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Reflecting on Positive Amid the Chaos

A Message From Council Member Julia Busche

The year 2020 came out looking like a warm chocolate chip cookie. Then one bite and BAM. *Oatmeal raisin*. Not sure who else is feeling a bit of whiplash after the turn of events this year, but my hope is that we will take time this holiday season to reflect and see blessings amidst the chaos.

One of the finest parts of living in Fruit Heights is the access we have to open space and nature. Our trails have been a haven this year for so many who enjoy recreation and the outdoors. We are grateful to everyone who takes the time to leave trails better than before, by removing trash, cycling and hiking responsibly, and by being respectful to those residents whose homes are near trailheads in our city.

Many are familiar with the old “mine” on our east bench. It was a “supposed uranium mine processing plant” but in actuality, was a scam to bilk investors. People enjoyed exploring the mine, but there were perpetual problems with illegal trespassing (the mine was located on private property), drugs, vandalism, and other criminal activity. It was also a dangerous liability for the property owner, as the concrete structure was crumbling. In a joint effort with Davis County, the property owner, and Fruit Heights City, the “mine” structure was removed and the mountainside renewed to a natural condition.

Fruit Heights City continues to be fiscally responsible. City staff work closely with UDOT to ensure our needs are recognized with this large project. We are grateful for the expertise of our professional staff and the long hours they dedicate to Fruit Heights.

My hope is that despite the hardships many are facing, we continue to look around and see what each of us can do to help those in need. We are the City of Good Neighbors.

Fruit Heights Honors Local Teachers

Fruit Heights City Council and staff prepared and delivered more than 300 "Thank You" gifts for local teachers.



School personnel work hard every day, but especially right now, and we want to say thank you to those who serve the youth of Fruit Heights.

Our city sends students to Morgan and Burton Elementary School, Fairfield and Kaysville Junior High School, and Davis High School.

Fruit Heights Receives CARES Act Funds

The CARES Act is a \$2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Fruit Heights is receiving money allocated to help cities better respond to the public health crisis in their area.

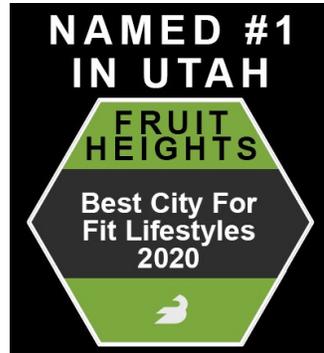
The City is using CARES Act money to purchase equipment which allows for better sanitation at parks, playgrounds and public restrooms. The City is also making improvements such as new benches and picnic tables for better social distancing at parks and along trails.

Look for more information about CARES Act money in Fruit Heights City in 2021.

Fruit Heights Named “MOST FIT” City in Utah

Utah ranks as one of the country’s healthiest states for its focus on fitness, lifestyle and access to healthcare.

According to rankings from a national study, **Fruit Heights ranks highest among Utah’s top 50 cities for overall fitness.**



A fitness score was created using factors such as exercise opportunities, access to healthy food, air pollution, physical inactivity and more. Fruit Heights was given an overall fitness score of 94.56 out of a possible 100.

According to the study, Fruit Heights has a high rate of exercise opportunities at 920 (per 1,000 people). The study suggests close proximity and ease of access to these exercise opportunities play a key role in determining people’s fitness level.

Davis County was well represented on the list, with eight of the top 10 cities coming from our county. Other local

cities included Farmington, South Weber, Kaysville, Syracuse, West Bountiful, Centerville and West Point.

You can read more about the scoring system or see how other cities and states ranked by visiting: www.barbend.com/fit-cities-utah

EXPLORE FRUIT HEIGHTS: Beautiful Adventure Awaits

If you’ve explored Gailey Trail, hiked one of our canyons, or ridden the Fruit Loops Mountain Bike Trail, you know the beauty hidden within our city.



Whether you enjoy hiking, biking or walking, Fruit Heights offers trails for all outdoor enthusiasts. Expert-level athletes, or the very beginner can enjoy these trails while exploring our city.

Many of our trails have been expertly designed, and are maintained through cooperative efforts with city staff and community volunteers. Please act responsibly when using our trails, respecting resources and the surrounding homes.

CITY PROJECTS

Friday, Dec. 4 through Monday, Dec. 7, U.S. 89 will be reduced to one lane in each direction between Mutton Hollow Road and Nicholls Road while crews shift both directions of U.S. 89 onto the newly completed pavement section.

Residents in the areas of Oakmont and 650 North will experience detours while UDOT works to complete the frontage road between 200/400 north and Oakmont. It is anticipated these detours will be in effect for several weeks. Residents should expect occasional delays as changes are made.

With increased construction along the US-89, Fruit Heights City is asking residents to visit www.udot.utah.gov/us89/ for up-to-date information.

Gailey Trail Retention Basin—Construction is occurring on a detention basin near the east end of Gailey Trail. Over the years, Fruit Heights City has dealt with fluctuating stream levels that cause localized flooding and regular damage to the Gailey Trail. For proper construction, it is necessary for trees and vegetation within the construction area to be removed. Work will continue for several months. Once complete, the City’s plans include reestablishment of the trail and the natural beauty of the area.

Protecting culinary water—Many public drinking water systems are contaminated by pollutants that backflow into the water system through unprotected cross-connections. Learn how residents can help keep drinking water safe at www.fruitheightscity.com/291/culinary-water

MORE INFORMATION:

GREEN WASTE CAN: Green waste cans may be used as an additional garbage can December 1—April 1.

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

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE FOR SENIORS: Davis County Health Department is collecting gifts for senior citizens who are alone or in need. Drop gifts by Mon., December 14 at the Senior Activity Center, 81 E. Center Street, Kaysville.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: City Hall will close on Friday, December 25, 2020, and Friday, January 1, 2021.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: Christmas trees will be collected by Robinson Waste Services on Friday, January 8. Trees must be on the curb by 6 a.m.

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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