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## OPPORTUNITIES

**Todd Stevenson , Mayor**

As a City Council, we have been discussing the merits of curbside recycling, and how it could improve our community. I think everyone is in agreement that as residents of mother earth, we have a responsibility to protect our environment. Recycling is one way to reduce waste and maximize limited resources.

In many ways curbside recycling is a convenient way to be able to recycle the waste that is coming into our homes. But as is true with most solutions to problems, curbside recycling does not come without

some costs and downsides.

The council is working to propose a solution to this issue that will most benefit the city, but recognizes there is not an easy solution. We are not all convinced as to what the correct action is that we should take as a community. We are earnestly asking for input from the community on this issue so we can make a decision that will most effectively meet the needs of Fruit Heights. We have developed a plan for curbside recycling but need public input as to the propriety of this plan. The proposed plan will be on the website for your review. Please take an interest in this issue and either come to the public hearing that will be held on February 19th, or send us emails articulating your position on this issue. I can't over emphasize the desire we have to get the pulse of the community on the proposed plan so we can make a decision that best fits the needs of Fruit Heights.

I am very excited about the development of a new trail system at Nicholls Park in Fruit Heights. We organized a trail and parks committee several years

ago and they have been working hard to develop plans for a number of trails in the city. With financial support from the Orchard Farms development, the committee has focused on designing a trail system in the Baer Canyon hollow just north of Nicholls Park. The trail will run from Main Street to Nicholls Park and connect with Green Road on the north side of the park. There are opportunities for service projects as we begin to build this trail system. Please contact Bette Hubrich or Brandon Green if you are interested in helping build this trail. This trail will be a great addition to our city.

As always, our city staff works hard to make sure the water flows and the toilets flush in our city. Many thanks to our staff for the outstanding job they do in clearing the streets after a snowstorm. We are the envy of all our neighboring communities

I am always anxious to hear your concerns or suggestions. Please contact me via email at [tstevenson@fruitheightscity.com](mailto:tstevenson@fruitheightscity.com) or on my cell phone at 801-589-1115.

## **Fruit Heights City says "Goodbye" to a great employee and "Welcome" to another ...**

After 26.8 years of working for Fruit Heights City, Helen Peay has decided to retire and enjoy life with her family and away from work. She is going to be greatly missed here in the office and we wish to thank her for a job well done, for her commitment to the City of Fruit Heights, and for doing her part to help make Fruit Heights City such a great place to live. Have fun Helen!

We would like to welcome Trina Stott to the Fruit Heights City Staff, she has been hired to replace Helen Peay as the Utility Clerk. Trina and her husband Lee have lived in Fruit Heights for 14 years and have enjoyed raising their family here. She is very helpful and friendly and is a great addition to the City Staff.

### CHRISTMAS tree pick-up

The snowfall delayed the tree collection - the day for pick-up will be Friday, February 8, 2013 by 6:00 a.m.

- Have trees out near the curb
- In case of snowfall, remove and place on top of snow
- Cut trees in half when longer than 8 feet
- Remove tree stands and lights
- Crews will only make one pass through the city so please be ready!

Two public hearings will be held for input regarding an increase to the storm drain fees on Tuesday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and the second hearing is regarding a City

Curbside Recycling Program on Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated.

Visit the city's website for the proposed curbside review at [www.fruitheightscity.com](http://www.fruitheightscity.com).

Country Road construction on the land drain will continue once the cold weather lets up, "thank you" residents for your patience.

The City Council is encouraging residents to stay informed about emergencies and City events by signing up to receive Twitter notices. If you have questions about this service contact Fruit Heights City at 801-546-0861 for more information.



### BURTON ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child was born between September 1st 2007 - August 31st 2008 and you live in our school boundaries, please come in to register your child as soon as possible.

Kindergarten Roundup will be:

When: **Friday, April 12th 2013 - 2:00 pm**

Where: **Burton Elementary Big Gym – 827 E. 200 South, Kaysville**

**Please bring the following when you register:**

1. **Birth Certificate**

2. **Immunization Records**
3. **Proof of Address**
4. **Parent/Guardian Photo ID**

**For questions please call 801-402-3150.**

### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX

#### ASSISTANCE (VITA)



Need someone to prepare your tax return for you? Go to VITA site near your home and get your taxes done free of charge by an

IRS certified volunteer.

If your annual household or individual income is \$51,000 or less, trained community volunteers will prepare your federal and state taxes free of charge.

For more information see website:

[www.utahtaxhelp.org](http://www.utahtaxhelp.org) ; or call 2-1-1; or send an

email to Elizabeth Robins, the Regional

Coordinator for Davis County -

[erobins8@gmail.com](mailto:erobins8@gmail.com)

### PARKS & TRAILS

The Trail Project was kicked off with a bang by two Eagle Scout Projects. We give special thanks to Trevor Wade and Noah Wenzel and the many people that helped on those two Eagle Scout Projects.

We also wish to give special thanks for all others who have already assisted and have volunteered to assist in the future on the trail.

There is a lot of interest and excitement and I have had many calls. An invitation to all interested individuals and groups in working on the trail is extended. We need the help of so many to make it happen. Thank you for your assistance.

~Scot Poole, Parks & Trails Committee Member

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The egg hunt is set for Sat. March 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Harvey Park (city hall). Children 12 years old and under are welcome. See you there!

### How to deal with difficult neighbors .....

Difficult neighbors can get under your skin. "Choose your battles wisely," says F. Richard Blue, a psychologist with a private practice in Atlanta. "Your ultimate goal is to solve the problem rather than get angry." Try these solutions. **Borrowing.** It's one thing to ask for a cup of sugar; it's another to borrow a drill indefinitely. "Try...saying something like, 'I know you forgot, but I really need my drill back,'" says Susan Newman, psychologist and author of *The Book of No*. If she's a habitual non-returner, the next time tell her you're not comfortable lending that item. **Messy yard.** You landscape your lawn while your neighbor's looks like a jungle. Try something like, "I'm having guests over this weekend and wondered if you could mow your grass." "Your neighbor will get the message," says Newman. "However, if your neighbor is simply lazy, understand that you can't change people." **Noisy neighbors.** Whether it's a barking dog or a blasting stereo, it's within your rights to ask them to keep it down. Ask for what you want changed, such as, "It would be great if you could turn down the music after 9 p.m." If the noise continues, try sending them a note stating you'll be forced to file a complaint if the noise doesn't stop. Your last resort is to call the authorities. - **Holly C. Corbett**