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Happy Spring!



A WISE MAN

By Craig Hill, City Council

Spring is in the air; in fact this year it has been in the air since the first of the year. We have never had a winter quite so mild nor quite so dry. I have always been one to desire heavy snow in the mountains and modest rain in the valleys, but this season we've had little of either.

A wise man once said: "There are three kinds of people in the world --- row-boat people, sailboat people, and steamboat people. Rowboat people need to be pushed or shoved along. Sailboat people move when a favorable wind is blowing. Steamboat people move continuously, through calm or storm. They are usually masters of themselves, their surroundings, and their fate.

I totally believe that our 'city of good neighbors' is filled with steamboat people. We see it in the way our community rallies around one another, volunteers tirelessly to make our parks and trails beautiful, and lifts others in time of need.

This year may well be a time when we will need to rally around water conservation and carefully take steps to assure this limited resource is adequately used and stewarded throughout our city. Here are a few commonly taught suggestions:

- Water less; wait as long as possible after the secondary system comes on before beginning to water your lawns this year and then do so sparingly.
- Try adding one or more days between watering lawns this year.
- Mulch around trees and plants; it will slow evaporation and retain moisture while discouraging weed growth.
- Don't water after 10:00 a.m. or before 6:00 p.m. This is critical!
- Don't water the sidewalks and gutters; adjust and re-set your sprinkler heads.
- Don't water in a rainstorm and don't water on the first few days after; if your lawn springs back after you step on it, it doesn't need water.
- Early morning watering is better than dusk because it prevents the growth of fungus, proliferation of slugs and reduces loss due to evaporation.
- Try not to water on a windy day; it blows sprinklers off target and speeds up evaporation.
- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks.
- Check for leaks in pipes, hoses, faucets and couplings.

Let's help one another conserve --- it comes naturally when everyone in the family and community is aware of its importance. Let's become not only the city of 'good neighbors', but also the city of great water conservation.

CITY COUNCIL

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After hours emergency call the Sheriff's Dept. 801-451-4150, they will call our Public Works representative.

CENTRAL DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT RATE INCREASE

Central Davis Sewer District will be increasing sewer rates by \$2.00 beginning July 1st 2015. The increase is to account for increased costs associated with safer technology, system maintenance, and odor control.



If you have any questions you can contact Central Davis Sewer District at 801-451-2190.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PLAZA AT CITY HALL

A quiet contemplation plaza is being considered for the Veterans of Fruit Heights City. The design includes an obelisk with the different branches of military etched on each of its four sides. Two larger stones would include the names of veterans. New benches and trees would help make it a place to linger.

The current draft is preliminary. Should it be approved, the city would need to budget for the necessary funds to complete it.

If there are any Fruit Heights Veterans that would like to convey their thoughts on the design or other aspects of the Memorial the city would be open to hearing them. Please send an email to: bgreen@fruitheightscity.com.

BABY GRAND PIANO

The city is looking for a donation of a Baby Grand Piano for the City Hall basement. The piano will be used for local events that would be held in the basement. Please call the city offices if you would like to donate—801-546-0861. Thank you for your support!



MOTHER OF THE YEAR & UNSUNG HERO

Fruit Heights City is seeking recommendations for this year's Mother of the Year and Unsung Hero. Your recommendations can be emailed to bgreen@fruitheightscity.com. The Mayor and Council will review the submissions, make a selection and notify those who were selected.



CodeRED NEW REVERSE 911

- ◆ The system is geographically based, alerting only residents in the affected area
- ◆ Citizens may select how they would like to receive alerts: phone call, text and/or email
- ◆ Emergency alerts are issued by Davis County and Fruit Heights City
- ◆ A follow-up message will be issued by Davis County and Fruit Heights City to announce an “all-clear”
- ◆ Citizens must register to receive alerts
- ◆ Registering for CodeRED is free and simple
- ◆ There is also an app called **CodeRED Mobile Alert** that you can download onto your smartphone for free from iTunes or Google Play
- ◆ Sign up to register for alerts on Fruit Heights City’s website: www.fruitheightscity.com; City News—look for CodeRED



A MESSAGE FROM WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT...

Although it has felt like spring most of the winter, it is almost officially here. Which means irrigation water will be running again and our efforts for conservation will increase as well. During the irrigation season I will send out a monthly newsletter containing information on Weber Basin events, conservation tips, and any news we may have.

As always, our water year at this point is unpredictable. We had an unusually dry January and February, but anything can happen in the next month. Members of management and board members of Weber Basin Water will meet at the end of this month to discuss the 2015 water year. Included in this discussion is when the secondary shut off date will be (October 1st versus October 15th).

If you have questions, concerns, or would like any informational resources please contact me. Thank you and good luck this year! Heidi King, hking@weberbasin.com; 801-771-1677.

Indoor Conservation Tip: Turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth can save up to 4 gallons per minute. That’s 200 gallons a week for a family of 4!

Outdoor Conservation Tip: Spring is on its way! Now is the time to check your irrigation system and valves for leaks, breaks, and any sunken or tilted heads. Remember, a broken head can waste up to 40 gallons per minute. Running an irrigation system with a broken head for 30 minutes is comparable to taking a 7-hour shower. No one needs to be that clean.

Water Fact: Did you know there are more people in the world that have cell phones than have toilets?

USU Baby Animal Days

Friday, May 8, 2-8 pm

Saturday, May 9, 10 am - 6 pm

Gates close 1/2 hour before closing both days.

USU Botanical Center

Prices: Individual \$5, Family \$25,

Military \$20, Garden Members Family \$15

Baby Animal Days will be held at the USU Botanical Center in Kaysville at 875 South, 50 West. Both days will feature baby animals, children activities, horse rides, miniature train rides and local food vendors.

For more information check out their website at babyanimaldays.org or call (801) 544-3089.



Green waste recycling will begin first week of April pick-up.



SPRING CLEAN-UP “GREENS” ONLY

APRIL 25th - MAY 2nd
7:00A – 6:00P

AT
**WASATCH INTEGRATED WASTE
LANDFILL**

Due to the restructure of our city storage yard, we will not be able to accommodate vehicles hauling their greens to the storage yard.

Vouchers will be available at the city offices to cover the cost for **residents** to take to the waste to Wasatch Integrated Waste landfill site: 1997 East 3500 North, Layton, UT 84041 (phone: 801-614-5600). The vouchers will be available at City Hall beginning Mon. April 20th through Friday, May 1st.



PAPER SHRED

Horizon Credit Union is pleased to announce its **FOURTH ANNUAL SAFE SHRED SATURDAYS** between May 9th and October 10th, 2015, where the public can bring paper documents to be destroyed for **FREE!**

Shredding trucks will be available in the parking lot of one of our branches from 10:00 AM to Noon on the dates listed below:

May 9th—Kaysville 37 East 100 North
June 6th—Bountiful 105 South 500 West
August 8th—Clearfield 1270 East 1450 South
September 12th—Farmington 225 South 200 West
October 10th—West Point 2986 West 300 North



Horizon Credit Union’s **SAFE SHRED SATURDAY** is a free community event for residents who would like to have their private documents properly destroyed in a **SAFE** and efficient way. There is no limit to how much paper people can shred at this free event. Some examples of items that may need shredding are unneeded documents with Social Security Numbers, account numbers, or other materials with personal identification.



CITY COUNCIL ELECTION YEAR

Caucus meetings will be held Tues., Aug. 11th. There will be 3 City Council openings. Nominees will run in the General election on Nov. 3rd, 2015. REMEMBER TO VOTE!