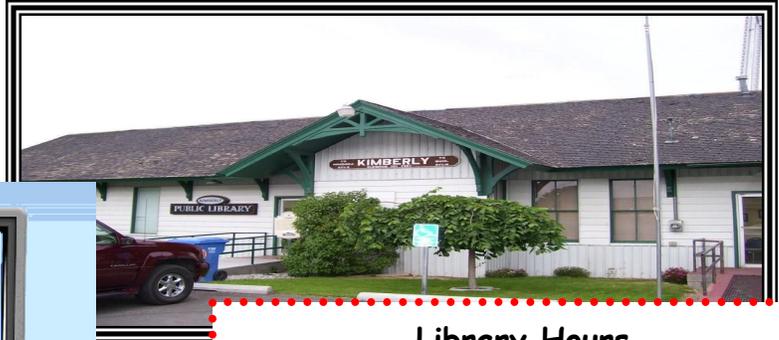
# A Message from Your Local Library

"Season's Greetings" from the Kimberly Public Library located at 120 Madison St West Kimberly, Idaho.



Helen McCord  
Librarian

*Come in and browse, surf the net or take home your choice of our collection of books, magazines, CD's, audio tapes, DVD's, and videos.*



## Library Hours

Monday & Thursday 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Tuesday 3:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Saturday 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Library cards are free to anyone residing within the city limits of Kimberly.

People living outside the city limits are subject to an annual fee of \$25.00 per family.

## Story Time

Starting January 2009 our Library will be hosting a Story Time for kids ages 3 to 8. It will be on Mondays from 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

You do not need a library card to participate!!

The Kimberly and Hansen Libraries will be co-hosting "Let's talk About It". This is an adult reading and discussion group sponsored by Idaho Commissions For Libraries, US Bancorp and Idaho Humanities Council. Participants all read the same title and then join in a discussion led by a scholar. The theme for the 2009 Program is "Living In The Modern Rural West".

The program dates and selections are:

January 21, 2009 - "The Sky Fisherman" by Craig Leslie

February 4, 2009 - "In The Wilderness: Coming Of Age In An Unknown Country" by Kim Barnes

February 18, 2009 - "Winter Range" by Clair Davis

March 4, 2009 - "Traplines: Coming Home To The Sawtooth Valley" by John Rember

March 18, 2009 - "Bitterbrush Country: Living On The Edge Of The Land" by Diane Josephy Peavey

This year's discussions will be held at the Hansen Library, 120 Maple Avenue W, Hansen, ID at 7:30 PM. Books will be available for checkout at both libraries. For more information call Helen at 423-4556 or Linda at 423-4122. Come join us for stimulating conversation, enjoyable company and great refreshments.

Help us make 2009 a record year "@ your Library"™.

# A Message from the Chief of Police



In 1995 the police department instituted the School Resource Officer (SRO). This program was designed to have a uniformed officer in the schools available to the staff and students for both guidance and enforcement situations that may arise. It has been the practice to have one officer assigned to the schools for an indefinite period of time, rotating to the standard police department schedule when school is not in session. Because of the complexity of today's student body, school designs and constant changes of faculty, it has been decided to rotate each officer of the department through the schools every two months. This change will better educate all the police officers as to the layout of the schools, the emergency plans that are in place at the school, and familiarize each officer with the faculty and visa versa in case an emergency situation should occur. This will create and improve the working relationship between faculty, the student body and law enforcement in our community.



As you all know our small community has gone through some tremendous growth spurts in the last 3 to 4 years. Our city limits has expanded its borders and now includes several new residential subdivisions. The city is also in the process of annexing the industrial park at the corner of Kimberly Rd and 3400 E, and the businesses located north of Red Cap Corner. This growth has put an ever increasing demand on the Police Department to cover more territory in a 24 hour shift, in attempt to quell crime in the neighborhoods and business districts of Kimberly and Hansen.



Small Police Departments are always in danger of losing valuable trained officer to larger departments that pay more money and offer a wider variety of positions, such as S.W.A.T. Units, dog patrols and other specialized units. This is a constant plague to our agency as well. We have recently lost two officers to other agencies and have one new officer that will be attending P.O.S.T. Academy in January, making our department three officers short, until we can fill the ranks with another qualified police officer.

One question that comes to mind is why do we need ongoing training? Two reasons pop up immediately. #1) criminal activity is an ever evolving situation. Criminal minds change fast, crimes become more complex and it is very important to try to stay up on the techniques and equipment to not only quell crime, but to keep our crime fighters safe. Ongoing training helps us stay abreast of new information regarding criminal activity and new techniques in detection of criminal activity. For example, we receive training on gangs that may have moved into our area and how to recognize who they are. #2) Idaho Law also requires that each law enforcement officer maintains forty hours of training every two years to maintain their certifications to be police officers. This may not sound like a lot of extra time, but when we are short on personnel, it becomes necessary to use overtime to cover the vacant positions and can ultimately cost more money in the long run, which is what we are currently trying to prevent. So far we have worked things out to provide our citizen with as much coverage as we possibly can 24 hours a day and are working on changes to continue that coverage into the New Year. We, the members of the Kimberly Police Department, like everyone else, are hoping that our economy will change for the better in order to promote safety and coverage to our citizens as well as safety to ourselves.

With the economic down turn affecting all businesses, including our city's budget, the City Council has made a decision to cut one law enforcement position from the Police Department, creating quite a challenge to provide 24 hour a day coverage to all the citizens of Kimberly, meet the 24 hour a day coverage contract that we have with the City of Hansen, and provide an officer to the schools. We currently have five personnel available, including the Chief of Police, to provide that coverage and still allow for scheduled time off, such as vacations, training and other leaves of absence that will still affect the Police Department. We are working diligently to revising our schedule to provide that coverage without creating an overtime situation.

Pat Bermingham  
Chief of Police





# Christmas Wishes



## A special Message from Council President George Plew

To the citizens of Kimberly I would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. My wife and I have raised our 3 children here because this is a good community, with a very good school district. We should all be proud of our City and the people in it. I enjoy serving the citizens as a Councilman it has been an ongoing learning experience, and I've had to make some tough decisions that have not been so favorable to some but necessary for the overall people.

During these rough economic times we have trimmed the budget down and taken out the capital outlay monies and cut where we could without jeopardizing any of the comforts you have (Water, Sewer, Streets, Parks, etc). I would like to tell you that we have nothing to hide or keep from you, if you ever have any questions or want to see where your tax dollars are going please feel free to come into City hall and ask our administrator she will be happy to answer your questions. I also ask you to come to the Council meetings to see what we do; you can also say what's on your mind during public input. Also you can call me and ask me questions if I do not have the answer I will get it for you. Kimberly is a great place to live.

Happy Holidays to you all,  
George Plew

## A Special Message from Councilwomen Lee McKinlay



To my fellow residents of the City of Kimberly:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of my position on the City Council. It has been my privilege to serve you for the past 14 ½ years. It has been a tremendous learning experience, in which I have tried to make informed decisions in the best interests of our growing City. Thanks for allowing me to learn so much about the process of city government. Our City Administrator, the department heads, and the various departments, share their wealth of knowledge and expertise with the City Council, so that we can make informed decisions and continue to improve. My family of 5 children has been raised in this City and now some of my grandchildren are attending the Kimberly School District. Dave & I have been devoted supporters of the schools, Kimberly City Library, our local businesses, and have enjoyed being on many committees through the years to be an integral part of this community.

It is my desire to complete my current term as your city councilwoman. If you have questions about issues that you would like answered, feel free to call me. Please don't rely on what you hear on the streets or other gatherings that may not be accurate. Merry Christmas blessings to each of you for a wonderful holiday season!

Lee McKinlay, City Councilwoman



Look forward to learning more about our other city council members in our next Kimberly Newsletter.