

Heber City News

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SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Submitted by Officer Xela Thomas

We have received dozens of complaints regarding the state of the sidewalks in Heber City. We would like to remind you that it is your responsibility to maintain the sidewalks adjacent to your property.

Please remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to your property

12.06.030 Civil Duties And Personal Injury

The obligation to remove snow or ice from sidewalks shall be as follows, for purposes of civil liability for personal injury:

- A. Removal of snow or ice from sidewalks to the extent that removal is required by State law, shall be the exclusive obligation of the owner (and any tenant or lessee) of the property to which a sidewalk is continuous. Civil liability for personal injuries resulting from the failure to remove snow or ice from sidewalks, to the extent that removal is required by State law, shall be borne by the owner (and any tenant or lessee) of property.
- B. This section is enacted pursuant to Section 10.8.23 UCA, for the purpose of describing the persons who shall perform duties which may exist from time to time under State law in relation to removing snow or ice from sidewalks.

2.06.040 Sidewalk: Cleaning; Enforcement

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to push, pile or place snow or ice so that it unreasonably obstructs or blocks driveways or streets or blocks the visibility of motorists or otherwise creates a dangerous condition for pedestrian or vehicular traffic. This subsection shall not apply to snow or ice removal activities by Heber City.
- B. Punishment for violations of this section shall be as follows:
 1. A violation of subsection (1) shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.
 2. The duties described in this section shall

not be interpreted to create any duties enforceable in a civil action for personal injuries.

THIRTEEN WASATCH COUNTY C.E.R.T. STUDENTS TAKE PART IN MOCK

DISASTER

Submitted by Lt. Jason Bradley



On Saturday, October 29, Wasatch County's current class of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) students took part in a joint disaster training exercise with the Provo and Orem CERT classes. The exercise took place at the Provo City Center and was attended by a combined total of thirty-seven students with guidance from experienced CERT members from each section.

On Thursday, November 3rd, 11 members of this class of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) received certificates of completion, with others planning on completing their training in the spring. Students receiving certificates have completed eight weeks of training and participated in a joint mock disaster exercise with Provo and Orem CERT classes.

CERT training is provided nationwide to prepare individuals to respond to any manner of emergency situation. Most common scenarios involve earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados or other weather related events. In Wasatch County the training is provided free of charge twice each year: once in the fall and again in the spring. Among the subjects covered in the classes are emergency medical services, triage, light search and



rescue, organizational skills, and extinguishing small fires. With this training the CERT members are better able to respond when needed for their families, neighbors and communities.

The Wasatch County CERT organization is sponsored by the Heber City Police Department and the Wasatch County Sheriffs' Department. Students who completed the series of eight classroom sessions and the mock disaster were presented a certificate of completion and were provided a backpack with essential personal protective equipment and other emergency supplies. The major tenant of the organization is to "provide the greatest good to the greatest number of people" when an emergency occurs. While not strictly "first responders", CERT members may be on the scene of a disaster before the first responders can get there. As such, they can be relied upon by fire, police and EMTs to provide emergency services until specialized and more highly trained individuals can arrive.

Since its start in Wasatch County, CERT has trained over two hundred individuals. People interested in taking part in the training can contact the Heber City Police Department, Lt. Jason Bradley or William Hjelm, CERT Program Coordinator (435-503-1046).

Thanks to the dedicated CERT trainers, Wasatch County Citizen Corps Council Officers, Wasatch County EMS, Wasatch County Fire District, Wasatch County Emergency Management, Heber City Police Department, Intermountain Health Care, Wasatch County Jail Food Services and the many others who have supported this very successful class.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

When it comes to your Christmas tree, make sure that you make a fresh cut of approximately 1"-2" from the base of the tree. Be sure to add fresh water to your tree



every day. Most trees will need to be watered two times each day. *If you forget to water the tree, the base of the tree will seal up and the tree will no longer be able to absorb the water.*

Also, make sure that your tree is at least three feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, space heaters and heat vents. This warm air will dry out your tree very quickly.

SNOW SHOVELING SAFETY

With all that snow shoveling ahead of us, here are some tips to make sure that your pursuit of clean sidewalks and driveways is a safe and successful one. Prep work:

warm up before you start, it is exhausting work. Dress for the part: warm clothing will help you work longer. Technique is everything: it's always best to push more than to lift the snow. Pace yourself: staying within your capacity during heavy shoveling



can stave off serious cardiovascular issues. Watch for warning signs: your body is very skilled at letting you know when you're getting tired and when to quit shoveling. When you clean off your sidewalk and driveway, it's much safer for emergency personnel and your loved ones to gain access to your house.

*Heber City wishes you a safe and happy
Holiday Season!*

Happy Holidays

