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## Words From Mayor Beck

Winter has arrived which brings with it a different set of challenges for our city crews.

Occasionally a question is asked "why doesn't the city plow all city streets to the center of the streets and haul all the snow away?" Simply put, we don't have the money the manpower or the equipment to do this. There are currently 6 employees to keep up with city operations that must continue daily. The city has approximately 50 miles of streets to plow each time it snows. We know that most often plowing puts snow in driveways. Each property owner is responsible to remove this snow from their own driveway. This snow should not be placed back in to the street by snow blowers or shoveling. Snow deposited back into street could create a traffic hazard. The property owner could become liable and / or receive a citation for this action. Winter is a challenging time for all of us, individually and collectively as a city. We thank all city residents for your help, understanding and cooperation during this difficult time of year.

Chief Smith has called attention to an ongoing problem in our city and in other cities also. Please be aware of pedestrians. If you see one attempting to cross a street, please stop for them. Also, if you observe another vehicle stopped, please stop also until you determine why that vehicle has stopped. A pedestrian may be crossing. Additional enforcement efforts are underway in St. Anthony on this issue. It would be a traumatic experience for a driver of a vehicle involved in a pedestrian/car incident. Obviously, the pedestrian loses in a confrontation with a motor vehicle.

David Loomis has accepted an appointment to the City Council. David has participated in 2 council meetings already. I am pleased with his participation. David will be a great new asset to our city's government.

We have 2 new police officers who have joined our force. They are Chad Brokens and Zane Manhart. We welcome them to our city staff. Our city police department is now fully staffed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

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## City Announcements & Events

Council Meetings - January 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation - January 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Planning and Zoning - January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m.

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## Department Reports

### Police and Fire

It was recently reported that a pedestrian, crossing the street, in a marked crosswalk, was brushed by a car as it drove by. This occurred at Bridge St. and 1<sup>st</sup> N during daylight hours. A truck in the right hand lane stopped for the pedestrian, and the pedestrian began crossing. A car in the left lane, continued into the crosswalk, without stopping, just as the pedestrian emerged from in front

of the truck. The car only brushed the pedestrian; however, it could easily have been a tragic mistake.

Idaho traffic law does not only require motorists to yield to pedestrians crossing the road in a crosswalk. It also requires that whenever any vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk (marked or unmarked) at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross

the road, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle. This means, if a car is stopped at a crosswalk at an intersection you should assume there is a pedestrian in the crosswalk and stop to make sure before proceeding. It could be a child or a person in a wheel chair who is difficult to see in front of another vehicle.

