



# HEBER CITY NEWS

## *June 2011*



### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE** by Mayor Dave Phillips

This month I would like to share an important message from the Caring Community Coalition. Underage drinking is a serious problem in Utah that requires the entire state joining together in order to reach a solution. Heber Valley Counseling and the Caring Community Coalition have partnered with ParentsEmpowered.org to tackle this issue in our community.

The Caring Community Coalition is made up of individuals from various sectors in Wasatch County who volunteer their time to address underage drinking and other substance abuse related concerns. These individuals include Deb Jones of the Wasatch County School Board, Ed Thacker from Adult Probation and Parole, Tammy Thacker from Heber City Police Department, Danny Davis from the Wasatch County Sheriff Department, Kurt Hoffman from Youth Probation and Parole, Amber George from Wasatch County Health Department, Gerald Day representing the senior citizens, Heber City Mayor Dave Phillips, Wasatch County Councilman Kendall Crittenden, Del Barney from the Rotary Club, Mary Bluth and Jeff Bradshaw representing local business leaders, Laurie Wynn from the Wasatch Wave, Allan Sulser and Deb Procter from Utah State Extension/4-H, Diane Clark and Ruth Jarvis, local citizens, Morris Tanner, Bonnie Vance, and Kenna Jones from the Children's Justice Center, Amanda Jensen from DCFS, Landon Middaugh from Highway Patrol, and Dennis Hansen, Lynette Schiess and Kathy Day of Heber Valley Counseling. Meetings are held once a month to discuss the substance abuse related problems in our community. Brainstorming is then done to develop solutions for the identified issues.

ParentsEmpowered.org is a campaign organized to educate families and communities about the dangers and lifelong implications of underage drinking and provide them with skills and resources needed to help eliminate the likelihood of their children engaging in underage drinking.

Did you know:

- Parental disapproval is the #1 reason teens don't drink.
- Kids who drink before age 15 have a 40% chance of becoming addicted.

- Most underage drinking happens between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- New research shows that underage drinking can cause permanent brain damage.
- Underage drinking in Utah starts earlier than you may think – around age 11.
- Children who drink are 7.5 times more likely to use an illicit drug.

What can you do:

- Talk to your kids early and often about no underage drinking.
- Set clear rules and expectations about no underage drinking.
- Know where your children are and who they are with – get acquainted with their friends.

For more information and proven skills to prevent underage drinking, call Heber Valley Counseling at 435-657-3228 or go to [www.parentsempowered.org](http://www.parentsempowered.org)



### **CEMETERY CLEAN-UP NOTICE**

Heber City Cemetery personnel will be conducting a clean-up beginning **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>**. The clean-up will last approximately four days. We ask that any decorations that visitors wish to save be removed before the scheduled clean-up. All decorations left will be discarded. This includes all floral decorations, baskets, shepherd hooks, solar lights, pinwheels, etc. If you have any questions, please call the Cemetery at 654-3952.

## HEBER CITY POLICE NEWS

With the arrival of spring and summer comes the reality of additional crime that poor weather may have deterred. We especially see a marked increase in burglaries and vandalism. Please remember to lock doors, windows, sheds and other property around your house. During good weather it is always nice to leave doors and windows open, but it makes your residence an easier target for predators. Unlocked cars or cars with windows down become easy targets as well. The extra time that it takes to lock up and close windows when leaving is worth it, considering that most crimes in our area are crimes of opportunity. If the opportunity is gone, many times the criminals move on to easier targets.

Spring is also a time when many work on projects around their house. This is a good time to conduct weed control, and clean up any unsightly messes that have accumulated in the yard. If you live on a street corner please pay attention to vegetation growth or other obstructions that might block the view of passing cars. City ordinances prohibit view obstructions, accumulations of junk or debris, and tall weeds that crop up in yards. A little attention now will help code enforcement officers and reduce complaints from neighbors.



### HEBER VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER

Heber Valley Animal Shelter requests your help in donating dog and cat food for its visitors. Any contribution is appreciated, however we need the food to be in bags (no cans please). You may drop off your donations at the Heber City Police Department located at 301 S. Main Street. The office is open from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. If you have any questions, please call Wendy or Tammy at 435-654-3040.

### 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 on Main Street beginning June 16, 2011. The City listened to the voice of its citizens and has extended the market and concerts two additional weeks, ending September 8, 2011. 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, 435-654-4830.

## FREE SUMMER FOOD FOR KIDS

Kids can have free lunch and fun while school is out. For more information and to find a location near you, contact Utahns Against Hunger 1-800-453-3663 or [www.uah.org](http://www.uah.org) No forms or ID required.

### FORMER CEMETERY SEXTON PASSES AWAY

The City wishes to recognize the passing of Hyrum Smith who served as the Heber City Cemetery Sexton. Hyrum passed away on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 83. Hyrum retired from the City in March 1990 after 20+ years of faithful service. This World War II veteran and long time resident will be missed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICES AND FOOD BANK

#### Rick Nye Art Auction

Join Community Action Services and Food Bank on Friday, June 17 between 7-9 p.m., for a reception honoring local photographer and Artist Rick Nye. Rick Nye's work was recently shown at the Provo City Library and the SCERA Center for the Arts. Along with a generously donated piece for auction, Mr. Nye will make his work available for purchase that evening with a percentage of the proceeds going to Community Action Services and Food Bank. Mr. Nye's work will be on display in our building from May 17-June 30. We invite you to join us on the evening of June 17<sup>th</sup> for this unique fundraising event.

RSVP by calling Maureen Kilgour at (801) 691-5227 or by email, at [mkilgour@CommunityActionUC.org](mailto:mkilgour@CommunityActionUC.org). CASFB is a 501c-3; your gift to our agency, minus the value of any purchase is fully tax deductible.

#### Ridleys Fest

Join Community Action Services and Ridleys on Orem Center Street on June 11, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for a day full of fun for the whole family. Events will include bounce houses for kids, prize give-a-ways, Father's Day Essay Contest (Details available in store), barbecue food and fresh scones. Please bring food to donate to the Community Action Food Bank. Proceeds from the event will go to help families in need living in our community.

