

Paradise Town
Office of the Mayor

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SPRING CLEANUP WEEK – Beginning Monday April 20th, we will have a roll-off dumpster down by the park on 9000 South for junk items that may have accumulated in our yards. Please DO NOT place tires or refrigerators, batteries, or hazardous chemical materials in that dumpster or the Town will be fined by the Landfill. Also, do not use that dumpster for green waste, since we pay for junk by the pound, and it is expensive for limbs that can go in the greenwaste dumpster for free. If you have quite a few scrap metal items, consider contacting one of the valley recyclers and take the metal there for cash, rather than have it clutter your yards or take up space in the dumpsters.

GREENWASTE – As you may have noticed, the greenwaste bin is back in town for residential use throughout the summer season. If you notice that the bin is full, please don't over fill it or pile your limbs around it. It is also helpful to make sure that spilled grass or limbs are raked up and thrown in the bin rather than left on the ground. Don't put root balls, fence posts, construction debris, or wooden furniture in the greenwaste bin since it damages the shredding equipment and Logan won't take a bin with waste in it.

DOGS – I still see quite a few dogs running all over town and have had several people call me about specific problems. Our contract is with the Cache County Sherriff Office for animal control and it is best to contact them directly at the regular dispatch number of 716-9400 when you see a problem and give as much information as possible. Please be a good neighbor and keep your pets in your own yard rather than send them to the neighbors or parks to do their business! Nobody out walking, biking or horseback riding appreciates being chased or sniffed by someone else's dog....or stepping into a pile at the park or on your lawn.

WATER – A few people have asked how the Town is situated for culinary water this upcoming summer season. The simple answer is that we will be fine, but with the anticipated low spring flows, we will have to rely heavily on our deep wells. Certainly the gravity flow spring water is most economical, but we do have adequate water that comes with the electrical and maintenance costs associated with pumping. We have recently completed a pump efficiency upgrade project which should double our pumping capacity while consuming the same amount of electricity. While the project was initially expensive, the payback period should be in about 3 years at our current pumping rate.

As a reminder, the current Town Ordinance prohibits the use of the drinking water for use in lawn watering systems. We realize that flowers and newly planted trees and shrubs may need a little

water before the irrigation systems are turned in, but general yard watering puts a strain on the drinking water system beyond what it is designed for. Pipe sizing and fire pressure and flow rates were calculated for the system based on NO outside water usage during the summer season, since canal water is available for every household in town. The ordinance does have provisions for citations and fines for outside water usage but certainly we prefer voluntary compliance rather than resorting to active management by the Town.

ELECTION UPDATE – The state law regarding election of local officials has changed which consolidates the period for candidate filing into just one week. For those that are interested in running for any of the seats that will be up for election this November, you must file with the Clerk between 8AM June 1st and 5PM June 8th. Two 4-year seats are available for Town Council which are currently held by Margaret O Bray and Jay Rinderknecht.

BURN PERMITS– The Division of Air Quality for the state has a new system for issuing burn permits. The burn season began on March 30th this year and runs through May. The easiest method is to go online to <http://www.cachecounty.org/fire/burn-permits.html> and fill out the online request. It might take a day or two for the system to get it approved and the local fire officials to get back with you with the permit, but it is the current state law. Contact myself, Troy Fredrickson at 770-6099, or the County Fire Dept at 755-1670 for more information. Be careful while burning so we don't have a runaway condition that damages our neighbor's property or injures ourselves or others!

BUDGETS– I am currently putting together a proposed budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1st. I am planning on keeping the budget roughly the same as it has been in previous years with the assumption that tax revenues for sales and property tax will remain about the same. If there are any specific things that you strongly believe we should raise property taxes for, please let me know so they can be considered in a draft budget. I will be having a Public Hearing in late May to discuss the budget with the residents prior to taking it to the Town Council for an approval vote. We encourage people to learn about the budget and to hear where the money comes from and how it is allocated for spending in the upcoming fiscal year.

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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