



HEBER CITY NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE by Mayor Dave Phillips

This month I would like to recognize the employees of our City Police Department, and thank them for the job they do. Working in law enforcement is never an easy task. Where else do you find employees who put their lives on the line each day? The recent tragedy in Delta with a Deputy Sheriff being gunned down drives home this point.

The Heber City Police Department (HCPD) supports the special needs community of the valley with the Torch Run, Polar Plunge and other fundraisers for the Special Olympics. With the help of our community, HCPD was fifth in the state of Utah for fundraising. The department has been in the top six for many years.

The police department handled 9,130 cases in 2009, a 1.2% increase over 2008. Arrests in 2009 numbered 472 over 396 the prior year (+19.1%). The average response time the past 2 years averaged about 7 minutes. A cross-section of work they handled includes:

- 58 driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol
- 85 denied, suspended or revoked driver licenses
- 41 intoxications
- 22 thefts
- 22 assaults
- 174 warrants
- 67 state wide warrants

Drug arrests by Heber police officers breakdown:

2004	31
2005	51
2006	40
2007	60
2008	54
2009	149

Investigations: 94 child abuse or neglect cases, 6 cases of elderly abuse, and the individual apprehended for calling in a bomb threat to the school district was convicted.

Police Chief Ed Rhoades makes the following statement:

The Police Department wants to make Heber Citizens aware of a situation that is developing. In the past two weeks, there have been four daytime residential burglaries. These incidents occurred on the east side of

the city. We would ask the citizens to please lock their doors, and as a community, watch the area you live in for suspicious persons or activities. If you see someone in or around your neighborhood, or your neighbor's home or property you do not know, please call and we will check the situation out. This would include trades people, delivery people or sales people.

The department is seeing an increasing trend in property crimes. When the economy gets bad, crime goes up. We are aware of this and are prepared to help in any way we can. We have an open door policy. If we can help or answer questions please call.

Thank you Heber City police and staff for the job you do. We appreciate your efforts to handle all issues in a polite and professional manner, and keep our community safe.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP NOTICE

Heber City Cemetery will be conducting a clean-up beginning **Monday, April 5th**. 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, pin wheels, etc. If you have any questions, please call the Cemetery at 654-3952.

WATER SYSTEM TAMPERING

The Public Works Department would like to remind City residents of the following ordinance in Section 13.04.190, Water System Tampering, of the Heber City Municipal Code:

It is unlawful for any person, without authority, to open any valve or fixture attached to the system or water supply, or to, in any wise injure, deface or impair any part or appurtenance of the water system or to cast anything into any system reservoir or tank; and it is unlawful for any persons, after the water has been turned off from their premises on account of nonpayment of rates, or other violation of the rules and regulations pertaining to the water supply, to turn on, or allow, the water to be used without authority. Any person violating any of these provisions shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

United States® Census 2010

IT'S IN OUR HANDS

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

*Counting Everyone Once — and Only Once — and
In the Right Place*

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$4 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian – as well as language guides in 59 languages – will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of

these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about *how* we live as a nation – our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more – are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire. Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at <http://www.census.gov/2010> or contact Jason in the Heber City Planning Department.

GET YOUR PERSONAL PIECE OF THE STIMULUS \$\$!

The Utah State Energy Program will be offering a new rebate for home and business owners that install solar energy. That means if you install solar energy on your home or business you will get a check in the mail for thousands of dollars back! This is a brand new program funded through the Federal Stimulus bill and everyone will have questions about how it works. To help answer those questions the Utah Solar Energy Association is hosting the Utah Renewable Energy Conference 2010 that will provide a physical location where you can come and learn about the new rebate and how much money it can save you. This event will be held on Saturday, March 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus off I-15 at 9750 South in Sandy. Admission is \$5 for an individual or \$10 for a family. For more information and to register for the event visit www.utsolar.org.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE

Once again, the Scouts in the community are out to serve. On the morning of **Saturday, March 27th**, they will collect non-perishable food items in their neighborhoods. Please leave your food out on your doorstep before 8:00 a.m. and they will come to pick it up. All donations will go to the Community Action Food Bank in Provo and will feed families in need right here in our community. Don't miss out on this chance to make a difference. Find out more by visiting www.CommunityActionUC.org.