



RIDGERUNNER

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MOSQUITO UPDATE

2017 has been a busy year for the Mosquito Abatement District in Davis (MAD-D) as it has throughout the State. As always the weather plays a significant and unpredictable role in the numbers of mosquitoes produced. Our wet spring, followed immediately by unseasonably hot weather produced ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. Not only was aerial spraying high with 194,873 acres sprayed, but there were also 472,410 acres treated by trucks with ULV (Ultra Low Volume) spraying for adult mosquitoes at night. Catch basins throughout the county were treated 3 times, ornamental ponds were treated with Gambusia (mosquito eating fish) and spray requests were fulfilled in record numbers.

West Nile Virus (WNV) infected mosquitoes were non-the-less at an all time high this year throughout the State and also in Davis County. MAD-D has 24 trap locations in the county of which all but 2 tested positive for WNV. In Utah there were a total of 61 human cases of WNV infection with 8 in Davis County, 3 of which were neuro-invasive and 2 people needed to be admitted to ICU. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) reported 47 States with WNV activity with 1757 human cases and 104 deaths.

The Board has approved a tentative budget increase of \$425,000. Information regarding the increase amount will be sent out with the Davis County Property Tax statement and is approximately \$4-5 per household. The reasons for the tax increase include: the increase in costs of pesticides, the equipping of the new lab and employing a lab tech, the purchase of a "drone" to assist in treating hard to reach pools of water more effectively and, it will allow us to pay off the loan for the building expansion more rapidly saving thousands of dollars in interest payments. This tax increase should see MAD-D through the next 10 years without a tax increase, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Cost-benefit analysis for doing our own in-house testing of mosquito pools for WNV show that despite the initial investment, in the long run, it will save us money and also in the short term will give us faster results and thereby more rapid and effective mosquito control. As the cost of testing by the State Health Department continues to increase and subsidies from the Federal Government have ceased, the move to do our own testing is considered to be our best option.

The Davis Salt Lake Aerial Spray Authority (DSLASA) has paid off its loan a year ahead of schedule thereby saving close to \$50,000.



For further information please go to our website www.davismosquito.org or call Gary Hatch MAD-D Manager, he would be happy to answer questions.

AND REMEMBER ...eliminate all standing water around your own property!

—Tina LePendou, Mosquito Abatement Davis District



CITY COUNCIL

Mayor: Don Carroll

Council Members:

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Julia Busche

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801-546-0861. **After hours emergency call the Sheriff's Dept. 801-**

451-4150, they will call our Public

Works representative.

City Holiday Schedule

City Hall will observe the following holiday closing schedule:

- ♥ December 22nd, 12:00 noon
- ♥ December 25th
- ♥ December 31st, 12:00 noon
- ♥ January 1st

LOST & FOUND

Has your child lost a toy or article of clothing, and-try as you might—you just can't find it? It's possible that it's here at the City Offices! Over the spring and summer months, several items have been left near the playground area at Harvey Park. These lost items include articles of clothing, toys, soccer ball, chairs, etc. If you feel one of these might belong to your child, please stop by the City Offices.



ELECTION RESULTS

John Pohlman, Mayor (Sagebrush).....	1054, 61.67%
Don Carroll, Jr., Mayor (Pinecone)	655, 38.33%
Julia Busche, Councilmember (Sagebrush).....	1043, 32.06%
Jeanne Groberg, Councilmember (Pinecone).....	752, 23.12%
Scot Poole, Councilmember (Pinecone).....	732, 22.50%
Kyle Charlesworth, Councilmember (Sagebrush).....	726, 22.32%

ELECTION FINALS

We wish to say ***"THANK YOU"***! to Mayor Don Carroll for a job well done!

We appreciate all that you and the Council have done to continue to make this a great city. Also, ***"THANK YOU"***! Scot Poole for your service on the City Council.



"CONGRATULATIONS"! to new Mayor-elect, John Pohlman, and City Council Member-elect Jeanne Groberg for their first successful bids for seats as Mayor and City Council, and incumbent Julia Busche to a second term. We look forward to the next 4 years.

Our congratulations to these winners, and to all candidates who participated in the election process!

Oaths of Office will be administered Tuesday, January 2nd, in City Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

New Year Celebration

There will **not** be a planned New Year's Eve celebration for 2018 due to the holiday falling on Sunday.



GARBAGE PICK-UP

During the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day, the garbage pick-up will be delayed by 1 day for each holiday. This allows for Robinson Waste employees to have a holiday off also.

We are very thankful for the service that Robinson Waste gives our residents in Fruit Heights. They are very dependable, courteous and always there for us!



YOUTH CITY COUNCIL 2017-18

The following are our new members of Youth City Council.

We wish you a great 2017-18 year!

Parker Carroll—Mayor

Jessica Byers—Mayor Pro Tem

Ryan Cooley

Jolie Cox

Cameron Christiansen

Bailey Williams

Brigham Nielsen

Kate Finlinson

Indai Edgar

Karoline Busche

Julia Nettleton

Bridger Hall

Nate Iverson

REMEMBER - LEASH YOUR DOG



Please remember to leash your dog(s) at all times. Please take your plastic containers for proper waste pick-up when walking dogs in residential areas and public parks. Also, respect your neighbors by keeping your dogs from barking.



CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

**Next Citizen's Academy: Tuesday February 6th, 2018
6:00-7:00 pm at City Building**

This is 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 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. Meetings will be informal with an open discussion and dialogue. All items discussed will be taken under advisement, and if necessary, will be discussed in an upcoming Council meeting.



It is anticipated that these meetings will be held bi-monthly. Watch the City's website, the Ridgerunner, and social media sites for more dates and information.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas tree pick-up will be Tuesday, January 9th at 6 a.m. Trees must be cut in half if longer than 8-feet. Stands



and ornaments must be removed. If snow plows or snowfall bury trees, the resident must ensure the tree is unburied and on top of snow at the curb/park-strip for pick-up.

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

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

