



HEBER CITY NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE by Mayor Dave Phillips

This month I would like to congratulate Timi Earl (daughter of Jenny Jones) for qualifying for the U.S. Junior Olympic Skeleton Team which will compete in Innsbruck, Austria. She competed recently in Park City, qualifying with a Bronze medal for the world competition. Timi also competed in Calgary, Canada, in the North America Youth Olympic Games Qualifying Races, and received a Bronze medal there as well. This 14 year old young woman from Heber City plays violin, and as a freshman, is in the 98th percentile in the nation in science and mathematics for her age group. Good luck Timi!

Some months ago, we updated you on the Heber Valley Animal Shelter, and the feedback and support from the community was very good. Friends of Animals Utah (FOAU) is still looking for animal lovers in Wasatch County to help with their program at the shelter. FOAU's mission is to find loving new homes for local pets who have been abandoned or neglected, or who end up at our shelter for any reason. FOAU sends volunteers into the shelter almost daily to extend public adoption hours, and to train and socialize animals in the shelter to make them more adoptable. They also fund vaccination and spay/neuter programs at the shelter, and run a feral cat trap/neuter/release program. These programs require the financial and volunteer support of community members to continue and to grow. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer, participate in fund-raising or wish to support the shelter, please email gotteson@foautah.org.

Congratulations to Robert Patterson, Jeff Bradshaw and Erik Rowland on their being elected to serve on the Heber City Council. We look forward to working with these new council members. Thanks to the citizens of Heber City who voted in the recent election.

Since the holidays are drawing near, I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas season.

DONATE TO THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Beginning November 1, the Utah Food Bank is on a mission to collect 1.5 million pounds of food and 28,000 turkeys for distribution to its agencies and pantries across the state. To assist in food collection, the Utah Food Bank annual Holiday Food Bag will be delivered in newspapers statewide during the first weeks of November and December.

Donations can also be made in any bag, box or container at the following drop-off locations throughout Utah: Smith's Food & Drug, Jiffy Lube, Riverton Motors and Wells Fargo. For more information, or to donate online, go to www.utahfoodbank.org.



SUMMERS ARE FOR DISCOVERY . . .

The YMCA of Utah is looking for your input. Do you feel your child's summer is lacking something? Are you searching for opportunities to keep them engaged when school is out? Would a Summer Day Camp in Heber Valley fill a need?

Please visit our website: www.YMCAUTAH.org to complete the Heber Valley Needs Assessment Survey and let us know what you think. Your feedback is important to us; it is vital to the potential development of a summer program.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

by Lieutenant Bradley

The other day, I spoke with Lieutenant Randy Richey of the Utah Highway Patrol about a recent tragedy the UHP had investigated. Lt. Richey asked area law enforcement agencies to assist in getting some important safety information out to drivers. I would like to pass on the information Lt. Richey provided.

"We've all seen those people...the ones sliding sideways going up the hill toward Mayflower in a snowstorm. We've been stuck behind those people, hoping they don't force us to come to a stop. Maybe we were even one of those people. Now is the time to check your tires, and consider purchasing a dedicated set of snow tires.

- While 2/32 of an inch is the minimum tread required on a tire to pass a safety inspection, it is nowhere near enough to travel safely in our mountain snowstorms.
- In many cases, even newer all-season tires are not sufficient for our snowstorms.
- While buying new snow tires when you still have tread on your all-season tires seems expensive, it will prolong the life of *both* sets of tires. It's really not that much more expensive in the long run, although there is a larger initial cost.
- Snow tires have more aggressive tread patterns to move more snow and slush out from under the tires, and are made from softer compounds that grip better on ice.
- All-wheel drive or four-wheel drive vehicles are not substitutes for good quality tires with lots of tread remaining. Four-wheel drive may get you going, but without good tires you'll be no better off trying to maintain control or stopping when you need to.

Please don't add to the tragedy already too prevalent on our highways....don't be that person!"



WATER BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Heber City now accepts American Express cards, as well as Visa, Mastercard, Discover Card, cash, checks, and autopay options for utility bill payments. The City only accepts cash and checks for business licenses, building permits, dog licenses and court fines.

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.

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!