



# Herriman City Newsletter



13011 South Pioneer Street  
Herriman, UT 84096



## Community Strength & Support

*Mayor Carmen R. Freeman*

A common practice at the beginning of each year is the setting of goals. Their primary purpose is to assist us in evaluating where we are and what steps are needed to produce the improvements we are seeking. Recently, as I was considering what goals and aspirations we could embrace as a community which would hopefully empower our character and ultimately define who we are, I recalled an experience I had once.

A number of years ago our family went on a vacation to northern California and the Oregon coast. One of the highlights of our trip was a visit to the Redwood National Forest. Located in this beautiful and majestic setting are numerous giant redwoods that fill you with a sense of awe and wonder. These mammoth trees, which have their beginning from a seed the size of a tomato seed, can grow to a height of over 300 feet and can be as wide as 22 feet at the base. As I thought about these magnificent wonders of creation, I asked myself how can these trees stand so firm and straight amid the wind and other acts of nature. In doing some research, I discovered that the root system for these giants is rather unique. The roots are just 10 to 13 feet below the surface then move horizontally 60 to 80 feet and intertwine with the roots of the other trees. Thus each tree is able to stand tall and firm from the strength and support it receives from the neighboring trees.

As we consider this process which ensures the stability and longevity of the giant redwoods, certainly there is a comparable element to our community which we should all consider. Just as the roots of the giant redwoods reach out to support and strengthen those around them, so too can each of us reach out to lift, steady and strengthen those who are less fortunate and have need of our concern.

This compassionate and caring spirit was fully evident last summer when heavy flooding caused by a torrential rain storm damaged a number of homes in the Lafayette subdivision. In a spirit of deep concern, hundreds of residents in surrounding neighborhoods reached out to support and assist those besieged by this unfortunate event. They came with buckets, shovels and helping hands to offer relief to those affected. As this event unfolded before me, I was deeply touched by the willingness of our residents to put aside their personal interests to support and care for a neighbor in distress.

As we begin this new year, it is my hope and desire as residents of Herriman that we will reflect the wonder of the giant redwoods – reaching out to offer strength and support to those around us. As we contemplate and consider this charitable attribute, let us remember the insightful words spoken by the author Pablo, “Never underestimate the difference YOU can make in the lives of others. Step forward, reach out and help.”



## Commit To Be Fit

*Mayor Carmen R. Freeman*

In the Disney Production of Mary Poppins made in 1964, Mary Poppins played by Julie Andrews, is an English nanny hired by a dysfunctional family in London to improve their relationships and interactions with each other. During one particular segment of the movie, Mary Poppins sings the classic song, “A Spoonful of Sugar” in an attempt to motivate the children to clean their room. During the course of this song, Mary Poppins references the term “sugar” numerous times in an effort to teach the children that difficult and daunting tasks can still be fun.

Today, sugar is promoted in a similar way. But what’s not to like about sugar. Whether it’s your favorite soft drink, candy bar, cookie, doughnut, cake, pie or bowl of ice cream, certainly, “a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine [or task] go down.”

However, we all know that a spoonful of sugar on a regular basis begins to add up over the course of a year. Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that the average American will consume up to 150-170 pounds of sugar in one year!

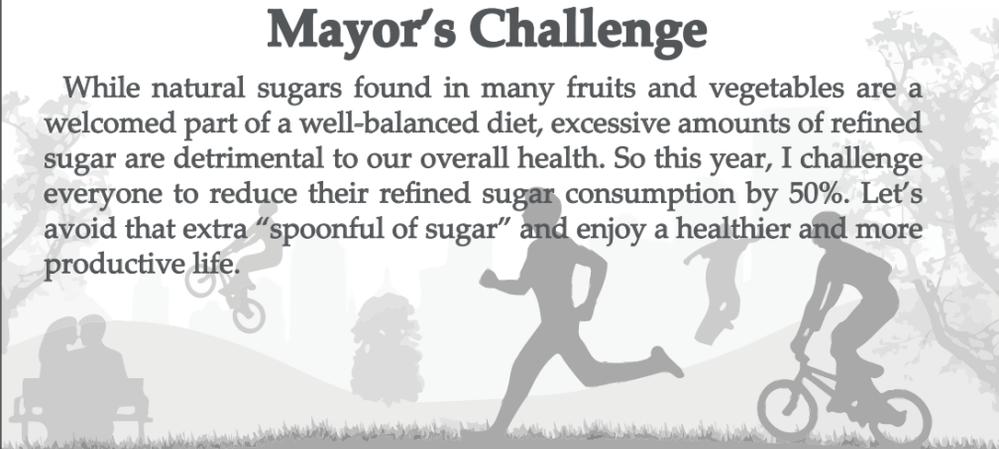
So how are we consuming all of that sugar? Here are a few examples:

- 12 oz. can of Coke = 7 teaspoons*
- Snickers candy bar = 7 teaspoons*
- Four Oreo cookies = 2.8 teaspoons*
- Sugar doughnut = 2.2 teaspoons*
- A slice of carrot cake = 3 teaspoons*

Some critics of sugar consumption have referred to it as a drug or poison. While this description may be a little extreme, certainly one cannot argue the harmful effects of sugar on the human body. For example, excessive sugar in our diet has been linked to obesity, damage to the heart and liver, escalation of cancer, tooth decay, diabetes and brain function.

## Mayor’s Challenge

While natural sugars found in many fruits and vegetables are a welcomed part of a well-balanced diet, excessive amounts of refined sugar are detrimental to our overall health. So this year, I challenge everyone to reduce their refined sugar consumption by 50%. Let’s avoid that extra “spoonful of sugar” and enjoy a healthier and more productive life.



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## Youth Council Wishes You a Happy New Year

*Kennady Bekmezian, Youth Council PIO*

The Youth Council was recently privileged to attend Herriman City's annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner, where they, along with various other groups and individuals, were recognized for the valuable service they have provided for Herriman City.

Members of the Herriman City Youth Council were present in a recent Herriman City Work Meeting as Sarah Hale, Chairwoman of the Youth Council Charter Committee, presented the final draft of the Youth Council Charter. Thanks to the feedback given by the City Council, our Youth Council have made final improvements to their new Charter which will be verified by the City Council in an up-coming meeting.

Coming up soon for Youth Council is an all day retreat on January 17th to discuss important information for the upcoming year, along with elections which will be held early in 2015.

Another anticipated upcoming event is the annual Day at the Legislature, during which Youth Council Members visit the State Capitol and are able to learn about the Senate, along with practicing skills as they themselves debate real, current issues. This is an event which multiple Youth Councils from Salt Lake County attend together. Herriman City was well represented in early 2014 at this event, as our Youth Council Mayor, Riley Elder, was appointed chairman during debate of a bill.

Youth Council application deadline was December 22nd. The City appreciates those who applied and the Youth Council anxiously awaits the opportunity to welcome new arrivals. Along with new applications submitted, current Youth Council members interested in serving another term were requested to write and submit a letter of intent, including what they accomplished during their 2014 term, and what they plan to accomplish during a 2015 term, in order to remain on the Herriman City Youth Council.

Looking forward to another year of service, involvement in City affairs and opportunities to gain political experience and greater communication skills.

## "Beauty And The Beast"

Auditions for the Herriman Arts Council summer musical production of "Disney's Beauty And The Beast" will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9am - 1pm at Herriman City Hall, 13011 S. Pioneer Street

**IMPORTANT:** To learn more about registering for an audition time and for further details about the production, please visit the Herriman Arts Council facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HerrimanArtsCouncil>

Call back auditions will be by invitation only on Tuesday, March 31, Wednesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 2nd.

All audition information and/or dates are subject to change without notice.

Rehearsals begin Saturday, May 2, 2015

Tuesday - Thursday rehearsals will be from approx. 7pm to 10:00pm.

Saturday rehearsals will be from approximately 9:00am to 1:00pm.

"Tech Week" rehearsals begin June 29th-July 8th beginning as early as 6:00pm and as late as 11:00pm.

There will be no rehearsal on Saturday, July 4th.

Production dates:

July 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 20 (all shows begin at 7:30pm)

Location:

W & M Butterfield Park Rosecrest Pavilion,  
6212 Butterfield Park Way, Herriman, UT 84096

Producer - James Crane

Director - Stephen Kerr

Choreographer - Julie Balazs

Music Director - Linda Smith

Orchestra Director - Meagan Thorup

## Recreation



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### Community Fisheries Program

For Children Ages 6-13

Weekly Instruction: Monday Nights  
April 13th - May 18th

Cost: \$15 (Pre-Registration-Includes free T-Shirt)

Location: The Cove at Herriman Springs  
6979 W. Rose Canyon Road (14100 So)

Register online [www.herriman.org/events/](http://www.herriman.org/events/)  
or Call 801-254-7667

Space is limited. Entry is on a first come basis.  
Program lead by adult mentors.

## 2015 Herriman Youth LaCrosse

Coach Registration:

Opens January 1st

Online Registration:

Opens February 1st

[www.herrimanlacrosse.org](http://www.herrimanlacrosse.org)

Practices/Tryouts:

May Begin March 16th

Games Begin:

April 18th



Boys Ages  
K - 8th grade

## 2015 Herriman Youth Baseball

Online Registration:

Opens February 1st

[www.herrimanbaseball.com](http://www.herrimanbaseball.com)

In-Person Registration:

TBA - Watch Website for Updates

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## Transportation

*Utah Transportation Coalition*

Last month, the Herriman City Council made a decision to join the Utah Transportation Coalition as they look to secure adequate long term funding to support transportation needs in our rapidly growing state. Together we will collaborate on providing education to the public regarding the needs and options that are being proposed.

In Utah, the state motor fuel tax (gas tax) serves as our primary source of transportation funding. The funding covers:

- Maintenance, like overlays on worn down roads, snowplowing and pothole repair.
- Improvements to existing infrastructure like enhanced safety features, better lighting or new traffic signs and signals.
- New capacity, which includes everything from new highways to new sidewalks and trails.

Unfortunately, the gas tax doesn't stretch as far as it did in 1997, when it was last updated. Due to inflation, the buying power of the gas tax has decreased by 28 percent over the last decade. Meanwhile, vehicles have become more fuel-efficient, which means drivers are buying less gas to operate their vehicles.

Part of Utah's gas tax is portioned out to local governments. The average city in Utah only receives about 40 percent of the funds they need for transportation from the state. Many cities and counties must postpone projects or sacrifice other services to cover transportation costs.

Utah's transportation and planning agencies estimated that we need an additional \$11.3 million dollars to cover the most necessary transportation projects at state and local levels between now and 2040. To optimize value for the dollar, we need to plan for that funding now.

A quality transportation system offers personal benefits to every Utahn. Transportation impacts our time, our environment and our health.

For Utahns who use it each day, a functioning system means less travel time, which translates to more time with family, more free time and time to pursue a balanced life.

Whether or not you drive, you benefit from an efficient transportation system. A healthy transportation system provides:

- Personal savings in time and money. A healthy transportation system leads to reduced congestion and reduced vehicle-operating costs. A well-functioning system improves reliability, safety and air quality. A healthy system also provides taxpayer savings through fiscally responsible planning.
- Reliable delivery of goods and services. FedEx broke its previous record in package delivery this holiday season. It will move 290 million shipments between Black Friday and Christmas Eve, an 8.8 percent increase over last year.
- A healthy Utah: healthy air, healthy environment and healthy quality of life. By investing in active transportation options, we improve air quality and promote physical activity.

Transportation impacts Utah's economy, environment and quality of life. A long-term transportation funding solution will preserve our current and future quality of life.

To obtain more information about transportation impacts and the transportation coalition, visit [www.Utahtransportation.org](http://www.Utahtransportation.org). For regular updates from the program follow Herriman City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HerrimanCity>

## Community Gardens

The Herriman City Community Garden had an abundant 2014 season, gardeners donated over 100 pounds of produce to the Riverton Senior Center. The garden is located on Pioneer Street. Herriman residents can rent an approximately 175 square foot garden plot that will keep your family in produce throughout the growing season. Seasoned gardeners are ready to help those just starting out. There is a \$40 deposit for single plots and \$60 for double plots. The deposits will be refunded at the end of the season if the plot is maintained as agreed. Please visit <http://bit.ly/HCGRegistration>, read the garden agreement and register for your opportunity to rent a plot in the coming season. If you have any questions, please contact:

Trish Slussar at [trishslussar@gmail.com](mailto:trishslussar@gmail.com)

HERRIMAN Arts COUNCIL

## 2015 Valentines Cabaret

Love is In the Air! Or is it?

It's time to start saving your seats for the Herriman Harmonyx annual Valentines Cabaret. Shows will be **Thursday February 12th @ 7pm, Friday February 13th at 6pm and 8pm and Saturday February 14th @ 6pm and 8pm.** All performances take place at the city building. Please visit the Herriman Arts Council page on the city site [herriman.org](http://herriman.org) for ticket information and event details. Come enjoy comedy, music and dessert!

## "Herriman Live!" Talent Show



Do you have talent? We need every kind of talent for our upcoming show, Herriman Live! Get prepared now because auditions will be March 6-7, 2015. We are also looking for art pieces to display! No talent is left out! Herriman Live will be at Fort Herriman Middle on March 14, 2015. Watch for upcoming info on our Facebook page!

MISS  
HERRIMAN  
SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

Watch for more information on Contestant Orientation in January. Application, contest rules and eligibility information will soon be available at [herriman.org](http://herriman.org); click on the Application link in the Volunteer drop-down menu. The Miss Herriman pageant will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Herriman High School. Like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/missherriman](http://www.facebook.com/missherriman).



# Herriman City 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



www.herriman.org/events/  
For the latest updates on Events

**FEBRUARY 12TH @ 7:00PM**  
**13TH & 14TH @ 6:00 & 8:00PM**  
**Valentines Cabaret**  
Herriman City Hall

**MARCH 14TH @ 7:00PM**  
**"Herriman Live" Talent Show**  
Fort Herriman Middle School

**APRIL 4TH @ 10:00AM**  
**Youth Easter Egg Hunt**  
W&M Butterfield Park

**APRIL 13TH, 20TH, 27TH**  
**MAY 4TH, 11TH & 18TH**  
**MONDAYS @ 6:00PM**  
**Community Fisheries Classes**  
The Cove at Herriman Springs

**APRIL 25TH @ 7:00PM**  
**Miss Herriman Scholarship Pageant**  
Herriman High School

**TBA**  
**Farm Field Days**  
Field Trip to Farm (for Schools Only)

**MAY 9TH @ 6:00PM**  
**Herriman Enduro Challenge**  
W&M Butterfield Park

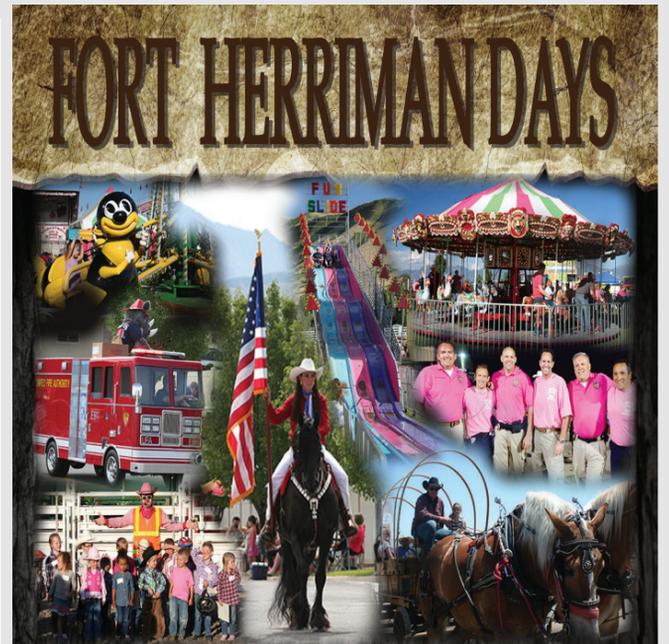
**MAY 25TH**  
**Memorial Chuck Wagon Breakfast**  
Main Street Park 7:00AM-11:00AM

**Memorial Ceremony**  
Herriman Cemetery 9:00AM

**MAY 30TH @ 9:00AM**  
**Pedal Palooza**  
W&M Butterfield Park



**Enduro Challenge**  
**MAY 9TH**  
6:00PM (Main Event)  
4th Annual  
Transforming W&M Butterfield Equestrian Complex into an intricate race course. Obstacles include boulders, rock fields, poles, sand, jumps and water pond.



**PRCA RODEO**  
**JUNE 5TH & 6TH**  
Kiddie Korral @ 7:00PM  
Rodeo @ 8:00PM

**FORT HERRIMAN DAYS**  
**JUNE 19TH & 20TH**  
Friday 19th 5pm-10pm  
Car Show, Touch A Truck, Carnival Rides, Cinema in the Park  
Saturday 20th 7am-10pm  
Run, Parade, Park Festivities, Carnival Rides, Booths, Entertainment, Games, Fireworks

**W&M Butterfield Park**  
6212 West 14200 South



## UNIFIED POLICE GREATER SALT LAKE

### Winter Safety

by Detective Cody Stromberg

The snow continues to fly and winter is here to stay for a while. As we move into a new year, please help us all stay a little safer by following a few simple steps:

- Avoid parking on the street during or immediately following a snow storm. Our city crews work tirelessly during the winter months to keep our streets clear and they need your help. Parking on the street during or in the hours following a snow storm interferes with their ability to plow effectively and could result in a parking citation. (Herriman City Code 6-4-8).

- Resist the temptation to leave your vehicle unattended while warming up in your driveway. Vehicles left warming are a prime target for car thieves in the winter months and could cause more headaches than a few minutes in a cold car.
- Remember to keep emergency essentials in your vehicle, particularly if you have a long commute or are traveling. You don't want to be the one stranded in a snow storm on the highway without a blanket and some food and water.
- Slick roads and excessive speeds are a recipe for a traffic crash. Please slow down and increase your following distance when driving in bad weather. Most accidents during the winter months are the result of drivers traveling too fast for the road conditions. Remember your brakes don't work as well when there is a sheet of ice between the tires and the road.



The Unified Police Department wishes our Herriman residents a safe and Happy New Year.

Emergency: Call 911  
Non-emergency:  
Call 801-743-7000  
UPD Herriman Office:  
Call 385-468-9515  
(General questions & information)



### Winter Heating and Fire Safety

The winter months are the leading time of year for home fires. As the temperatures outside drop and we turn to inside heat sources to keep warm the risk for home fires increases. In 2011, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 53,600 reported U.S. home structure fires, with associated losses of 400 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries, and \$893 million in direct property damage. These fires accounted for 14% of all reported home fires. Based on 2007-2011 annual averages:

- Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for one-third (33%) of home heating fires and four out of five (81%) of home heating fire deaths.
- The leading factor contributing to home heating fires (28%) was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid-fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Placing things that can burn too close to heating equipment or placing heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattress, or bedding, was the leading factor contributing to ignition in fatal home heating fires and accounted for more than half (53%) of home heating fire deaths.
- Half (50%) of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.



MEETING SCHEDULE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
City Council Retreat	January 9,10	3:00pm/8am	UFA Logistics, W Jordan
City Council Meeting	January 14	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	January 15	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
City Council Meeting	January 28	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
Joint Work Meeting	January 29	6:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	February 5	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
City Council Meeting	February 11	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	February 19	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
City Council Meeting	February 25	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
Planning Commission Meeting	March 5	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
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Planning Commission Meeting	March 19	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall
City Council Meeting	March 25	7:00 pm	Herriman City Hall



For the latest updates on meeting schedules visit:  
<http://www.herriman.org/events-calendar/>  
City Council meetings are streamed live on ustream.com search for Herriman City

## The Future of Herriman Hills: Preservation or People?

*Herriman Trails Committee*

While development is inevitable, the Trails Committee has a strong desire to see that Herriman does not lose the character and outdoor charm that many of its residents enjoy. The signature characteristic of our city is Herriman Hills, the mountain range on our southern boundary. Herriman has an opportunity to preserve this beautiful area for outdoor recreation, wildlife, beauty, and fire buffering. It also would provide economic opportunities for the City and prevent the high costs of delivering services to mountain communities.

The majority of Herriman Hills is privately owned with zoning that allows one residential unit per acre. Potentially, there could be thousands of homes built on the mountain. The Trails Committee is mindful and respectful of the rights of property owners, and would like to give them options other than development if they choose to sell their land.

The City is working with several groups to find funding to purchase the mountain. However, all these opportunities require matching funds from the City. To raise these funds, the Trails Committee is sponsoring an initiative to be on the ballot in November 2015. Signatures from 1300 registered Herriman voters will be required by March just to get the initiative on the ballot. If passed, it will allow the City to collect a small monthly fee to be used ONLY to purchase and maintain Herriman Hills.

The Trails Committee is now conducting an online survey to gather Herriman residents' vision for the mountain, as well as their opinions on a monthly fee to fund preservation efforts. Results of this survey will be used to determine how the Trails Committee will move forward with efforts to preserve the mountain. PLEASE take a moment to complete the survey and share your opinion.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/HerrimanHillside](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HerrimanHillside)

If feedback for preservation is positive, the Trails Committee will need help gathering the required 1300 signatures to get the initiative on the ballot. If you are interested in helping or learning more, please contact the Trails Committee at [trails@herriman.org](mailto:trails@herriman.org) or follow Herriman City Trails Committee on Facebook.

## Pet Services

*Sandy Nelson, Salt Lake County Animal Services*

Welcome to 2015! Salt Lake County Animal Services wants to make sure YOU, the residents of Herriman, know about the great services we offer.

Not only do we offer animal control services, pet licensing, and pet adoptions, but we also offer special discounted services to our jurisdiction city citizens.

As a citizen of Herriman, you are eligible for these FREE services for your pet:

- Utah FACES dog voucher – FREE microchip, FREE rabies vaccine, FREE DHPP vaccine. Good for one dog only. Must license dog at time of voucher service or show proof of current pet license.
- Utah FACES cat voucher- FREE microchip, FREE rabies vaccine, FREE FVRCP vaccine. Good for one cat only. Must license cat at time of voucher service or show proof of current pet license.
- Utah FACES spay/neuter voucher- FREE spay or neuter for low-income citizens for one dog or cat. FREE spay or neuter for one pit bull type dog (no low-income requirements). FREE microchip will also be given at time of spay/neuter.

We also offer free outreach programs and Humane Education for schools, youth groups, and community groups. If you would like to learn more about any of these programs, please visit our website at [www.adoptutahpets.com](http://www.adoptutahpets.com), call us at 385-GOT-PETS, or visit us at the shelter at 511 West 3900 South. Happy New Year from your friends at Salt Lake County Animal Services!

## Recycling

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25%. This holiday season, please make an effort to recycle and reduce waste. Provided below are some seasonal tips about keeping the black bin empty and the blue bin full.

**Cannot Be Recycled:** Gift wrapping ribbon, paper with metallic foil designs, packing peanuts and bubble wrap, christmas lights\*

\*Christmas lights may be accepted by scrap metal recyclers. Additionally, if you cannot recycle an item, find ways to reuse it. Also note that reducing the amount of materials you use for packaging and gift wrapping can lead to saving money at home.

**Can Be Recycled:** Cardboard packaging, plastic (1 through 7) and plastic air bags, gift wrap (even if it's glossy), plastics, including plastic clam shells

**Christmas Tree Collection:** Starts the Monday after Christmas, until the last weekday of January, we will collect Christmas trees curbside. Your tree may be picked up on any of your regular scheduled collection days during the month of January.



## Herriman City to Offer Passport Service



Herriman City is pleased to announce that in mid-January our office will be set up to accept passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State. Herriman residents, along with any U.S. Citizen planning international travel may apply for their passports at Herriman City Hall during the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm.

Brett Wood, Herriman City Manager, stated that he welcomes this opportunity to add additional services in order to enhance convenience and service to our residents. "We are looking forward to opening the passport division to

serve the residents of Herriman and those in surrounding areas, as part of our mission to provide efficient service to the public," Wood said.

The City is currently establishing an area in their front office for passport service only. Those wishing to obtain a passport will go to that window, fill out an application and have their picture taken. Appropriate documentation must accompany them in order to complete the application. Watch our Facebook page for an announcement on the date the passport window will open. <https://www.facebook.com/HerrimanCity>

For application forms, information on documentation required, fees, and a wealth of other passport and international travel information, visit the official website for passport information at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)

## Happy New Year from the Parks Department

*Wade Sharp, Parks Manager*

The Parks Dept. has enjoyed a long and unseasonably warm Fall this year and the extra time granted by Old Man Winter has not gone unappreciated.

The Parks Staff was able to get the entire sprinkler system winterized in all of the Parks with plenty of time to spare. In fact we were getting a little concerned about the lack of moisture and worried about the trees throughout the City. We are happy to be receiving some rain and light snow fall at the time of this writing.

We have been busy getting a jump on many of the Spring maintenance items and hope this will allow for improved shrub bed and weed control measures. Currently we are working to modify some of the older sprinkler components along with fence repairs and the installation of long term fertilizer tablets in all of the City's trees.

We are thankful to all that use the Herriman Parks, Open Space and Trail System and appreciate the assistance and feedback we receive through the many volunteer groups and individual efforts. We look forward to a great year in 2015 and hope to bring additional Parks, Trails and Amenities for your enjoyment.



## Bright Idea: Are you ready for change?

*Cathryn Nelson, Building Official*

The International Building Code, which regulates all construction in the State of Utah including Herriman City, contains requirements for energy conservation. One of the least expensive ways to reduce energy costs is installation of high efficiency light bulbs. At the end of 2014, major manufacturers of light bulbs were no longer allowed to manufacture most incandescent bulbs. Although this legislation is being challenged, you may want to prepare for the change if you haven't already. Note that 40-watt and 3-way bulbs are not affected by the change.

Incandescent bulbs invented 120 years ago are the traditional yet outdated type of bulb. Incandescent bulbs actually produce heat as the primary function. The light produced is simply a byproduct of the heat. However, the heat wastes a lot of electricity. Incandescent bulbs are not efficient.

Currently there are several options to replace your old-fashioned bulbs: Fluorescent, LED, CFL and Halogen. I predict the industry will come up with even more options in the future.

Fluorescent bulbs produce light in a very different way than incandescent bulbs. They are 4 to 6 times more efficient. If you buy a 15-watt fluorescent bulb, it produces the same light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb. They are pricier but have a longer lifespan.

LED bulbs are currently much more pricy but they have a lifespan that is practically infinite. Incandescent bulbs have a lifespan measured in years. LED lifespan is advertised in decades. A 9- or 12-watt LED produces the same light as a 60-watt incandescent bulb.

CFL and halogen have a lower upfront cost, but consume more power and have a shorter lifespan. They are still a much better alternative to old fashioned incandescent bulbs.

Complaints of newer versions of bulbs include less-than-instantaneous brightness and unattractive light color. Manufacturers are working to reduce or eliminate these complaints. However I've heard comments that once you're accustomed to the delay to full brightness, the dimmer light upon activating becomes less assaulting to the senses. Think about the rude awakening you experience as you switch on the bathroom light first thing in the morning!

Look for an ENERGY STAR rated bulb. If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a light bulb that's earned the ENERGY STAR, we would save enough energy to light 3 million homes for a year, save about \$680 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 9 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to those from about 800,000 cars.

Pay attention to the disposal warnings of fluorescent, CFL and halogen bulbs. They contain mercury and must be disposed of properly.

This was a very brief overview. If you want more information, the internet provides much more information than most of us could ever have time to research. I found the most helpful information from the Energy Star website [energystar.gov](http://energystar.gov), as well as [home.howstuffworks.com](http://home.howstuffworks.com), [homeguides.sfgate.com](http://homeguides.sfgate.com), and [designrecycleinc.com](http://designrecycleinc.com).

