

# Heber City News

July 2014

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** *Heber City Offices will be closed July 4th and July 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mayor Alan McDonald

As Independence Day approaches our nation's symbols of freedom begin to play a more prominent role in our community. I speak of our flag, statues, uniforms, anthems, and other emblems. These symbols of our freedom are more than just relics of ancient heroism. They continue to inspire us today, keeping the promise of freedom alive for present and future generations.

We have a responsibility to future generations to uphold, protect, and preserve those self-evident truths that gave birth to a country. Though separated by the centuries, we can stand with those who boldly declared that all people everywhere are "endowed by their Creator" with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



Nearly 200 years ago Francis Scott Key wrote the words that became America's national anthem. All through the night, enemy war ships bombarded Baltimore's Fort McHenry. But by "dawn's early light" Francis Scott Key saw his country's flag still flying proudly. We feel that same pride when this anthem brings stadiums full of

people to their feet in grateful remembrance of their Liberty. Our soul is stirred when we see symbols like the Liberty Bell. Thousands wait in line, day after day, to view the now-silent bell near Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Its inscription still resounds in our hearts: "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."



The statue of Liberty is another symbol that rallies our resolve for freedom. Its torch kindles hope in people from all nations who are welcomed by the words engraved in its pedestal: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free".

In the midst of our parades and celebrations, we might pause to ponder for a moment and ask ourselves, what is the meaning behind all our flags and traditions? The brilliant fireworks, the parades, picnics, and parties all remind us of the freedoms we enjoy and the allegiance we pledge. Every time we see flags along city streets, every time patriotic music pours from marching bands, and every time we whisper a prayer of thanks for the soldiers who safeguard our freedom, our hearts swell with loyalty and love for country.

Symbols such as these are so much more than cloth or metal. They remind us of the ideas for which so many have united, worked, and sacrificed. They fill us



with thanksgiving for the land we love. These symbols represent the standard of liberty that we can all rally around. This Fourth of July let us all ponder in our hearts for a moment and remember the sacrifices of those who have so valiantly fought to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today; and let us renew our resolve to maintain the freedom we inherited from our forefathers.

## 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Heber City is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year of incorporation and is looking for citizens that would be willing to serve on a celebration committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder, at 435-657-7886.

## UTAH NATIONAL GUARD BAND TO PERFORM

On Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Utah National Guard Band will hold a free concert in the Main Street Park located at 300 South Main at 7:00 p.m. - "The Utah National Guard's 23rd Army Band has a rich & wonderful history spanning 90 years as an internationally distinguished military band! These Soldiers have performed in many States, and internationally in Russia, Germany and the Kingdom of Morocco. With roughly 60 performances per year, the



23rd Army Band is one of the busiest Military Bands in the Country. Bring the whole family to enjoy this patriotic experience!"

## TRAFFIC SIGNAGE UPDATE

During the month of July, upon final approval by the Heber City Council on July 3, 2014, Heber City workers will begin updating the traffic signage at all intersections in the core of town, from 500 North to 600 South, and from 600 West to 600 East. **Please be cautious as signage in this area may change and affect driving patterns and routes that vehicles have historically used.** Additional changes in other parts of the City may follow when a review of the remaining areas of the City is completed. For additional information regarding the recommended changes please see the link on the home page of Heber City's web site at [www.ci.heber.ut.us](http://www.ci.heber.ut.us). For questions contact Bart Mumford, City Engineer at 435-657-7891.

## FIREWORKS SAFETY

Whether you're celebrating Independence Day, the New Year, a backyard barbecue, or other family occasions; it is important to understand the laws regulating fireworks use in Heber City. Familiarize yourself with the fireworks that are permitted and if you're not sure contact Heber City Police at (435) 654-3040. Have a safe summer holiday.

