



WHAT IS THE PINECONE OR SAGEBRUSH PARTY?

Shortly after Fruit Heights was incorporated as a city in 1939, the town council decided municipal elections should be non-partisan in nature.

The council decided to hold community gatherings, known as caucus meetings, to nominate candidates for each vacant office. Candidates would be chosen based on their thoughts regarding community issues, not national politics or parties.

The council needed to name the two non-partisan parties. Notes suggest Brig Harvey, a sheepherder, suggested **"Sagebrush Party"** based on the amount of sagebrush on his open land.

Similarly, documents state Forest Barker, whose property was surrounded by many pine trees, suggested the name "Pinecone Party".