

NEW COUNCIL, NEW MAYOR IN 2012

The new year brought a new look to the Twin Falls City Council as three new, but familiar faces, and one returning councilmember commenced their four year terms.

Shawn Barigar and Chris Talkington, having both served on the council in years past, returned to service. Also, returning to the City in a new capacity as a councilmember is Jim Munn. Jim retired after 30 years with the City's police department in 2010.

Additionally, Rebecca Mills Sojka began her first full term as councilwoman after being appointed in 2011.



Above: Also undergoing a change in 2012 is the City's mayor position. Under the council-manager form of government in which Twin Falls operates, the mayor is elected by the seven council members. Greg Lanting received a unanimous vote from his fellow council members to serve as the City's Mayor. Don Hall, who previously held the office, will serve as Vice-Mayor.



Left: Chris Talkington, Rebecca Mills Sojka, and Jim Munn take the oath of office. City Clerk Sharon Bryan administered the oath at the first city council meeting of the year.

Left: Shawn Barigar takes the oath of office as read by Sharon Bryan at the January 17, 2012 council meeting.



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Temporary dog park open

The Frontier Field softball complex is currently being utilized as a temporary site for an off-leash dog park. The Parks and Recreation department is setting aside two fenced-in softball fields, one for large dogs and one for small dogs, for citizens to take their dogs and let them run freely. The park will be open until March 14, 2012 when it will resume its normal use for baseball and softball.

To help with sanitation, we ask that dog owners clean up after their dogs to help keep the fields in good condition. Doggie bags will be provided at the park to help with waste removal.

City commission vacancies

There are currently vacancies on the following City Commissions: Planning and Zoning, Traffic Safety, and Development Impact Fee. If you are interested in obtaining more information on how to apply for one of the vacancies you may go to our website at www.tfid.org or contact Mike Williams, Assistant to the City Manager, at (208) 735-7205.

Glanbia Foods headquarters coming to downtown

In an Urban Renewal meeting held at City Hall on Friday, January 20, 2012, Glanbia Foods announced that it plans to construct their corporate headquarters and innovation center in downtown Twin Falls. The event was attended by Glanbia executives, Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, and several local dignitaries.

It is expected that Glanbia will construct a 35,000 square foot office building and a 14,000 square foot innovation center at the old Kruser's Nightlife property located between Shoshone Street South and Hansen Street South in downtown Twin Falls.

The downtown site will initially employ 100 workers with an opening date of March 2013. This is an enormous boost to Twin Falls as we continue to seek revitalization in downtown.

