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# RIDGERUNNER

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### TRUE GREATNESS COMES THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF ALL

The Second Continental Congress met on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1775. It was with

this meeting that a consensus to declare the freedom of the colonies was agreed upon. The Declaration of Independence was a formal document proclaiming the emancipation of the American Colonies from English rule. In 1776, the King of England accepted the Declaration of Independence and relinquished control over the colonies. Subsequently the Declaration of Independence was ratified on July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 by individuals representing all 13 states.



The authors of the Declaration of Independence placed their respective faith and trust in both the ability as well as the judgment of the citizens of the United States, both present and future. This was done by allowing the citizens of the United States the opportunity to not only elect their governing body, but also the opportunity to choose to be governed by that elected body.

We have just witnessed one of the most controversial elections in American history. Daily we witness the protests objecting to a representative democracy that took the original 55 representatives an additional 14 years to agree upon beyond the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This in the form of the Constitutional Amendments. These amendments provide for representation and the right of elected individuals to decide for us and in our behalf.

With this brief history, the question that should be asked is this. Are we as citizens putting our faith, trust and confidence in those who have been elected? Once the voting is done and whoever the winner may be, they should be deserving of our faith, our prayers and our support.

Greatness as a city, a state or a nation is not achieved by the efforts of one person although each of us can make a significant difference. The greatness of our city, our state and our country is a privilege and opportunity that each of us as individuals bare and each of us individually have the capacity and talents to share. True greatness comes through the efforts of many.

For me individually, I need to be a better husband, a better father, a better neighbor and a better person by helping and serving more. We commend all of those who give so much to our city in the form of time, money, generosity, and talents. Our city would not be great without each of you. We thank you for what you have done. We thank each of you for what you are now doing. And without question, we will need more help from many of our residents to realize additional greatness in our beloved city. How can you individually help in making our city great?

With the holiday season approaching, we wish you the happiest of holidays as friends and neighbors in this great city of Fruit Heights.

Baby it's Cold Outside!

Help the Fruit Heights Youth City Council collect coats! Please bring

**Scot Poole – City Council** 

#### CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Don Carroll

Council Members:

Diane Anderson

Gary Anderson

Julia Busche

Brandon Halliday

Scot Poole

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City Hall hours:

8 a.m.—5 p.m. Mon.—Fri. Phone: 801-546-0861. After hours emergency call the Sheriff's Dept. 801-451-4150, they will call our Public Works representative.

### **REMEMBER** -**LEASH YOUR** DOG

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Please remember to leash your dog(s) at all times. Please take your plastic containers for proper waste pick-up, and have respect for your neighbors from your barking dogs.

Remember: Green waste



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containers can be used for regular trash from Nov. 30th to April 1st.

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### **MONDAY EVENING FOOD TRUCKS**

The Food Trucks have stopped for the season. We will bring them back again next year—

for them again on Monday



coats (new and gently used) to the donation box in the Fruit Heights City Hall on or before Monday December 19, 2016. All donations will go to the Road Home in Salt Lake. The Road Home assists individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake County and along the Wa-★ satch Front. Keep someone warm this holiday season and donate today!

### CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

Starting in January, the Fruit Heights City Council will hold a Citizen's Academy. The purpose of the Citizen's Academy is to have an interactive educational meeting where members of the City Council are available for residents to meet with and discuss issues and topics that may be of concern. It will also be an opportunity where City Council Members can help educate and inform the Community about upcoming projects, city budget, and other outreach programs and opportunities.



Anyone is invited to attend these meetings as they will be informal with an open discussion and dialog. All items discussed will be taken under advisement, and if necessary, will be discussed in an upcoming City Council Meeting.

The first Citizen's Academy is scheduled to be held on Tuesday January 17, 2017 from 6:00 -7:00 pm in the Fruit Heights City Council Chambers. Council Members Diane Anderson and Julia Busche will be available to meet with you.

The following Citizen's Academy will be held on Tuesday March 7, 2017 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. It is anticipated that these meetings will be held bi-monthly on the first Tuesday. Watch the City's website and Ridgerunner Newsletter for more dates and information.

<u>REMINDER:</u> November 1st through April 1st, overnight parking is prohibited on streets from 12:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m. <u>and during times of snowfall.</u>

Please tell guests/renters. Also remove trash cans from street promptly for our snowplows to do their best to keep roads clear.

## WASATCH INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT—DAVIS COUNTY LANDFILL

The energy recovery facility generates renewable energy through the **incineration** of solid waste. The waste burns at a temperature high enough to convert water into a steam, which is used by Hill Air Force Base to heat base facilities, in addition to other uses. Electricity is also gen-

erated from the steam; enough to power site operations with a portion sold to PacifiCorp. Call (801) 614-5600 for tours.

This has now reduced recycling, and the need to separate our solid waste into separate trash cans except for lawn waste.

### RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Saturday, December 31, 2015 "FREE" - Davis High School All Kaysville and Fruit Heights residents are invited to enjoy the 16th annual tradition of ringing in the New Year with the city's family sposored "free" activities including:

- Kid Carnival new games!
- Bingo with prizes for winners!
- Hot Food Services in the Cafeteria
- Idol performances 6:30 & 7:30 pm
- Music on stage with prizes!
- Special Appearances
- Ball Drop from crane & fireworks 9:45 PM No outside food or beverage allowed

Bekki Argyle Chairperson 801-544-1788

## "THANK YOU"! TO OUR OUT-GOING YOUTH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

We appreciate all that our 2015-2016 Youth City Council Members have done for our city. We wish them well in their future endeavors! Kyle Meiners - Mayor; Bryson Williams - Mayor; Hannah Nielsen; Hannah McKay; Cameron Christensen; Nick Burnett; Brianna Miller;

Jessica Cox; Melanie Cottle; Brooklyn Hatch; and Jessica Byers.



### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Tree collection will be Friday, January 13, 2017.

Please have trees out to 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 make only one pass through the city, so please be ready! **Thank you!** 

### THANK YOU SCOUTS!!!

There have been several Scout projects
throughout the city this past year, planting trees, shrubs and flowers. Also
painting our picnic tables and benches
at Nicholls's Park, picking up trash, and collecting
dead trees from the Gailey Trail. Our city is much im-

dead trees from the Gailey Trail. Our city is much improved and we residents are so appreciative! "Thank You" Scouts of Fruit Heights City!!!

### Retaining Walls

Homeowners with retaining walls should conduct regular inspections of the wall(s) and make sure that they are being properly maintained. Overwatering of the landscaping, broken or damaged sprinkler systems, and improper drainage are a few of the reasons retaining walls fail. If you notice movement, settling, or failure of a retaining wall, it is the property owner's responsibility to notify all who may be affected by the wall and to also contact a licensed Geo-Technical Engineer to provide further analysis, evaluation, and an inspection of the walls integrity.

If a retaining wall gets to a point where failure has occurred and there is increased potential for property damaged, it is the responsibility of the property owners to mitigate any further property damage and notify the City and contact a Geo-Technical Engineer.

Any repairs that are being made to a retaining wall require a permit. Permits are available online or at the Fruit Heights City Office. Inspections of the repair shall also be made by the City and a Geo-Tech Engineer if necessary.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the City.