



# HEBER CITY NEWS

## *September 2010*



### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE** by Mayor Dave Phillips

Each month as I prepare a message for the City's newsletter, I pause to think about the many things going on in our busy city. Summer is a busy time and I know we're all scrambling to squeeze in a vacation or two, attend family and school reunions, and accomplish at least one or two of the projects that were "put off until summer." If you're like me, some of those summer projects are really "fall" projects and so we give ourselves a little more time. The Center Street widening project is one of those City summer projects finished now. Thank you to the families living on Center Street who endured the many months of construction work which began last summer. We know it wasn't easy for them. City crews continue to fix water leaks as fast as they can get to them. UDOT finished the asphalt overcoat on Main Street. School crossing guards are gearing up to return to their jobs for the school year that's just around the corner. The Farmer's Market and Concert Series has been hugely successful this summer (thanks again to Suzanne Hansen and Paul Askins.) If you didn't get there this summer, be sure and mark your calendars for next year.

Mark Rounds and his group at Parks/Cemetery/Buildings have kept our cemetery and city parks and buildings looking beautiful. We really appreciate their hard work. It shows! The Tabernacle/City Offices is the face of our city to many travelers driving through Heber, and the grounds and flowers surrounding it have looked beautiful all summer. We see many people stopping there to take pictures and read the inscriptions on the monuments.

If you haven't noticed, a new drinking fountain was installed recently near the restrooms at the Main Street Park. Notwithstanding budget cuts, several job vacancies not being filled, and the tightening of the fiscal belt, Heber City employees have worked very hard to help make our community a place we

can all be proud of. We salute these hardworking employees and thank them for all they do. We're very fortunate to have the employees we do on board and giving us their best effort.

Just a reminder on pets: A few weeks ago, a citizen wrote me concerning a neighbor who wasn't controlling the animals in their home, and reminded me that our City Code (Section 6.18.140 Number of Animals) directs that "No person shall harbor or possess more than three (3) dogs and three (3) cats, four (4) months of age or older without purchasing a kennel license or a hobby breeder's license. The writer wasn't calling for the enforcement of this ordinance as much as a plea for people to please care for their animals and control them. Sounds like a very fair request.

There is still some summer weather left to enjoy the natural beauty of our surroundings. Where the pundits claim Utah is a "pretty good place to live," I know Heber City is more than that! It is a pleasure to serve you as your Mayor. Thank you to the people who write, call, or otherwise stay in touch on issues of common concern.

### **CIVIL WAR ENACTMENT**

On the weekend of September 17-19, 2010, the Utah Civil War Association will bring to our beautiful Heber Valley a **FREE Civil War Living History Event** which will be held at Old Town Heber/Southfield Park. Friday will be School Days (pre-registered groups only), Saturday will be open to the public, and in closing, Sunday will be an 1800s church service. This event includes encampments featuring Federal and Confederate soldiers, cavalry, artillery, musicians, artisans, craftsman, and singers. Men, women, and children will be portrayed in diverse roles with something of interest to all. There will be a live black powder shoot, quilt show, and an outdoor public dance in the evening. For more information please go to [www.hebervalleycivilwarlivinghistory.com](http://www.hebervalleycivilwarlivinghistory.com)

## UTAH SOLAR HOMES TOUR 2010

**What:** Utah Solar Tour 2010

**Date:** Saturday, September 25, 2010

**Time:** 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Location:** Homes and businesses near you

**More info:** To learn more and to find participating sites in your area visit [www.utsolar.org](http://www.utsolar.org)

**Description:** The Utah Solar Tour 2010 is the 15th annual solar home tour in Utah. The Utah Solar Tour is a free event that offers the public a chance to see renewable energy up close and personal and learn why more and more home and business owners in Utah are investing in renewable energy.

The tour provides an opportunity to see all types of reasons people have for using renewable energy including lowering their utility bills, becoming energy independent, increasing emergency preparedness, taking advantage of state and federal tax credits, and many other reasons.

Whether you are considering renewable energy for your home or are just interested in learning more about this exciting technology, the Utah Solar Tour 2010 is a must! Bring your family and come enjoy this free public event Saturday, September 25, 2010. For more information and to find participating homes and businesses in your community please visit [www.utsolar.org](http://www.utsolar.org)



Photograph courtesy of Gardner Engineering and Utah Solar Energy Association

## YARD SALE SIGNS

Heber City residents have always taken great pride in the appearance of their city. During summer months, we see a large increase of yard/garage sale signs being placed on city street signs, as well as utility poles. Unfortunately, every week, it has been necessary for City employees to go around taking down signs that have been placed and not removed after the event. We are asking you to take pride in our beautiful community by taking down your signs and put them up with easy to remove tape so as not to damage any property.



## SCHOOL SAFETY

School has started again and the Police Department would encourage motorists to slow down in and around school zones. Remember, the law for school crossings is slightly different than for regular crosswalks. Drivers are obligated to wait until the entire crossing is unoccupied, not just the side they are on. This includes right and left turns. This is designed to allow crossing guards time to exit the intersection and to assist them in case students who are waiting to cross enter the crosswalk too soon.

