

Paradise Town
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UTILITY BILL CHANGES – Many of you will notice that the total amount for the monthly utility bill from the Town is a dollar higher starting this month. Logan City manages the emergency communications activities for the entire county and they have added a 1 dollar surcharge to cover the operating cost of emergency radios. The various communities were polled about whether we supported that increase or not, but ultimately Logan made the decision to go forward with the increase and it has rolled through to us by way of an add-on for each customer that has garbage pickup services in the valley.

The only portion of the monthly bill that the Town has direct influence over is the culinary water service. The garbage and recycle rates and the 911 charges are set by Logan and passed thru to us by the County. We collect those amounts on the monthly water bills and turn around and mail a check each month to the County and they send it on to Logan City.

That being said – it is reasonably likely that there will some more changes in the somewhat near future as Logan transitions from the landfill on 200 North to the proposed facility near Clarkston. It will be interesting to see how much (if any) input we will be able to have into the rate setting process for the new landfill.

BUDGET AND TAXES – At our June 18th meeting, the Town Council voted to keep the current certified tax rate (Property Tax.) We had a lengthy discussion about the level of services we provide to the residents and if we should increase our taxes to be able to improve our services. Certainly as costs continue to rise; it becomes increasingly more difficult to keep up with the costs associated with taking care of roads, parks, utilities, and the other things that drain funds while running the Town. At the same time, we recognize that the costs of running our individual households continue to rise each year, while oftentimes a correlating increase in our paychecks

does not seem to happen at the same rate. As Mayor and Town Council, we are sincerely interested in feedback or questions about the services we provide and the costs and if there are improvements that you believe are worth collecting more taxes for to gain a specific benefit.

TROUT AND BERRY DAYS – The annual Trout and Berry Days celebration will take place in August with most of the activities happening on Saturday the 23rd. Lee Atwood is the Chairman this year and he can likely answer most of the questions you may have. Certainly we want to get the word out to those that are interested in having a booth, donating for the Auction or participating in the parade and other activities so they can help us have a successful event.

ANIMAL CONTROL – We continue to have complaints about dogs running loose in town and bothering people while in public areas or walking, biking, or running on the streets. Cache County Animal Control typically does not do random patrols, but they do respond to calls to Dispatch. If it is too late at night, they will not respond unless it is an emergency. If you see a problem with dogs running loose, please contact Dispatch at 716-9400, preferably during the day or evening to get timely resolution to the issue.

CONTACTING US – The Office Hours are 9-12 on Monday thru Thursday. If it is not convenient to stop in, you can e-mail Alyssa at clerk@paradise.utah.gov or leave a message on the voicemail at 435-245-6737.

For emergencies, please call me on my cell phone at 435-720-3893 and leave a message and I will listen to it and respond as soon as I can.

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

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