Economic Development

>Downtown Caldwell
Many new businesses in the downtown core opened their doors in 2018, including the Plaza, boutique and novelty shops, coffee shops, restaurants, a theater, and more. Other businesses improved and renovated their spaces. Upgrades and new faces are everywhere; stop on by and say hello!
- 450,000 pedestrians crossed the 7th Ave bridge (downtown) in November and December 2018.
- More than 30,000 customers have strapped on skates at the Indian Creek Plaza Ice Ribbon to date.

>Sky Ranch Business Park
Considering new businesses locating to Caldwell in 2018/2019, and the expansion of existing businesses, the completion of all current projects will account for approximately $239 million in capital investment, and the creation and retention of approximately 900+ jobs in Caldwell.

Fresca Mexican Foods, a 180,000 sq. ft. food manufacturing facility in Sky Ranch is now complete, adding 150 new jobs to Caldwell.

Public Works

>Airport
- Replacement of 30+ year-old runway with fresh asphalt; completed on time and under budget, with little down time.
- Economic growth in our area is reflected through new hangar construction; nearly all available hangar spaces are under lease.
- Silverhawk Aviation Academy is flourishing in training more new pilots to meet high pilot demand in the workforce.

>Street Department
- 5.076 miles of new paved roads in 2018, and more than 80 lane miles of chip sealing.
- Continuing street light conversion to LEDs to keep costs controlled in a growing power market.
- Many thanks to the community for reporting street light outages!

>Water and Irrigation
- Water Department staff worked with Engineering and Parks departments to transform the old Sundowner site into a beautiful park and an extension of the beautification along Indian Creek.
- Employees provided upgrades at Gabiola Field to prep area for new football and soccer fields.
- Caldwell Municipal Irrigation District has 10,212 accounts and 48 pressure Irrigation (PI) stations; we continually maintain and repair existing stations and distribution lines throughout the system.

>Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)
Have you seen the 15-foot-tall cableway crossing the Boise River? It has a remote-controlled, travelling winch that attaches to the cable and can carry up to 150 pounds across the river. This is a Wastewater Sampling Station, required to meet EPA cross-sectional river sampling requirements, and is used for sampling WWTP effluent in the river’s mixing zone.

2019 State of the City
February 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Jewett Auditorium, College of Idaho
22nd Annual State of the City address from
Mayor Garret Nancolas
"The Year in Review"

City of Caldwell, 411 Blaine Street (208)455-3000
Implemented a new Public Records Request system, resulting in more accurate assignment, tracking, archiving, and retrieval of requests.
- 2,300 public record requests completed since implementing JustFOIA on April 1, 2018.
- 375 Resolutions and 62 Ordinances processed.
- 19 Special Events Permits issued; 135 other licenses and permits issued.

A total of 270 employees serving a community of over 56,000 residents. We added a Fire Prevention Officer, two (2) Police Officers, and a Community Service Officer in 2018.
- Congratulations to Corporal Pete Troyer, Employee of the Year, and to Sergeant Richard Ferrera, Supervisor of the Year. Great job!

Appropriation amounts for 2018 budget: $83,537,504; General Fund portion was $25,548,166.
- General Obligation Bond (for construction of Police Dept building) paid off in September 2018.
- Levy Rate in 2018 (91.4 mils) went down 7.9% from 2017.

Hosted more than 85 events, with attendance of over 170,000; events included Caldwell Night Rodeo, Canyon County Fair, Western Idaho Ag Expo, and the College of Idaho Athletic Programs at Simplot Stadium.
- Added a new electronic reader board in front of O’Connor Field House.

The City assumed full operation of Purple Sage Golf Course and hired a new Golf Pro in 2018.
- More than 38,000 rounds of golf (a 9% increase) were played at Purple Sage this year.
- Fairview Golf Course saw an increase in youth players, with the Caldwell Junior Golf League, the PGA Junior Golf League, and the re-establishment of the Caldwell High School Golf Team.

More improvements in 2018 at the Municipal Swimming Pool, with the replacement of the pool boiler. Pool attendance increased by approximately 1000 customers over the 2017 attendance.
- Caldwell Recreation received an $8,000 grant from the Dorothy Kidd Foundation. These funds support Secret Pal, a financial assistance program for youth sports and activities.
- Youth Recreation basketball leagues include not only students from Caldwell and Vallivue schools, but also Homedale, Marsing, Middleton, Nampa, Notus, Parma, Wilder, and Adrian (Oregon).

Enacted a Design Review Commission to oversee new construction and building remodeling projects in downtown Caldwell.
- Worked with all Treasure Valley cities to publish the “Treasure Valley Tree Selection Guide.”
- Hired additional code enforcement staff due to increased workload.

Brad Stewart became our Fire Prevention Officer in June. He has been a great addition, assisting with inspections, fire prevention school visits, and all aspects of the Fire Marshal’s Office.
- Our training grounds were upgraded to enable crews to get realistic training on roof ventilations.
- We said a ‘fare thee well’ goodbye to two long-term firefighters: Captain Keith Ohls (27 years of service), and Driver/Operator Bob Black (19 years of service).

A new patrol dual-purpose K-9 (Markus) was added this year.
- The expansion of the Caldwell Police Department building has begun! Expected completion date is July of 2019.
- We expect to begin a new drone program in the spring of 2019.

> Downtown Parking along the railroad track, one block behind the new Luxe Reel Theater. An additional 157 stalls added in 2018.
> Skyway Road Extension from Pipe Dream Park to Ward Lane, including realignment of the Pioneer Irrigation District’s 400 lateral.

> Reconveyance of Mallard Park ownership from the Bureau of Land Management to the City of Caldwell. Transfer was completed at the February 4, 2019 City Council meeting.
> Sundowner Park: Added to the greenbelt along Indian Creek.
> A few other activities: installed irrigation, landscaping, and amenities at the new Indian Creek Plaza, replaced 16 trees on Hwy 20/26; added 12 new trees downtown; planted a new City Christmas tree; and played a large role in completing the new downtown parking area.