

# FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY RIDGERUNNER NEWS

JUNE / JULY 2023



## A WARM WELCOME TO NEWLY APPOINTED CITY MANAGER

Please help us welcome Jacob Smith as the new city manager of Fruit Heights. Jacob brings many years of experience with him, including 11 years at Centerville City where he held several positions - most recently serving as the assistant city manager. Before that, Jacob spent three years working for Governor Jon Huntsman in the Utah Governor's Office where he oversaw budget and planning tasks.



*Jacob Smith, City Manager*

In Jacob's years as a public servant, he has built a strong background in finance. It is Jacob's goal to

create a fiscally sound budget for the City, and to develop a strategic plan for a sustainable city that encourages the involvement of residents.

Jacob also prioritizes relationships with employees and public officials. It is his goal to create a work environment that supports highly motivated employees, and offers them the opportunity for continued training.

Jacob received his undergraduate degree from BYU, and earned his masters in public administration from Northern Illinois University.

When not working, Jacob loves to share outdoor adventures with his wife and seven kids. They love to travel and play, both close to home and internationally. Some of their favorite destinations include Italy and Tahiti.



## HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR TREES RECENTLY?

In recent weeks, letters have gone out to nearly 200 homes in Fruit Heights regarding trees and shrubs hanging over roads and sidewalks.

As our beautiful trees mature, trimming becomes necessary. Street sweepers and snow plows have not been able to effectively clean many streets due to low-hanging branches.

**Code requires trees and vegetation to be trimmed to 12' above the street and 8' above the sidewalk.**

## FIREWORK SAFETY

Many of us enjoy fun summer celebrations. Fireworks seem to make the party even better. However, we must all be aware of safety issues and wildfire hazards.

Surrounded by so much vegetation and fuel for fire, there is a strong need for restriction regarding open fires and fireworks in our city. Much of our city falls in a restricted area, allowing no discharging of fireworks.

**See map of firework & burn restrictions:  
[www.fruitheightscity.com](http://www.fruitheightscity.com)**



# ARE THERE WATER RESTRICTIONS THIS SUMMER?

Last year brought tight restrictions on secondary water use. This year, many residents have asked what restrictions might be in place again. Secondary water providers in our area are not imposing the same restrictions, but they are asking all homeowners to follow a few guidelines:

- No watering between 10 am and 6 pm
- Only water 2 - 3 times a week
- 20 minutes for pop up sprayers
- 40 minutes for rotating sprinklers
- Delay watering if rain is in the forecast

Please contact your secondary water provider with specific questions.

## WATER CONSERVATION PRACTICES

- Weber Basin is offering two incentive programs: Flip Your Strip and Landscape Lawn Exchange. Those wishing to participate will work with Weber Basin and Utah Water Savers. Visit: <https://weberbasin.com/conservation/rebates>.

- Residents of Fruit Heights may purchase a Smart Sprinkler Controller from the City for \$20 (retail \$178).

- In 2022, Utah passed legislation requiring water districts to install secondary meters by 2030. At this point, information from meters is being used for educational purposes. Fruit Heights has installed meters to those homes receiving secondary water from the City. Contact your secondary water provider to learn more about meters in your area.

## HAPPENING AROUND THE CITY

**Mountain Road:** We are still talking about Mountain Road and the Weber Basin project, but an end is in sight. During the final stages of milling, which occurs right before the asphalt installation, the milling truck experienced mechanical failures. This caused a delay as a new machine was brought in. Final repairs are expected to be done by June 10.

**U.S. 89 Projects:** Can you believe it? UDOT is nearing completion on US 89. They have done an incredible job. UDOT crews are completing final tasks and working to complete sidewalks, pedestrian ramps, curb and gutter, driveways and other side-street items. If you have specific questions, contact UDOT at 888-752-8789. **UDOT is planning a celebration on Friday, June 30, at 10 am for a walk/run/ride along new frontage roads, bridges and parking areas built to provide safer connections between neighborhoods as part of the project. The event starts at the Antelope Park & Ride and concludes at the Adams Canyon trailhead parking lot.** Refreshments will be provided. Bring your family and friends!

**Shady Lane/ Waterfall Way:** The new waterline is installed. Utility and road work will be completed by mid-July.

## JOIN THE YCC APPLY BY JULY 31



Build your resume and serve the community by joining the Youth City Council. Open to incoming 9th-12th graders. Learn more and apply online at: [www.fruitheightscity.com](http://www.fruitheightscity.com).

## DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT ONLINE NOW

The annual Drinking Water Quality Report informs residents about the quality of drinking water delivered in our city.

It is our constant goal to provide residents safe drinking water. **You may view the latest water report at [fruitheightscity.com](http://fruitheightscity.com).**

## CAUCUS UPDATE

At the recent caucus meeting, the following candidates were nominated to run for city office in the November 2023 general election:

### Sagebrush Candidates for City Council

Mark Cottrell      Ty Naylor  
Caroline Eichelberger

### Pinecone Candidates for City Council

Gary Anderson      Shon Stevenson  
Eileen Moss

These candidates must file for office by June 7, and then will appear on the official ballot. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

## SUMMER PARKING

City ordinances allow for boats, trailers, RVs, and vehicles to be parked on city streets for 24 hours.

## CONGRATULATIONS



## GRADUATES!

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City Council - [citycouncil@fruitheightscity.com](mailto:citycouncil@fruitheightscity.com)

**Mayor:** John M. Pohlman **Council Members:** Diane Anderson, Gary Anderson, Eileen Moss, George Ray, Florence Sadler