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## SERVICE AS MAYOR

**Todd Stevenson, Mayor**

As I see the campaign signs go up this election season, I have poignant moments remembering my service to Fruit Heights City. I have chosen not to run for reelection but to pass the baton onto the next mayor and council. Serving as mayor has been an incredible experience for my family and me. I want to thank the community for giving me the opportunity to serve. I hope I have represented the city well.

Success in city government is a team sport.



Anyone who takes sole credit for any success is myopic at best. The mayor and council must work together with the city staff and community members to have success. During my 14 years in municipal government, I've had the pleasure to work with 15 councilmembers, 2 mayors, and 4 city managers. We've worked together to make Fruit Heights a better place to live. Thank you.

A great tradition in Fruit Heights is our minimalist approach to city government. We have worked to keep things simple and inexpensive. Fruit Heights is one of only a few cities in our state that has no debt. Our cost of government is among the lowest in the state, and our taxes are in the lower quadrants as compared to other cities in our county. We are proud of the fact that we haven't had to raise property taxes for many years. Sound, conservative fiscal management in Fruit Heights is a long-standing tradition.

One of my goals as mayor has been to develop community identity and develop a sense of hometown and unity in our city. We've seen that in a variety of ways during the past years.

One great community event was the building of the Castle Heights playground. Many people worked long and hard to bring that about. It has become the icon of Fruit Heights and is popular with children and families up and down the Wasatch Front.

Our Founders Day celebration has become part of the fabric of our community. We enjoy time together each summer during this celebration and wonder what exciting weather is in store for us on that day. My hope is that this event will continue to be a red letter day and part of our

community tradition.

Looking forward, there is always a lot of work to do. We are developing a trail system at Nicholls Park and we are hopeful to be able to develop a cemetery in our city in the future.

Fruit Heights is a wonderful place to live. It is that way because of the dedication and thoughtfulness of its residents. May we always be an inclusive community, inviting all who wish to live here with us, making them feel welcome and belonging.

## STORM WATER RUN-OFF

Storm water run-off is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or water body.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

### REMEMBER: ONLY RAIN DOWN THE

### DRAIN

To keep the storm water leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- Repair auto leaks.

- Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

## AREA COORDINATORS

Many thanks to Carol Stewart and our Area Coordinators for their hard work organizing the delivery of a packet of colored papers to every household in our community! If you didn't receive one, let your Area Coordinator know. Find out who your Area Coordinator is by looking on the city website at [www.fruitheightscity.com](http://www.fruitheightscity.com)

### TREE TRIMMING

Attention: All Property Owners who have trees growing over sidewalks and streets. City Code states that trees be trimmed to a height of twelve (12) feet above any roadway, or ten (10) feet above any curb, or edge of roadway.

We ask that you evaluate your trees and trim them accordingly. Also, please trim back behind the curb or roadway any other shrubbery, or plants that need it.

As we prepare for the winter months ahead, this helps in the process of snow removal from our streets by making it safer for our trucks and equipment to pass.

We ask that this be done "as soon as possible", but not later than October 31, 2013. At that time the City Staff will determine if there are trees that still need attention. If so, the City Public Works will trim the trees at the proper

### CITY CEMETERY

Also, it has been difficult to sweep the city streets this year on a regular basis. Please clean up leaves and other debris from streets and gutters in front of your property. This will help in the process of keeping our storm drains working properly. **Thank You!**

## NEW PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Susan Hunt is our new Planning Commission Chairperson! She and her husband Robb have resided in Fruit Heights City for eight years. Susan graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics Degree and Brigham Young University, Doctor of Jurisprudence. She was sworn into office on July 30, 2013. Congratulations Susan!

Caucus meetings were held on Tues. August 12<sup>th</sup> at City Hall. The candidates voted to run for office of Mayor in the Sagebrush party are Don Carroll; Julia Busche and Scott Nielsen are running for City Council. The Pinecone Party candidate for Mayor is Eileen Moss; Scot Poole and John Whitchurch for City Council. Two city Council Members will be elected to serve a four year term.



"Meet the Candidates Night" will be held two nights - Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fruit Heights City office building at 7:30 p.m.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at Fruit Heights City Hall. **NOTE:** This will be the only location.

**Early Municipal Poll** location is at Fruit Heights City Hall, 910 S. Mountain Rd., Fruit Heights, UT 84037 during the following dates and times:

Tues., Oct. 22	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 23	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thurs. Oct. 24	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fri. Oct. 25	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Mon., Oct. 28	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 29	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 30	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Thurs., Oct. 31	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fri., Nov. 1	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



## Irrigation Water

Weber Basin Water Conservancy District has moved up the date to October 1st (formerly Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>) for water to be turned off for the winter due to water restrictions. Therefore this will include *Hights Creek, Benchland, and Fruit Heights Special Improvement District (SID) Irrigation.*



Robinson Waste will be our household waste recycling vendor - please see enclosed flyer.

Nicholls Road is under construction.

Completion is scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please comply with road restrictions.

Fruit Heights City is one step closer to having its own city cemetery.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. House of Representatives approved the Fruit Heights Land Conveyance Act (HR 993), which would transfer 100 acres of U.S. Forest Service land to the city. The legislation must now be passed by the U.S. Senate.

The City of Fruit Heights extends a **BIG "THANK YOU"** to our 2012-2013 Youth City Council! Their mayor, Kendall Treadwell and Pro Tem Mayor and Recorder Katelyn Meiners, led the members through conferences, meetings and service activities throughout the year, along with Elise Anderson, Treasurer; Nate Burnett, Service Officer. Also, Alyssa Miller as Public Relations Officer; Reagan Rich and Nicholas Davis as Social

Officers; and Matthew Cooley as Education Officer.

We appreciate all these young people and wish them continued success!

Now that summer is coming to an end and the school year has begun, it's time for a new city council. **The 2013-2014 Youth City Council** was sworn into office on September 17, 2013 at city hall.

**There are 14 youth serving on the council this year.**

**The council** elected Tag Steele as 1st term Mayor and Elise Anderson as 2nd term Mayor. **The other council members are as follows:** Treasurer is **Ethan Davis**, Recorder is **Nate Burnett**; Service Officers are Nicholas Davis and Jordan Clegg; Public Relation Officers are Rebecca Rasmussen, Brianna Miller, and Matthew Cooley; Social Officers are Kyle Meiners, Bryson Williams, and Jessica Cox; and Education Officers are Alyssa Miller and Regan Rich.

Congratulations to our new Youth City Council and a fun year of serving our community!