



# HEBER CITY NEWS

## May 2010



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE by Mayor Dave Phillips

Earthquakes in Haiti, China, (and recently in Randolph, Utah), volcanic ash that closed down airline flights over Europe, tsunamis, and disasters around the world are in the news. Emergency preparedness is a subject that is timely for all of us. We've always known that ingress and egress routes in the Heber Valley are limited. I met this past week with Heber City Police Chief Ed Rhoades, and Kent Berg, Wasatch County Emergency Management Director to discuss emergency preparedness. It is so important for families to be able to fend for themselves for the first 72 hours following an emergency, using "In-place sheltering" - meaning our homes or businesses. The recurring theme of most meetings held on preparedness is this: "The opportunity to prepare is now."

Like many of you, our family has food and water storage set aside, but among the many good points Chief Rhoades and Director Berg brought up in our discussion was the fact that drinking water, which is often stored in huge containers, is difficult to get to. Families should consider purchasing cases of bottled water that are easy to stack, and have a long shelf life. Heber Light and Power continues to work on its local emergency assurance plan for providing power when "power is out" and to locations where it is needed the most. During certain emergencies, electrical power will likely be unavailable in some areas, and we should all recognize that. Depending on the scope of an emergency, Public Works employees in Heber City and Wasatch County will work in concert with the County Sheriff's Department and the Heber City Police Department in carrying out emergency disaster activities. While there is no single gathering place or shelter in our community large enough to house everyone during large-scale emergencies, local resources will be marshaled or brought together in an appropriate, effective way. Meanwhile, it is up to us to look ahead and prepare.

All disasters aren't huge in scale. We may never suffer an earthquake. In future messages, I will share ideas and reminders the experts have compiled that will help us in a time of disaster. Let's hope our plans and strategies never have to be fully implemented. It is very important, however, to ensure we have plans and strategies for helping ourselves during times of need.

### WATER CONSERVATION

With warm weather coming on, here are some tips for conserving water in the yard:

- Always water during early morning hours, when temperatures are cooler, to minimize evaporation.
- Water your lawn in several short sessions rather than one long one. This will allow the water to be better absorbed.
- Don't water your lawn on windy days. After all, sidewalks and driveways don't need water.
- Use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, don't water.

Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.

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## GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

All landowners in Heber City are responsible for the control of noxious weeds. If you are a new or present owner that has land infested with noxious weeds, you have the obligation to control these weeds.

### Legal Requirements

*The Utah Noxious Weed Act, (Title 4, Chapter 17, Rule R68-09), provides for control and management of noxious weeds in Utah. Private landowners, municipalities and state agencies are subject to the provision of the Utah Noxious Weed Act. Federal agencies are subject to the provision of the Federal Noxious Weed Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-629) as amended in 1990 (Section 15, management of undesirable plants on federal lands.)*

Noxious weeds standing, being, or growing shall be controlled and the spread prevented by effective grubbing, digging, pulling, tillage, cropping, pasturing, or treating with chemicals or other effective methods, or combination thereof as often as may be required to prevent the weed from blooming and maturing seeds, or spreading by root, root stalks or other means.

### CLASSIFICATION OF THE STATE WEED LIST

<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>
Blackhenbane	Tall White Top	Bermuda Grass
Leafy Spurge	Dalmation Toadflax	Canada Thistle
Johnson Grass	White Top (Hoary Cress)	Diffuse Knapweed
Spotted Knapweed	Houndstongue	Field Bind Weed
Yellowstar Thistle	Musk Thistle	Medusa Head
Yellow Toadflax	Oxeye Daisy	Purple Loosestrife
Russian Knapweed	Perennial Pepperweed	Quack Grass
Salt Cedar	Poison Hemlock	St. Johnsworts
Dyers Woad	Scotch Thistle	Sulfur Cinquefoil
	Squarrose Knapweed	



## REMINDER FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Spring weather seems to be right around the corner and hopefully we are done with the snow. As we turn our attention outside, the Heber City Planning Department would like to remind the citizens of this beautiful city of a few things:

**Landscaping and yards are required:** Chapter 18.76 of the Heber City Code requires all homes to have 70% of the front and side yards landscaped. This landscaping is required to be in place within 24 months of occupancy.

**Noxious Weeds:** Property owners are asked to keep their property weed free, especially along the street and side walk. Efforts should be made to reduce the fire hazard of vacant lots as well. Last year the thistle was horrible, so let's try to eliminate it early this year.

**Planter Strip:** The area between the curb and sidewalk are required to be landscaped and weed free.

**Fences:** A fence permit is required prior to constructing your fence. There is no cost for the permit, and it takes just a minute to fill out the request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 654-4830, or visit our office at 75 North Main Street.

### HEBER VALLEY FARMERS MARKET AND CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Heber Valley Farmers Market along with the Concert in the Park series will be held every Thursday at the Heber City Park beginning June 17, 2010 and ending August 26, 2010. The Farmers Market will open at 4:00 p.m. and the concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. New vendors are welcome. Produce and crafts must be grown or made in Utah. For more information, contact Suzanne Hansen at Heber City Offices, 435-654-0757 or 435-654-4830.

### INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

Be sure to check the City's website often. The current agendas and minutes for the City Council are posted as well as the Planning Commission. You can also pay your utility bill online. The website address is [www.ci.heber.ut.us](http://www.ci.heber.ut.us).