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PATRIOTS

For many of us, the courageous men and women of the revolutionary war come to mind when we think of patriots. Those who were willing to sacrifice fortunes, family, reputation and lives for the freedoms that we now enjoy as citizens of this great land in which we live. The question can be asked; Who are the patriots of today? I know that patriots today are something more than those who salute the flag, listen to the Star Spangled Banner or say the pledge of allegiance in a public meeting. Can we as citizens today characteristically compare in some small way with those patriots of old? Let's see if we can.

Freedoms - just as our predecessors were seeking freedoms, we too need to be mindful that our freedoms are not lost or traded away for something that glitters for a moment but soon loses its luster. The freedoms that should be so important to each of us are economic and religious freedoms, freedom of speech and expression, freedoms of choice and the choice to choose your destiny both individually, as families and as a community. Each one of us individually can make a very significant improvement in our city, our county, state and country by our involvement. We have the power within us to make a significant difference in the lives of others.

An Attitude and Actions for Betterment - we can compare ourselves extensively by our attitude and habits for self betterment and the betterment of the community in which we live. When I look at the amount of service and volunteer work that is performed for the good of others, the unselfish acts of service and the commitment of time, it indeed reminds us that although we might not be sacrificing our fortunes or our lives..... today and now, we can provide time and other personal resources for the betterment of our community and for the improvement of our neighborhoods. To reach out to our neighbors and assist them in their needs, to maintain neat and clean homes and yards, to provide time and service in our parks and on our trails are just several examples that can be cited from among the countless opportunities to help in the betterment of our community.

Commitment and Compromise - as the founding fathers quickly realized, progress on the ideals of our country and The Constitution would not have been made without compromise. Compromise on city programs, improvements and progress today also require compromise of ideals, philosophies and methods of implementation. Improvement cannot truly be made on a personal or community level without strong planning for the future and the sacrifice and commitment of its residents. These very qualities of commitment, compromise and sacrifice are the same enduring characteristics that lead us to recognize the patriots of old and the patriots that live with us today.

An extensive list of additional characteristics and qualities could be compiled. But without question, patriots do indeed live among us today and we should recognize them today for their sacrifices. They are neighbors helping neighbors. They are those that are making hardships less hard, life more enjoyable on a day to day basis and giving of their time and resources to make the City of Fruit Heights a better place today than it was yesterday. Today we would honor and thank all the patriots among us for who they are and for what they do for the City of Fruit Heights and for each of us personally. - **Scot Poole, City Council Member**

CITY COUNCIL

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City Hall hours:

8 a.m.—5 p.m. Mon.—Fri.

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

LOST & FOUND

Several items have been left at the Harvey Park playground and Nicholls Park areas—toys, clothing, sport equipment. Please stop by the City Offices to claim.

UTILITY BASE RATES

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

The city's utility base rates effective July 1 are billed in arrears, therefore you will see the new rate increase shown below on your August utility bill.

Water: \$32.00

Sewer: \$21.00

Garbage 1st can: \$12.00

Garbage 2nd can: \$7.75

Green Waste can: \$5.85

Storm Water: \$12.75

Transportation Utility Fee: \$7.50

The City Council approved the Transportation Utility Fee to help fund road maintenance.



HAROLD and LOUISE GAILEY MEMORIAL TRAIL

The trail at Nicholls' Park was dedicated during Founder's Day as the "**Harold and Louise Gailey Memorial Trail**". The trail was gifted to the City of Fruit Heights and we the residents are very grateful to be able to have and use this trail for walking, hiking, running, and enjoying the outside nature throughout the seasons. The trail is still under development with bridges, benches, pet stations, and bark-lined pathways. We are so appreciative of such a nice setting, please enjoy the trail and take care by reporting any misuse or abuse to the city office or sheriff's department immediately.

TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Fruit Heights City is proposing to increase its property tax revenue.

- Fruit Heights City tax on a \$340,000 residence would increase from \$342.58 to \$443.00, which is \$100.42 per year.

- Fruit Heights City tax on a \$340,000 business would increase from \$622.88 to \$805.46, which is \$182.58 per year.

- If the proposed budget is approved, Fruit Heights City would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 30.01% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding new growth.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase

PUBLIC HEARING

Date/Time: August 4, 2015 7:15 p.m.

Location: Fruit Heights City Hall Chambers

910 S. Mountain Road, Fruit Heights 84037

To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact Fruit Heights City at 801-546-0861.

2015 COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Blaine Taylor

Fruit Heights City wishes to recognize Blaine for his contributions to the City at our August 18th City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in our Council Chambers. The City and residents wish to thank Blaine for the countless hours of service he has provided and for being such a positive example to the residents of Fruit Heights City. We apologize to Blaine and his family for the misprint on the date in our last newsletter.

Top Three Resources for Food Preservation

The Davis County Obesity Workgroup wants to remind you to use safe food preservation practices as you preserve your food this season. To prevent your preserved food from becoming contaminated, it's important to use recipes and procedures that are scientifically studied and USDA approved. This means recipes on Pinterest or that recipe that's been passed on from generation to generation may not meet the criteria. According to USU Extension Services, the three best places for food preservation information and recipes are:

- ◆ USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2009 revision
- ◆ So Easy to Preserve from the University of Georgia.
- ◆ A current Ball Blue Book (37th edition is the most recent)

The top two resources can be accessed on the National Center for Home Food Preservation website, <http://nchfp.uga.edu/>. You'll also find the latest information on food preservation as well as webinars, how to teach youth to preserve food, how to select pressure canners and directions on how to preserve various types of foods. A current Ball Blue Book can be purchased at the USU Extension office, online or in some stores. USU Extension also has food preservation information on their website, <http://extension.usu.edu/canning/>. Using these resources will ensure your food is safely preserved for your family to enjoy any time of the year.



FREE MEDICARE BENEFITS CLASS

Davis County Senior Services is offering free classes to introduce you to your Medicare Benefits. Class includes information on when to enroll in Medicare and what the different Medicare benefits are. Upcoming class: Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center (81 E. Center St., Kaysville) on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 6:30-7:30PM. For more information contact Marie Jorgensen at 801-525-5086.

TOUR OF UTAH



The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah is one of only five UCI-sanctioned, multi-stage, North American pro cycling events in 2015. Showcasing some of the world's most prestigious teams and cyclists for seven days in August, this event now attracts world-wide attention as the top international cycling event that follows the Tour de France. Nearly a decade since its opening circuit, the Tour of Utah, today, stands shoulder to shoulder with the most prestigious professional bicycle stage race events as our answer to the greatest cycling challenges the world has to offer!

The tour will come through Fruit Heights City Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 on Mountain Rd. between 1:30—2:30p.m. There will be limited access on Mountain Rd between 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. and Road closures on Mountain Rd. and all access roads to Mountain Rd. from 2-2:30 p.m. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.tourofutah.com.



INTERNET UTILITY BILL-PAY IS HERE!

You can now view and pay your utility bill on-line at www.XpressBillPay.com. The payment can be a one-time payment or set for a monthly auto-payment. You can also pay for park reservations, and business license renewals. Questions? Call 1-800-766-2350.

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!

Davis County Walks 5K Run/Walk and Kids Mud Race

When: Saturday, Aug. 15
Run/Walk starts at 7:30am
Kids Mud Run starts at 9am

Where: Legacy Events Center, Farmington
Cost: Free for those 60 years of age and older;
\$20 for pre-registered individuals 59 and under,
\$12 for pre-registered individuals 14 and under;
Free Kids Mud Race (12 and under—pre-registration required)

Pre-Registration deadline:
Friday, Aug.7

How to register: Pick up a form at Davis County Health Department or register online at www.daviscountyutah.gov/dcw

**Questions? call 801-525-5050
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