

EAST HOPE NEWS

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Winter is coming.....



Mayor's Walking Challenge:

Idaho Blue Cross sponsored mayors who took part in a statewide challenge to average 10,000 steps a day in October. Our very own Mayor Fleisher has participated 4 years running now. Mayor Fleisher was successful in completing this challenge and has earned \$1,000 **AGAIN** for the new City Park. Congratulations Mayor Fleisher and thank you!

Public Notary Services:

The city clerk is a Notary Public. The City will be offering this service during business hours. You may contact the City if you have additional questions.

Planning & Zoning Regulations:

The City has both building codes and zoning codes, so if you are starting a project such as a shed, deck, addition or new build please check with the City to see what permits you will need and if it meets zoning setbacks. A simple phone call or email to discuss your project will save you time and frustration as you plan for your project. We are seeing an increase in activity in the area and permits are taking longer to process so please plan your projects accordingly.

Vacation Rentals:

The City has regulations concerning Vacation/Short-Term Rentals that were adopted with the Zoning & Subdivision Ordinance #285. If you operate a Vacation/Short-Term Rental, you are now required to register with the City. The registration fee for the first year is \$50 and subsequent years are \$25. Vacation/Short-Term Rental registration forms are available to download on the City's website.

Park Update:

The playground equipment has arrived and the center of the park is beginning to take shape. The City should be ready to plant the plants and install the playground equipment come spring. Just a reminder we are still taking donations for the park, and veteran tiles or brick pavers are still available as well.

Holiday Lights:

The Annual Tree Lighting Event will happen Friday, December 10th at 5:30 pm. Snacks and refreshments will be available at City Hall immediately following the lighting ceremony. Maria & Lars Larson will be leading everyone in carols. Everyone is welcome so bring a friend or two and lets celebrate the holidays together!

Streets:

The snow will be flying soon which means the plow will be out running as well. The City asks that you do not park in city right-of-ways to allow the street plow enough room to remove the snow safely.

Water:

Cold weather is coming, please be sure that you have winterized your outside faucets and sprinkler systems. Other ideas for the fall/winter maintenance checklist consist of cleaning your gutters, inspecting your roof, stowing your mower, cleaning your furnace or fireplace and replacing batteries in your smoke detectors.

Interesting Info:

December originally had just 30 days according to the ancient Roman calendar. When the calendar was changed for the Julian calendar December gained a day, making it the seventh and last month in the year with 31 days.



2021

COUNCIL

MAYOR

VERNON FLEISHER

(2023)

DEBORAH FIELD

(2023)

DON WELLS

(2021)

JOYCE BUTLER

(2021)

AMANDA DELIMA

(2021)

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 14TH

JANUARY 11TH

FEBRUARY 8TH

MARCH 8TH

APRIL 12TH

MAY 10TH

JUNE 14TH

@ 5:30 PM



OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
9AM-3PM

Friday 10AM-1PM

Ellisport Bay Sewer District: The Ellisport Bay Sewer District meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at Pend Oreille Shores in the activities building. Schedule may be impacted by Covid-19.

City Facebook Page and Website: Please be sure to follow the City’s Facebook page, facebook.com/easthopeidaho and check out the city website at: cityofeasthope.com. The City will be posting their agendas, and public notices on both sites as well as at city hall. Feel free to contact the City for more information if you have questions.

Gingerbread Muffins with Sweet Lemon Glaze

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 and 2/3 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 and 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream or plain yogurt

Lemon Glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tbs fresh lemon juice, 1 tbs milk

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Generously grease a muffin pan with butter or nonstick spray. Set aside. Cut the butter into smaller pieces so it melts easier. In a large microwave safe bowl, heat the butter and molasses together in the microwave on high for about 1 minute. Stir until thoroughly mixed together. Set aside to slightly cool as you mix the dry ingredients together. Whisk the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and cloves together. Into the molasses/butter mixture, whisk the brown sugar, egg, sour cream/yogurt, and milk until all wet ingredients are combined. Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and mix until *just* combined. Do not over-mix. Batter will be thick and a little lumpy. Divide batter among prepared muffin pans, filling all the way to the top. Sprinkle with coarse sugar (for added crunch, recommended), if desired. Bake at 425 degrees for 5 minutes, then, keeping the muffins in the oven, reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees and continue to bake for 15-16 minutes until the tops are cracked and centers are set. Use a toothpick to test. Allow to cool for 5-10 minutes in pan before glazing and serving. As the muffins cool, prepare your lemon glaze by mixing all of the ingredients together in a medium bowl. If desired, add more powdered sugar to thicken or more milk to thin out. Drizzle on top of warm muffins. Icing will set as the muffins cool, so these are great for storing and transporting. Muffins freeze well up to 3 months.

Sally’s Baking Addiction

- 3/4 cup dark molasses
- 1 and 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 and 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground cloves
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup milk, room temperature

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Tree Lighting @ 5:30 pm	11
12	13	14 City Council Mtg 5:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Closed Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 Closed New Year’s Eve	