



# HEBER CITY NEWS

## July 2012



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

The summer Farmer's Market and Concert in the Park Series is underway. Every Thursday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Heber City Park on Main Street hosts this fun event. It is open to the public at no charge. Vendors set up their booths where they sell farm produce, bread, handmade items, food, and other good things. If you haven't attended this in the past, this summer is the time to experience it. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the concert.

Heber City is going to build a Veteran's Memorial in the City Cemetery and is seeking volunteers to serve on the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Interested persons should contact Ralph Lugton at 654-1515. More information on this will be forthcoming.

Each summer, we send out a reminder to the public that it's the time of year for us to clean up our yards and empty lots. If your yard is cluttered with junk and other garbage, odds are that your neighbors are glad you're reading this in the City newsletter! You don't want to be that neighbor on the block whose yard is being talked about for all the wrong reasons. I hope among the humor here you'll accept the kindly reminder that clean yards make for a beautiful community. Heber City really is a beautiful place in which to live.

### **HEBER CITY FIREWORKS AND OPEN FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

**The Wasatch County Fire Marshal has prohibited fireworks and fires in certain areas of cities where vegetation is overgrown or in benches and foothills where wild land fire potential is extreme.**

Heber City has defined the geographical areas where restrictions are in force effective July 1, 2012 on the **discharge of any fireworks (including Class A, B and C) and open fires:**

- East of Mill Road and North of Center Street
- East of 550 East and North of 550 North and 600 North
- Or other areas where vegetation is overgrown

Residents living in the above restricted areas are welcome to come to Timp Meadows/Eagle Park and the Cove Park to use Class C fireworks such as igniters, fuses and "common fireworks", which are the smaller and less powerful fireworks available for sale to and use by the general public. Please clean up your debris from your fireworks.

### **ADDITIONAL FIREWORKS INFORMATION**

- State of Utah approved Class "C" fireworks can only be sold between June 23 – July 27, 2012.
- You must be at least 16 years old to purchase fireworks.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to supervise their children while using fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to place spent fireworks in for at least twelve hours before discarding into a garbage can.

For more information on the restrictions, please visit

[www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov) [www.ci.heber.ut.us](http://www.ci.heber.ut.us)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Heber City has vacancies on the following boards: Airport Board, Animal Control Board, Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, and Tree Advisory Board. Anyone interested in serving the community on one of these boards, please contact Michelle Kellogg, City Recorder at 654-0757.

**Planning Commission:** There is an opening at this time to fill the position of Planning Commission Alternate. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding land use issues such as the City General Plan, Zoning, and Subdivisions, and decisions on Commercial /Industrial Developments and Conditional Uses. The Commission consists of seven voting members, plus one alternate and meets at the City Offices on the Second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The term of office for a Planning Commission member is six years. Members must be residents of Heber City.

**Board of Adjustment:** The City is seeking an individual to serve as a member on this five-member Board. The Board acts in a quasi-judicial manner in hearing appeals from the City's land use decisions and hears and decides requests for variances from the terms of land use ordinances. The Board meets at the Heber City Offices at 5:30 p.m. on the Third Tuesday of every month on an as-needed basis. The term of office for a Board of Adjustment Member is five years. Members must reside in Heber City.

**Airport Advisory Board:** There is an opening to fill a vacant position on the Airport Advisory Board; Boardmembers serve four year terms. The Airport Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations to the City Council on a variety of airport issues. The Board meets at the City Administrative Offices at 4:00 p.m. on the Second Wednesday of every month. Membership may include persons of diverse interests residing in Wasatch County.

## HEBER CITY ADOPTS UTILITY FEE AND NEW BUILDING POLICIES

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the City Council approved the 2012-2013 Operating Budget which includes the adoption of a monthly Utility Fee to fund the following activities: Street Sweeping, Storm Water System Maintenance, Ditch Maintenance, Canal Maintenance and Flood Control related activities. As a result, a \$4.83 monthly charge will be assessed to all single family dwellings and other developed parcels within the City that are one acre or less in size. For developed multi-family and non-residential parcels larger than one acre, a \$3.77 per acre fee will be imposed. This newly adopted fee will appear as "Utility Fee" on your next billing you will receive on August 1<sup>st</sup>. For parcels that have more than one water service, the City will add this charge to only one of your accounts.

The Council engaged an outside consultant to determine a fee structure that would be equitable to the various user groups. The Council approved the recommended fee to: enhance existing services and reduce potential liability, provide a dedicated funding source for the above services, reduce demand on the General Fund resources and provide compliance with EPA Storm Water Management regulations.

Additionally, the Council approved a new billing policy that increases the reconnection fees for those who have their utility services disconnected due to non-payment. The reconnection fee that has to be paid before services are restored has been increased from \$25 to \$50. If a service is disconnected due to non-payment a second time within a 12 month period, the reconnection fee will be increased to \$100. The City increased the fee because too much manpower was being dedicated on a monthly basis to the termination of services due to non-payment.