



## Windstorms Have History in Fruit Heights

### Early Settlers Used Boulders To Hold Roofs Down

#### A Message From Council Member Eileen Moss

If you've moved into the area since 2011, you might be wondering where on earth all that wind came from? In fact, east winds have long been part of the history of our community. On the Facebook page, *Our Kaysville Story*, Fawn Morgan posted a Davis County Clipper article from October of 1906, detailing a windstorm that sounded terrifying! Houses, businesses and barns were destroyed, trees felled, telephone wires broken, and more. I dare say east winds have been the cause of most natural disaster damage in the area. (No, I don't want to be proven wrong by an earthquake!)



*Windstorm Damage 2020*

Over the years, people have learned things must be built to withstand hurricane force winds, even though we are nowhere near an ocean. Years ago, we learned one of the things the first settlers here did to harden their homes to the wind. They would place boulders in the attic, on the east side of the house, to hold the roof on.



*Windstorm Damage 2020*

When the old home just to the east of my home was being torn down, we watched as the track hoe took a big swipe at the eastern wall of the home. Along with the wall of the home, some good-sized boulders came tumbling down. The worker in the track hoe jumped out of his cab to see what had just happened. We later learned it was common practice to place rocks in homes to help withstand an east wind.

Before 2011, we were still learning about east winds. As a City, we learned there had never been a documented case of wind over 100-mph, so we couldn't require homes or roofs to be built to the 100-mph wind standard. That all changed in 2011 when we did have an official documentation of wind over 100-mph. Now we know we need to have a higher building standard.

From semis blown over, fences blowing across yards, windows shattered, trees breaking, and other assorted damage, there is something that seems to happen very consistently after the wind stops – we all emerge from our shelter and start the process of helping one another. Time and again, we witness the goodness of our neighbors. Whether it's loaning trailers, trucks, chainsaws, or tractors, we come together and good things happen. We meet our neighbors, renew acquaintances, serve others and grow together.



*Windstorm Damage 2020*

As a community, we had the opportunity to clean out wood from our park, and send it to the Navajo Nation for firewood. Thank you to the many volunteers. Our 4 public works employees had their hands more than full trying to keep everything working, and cleaning up the streets and parks. We appreciate all the work they do to keep roads safe, our water running and getting our parks safe for public use.

**COMMUNITY REMINDER—May it be a challenge to all of us to remember this community spirit. Keep getting to know your neighbors. Walk over to give a hand when you see someone working on a project, and remember, we always want to be known as the City of Good Neighbors!**

# ELECTION 2020

## VOTER INFORMATION

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. The Davis County Clerk's Office oversees elections in this area, not Fruit Heights City, but we want to help provide information about voting this year. For more information, visit <https://vote.utah.gov/> or <https://www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerk-auditor/elections>. You can also call the Davis County Clerk's Office at 801-451-3479.

### HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

To register, visit [www.Vote.Utah.gov](http://www.Vote.Utah.gov) and click on "Register to Vote". **In order to vote, you must be registered by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 23.**

### WHERE DO I VOTE THIS YEAR?

You may vote **by mail** or **in person**. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters starting the week of October 13.

### TO VOTE BY MAIL (Do one of the following)

1. **Postmark your ballot** on or before November 2.  
Return postage is provided.
- OR
2. **Drop your ballot** at the county clerk's office, or a secure drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3.

There will be a secure drop box in the parking lot of the Fruit Heights City Building at 910 S. Mountain Road.

### TO VOTE IN PERSON

In person voting is provided primarily for those needing assistance, or those who have not received a ballot. Voting in person is available by either **early voting** or **election day voting**.

Please pay close attention to the locations available. Traditional polling locations will not be available for the November General Election.

### **Early Voting** (One location only)

October 27-30, 2020

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Davis County Clerk's Office,  
61 S. Main Street, Farmington**

### **Election Day Voting** (One location only)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Legacy Event Center  
151 S. 1100 W., Farmington**

## STREET PROJECTS

In conjunction with UDOT's Highway 89 project, Fruit Heights City is installing a new storm drain along 650 North. Residents should expect occasional delays.

Beginning Monday, October 5, Green Road, west of Highway 89, will close for approximately 3 weeks. UDOT is working to relocate utilities. Commuters need to identify alternate routes to areas north and south of the City. We appreciate your cooperation as UDOT works to reopen access.

Residents will continue to notice concrete removal and replacement throughout Fruit Heights. This work is to install ADA sidewalk ramps in older areas of the city, and to replace some sections of curb, gutter and sidewalk that are badly damaged. Because of limited funds, the City has established a five year plan where the City will continue to identify and replace curb, gutter, and sidewalk in the future.

Beginning this fall, crews will work on a few City streets, filling cracks that develop in the asphalt. This process helps extend the life of the roads, and prevent water, snow, and ice from getting under the asphalt and causing further damage to the road surface.

### MORE INFORMATION:

**SECONDARY WATER:** Service ends October 15, 2020. Remember to turn off valves to prevent damage.

**STREET PARKING:** Winter parking runs November 1 - April 1. No parking on streets overnight, or during snowfall.

**GREEN WASTE CAN:** Green waste service ends December 1. Green cans may then be used as a garbage can.

**PARK RESTROOMS:** Public restrooms will lock for the season starting the end of October or early November.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** Turn clocks back 1 hour Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020.

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

**City Hall: 801-546-0861**

*For after-hour calls, please contact*

**Davis County Sheriff : 801-451-4150**

*If your garbage cans aren't emptied, call*  
**Robinson Waste - 801-825-3800**

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