

# Heber City News

July, 2020

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### *Respect and Kindness*

You can't live in the Heber Valley without being aware of the challenges we are facing due to growth. The demand to live in a beautiful rural valley with access to endless outdoor recreation, incredible views, and lower population has never been greater. A realtor told me recently that she has had people come to town with their belongings in a Uhaul and ask her to find them a place to live. With Covid and the ability to work remotely this has become even more common. Many existing residents have large families that are growing and naturally they want to continue living here as well.

Between growth, Covid-19 and other national issues we are watching our world change before our eyes. It is normal to form opinions based on our personal experiences and beliefs. I see a lot of arguing and disagreement about what should or should not be done. My biggest concern is that we maintain the ability to have rigorous, data-informed conversations without reducing people who don't agree with us to the "enemy". The more divided we become as a community, as a state, as a nation, the harder it is to find solutions for our most difficult problems. Look no farther than the national news and almost every issue from every source is polarized into an us versus them framework. The partisan divide makes it increasingly difficult for Congress to address the problems we are facing.

I've heard more than one Congressman say that the individual members of Congress get along well with members of the other party privately but they have to maintain the party lines publicly. This polarization is a reflection of our society and clearly isn't an effective way to govern. If, as individuals, we can get curious about the perspective and stories of those whose experience is different than ours, we can disagree respectfully, avoid name calling and find solutions for our greatest challenges. Whether you wear a mask or not, love the Pride banners or not, support the Black Lives Matter

movement or not, it is absolutely essential to our democracy and peaceful community that we advocate vigorously for policies we think are wise while maintaining respect for those who see the world differently than we do.

## FOOD TRUCKS BY FIRELIGHT

What could be better than a fire pit on a beautiful summer 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 **Monday, Friday and Saturday night from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the City Hall Fire Pit.**



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

## JULY, 2020

### **July 7**

City Council Meeting, 6 pm

### **July 4**

Independence Day – Heber City Offices Closed on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance

### **July 8**

Airport Advisory Board Meeting - CANCELED

### **July 14**

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm

### **July 21**

City Council Meeting, 6 pm

### **July 24**

Pioneer Day – Heber City Offices closed on July 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance

### **July 28**

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm



All public meetings can be listened to live at:

<https://www.heberut.gov/256/Agendas-and-Minutes>

## HEBER MARKET ON MAIN



Join us for the kick-off of Heber's annual summer event - the Heber Market on Main begins Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Main Street City Park. Although this year's Market will be

arranged differently to reduce the risk of COVID-19, the fun and excitement hasn't changed. Gates open at 6:00 pm with live music beginning at 6:30 pm and continuing to 8:30 pm. Join us for good food, great music and a hula hoop and face mask competition. Attendees will be required to wear a face mask to protect our friends and neighbors. Wear your craziest face mask 'cause you might win a prize. Please accept our invitation and join us at the Heber Market on Main Thursday evenings at 6 p.m.

You don't want to miss the pie-eating contest on July 16<sup>th</sup>!

## FLOOD / DITCH IRRIGATION REGULATIONS

For all of those using flood irrigation from the ditch irrigation system, please note that as per City Code 13.16.050 – Surplus Water, it is the responsibility of all residents using flood irrigation to keep the irrigation water on their own property and away from streets, sidewalks, and neighboring private properties. We are receiving calls from concerned citizens saying their neighbor's irrigation water is spilling over onto their property causing potential damage. Please be considerate of neighbors and of pedestrians by properly maintaining and controlling irrigation water on your own private property.

For all residents with irrigation ditches on or near their property, whether you utilize these ditches for irrigation or not, please note that it is the owner's responsibility to keep ditches free of tree and grass clippings, rocks, gravel, dirt and other debris. It is also the owner's responsibility to keep these ditches properly mowed and free of long grasses and weeds in order to avoid blockages that can cause flooding and can impede the irrigation water from reaching irrigation water shareholders.

## ONLINE PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health concerns, we will be following the recommendations from the State of Utah and Wasatch County Health Department Officials. Currently Wasatch County has been placed in the low-risk (Yellow) phase which requires ongoing social distancing. During this phase, attendance at public meetings will be limited in order to comply with social distancing requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that participation at public meetings be done virtually or by listening to the City's live audio streaming.

We are proud to feature GoToMeetings (online meeting with video and audio) and audio streaming for City meetings. Instructions for accessing the City's GoToMeetings or audio streaming can be found at [www.heberut.gov](http://www.heberut.gov), under the icon Agendas & Minutes. There you can find detailed instructions for participating in City meetings remotely.

## STORM DRAIN & GUTTER BLOCKAGE

We ask that residents, landscapers, and contractors who are using dirt, gravel, decorative rocks, and other materials to landscape please keep these items out of the street, right-of-ways, and away from storm drains and gutters. Such items cause road obstructions for drivers, unsightly debris in the public domain, and blockages in storm drains when they filter down into the drains during rainstorms. Please also note that it is a violation of City policy to



dump or sweep debris into storm drains and gutters, causing them to overflow & potentially flood surrounding areas. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our storm water system free of debris

in order that it functions properly!



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