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CHANGE IS CONTINUAL

Julia Busche, Council Member

Happy New Year to all of our friends and neighbors in the beautiful city of Fruit Heights.

We are grateful to live in a quiet bedroom community, (mostly) free of the traffic and noise that we see in neighboring cities. Our city finances are in good shape as we balance our budget and frugally save for future needs. However, as the population of the state of Utah continues to grow, prices for our basic services are affected. Most of these rate increases will begin in July but it is good to know and plan ahead, ask questions, and get answers as to why our utility bills will rise. Most of the services on our utility bill are "pass through" fees, meaning, fees that the City of Fruit Heights does not control or set rates, but is set by various entities, which Fruit Heights City then "passes through" to each household. The "pass through" services include sewer, garbage, and culinary water. Fruit Heights City belongs to the Central Davis Sewer District (CDS). State mandated nutrient removal, increased system maintenance, and additional biosolids handling will raise our sewer rates by \$3 per household beginning in July.

Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District is the entity that handles our garbage. This rate will see an increase of \$2 per can. The last rate increase was in 1995. The "Burn Plant" was closed this past year, due to aging infrastructure, air quality control, and Hill Air Force Base no longer purchasing steam. WIW is being forward thinking and instituting a recycling unit called a "mixed waste processing facility" which should be fully functioning later this year. All cardboard, metals, and plastics will be pulled and recycled in innovative ways. For instance, grass clippings are being used by CDS to make renewable natural gas. Plastics will be shredded and sold to a local cement company. This will extend the life of our landfill and prevent much costlier fees in the future if we would have to haul our waste to landfills at locations farther away. Those residents who currently pay private haulers to recycle their garbage may want to reconsider that service later this year as WIW will recycle all at once, for one fee.

Weber Basin Water District sets our culinary water prices. 2019 will see a 4-5% increase in water rates which will be passed on to us as residents. Water is a precious commodity that we all need to conserve and be wise in our usage. As housing demands increase, so does the increased demand for water usage. Please be mindful of this as we all share this need.

While our overall utility bill may be somewhat higher than some neighboring cities, remember we have little to no commercial tax base from which to draw. We are always looking for creative ways to save money, generate revenue, and preserve our unique quality of life here in Fruit Heights.



CITY COUNCIL

• **Mayor:** John M. Pohlman

• **Council Members:**

• Diane Anderson

• Gary Anderson

• Julia Busche

• Jeanne Groberg

• Brandon Halliday

• Email: citycouncil@fruitheightscity.com

• **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.

GET READY FOR CAUCUS MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Fruit Heights City has a unique election process that was originally established in 1939 with the organization of Fruit Heights as a Town. This unique process allows the City's two political parties, the Pinecone party and the Sagebrush party, to nominate candidates through its Caucus or Convention nominating process. This process is designed so that each Political Party will nominate one candidate for each seat that is up for election. This year there are three council seats to be filled. General Election which will be held on November 5th, 2019.

Changes to State Election Laws have necessitated a change as to when the Caucus Meetings will be held. The Nominating Caucus or Convention meeting is scheduled for May 16th, 2019 at the Fruit Heights City Office. We invite all Fruit Heights City residents that are interested in participating in the nominating process to attend this meeting. More information will be available on the City's website, www.fruitheightscity.com. You can also contact Council Member Jeanne Groberg at jgroberg@fruitheightscity.com or City Manager, Brandon Green at bgreen@fruitheightscity.com with any questions.



NEEDED: MINUTE TRANSCRIPTIONIST

Fruit Heights City is seeking applicants to submit resumes for a Minute-Taker/Transcriptionist for City Council and Planning Commission meetings. This position would require approximately 20-hours a month. City Council is held in the evenings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays and Planning Commission on the 4th Tuesday of the month.



Must be able to attend the meetings for approximately 3-4 hours, take notes, transcribe the recorded minutes and submit draft of minutes within 7-10 days to be reviewed at next City Council meeting.

Please submit resume to bgreen@fruitheightscity.com and/or complete an on-line employment application at www.fruitheightscity.com > City Departments > Employment.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 10th at 10:00 a.m. in Harvey Park (City Hall) Ages 2-12. Bring a basket.



SPRING CLEAN-UP

April 8—22nd, vouchers will be available at City Hall Apr. 1st. Vouchers to be used at Layton Landfill.

WHEN PLACING YOUR TRASH CONTAINER OUT FOR DUMPING, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please have your trash container at curbside by 6:00 a.m. on collection day. Pick-up times may vary. If you don't get your container out in time, there will be a fee to come back and service your container.
 - Place your container at curbside, facing the street. Do not place your can on top of the curb. For those without a curb, place it within two feet off the blacktop.
 - Do not place the container near parked vehicles or other obstructions. When dumping your container, the driver must have clear access to it.
 - Do not place the container where it will block delivery of your mail.
 - If you have two or more containers, place them four feet apart.
 - Do not place the following items in your trash container: hot ashes or coals, large quantities of dirt, sod, rocks or concrete, flammable materials, large bulky items, construction, remodeling, or demolition debris.
 - Do not place items of length greater than four feet in the container.
 - Do not overload refuse over the top of the container.
- Be sure to remove your container off the street by the end of the day.



CASTLE HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND DONATIONS

The Castle Heights Playground committee was established to evaluate a new playground, as the current playground is in disrepair. Fruit Heights was fortunate to receive a grant, but it is not enough to cover the cost of all the preparation for the playground area, such as a cement walking path around the park, additional trees, a fence on the Gailey Trail side of park, wood chips, benches, picnic tables and benches, possible future zip line, swings, signs, etc.

We are asking for donations to help with these costs. If you can donate toward the new playground, it would be a benefit to Fruit Heights and all who enjoy the time spent on the playground.

Please go to the website www.xpressbillpay.com under 'Donations' to make a contribution. The committee is working on the details for 'recognition' to the donors. **THANK YOU! EVERYONE!!!**

PREVENT DIABETES

29.1 million Americans have diabetes and 86 million have prediabetes--that's nearly one in three! With those kind of numbers, it's important to learn about these chronic conditions and take action now. Are you at risk? Take this quiz at DolHavePrediabetes.org to find out.

To address this growing issue, the Davis County Health Department offers the National Diabetes Prevention Program (PreventT2) to Davis County residents. PreventT2 is a research-based program designed to promote healthy lifestyle changes that have been proven to prevent or delay the development of type 2 diabetes over the course of 26 one-hour sessions. Topics include healthy eating, physical activity, how to face daily challenges of behavior change and more.

Interested in learning more? Contact the Davis County Health Department at 801-525-5070 or visit <http://go.usa.gov/cJZPV>. Classes for 2019 begin in February, April, July and October. Register today at: www.livingwell.utah.gov