

Heber City News

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Over the past few months, I have had some great conversations with many of our residents and nonresidents about how things are going in our city. Many of them have shared with me a personal story of something that happened to them while in Heber City. The majority of their remarks have been positive and complimentary on what our City is doing. I have received many comments from our residents about our employees and the high quality of service that is being provided from all of our departments. We try hard not to micromanage our City employees, but give them the opportunity to use their skills to do their job for which they were hired. As the Mayor I am grateful for the loyalty of our employees and the professional services they provide for residents.

Another great thing about our City is the degree of involvement we have from our community members and organizations. For example, Scott and Lane Lythgoe volunteered to take down the old cupola from the Central School to preserve a part of Heber City's history. Our Rotary Club provides a great service to the community by sponsoring the Honors banquet. Like these, there are many other organizations and businesses serving and make a difference in the lives of the people of our community. I would encourage everyone that would like to serve and give back, to get involved. By doing so, you can and will make a difference in your own life and in the lives of others. It is these small acts that you do as a citizen that help to build a great community and a place where people feel at home.

The City has had a major Sewer line project going on since last fall which we have called the Northwest Sewer line. The new line will connect the Northern end of Heber to the City's sewer infrastructure and is being paid for with impact fees. As this new sewer line has been put in, it has affected many of our City residents. I express my appreciation to all of you for your patience and understanding.

The City is reconstructing a new road along 600 South from Main Street to 500 East. There will be a trail and bike lanes along this new road. Another project that will begin in June is the reconstruction of Mill Road

from Center Street to 1200 East. The road will be widened to accommodate the traffic load, along with bike lanes and sidewalks. Mill Road has become a major artery in the City's transportation system, so the update on the road is needed. Please be careful as you go through these areas and be patient with us as we push forward to complete them.

The Airport Industrial Park is now complete. This was a project that the City put in place to attract new core jobs for the valley. Businesses are the foundation for the City that helps us to thrive and grow. They improve the quality of life for our residents, with job growth and tax revenues they provide. Businesses provide funds that help to run the City. I appreciate all of the business owners who have chosen to invest in Heber City's future, in making our City a great place to live.

The City Council and staff over the past few months have been putting together the City's operating budget for the year 2016-2017. The budget has just a few more minor adjustments and then it will be ready for the Public Hearing on June 16th. The tentative budget is on line at the City website for the public to review. One of the main requests from the department heads this year is the need for manpower to fill the demand for public services the City provides. Sales Tax continues to be the largest source of revenue in the General Fund with a budget estimate of \$ 2,900,000. The sewer fund is being budgeted for 20% rate increase that would go into effect in July 2016. The water fund has also a 20% rate increase for the culinary and pressurized irrigation system that will go into effect in January 2017. The budget reflects a 3% increase in property tax rate to help fund fixed operating costs for the new employees to be hired. The estimated General Fund revenue in the tentative budget is \$7,179,700, the estimate for expense is \$ 7,179,700, with \$1,527,252 in the unreserved general fund.

As the weather warms up, please remember that children are playing along the streets, riding bikes and jogging, and not paying attention to cars. Please be safe and have a wonderful summer. Hope to see you Thursday nights at the Farmers market!

- Mayor Alan McDonald



UDOT HEBER ROAD CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION:

600 South; Main Street to 500 East

Heber City, in partnership with UDOT, is widening 600 South from Main Street to 500 East. The road will be expanded from two lanes to two traffic lanes with a center turn lane, a 10-foot bike path will be added to the south side of 600 South, and a pressurized irrigation system will be installed.

Multiple construction and utility crews are currently working on 600 South, and entire blocks are open to local traffic only. It is highly recommended that motorists avoid 600 South if at all possible.

Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

US-40; 400 North to Jordanelle

UDOT, in conjunction with the City of Heber, is installing new pavement that will extend the life of U.S.-40 from milepost 12.81 to milepost 16.55. A layer of old asphalt will be removed and will be replaced with new pavement.

Construction began on Monday, May 16, with roadwork expected to last about two months. Crews will be working Sunday – Thursday, with some night work expected.

For work in town, from 400 North to 750 North, drivers can expect lane reductions and delays. Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained during peak hours, but could be reduced to one lane in each direction during non-peak times.

Outside of City limits, drivers can expect two lanes of traffic in each direction with lane shifts and traffic controls in place.

1200 East (South Mill Road); Center Street to 1200 South

1200 East (South Mill Road) will be expanded from two lanes to two traffic lanes with a center turn lane. Bicycle lanes will also be added, along with sidewalks, pedestrian ramps and curb and gutter in some portions of the road. Construction is scheduled to begin on May 31st, and the project is expected to be complete by the end of August.

For questions or comments on any of these road projects, please call (801) 358-8923, or e-mail us at heber2016projects@gmail.com.

CERT PROGRAM



Congratulations to those who successfully completed the Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) session 19 on May 7th:

- Toni Williams
- Leland Fudge
- George Ward
- Beverly Jones

CERT basic training prepares citizens to be prepared and assist in a disaster when emergency resources will be overwhelmed. The training requires dedication and attendance one evening a week for seven weeks with learning topics including: emergency preparedness, light fire suppression, first aid, disaster triage, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness. The class culminates in a disaster simulation.

A large thank you to those who supported the CERT class including: Smiths, Days Market, UPS Store, Wasatch County Emergency Management, Wasatch County Fire, Heber Valley Medical Center and other's generous with time and donations.

A big thanks also to the Key Citizen Corps Council, CERT leadership and instructors including Darlene and Larry London, Don Wills, Juan Morales, Paul King, Kent Gratteau, Bill and Nannette Hjelm and the many others who work hard to make this happen.

The next CERT series will be this fall. Exact dates still to be arranged.

To learn more about CERT contact: Bill Hjelm, Wasatch County Citizen Corps CERT Coordinator, whjelm@gmail.com, or Darlene London, Wasatch County Citizen Corps Chair, wasatch4cutah@gmail.com

