

# Heber City News

September 2021

## SEPTEMBER 2021

### September 7

City Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

### September 14

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm

### September 15

Historical Preservation Meeting 6 pm

### September 21

City Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

### September 28

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm

### October 13

Airport Advisory Board

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

On my walk this morning I noticed the poor air quality and felt saddened by the realities of the fires burning in other places that affect our air quality. Thankfully we have only had to deal with the smoke and not the fires in our community. However, this is a reminder that we can't take our air quality for granted.

We can take individual steps such as not idling our cars and choosing environmentally friendly vehicles and recreational vehicles. We are going to be launching more efforts from the city to educate all residents on what we can each do to help.

With increased fires and other climate change impacts our state and nation are engaging in on-going conversations about many proposals but one that is gaining bi-partisan support is carbon dividends legislation. An op-ed from 25 Republicans published in the Deseret News on June 4<sup>th</sup> expressed support for carbon fee and dividends and stated the following:

“We support a carbon dividends approach that puts a fee on carbon emissions and returns all the money to the American people in dividend checks. This approach does not require heavy-handed government oversight. The fee gives the markets an incentive to move to clear technologies, while the dividend protects families from the effect of higher energy prices.”

I am a co-chair of the Utahns for Carbon Dividends state-wide organization. Our kick-off press release stated: “We launched Utahns for Carbon Dividends because America needs a climate policy that bridges partisan divides, strengthens our economy and protects our environment.” Visit our website and learn more at <https://utahcarbondividends.org/> and share your thoughts with your state and federal elected officials.

## FOOD TRUCKS BY FIRELIGHT

What could be better than a fire pit on a beautiful autumn night?

Answer: When you get to eat delicious food from a variety of food trucks! Heber City is hosting “Food Trucks by Firelight” generally held every **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from Noon – 8:00 pm at the City Hall Fire Pit.** The fire pit is turned on from 5-9 pm.



There is plenty of room on the lawn, so bring your picnic blanket and gather your family and join the fun!

## WHERE CAN YOU DISPOSE OF CHEMICAL WASTE?

***Correction to Original Newsletter Article***  
The September Newsletter incorrectly announced that the Wasatch County Transfer Station accepts chemical waste. This information is incorrect and the Wasatch County Transfer Station no longer accepts any chemical waste. Please **DO NOT** take any chemical waste to the transfer station.

## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



With students heading back to school, those yellow flashing lights will once again be warning drivers to slow down. There are several crosswalks in the city, and our kids walk across them daily. Keeping our kids and crossing guards safe is a big priority for the police department. Please use caution during school zone times, and use the following tips:

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limit (Fines are doubled for speeding in school zones).
- When entering a school zone, be sure to obey all traffic laws.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never make a U-Turn in a school zone
- Never text while driving, and avoid using your cell phone at all in school zones.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP TREES IN THE PARK STRIP TRIMMED



Recently, we have received reports from concerned residents regarding overgrown trees & shrubs in park strips (the area between the public sidewalk & the shoulder of the road) which are blocking traffic signs, obstructing visibility at intersections, & causing potential

hazards for school buses & other motor vehicles. We would like to remind residents that homeowners/property owners are responsible for maintaining these trees in the park strips & keeping them neatly trimmed in order that they don't cause hazards for drivers or pedestrians. (See Heber City municipal Code 12.20.170: Right-Of-Way Landscaping)

Also, please note that when trimming trees and shrubs in the park strips, homeowners/property owners must remove all pruned limbs, branches & leaves & properly dispose of them. Tree trimmings may not be left in the public right-of-way, nor may they be allowed to fall down nearby storm drains, as such trimmings clog storm drains and impede our storm water system. (See Heber City Municipal Code 12.20.100: Public Tree Care.)

Thank you for helping to maintain the trees in the park strips! We appreciate your cooperation with this effort.

## FOGS PROGRAM

Just a friendly reminder to help keep our sewer system clear of fats, oils, grease and sand waste material (aka FOGS).

Our Program Compliance Administrator, Chris Pedersen, is in the process of contacting local restaurants and other businesses which work with fats, oils & grease in order to assess their disposal process & equipment and to advise regarding acceptable FOGS disposal.



Further, please be aware that cleansing wipes marketed as "flushable" should NOT be flushed – despite how they are labeled. These wipes do not break down as toilet paper does, and they often end up clogging the City's sewer mains and homeowner's sewer laterals – in some cases, causing costly damage to the sewer system and equipment.

Please feel free to contact Chris Pedersen at Heber City Public Works if you have any questions regarding our FOGS program or regarding whether or not certain waste material may be disposed of through the sewer system.