



Heber City News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE by Mayor Dave Phillips

In 2003, Heber City purchased the Central School block from the Wasatch County School District with the intent to use the block for future City office needs. Since that time, the Heber City Police Department has been housed in part the old school until City finances were such that a new facility could be constructed. While occupying the building, the City has spent significant monies to repair portions of the roof, modify the heating system, replace carpet, repave the parking lot, paint and make many other minor improvements to keep about 60% of the building useable. While these repairs have made portions of the building habitable, the band aid repairs were made with the intent to construct, in the near future, a new Public Safety (Police/Courts) building on the same block that would be a long term asset to the community.

In 2008, the City established a citizen committee and selected GSBS Architects to help the City understand and plan for the future building needs of Heber City government. Unfortunately, only part way through the study, economic conditions changed to where it did not seem feasible to continue the study as resources to build the building were not available. At the time, the estimated cost of constructing a new Public Safety building budget was approximately \$5,000,000.

With an improving economy, lower interest rates, rising construction costs and a deteriorating building the City Council unanimously adopted a Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds in May 2013 which allows the City to be reimbursed for costs they may incur prior to the issuance of bonds to pay for a new building. At the same time, the City started preparing an application to the Community Impact Board for a low interest loan to finance the construction of a new Public Safety building. On October 1st, the City submitted an application to the Community Impact Board (CIB) for a \$6,700,000, 1.5% interest, 30 year fixed rate loan. The proposed budget for the project

also includes \$1,000,000 of City funds that would be contributed to the project.

In late August the City sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for architects and on October 29th, the City interviewed three of eleven candidates that submitted proposals to design the new Public Safety building. Those being interviewed have the most experience in designing these special use buildings. Once selected, the City expects the architect to assist in making a presentation to the Community Impact Board in hopes of receiving favorable consideration for the loan the City is seeking. Obtaining a loan from CIB is very significant because having access to a fixed rate, low interest CIB loan, would generate interest savings (over a more traditional market rate loan) for the City of approximately \$4,500,000 over the life of the loan.

As part of the CIB loan process, the City Council will hold a public hearing to discuss the size, scope and nature of the funding request that was submitted to CIB. At the public hearing, information will be provided to the public about the project and how it would be financed. The information will also include the expected financial impact to the public. The public is encouraged to attend this public hearing and feel free to share their input and thoughts. Further information on the date and time of the public hearing will be shared as it becomes available.

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

The Municipal General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2013. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The voting locations for the General Election are:

Precincts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Parks and Rec Building, 345 W. 600 South
Precincts 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.1	School District Office, 101 E. 200 North
Precincts 31.1, 40, 41, 42.1	Senior Citizens Center Library, 465 E. 1200 South

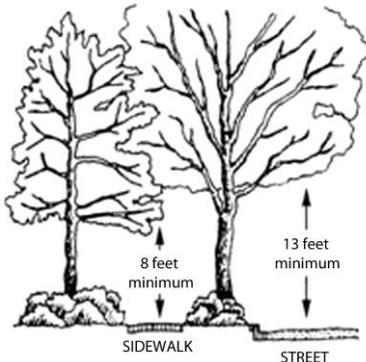
If you do not know the precinct in which you live, check your Voter Information Card issued by the Wasatch County Clerk's Office, call the Wasatch County Clerk's Office at 657-3190, or call the City Recorder's Office at 654-0757 ext. 7886.



This year's voting will be done by paper ballot. State law requires everyone voting to present identification. One form of identification is required if it bears the name, address and photograph of the voter. Otherwise, two forms of identification are required providing evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct. Please come to the polls prepared to show identification.

TIPS FOR TRIMMING TREES

Here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare your yard for the winter months. When trees have low growing, or low hanging limbs, they often obstruct



snow plow operations. This influences how effectively the snow is cleared from the street near your home. When snow cannot be removed back to the curb and park strip area, storm drains cannot accommodate runoff, and mail delivery is compromised. These limbs may also hinder pedestrians on the sidewalk, and cars both traveling and parking in the street.

- Trees adjacent to pedestrian walkways shall have a minimum canopy clearance of **8 feet above sidewalk**.
- Tree canopies that extend over street shall be pruned to provide canopy clearance of at least **13 feet above street pavement** in travel lanes and above pavement in parking lanes.

General tips

1. Prune for need, i.e.; crown raising, shaping, **removal of an obstruction**, crossing branches, dead or diseased limbs.
2. Timing - before leaf bud, after spring growth in midsummer, **after leaves have dropped**.

3. Don'ts - Never top or round off trees, this leads to weak branch attachments, induces suckers.
4. Good tree selection and proper location can alleviate a lot of pruning problems.
5. Prune and shape when trees are young and easily accessible.

The local extension office may offer additional information, and there are various instructional videos available online to assist you.

If low growing and low hanging tree limbs remain, city personnel may remedy the problem, and bill the homeowner for man-hours and equipment costs. Also, please remember to remove obstructions from the right-of-way including, but not limited to; basketball standards, recreational equipment, trailers, RVs, topsoil, and yard waste.

RAIN GUTTER MAINTENANCE

Cleaning your gutters can be an inconvenience, which is why many people avoid doing it. It's best to clean your gutters twice a year. If left unattended water could seep into your walls and ceiling, slowly causing damage to your home's structure. During the winter months, the water could expand into ice and push against the roof causing major damage and flooding.

3rd ANNUAL SHOP WITH A COP

Each December, the local Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge sponsors pre-selected children in need by taking them to Walmart to pick out toys and gifts for Christmas. The success of this program has always been dependent on the good will and participation of our local citizens and businesses. On Saturday, December 7th, FOP

Shop with a Cop program will match area children with local law enforcement officers for a holiday breakfast. The officers and children will then drive to Walmart and circle the parking lot with lights and sirens as they wait for Santa to arrive in a military HMMV before they start to shop. Monetary donations are welcome and will greatly assist this effort. Please make checks payable to: F.O.P. Heber City Lodge #30, 301 South Main Street, Heber City, UT, 84032, by November 15th. If you have questions, please call the Police Department at 435-654-3040.

