

This time of year brings a much needed reminder to look for the gifts surrounding us.
Our history is filled with impactful settlers and farmers who shaped our future.
Today, we honor the past, move forward together, and offer our thanks.

Offering Thanks for ...

Our Heritage

Katherine Harvey Stirling

In 1939, our community was known simply as Old Mountain Road. Then, on April 24, 1939, Brigham Harvey and Ruth Hill Harvey became the proud parents of their beautiful first child, Katherine. Her birth brought the population to exactly 100 - the necessary number of residents to incorporate an area into an official town. Fruit Heights was born.

Katherine may have started life known as "The One", or "#100", but she accomplished so much more. She grew up working the family farm. Most of the south end of Fruit Heights was originally Harvey property. From the area surrounding City Hall today, to the bike trails on the east side, and south to our border with Farmington, this was all part of Harvey Farm.

After graduating from Davis High School, she then earned her bachelor's, master's and PhD in education. She used her knowledge, owning and operating several education-based businesses. Katherine and her husband, William Merrill Stirling, settled in Fruit Heights, where they raised four sons.

Katherine Stirling passed away on October 10, 2025. Friend, #100, we thank you.



donations for the Bountiful
Food Pantry and the Airman's Attic
located at Hill Air Force Base.

Requests for food and household items have risen drastically in recent weeks. To help, Fruit Heights City asked residents to bring donations to City Hall, or to the Fable Forest event at Gailey Trail. Residents heard the call and jumped into action. We thank you.

Our Community

Gathering Resources for Those in Need

For the past few weeks, Fruit Heights has accepted

Airman's Attic - To date, Fruit Heights City has delivered 4 carloads of food, diapers, and household supplies, as well as more than \$1,500 in gift cards good at local grocery stores to the Airman's Attic.

Bountiful Food Pantry - On October 24-25, Fruit Heights hosted a popular community event known as Fable Forest. The fee to enter the fun was simply the donation of a non-perishable food item. Residents and attendees brought 2,887 pounds of food to be donated to the Bountiful Food Pantry.

Our Leaders

Mayor, City Council, & Staff

Our local government, a mayor and five city council members, is made up of elected community members. They are your neighbors. Your friends.

It takes a lot to run a city - even a small city. Individuals who choose to run for elected office deserve thanks and appreciation. In Fruit Heights, our leaders serve in a part-time capacity and earn a small compensation package - earning roughly \$5,000/year. They attend council meetings and community events, as well as work with residents.

And while election season may bring out different opinions about how things should be run, it should never bring out disrespect. Support for one candidate can be done without disparaging another. Everyone's words matter. Everyone's actions matter.

The council is joined by a five-member planning commission and city staff. The city staff includes an appointed city manager, hired public works and office employees, plus contracted engineers, planners and attorneys. Each of these roles are also filled by service-oriented individuals who proudly do all they can to serve the community of Fruit Heights and the residents who call it home.

When issues arise that cause frustration, and this will happen, please remember council and staff are here to serve and help. If you hear otherwise - contact City Hall. Ask questions. Get involved. Attend meetings. Share opinions. Differing opinions help create the best outcomes, and we are always stronger when working together.



Our Volunteers

Fable Forest & the Great Harvest Award

This year marked the 2nd Annual Fable Forest event. Attendees wandered through beautiful, yet slightly spooky fairy tales while exploring Gailey Trail.

Last year, slightly less than 2,000 people attended the event - donating nearly 2,000 pounds of food. This year, Fable Forest welcomed 2,201 visitors, and 2,887 pounds of food were donated. Thank you to organizers, volunteers and attendees!

The entire event was the idea of two residents; the mother-daughter duo of Rachelle and Abigail Homer. Through their creativity and guidance, the event has quickly become a community favorite.

This year, the committee organized 50+ volunteers, cast members and the Youth City Councils of Fruit Heights and Kaysville. The only cost to attend the event was a food donation for the Bountiful Food Pantry.

GREAT HARVEST AWARD - We are excited to announce the new *Fruit Heights Great Harvest Award* - recognizing those who have done something extraordinary for our community. **Please help us honor the first-ever recipient of the Fruit Heights Great Harvest Award, Rachelle Homer.** Her dedication brought joy to thousands of residents, and much needed help to many in need of food assistance. Well done!

Our Joy

The coming weeks bring much joy. Look for the annual Turkey Scavenger Hunt later in November. Then, enjoy the community-lead **Christmas in our Community**, complete with a live nativity, music, warming fires, hot cocoa and donuts on Sunday, December 14.

Our Veterans

The Fruit Heights Veterans Memorial honors those who served our country in the U.S. Military, and lived in Fruit Heights at some point.

Nine new names were engraved this week - joining the existing 230 names. We welcome you to mark Veterans Day this week by visiting the memorial at City Hall.