

Heber City News

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PREPARE NOW FOR SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION

By: Mayor Alan McDonald

*“When the well runs dry, we’ll know the worth of water”
---Ben Franklin*

As the warm summer season approaches us, it brings with it the need for outdoor watering. This is the ideal time to evaluate how we use this resource. This year there should be sufficient water for our needs, but we still need to limit waste and do all we can to preserve this vital resource

Water is a precious and limited resource that we must use wisely. We should ask ourselves, “What can we do this summer to conserve water?” The snow pack this year has been below average and when combined with the previous years, our reservoirs have become low.

Water is one of the key drivers to Heber Valley’s economy. It feeds the natural beauty that provides recreational opportunities, and attracts great companies and employees. It is essential to the survival of many businesses. We must thoughtfully approach how we manage our limited water supply to preserve these economic interests.

We can certainly all play a part in helping to protect this very important resource. I hope this year we will choose to use our water more carefully. By conserving now, we reduce the likelihood that government authorities will be required to decrease the amount of water available to us.

If anyone has any innovative water savings techniques you would like to share, please email them to me at alwmcdonald@gmail.com and I will try to incorporate some of them in the City newsletter during the next few months.

Water Saving Tips:

- 1- Use the right equipment and watering system.** This will not only save you money, but also will help you save on water usage as well. Use drip line irrigation for your gardens, shrubs, and flower beds.
- 2- Avoid spraying down your drive ways and sidewalks. Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways and sidewalks**
- 3. Put a layer of mulch around trees and plants.** Mulching around plants is a great way to reduce water

loss. Mulch also cuts down on water-stealing weeds. Mulch will slow evaporation of moisture while discouraging weed growth. Adding 2 - 4 inches of organic material such as compost or bark mulch will increase the ability of the soil to retain moisture. Press the mulch down around the drip line of each plant to form a slight depression which will prevent or minimize water runoff.

4. Put thirsty plants together: To save water, group plants into watering zones. Place the thirstiest plants near the house where they can drink roof runoff. Farther out, make a “transition zone” for plants that need supplemental drip irrigation.

5- Water in the cool of the morning. You’ll lose less water to evaporation than in the heat of the day. Resist watering at dusk; wet foliage during the night encourages fungus and mildew growth.

6. Check your toilets for leaks. Put a little food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired

7. Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush. There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.

8. Water your lawn only when it needs it. A good way to see if your lawn needs watering is to step on the grass. If it springs back up when you move, it doesn't need water. If it stays flat, the lawn is ready for watering. Letting the grass grow taller (to 3") will also promote water retention in the soil. Most lawns only need about 1" of water each week. During dry spells, you can stop watering altogether and the lawn will go brown and dormant. Once cooler weather arrives, the morning dew and rainfall will bring the lawn back to its usual vigor. This may result in a brown summer lawn, but it saves a lot of water.

DOOR TO DOOR SALESMEN

Submitted by: Sr. Officer Salvador “Chava” Segura

The selling of goods, wares, and merchandise or soliciting orders requires a HEBER CITY BUSINESS LICENSE. No person shall operate a transient sales business without this license. It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen to engage in transient sales. All applicants MUST be subjected to a background investigation and possess a valid driver’s license. Each



person engaged in transient sales shall display their permit on their person at all times when engaged in business for which a license is granted. If they DO NOT display their permit, don't hesitate to notify the police department by calling (435) 654-1411.

C.E.R.T. TRAINING CLASS

The Heber City Police Department in cooperation with Wasatch County Emergency Management and the Wasatch County Citizen Corps Council will be hosting a

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training class starting in April 2014. CERT training provides knowledge of what to do in an emergency or disaster to help yourself and others in your neighborhood, including topics such as: light fire suppression, first aid, light search and rescue and many other topics.



- Class series starts April 9th 2014, and runs each Wednesday for seven weeks through May 21st 2014.
- Next class series starting September 17th 2014.
- No Charge.
- Sign up at the Heber City Police Department.
- Location to be determined.
- Times each Wednesday during the series:
 - 6pm to 7pm: In-service training for already trained CERTs or those interested in additional CERT topics.
 - 7pm to 9pm: CERT training series for new CERT's
 - 9pm to 10pm: Ham Radio/ARES training for those interested in Amateur radio.

CERT series training schedule:

- April 9th : CERT Introduction and Disaster Preparedness
- April 16th : Fire Safety, Light Fire Suppression
- April 23rd : Disaster Medical Operations I
- April 30th: Disaster Medical Operations II
- May 7th: Light Search & Rescue/Traffic Control
- May 14th : CERT Organization, Disaster Psychology, Terrorism
- May 21st : Disaster Simulation/Final

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION AWARD

The Mayor's Recognition Award is given to Heber City employees who have shown excellence in their work and who have gone above and beyond the call of their job descriptions. Cathy Bingham was recently honored with the Mayor's Recognition Award for her attention to

detail, integrity and attitude as a team player, among other things. Cathy has served in a wide array of positions and held many responsibilities during her 12 years with Heber City. Cathy has excellent customer service skills and a broad knowledge of City operations which makes her an invaluable asset to the City. Congratulations and thank you Cathy!

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS

Heidi Franco: Heidi H. Franco is married to Leno Franco and they are the parents of 12 children, and two grandchildren. They've raised their family in the beautiful Heber Valley for the past 20 years. Mrs. Franco graduated from high school in Pleasant Grove, Utah and served an LDS mission to Alabama. She graduated from BYU with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. She also received a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Utah and has taught government courses for over sixteen years at three universities. She's served as a Zoning Judge and worked on the County's Open Space Committee. She enjoys playing the piano and organ as well as composing music. She absolutely loves the inspiring beauty of our Heber Valley. She honors the pioneer legacy that built Heber; and the trust given her now. She is committed to serve the citizens of Heber City; and helping Heber to stay a great place to raise a family.

WASATCH COUNTY 2014 MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

DATE: Monday, May 26, 2014
TIME: 7:00 a.m. **FREE Pancake** Breakfast
8:00 a.m. PROGRAM
PLACE: Wasatch Co. Events Center Outdoor Arena -- 415 S. South Field Road
SPEAKERS: Calvin Giles, U.S. Army, WWII Veteran
Richard K. Gallagher, VADM, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Also included in program: Music, Honor Guard, 21-Gun Salute, Taps, Bagpipes and a flyover by the Commemorative Air Force. Accepting donations of \$1.00 or more for the Wasatch County Wounded Warriors Program



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