

Paradise Town
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2014 FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAP SHOOT – The annual Fire Department/EMS fall Trap Shoot fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 29th at the gravel pit at the top of 9000 South. Raffle tickets for a sweet Benelli shotgun are available that morning or in advance by contacting a member of the Fire Department or Alyssa has some at the town office.

There will be warm and cold drinks available as well as plenty of good food and fun. Youth competitions with good prizes are also an important part of the event so we encourage you to bring your young shooters.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RADON TESTING – Bear River Health Department has contacted all of the Mayors of Cache, Box Elder and Rich County with the Radon Gas testing results charted by each community. Unfortunately, the average Radon level from the 28 homes tested so far in Paradise is nearly the highest in Cache County.

Bear River Health which is located at 85 East 1800 North in North Logan has the Utah Department of Environmental Quality Radon test kits available for \$8.00. They can also be picked up at their Brigham and Tremonton offices as well. I would strongly encourage that we all test each of our homes for Radon gas levels and depending on the results, consider what practical and economical mitigation methods would be best to lower it to a safer level.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is present in the soil in nearly every location in the US. Elevated levels of Radon are believed to be the #2 cause of lung cancer, next to smoking tobacco products. There is a lot of good useful information at www.brhd.org under their Environmental Health menu as well as www.radon.utah.gov or www.epa.gov/radon where you can better understand the risks and the things that can be done in homes to reduce Radon gas to a level that is safe.

Alyssa will also post the information that BRHD provided to me regarding community Radon test levels, a map of the state, and a fact sheet on our Town website.

WATER BILLS – The November water bills are based on the meter readings that have taken place over the last few weeks. If you have a larger than normal bill and believe you may have a leak, please let us know and depending on the situation and the promptness of repairs made, we can

adjust some of the overage costs up to 50% to reduce the financial burden. If your large water bill is due to use for outside watering, obviously you are responsible for the entire amount. The current Town Ordinance prohibits the use of the drinking water as part of an in-ground or above ground watering system for yards and our rates are also set at a level to allow reasonable water use, but at the same time encourage conservation. On drier years, we rely heavily on pumping water from a combination of wells which have high electrical costs as well as periodic maintenance and replacement costs. Conserving water and fixing leaks is a good way to save both the home owner some money as well as reducing the financial burden from pumping water.

WINTER PARKING AND SNOW REMOVAL – We are just around the corner from another season of snow removal. While we don't have a specific winter parking policy, we do have the general provision to ticket or impound vehicles that have been parked longer than 24 hours on or near the roadways any time of the year. Certainly we don't want to manage this like many other cities in the valley do with expensive parking tickets and fines, but we do ask that you simply keep vehicles well away from the pavement, especially during the winter months.

Some years every snow storm seems to fall on Garbage Day, and maybe we will have better luck this year. It certainly is helpful to not put your can on the road on Tuesday night if it is likely to snow, but wait until morning since we typically plow in the late night and early morning times. Also prompt removal of garbage cans after emptying makes in much more efficient for snow removal as well.

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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