

**Paradise Town
Office of the Mayor**

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WATER – The new water tank project is nearly complete. The contractor is waiting for the concrete to cure to the proper strength before the tank can be sanitized, leak tested, inspected by the State, and then backfilled. The fence will be extended to contain both tanks in a single enclosure with a roadway going around the east side of the fence. We anticipate that by mid/late October the area should be open for shooting using the established process of obtaining a written permit from a member of the Town Council.

OUTSIDE USE OF CULINARY WATER – As a reminder, use of the culinary water for landscape watering is prohibited by ordinance, as is any connection to any irrigation system. We understand that the canal system water has been or soon will be turned off since the permitted flow amounts from the reservoir have been expended. Obviously a little culinary water from a hose for flowers or vegetables may be needed to keep things alive, but watering lawns is not permitted either with a hose or an installed sprinkler system. As a reminder – we live in the desert and it is expected for things to dry out and thankfully established lawns are quite tolerant of long dry spells and will recover when we move to a period of fall storms and cooler weather.

NEW PARK – We received only \$25,000 from the County for our RAPZ Tax application for this year. Obviously we wished for much more since there are a multitude of projects to be accomplished over there. We are working on finishing up the last of the gate details for the arenas and are extending the irrigation water over to where we can use it for the soccer fields next spring. Bartering for parking lot work is also underway to trade out top soil for grading and pit run material.

RAPZ TAX – Among other interesting items on the November 6th ballot, there will be a vote on continuing the RAPZ TAX. Obviously, we would not have had the opportunity to purchase the 15 acre park property or do the improvements we have made to date without the RAPZ TAX funding. Certainly the dispersion of the funds from the County doesn't always align closely with my recreation/arts priorities, but I think it is better to get something to help our communities, rather than struggle completely on our own. While it is certainly "just another tax," I personally believe that it is vital to small cities and towns that lack the tax base to adequately provide recreation opportunities and will be voting FOR a continuation of the program.

TROUT AND BERRY DAYS – Even with the torn up town square due to the new church construction, we had a good turnout for the annual celebration. Be sure to thank the members of the Trout and Berry Day Committee and the Lion's Club for all of their hard work and help this year.

LIBRARY – Remember that an annual Family Library Card is available from the Hyrum Library for just \$30 per year. In addition to the resources at the Hyrum building, this Card gets you free access to a massive online library from the state that includes audio books, e-editions and many other digital resources. More information can be found at www.hyrumlibrary.com or <http://pioneer.utah.gov/home.html> .

Please call or e-mail me with any, concerns, comments, or questions regarding the above notes or other Town issues.

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