

News Release

Shade and Screen Structure Installed at Ketchum Town Square *Donor-Funded Project Will Make Park More Comfortable*

KETCHUM, Idaho — “Sun sails” to provide shade at the Ketchum Town Square have been installed, thanks to a donation from local philanthropist Peggy Grossman. A portion of the cost also came from the Ketchum Community Development Corporation fund that consists of donations received when the Town Square was created.

Town Square benefactors Carol Holman and Tina Mehan were also instrumental in creating the project.

The shade structure consists of commercially engineered “sun sails” installed on steel posts. The entire structure will be removed each fall and installed each spring. In addition, rusted steel planter boxes have been placed adjacent to the alley. They will hold tall grasses and vegetation during the summer and festive holiday trees in the winter to screen the adjacent alley.

“There previously was no shady spot that would accommodate more than two or three people,” Juerg Stauffacher, parks and natural resources superintendent, said.

The structure was designed to retain the view of Bald Mountain, he added. Kurt Eggers, of Eggers Associates Landscape Architects, designed the project and Elias Construction installed the shade elements.



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About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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