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Reshaping Our Priorities

Mayor Carmen R. Freeman

Several months ago, I came across a newspaper article which stressed and reaffirmed the importance of focusing and realigning our lives on those things which are truly important. The article made reference to a quarter-final football game between Frederick A. Douglas High School and Locust Grove High School. With only 1:04 left in the game, a Douglas receiver caught a pass which appeared to be the winning touchdown. However, the Douglas coach, while running down the sidelines, inadvertently ran into the referee. The referee threw a flag and the winning touchdown was called back. Locust Grove held on to win the game 20-19.

Perhaps a better course of action for the referee would have been to allow the touchdown and impose a penalty on the next play. The Activities Association acknowledged the error and apologized, but said the governing rules did not provide an avenue to correct the mistake. Sadly, for Douglas High School, the matter was closed.

However, individuals associated with the Oklahoma City public schools would have none of that; they filed a lawsuit insisting a replay of the final 64 seconds or to play the game again in its entirety. After reviewing the lawsuit, the judge granted a temporary restraining order on Locust Grove which restricted them from playing in their next game. Fortunately, a short time later, the judge came to his senses and dismissed the lawsuit.

After reading this article, I thought to myself, how tragic it was for those associated with the Oklahoma City public schools system to allow themselves to get caught up in something which in the end really doesn't matter. Think of the time, resources and energy that would have been used in an attempt to correct a mistake which ultimately possessed no inherent value or purpose. I love sports and want my favorite team to win, but at what point do we finally come to realize, it's just a game and there are far more important matters in life which should garner our attention.

As I have reflected deeply on this experience, I wonder if there are times when each of us falls into this same trap of misguided priorities. Innocently and somewhat unknowingly, we may enlist ourselves and families in an overabundance of activities and programs which can compound our stress level, steal precious moments with those close to us and like the football game dispute, set us on a course of ill-advised priorities.

Certainly, I am not advocating against football, or other activities and programs which provide a physical and emotional refuge from the stresses that come from daily



Meeting Schedule

7:00 PM

City Council Meetings:

January 13, 2016

January 27, 2016

Planning Commission Meetings:

January 7, 2016

January 21, 2016

For the latest meeting schedule updates and agendas visit:

www.herriman.org/events-calendar/

www.herriman.org/agendas-and-minutes/

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number: 801-446-5323

Park Reservations: 801-254-7667

Building Dept.: 801-446-5327

Police Dispatch: 801-743-7000

Fire Dispatch: 801-743-7200

Emergency: 911

Website: www.herriman.org

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13011 South Pioneer Street

Herriman, UT 84096

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



living. What I am however advocating for is an appropriate balance, vision and emphasis on those pursuits which will give us greater allegiance to our highest priority – family and faith. This new pattern of governing our lives will require self-discipline as we prioritize our lives on what is important and what we have to simply say “no” too. This philosophy was wonderfully expressed in a Facebook posting I once saw, “In order to say ‘yes’ to your priorities you have to be willing to say ‘no’ to something else.”

It is my hope and desire during this forthcoming year that we will have listening ears, attentive eyes and understanding hearts to the things which should truly shape our priorities.

Swearing In of New Council

Monday, January 4th

5:00 pm

City Council Chambers

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Miss Herriman Serves

Miss Herriman is collecting shoes for families in Africa! Please bring your gently used shoes, any size to Herriman City offices from Jan 4 to Jan 29. Donated shoes will be given to those in need in Bruiqna Fassu, Africa— the seventh poorest country in the world. For more information, please visit facebook.com/missherriman.



Council Recognition



Councilman Matt Robinson was presented with a token of appreciation for his years of service on the Unified Fire Authority Board. Chief Jensen along with Deputy Chief Scott had several great words about Matt and their time spent working alongside him. He will be missed.

Building Codes & Seismic Events

Lon Christensen, Assistant Building Official

Many people think building codes will save buildings during a disaster. Yes, building codes often save buildings, but that is not the main objective of building codes. The main objective is to save lives.

During an event such as an earthquake, modern construction design methods and building codes substantially minimize damage, but most of all create designs that saves lives. After a disaster shows its ugly face, a lot of new testing is put into place by actually building miniature versions of the building, then recreating the event such as an earthquake. Then experts study ways to make the building better in order to saves more lives.

Building codes are not meant to prevent economic loss of a structure, but to keep the structure in place long enough to allow people to get out and into a safer location. Un-reinforced buildings built under older codes are what is seen on the news in rubble or laying on the ground after a seismic event. Buildings that comply with current building code with engineering and tested products built into them will ride the storm better than a building with no engineering.

So if you think building codes are for saving buildings during an earthquake or other disaster, they're not. They are for minimizing damage to a building to prevent a tragedy by saving lives.

HERRIMAN Arts COUNCIL

Valentine's Cabaret

Night of the Loving Dead

February 11th at 7pm
February 12th and 13th at
6pm and 8:30pm
\$20 per couple/table

Please share the Zombie Apocalypse with The Herriman Harmonyx through a hilarious original script, delicious dessert and great music.



PURCHASE TICKETS AT
[HTTP://WWW.HERRIMAN.ORG/ARTS-COUNCIL/](http://www.herriman.org/arts-council/)

Pickleball

The J. L. Sorensen Rec. Center in Herriman (5350 W Main St.) now has two courts set up for pickleball. The courts are available from 5 am to 11 am on weekdays.

There is a group teaching newcomers to the sport from 7:30 am till 9:00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays each week.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US. If you are interested and would like more information on the sport, you can put "Pickleball" in your computer and it will bring up rules, history and tournaments on you-tube. You may also call Dave for information at 253-344-8376, e-mail at bluefox46@juno.com.

Herriman City also has an outdoor Pickleball Court at Copper Creek park for those interested.





Healthy Herriman

Mayor Carmen R. Freeman

Our community has been deeply saddened by the recent passing of Cadee Connor as a result of a tragic automobile accident. As I have thought deeply about this misfortune as well as other accidents along the Mountain View Corridor which have claimed precious lives and left others seriously injured, I feel impelled to address this troubling issue.

For some time now, this roadway has drawn considerable attention due to the number of traumatic accidents which have occurred particularly at major intersections. Many have spoken openly of the inherent safety risks of driving on this corridor with its unique design and layout as well as the multiple signal lights which control the east west traffic. Others have also claimed that the Mountain View Corridor poses a greater risk to public safety than any other major roadway in its proximity. However, a traffic study generated by the Utah Department of Transportation does not support this claim. The study revealed that when you consider the number of accidents per 1000 cars driven on this roadway, the Mountain View Corridor ranks well behind the Bangerter Highway.

The Mountain View Corridor does possess certain dynamics with respect to public safety which we have and will continue to address with the Department of Transportation. However, I believe that the accidents associated with this roadway are not the result of its distinctive design but symptoms of a common and far reaching epidemic – driving under the influence, speed, unrestrained driving, red-light running and distracted drivers.

Although I could write about each of these symptoms and the threat each can pose to public safety, the length of this article restricts me from doing so. However, I wish to briefly call your attention to the growing plague of distracted driving which claims 9 lives and injures over 1100 people per day in this country. Distracted driving has been defined as “any activity that could divert a person’s attention away from the primary task of driving.” Types of distracted driving include texting, use of a cell phone, eating and drinking, grooming, talking to passengers, reading, watching a video and adjusting a radio, CD player or MP3 player.

Numerous are the tragic newspaper articles which detail the pain and anguish of those affected by distracted driving. In this inner circle of misfortune are those whose precious lives have been sadly taken, of injuries which have altered lifestyles, dashed hopes and dreams and are a constant reminder of such tragedy, and lastly, of those whose hearts and minds are reminded daily of the painful consequences that come from unwise choices while driving. Certainly, these misfortunes, as sad and tragic as they are, should be a constant reminder to each of us to avoid distractions which can deter our capacity to drive responsibly.

Mayor’s Challenge

Like most things in life, the myriad of issues associated with distractive driving will not be solved overnight. However, we can begin today to stop its harmful effects by simply changing one behavior – discontinue cell phone use while driving. I invite you to join me in making such a declaration and commitment. Hopefully, such preventative action will assist us in our quest to drive more responsibly and be courteous and conscious to those we share the roadways with.



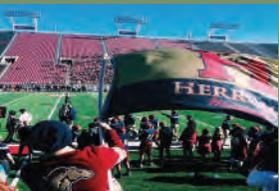
First Lego League teaches students about innovation and technology solutions. First Lego League of Herriman and South Jordan gave the Mayor and City Council members a presentation on recycling in December.



Through the month of December, Herriman High School raised funds through their Hearts of Gold campaign for the Millies Princess Foundation!



Congratulations fo Herriman Mustangs football team for winning the 5A State Championship title.



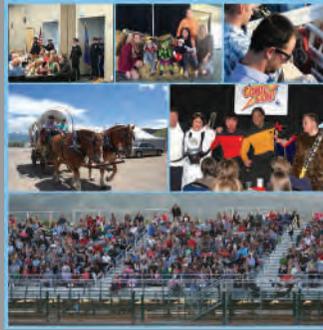
Mayor Freeman along with city staff were able to attend the groundbreaking for the Athlos Academy. We welcome the new charter school to our community.



Santa Carl was at the "UP" House during December taking donations for Toys For Tots. We are proud of our community’s willingness to serve others.



Thank you for making 2015 a great year in Herriman City.



Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2016!



Herriman City Welcomes Two New Council Members

Tami Moody, Director of Communications

The New Year brings two new faces to the Herriman City Council. Jared Henderson and Nicole Martin fill the seats of Matt Robinson and Mike Day who ended their terms after 8 years serving our community. The newest members will be sworn in on January 4, 2016 and take their seat at the first council meeting scheduled for January 13, 2016.

Both Jared and Nicole look forward to serving the residents of Herriman for the next four years and understand that it is a pivotal time in our City with the growth and development. It is no surprise that they are both prepared to hit the ground running. We asked both of them to tell us a little about themselves as well as their visions for our City.



Jared Henderson

Jared loves living in Herriman. He resides here with his wife and three children. Jared has a degree in finance from the University of Utah and is a Certified Financial Planner. He has volunteered his time, energy and resources to encourage the direction of Herriman's growth to reflect "Responsible Growth."

Jared hopes to keep Herriman an attractive place to live, while encouraging economic growth that is fiscally responsible. His biggest goal is to make a difference in the community that he love. He plans to achieve that goal through the following:

- Continue to influence the growth of the City with a balanced, objective approach.
- Keep the community informed so that they can be involved in the process.
- Encourage economic development through means other than increased housing density.

Jared meets with City staff to stay updated on the current status of the City. He is determined to acquire as much information as possible on the issues before making decisions that impact our residents. He encourages our community to stay informed and looks forward to being a voice of the people while working effectively with City staff and City Council in the best interest of our great City.



Nicole Martin

Nicole resides in District 4 of Herriman with her husband and three children. She is appreciative of the vote of confidence and looks forward to serving the residents. Nicole understands that as a rapidly growing city, we need leadership willing to make wise decisions that ensure our sustainability without sacrificing the quality of life that Herriman is known for.

Nicole ran because she felt her knowledge of economic development, city government and communications would be of great benefit to our growing city. Her goals are as follows:

- Encourage business investment that will increase our sales tax base and avoid future tax increase. This includes unique opportunities to establish our niche as a city.
- Hold developers to high standards we want reflected in our community and develop a process whereby residents can be more involved and informed.
- Improve city transparency with frequent communication and encouraged feedback.

A city council best serves its citizens when each member brings their unique strengths, as well as willingness and a commitment to work effectively together. She is confident our city council will be well-functioning and dedicated to achieving that goal with the help of our city employees. Nicole acknowledges that she is "your voice" on the City Council and takes that commitment seriously. She encourages residents to reach out to her at any time with questions, concerns or ideas.

Herriman City looks forward to working with Jared and Nicole. There is a vast array of happenings in Herriman and their viewpoints and values can only makes us stronger as we move forward.

Contact information for each of the Council Members can be found on our website at www.herriman.org/elected-officials. They welcome hearing from our community as we work together on the next chapter of Herriman's future.