



Heber City News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

by Mayor Dave Phillips

Dear Friends: Christmas is right around the corner and some people are asking "What happened to fall? Time seems to go by faster every year, don't you think? The sprinkler systems - drained. The lawns - mowed for the last time. The leaves - raked, bagged and hauled away. Snow blowers have replaced lawnmowers in some garages and we're all waiting for "you know what." The holiday season of gratitude is here and for the next several weeks we'll have the opportunity to show and express our gratitude in many ways. It has been said that gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. I hope we can all work on having an attitude of gratitude. What a blessing it is to live in this great country we call America, and especially here in Heber City. I express my gratitude to our community and extend best wishes to each of you for a special holiday season and a very, Merry Christmas.

POLICE CHIEF RETIRES



After more than 14 years as the Chief of Police, Ed Rhoades retired November 8th. He worked in law enforcement for 38 years, serving in Clinton City and Roy City before moving to Heber. When he took over as Chief, there were five

officers and a city population of 6,500. His department has grown to 14 officers, who protect and serve the population of almost 12,000. During his tenure as Chief of Police, Chief Rhoades helped implement security at the 2002 Olympic venue in the valley, implemented programs to help control crime, and helped the community in many positive ways. He was a great team member and will be greatly missed as a community leader and co-worker.

DOG LICENSES

Just a reminder that every dog in Wasatch County is required to have a license. **All dog licenses expire December 31st** and must be renewed each January. To obtain a license, please come to the Treasurer's Office, located in the Heber City Offices, 75 North Main Street. The fee is \$15.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$25.00 for unfixed dogs. Please bring proof of rabies shots.



DISCOVERY HOLIDAY DAY CAMP

The YMCA of Northern Utah provides a nurturing and caring environment for all. Holiday Day Camp is a fun and safe place for your children to be during the day when school is out. Campers will enjoy fun activities, creative art projects, group games, and much more. Y Day Camp will be held at the Wasatch County Recreation Center beginning December 21, 2012 into the following week: December 26-28, 2012. To find out more and to register visit www.ymcautah.org/heber



HEBER CITY APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

At the City Council meeting held on November 15th, Mayor Phillips recommended the appointment of Dave Booth as the new Heber City Chief of Police. The City Council gave unanimous support to this appointment.

Dave Booth is a Utah native, born and raised in the Utah County area. He began his career in 1989 as a Police Cadet with the Orem Police Department. After serving an L.D.S. mission to Chicago, Illinois he attended the Utah Police Academy and took full time employment with the Vernal Police Department. In December of 1998, he relocated his family to Heber City and was hired by the Park City Police Department. In January of 2003, Sheriff David A. Edmunds appointed Dave to serve as his Chief Deputy in the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Dave has 21 years of law enforcement experience. He has served as a patrol officer, field training officer, school resource officer and first line supervisor. Special assignments held have been; narcotics enforcement, gang enforcement, bicycle patrol, S.W.A.T. and hostage negotiation.

Dave enjoys spending time with his wife and three kids. He enjoys hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, camping, vacationing with his family and spending time in his yard and garden.

Chief Booth will begin his employment with Heber City on December 3rd and he looks forward to serving the city with insight and practical knowledge, generating consensus, and ultimately improving the lives and safety of

the citizens of Heber City. He welcomes public input and ideas and looks forward to working with Heber City residents as their new Chief of Police.



DONATE TO THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Keep an eye out for the Holiday Food Drive grocery bags that will be delivered in newspapers throughout the state. You can also drop off non-perishable food donations at **Smith's**, RC Willey and Riverton Motor Group locations, along with numerous other food pantries statewide. You can donate to the Utah Food Bank without leaving your computer - Give food through the Virtual Food Drive online at www.utahfoodbank.org/virtual-food. Utah Food Bank provides food to a statewide network of 154 emergency food pantries and agencies. Last fiscal year, Utah Food Bank distributed 33.3 million pounds of food, which helps the equivalent of over 23 million meals for families in need.

There are **many local organizations** that could use help this time of year, please remember those less fortunate this holiday season.

Happy Holidays

