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Applicants were then interviewed by youth council advisors before receiving a recommendation to join this year’s council. Our new Youth Council members were sworn in on Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the City Council meeting. We welcome Aaron Birmingham, Abbie Chapman, Abby Kynaston, Abigail Jacketta, Brooke Batchel, Danielle Fisher, Emily Tanner, Gabi Sudweeks, Katherine Somers, Maddy Morgan, Max Anderson, Quaid Green, Rachel Hale, Sellianda Rome, Tanner Vaaca, Tate Williams, Tatyem Anderson, and Tyler Sudweeks to our new council.

Youth Council members will participate in the Day at the Legislature in January and a Youth Council leadership opportunity at Utah State University in the spring. Look for them at the Easter Egg Hunt, Enduro Challenge, Rodeo, Fort Herriman Days, Memorial Day breakfast and at the Pumpkin Festival. We appreciate the service they give our city and enjoy watching these emerging leaders. We look forward to our associations with these incredible youth this year!

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**Ground Breaking Event**

Tami Moody, Director of Communications

The new Herriman City Towne Center Park, Amphitheater, and City Hall will be key steps in implementing the community’s 20-year vision. In June 2008 a special gathering was held to announce the Herriman Towne Center development that included a new city hall building. There was a lot of excitement in anticipation of the new building and the surrounding area. As this area remained empty, with nothing but a billboard sign referencing the future building. The community continues to ask when this building will come...

After years of preparation and financial planning, city officials announced a groundbreaking. “The construction held off longer than we had hoped, but in striving to be financially responsible, it was important to wait for the right time, and plan things right,” said Brett Wood, City Manager. On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, city leaders will line up and put shovels to the ground, with high hopes that this area will serve as a gathering place for the community as well as stimulate economic growth through its all-inclusive design.

The Towne Center location will include the City Hall building, a 6 acre Towne Center Park with a splash pad, ice track, & history walk, and an amphitheater. The park will be outlined by retail buildings with restaurant and boutique style shopping. Herriman’s new City Hall will anchor the new park and development area by consolidating City activities under one roof, allowing City residents access to all City services and programs, and helping our community expand. The Towne Center Park and amphitheater will provide exciting new opportunities for community sponsored events as well as fun community activities.

“This will be a true gathering place for our community,” said Mayor Freeman. “The concept and design create a convenience for our residents, as well as offer activities and entertainment for people of all ages.”

Herriman City embraces our community. This is their loyal customers, and an amphitheater. The community will want to visit due to the convenience of amenities offered.

In addition to providing city services as well as Justice Court, the new building will host City’s new Police Department’s Herriman Precinct. The City has been talking with Salt Lake County in regards to providing county services on the site as well, and interested retailers are already working with the commercial developer.

Construction will begin late winter/early spring and will continue over the course of two years. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in three phases, the first including the city hall and park, the second will consist of the ice track and the third will finalize the amphitheater. The project will cost an estimated $23 million as the city has raised $25 million for the project, with an additional $2 million coming from the state. An additional $5 million will be dedicated for infrastructure and park amenities.

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**Christmas Light Safety**

Cathryn Nelson, Building Official

Keep in mind electrical safety when using lights to decorate for the holidays.

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- Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.
- Replace any Christmas light string that is damaged. Replace LED string lights before they are damaged. Use time delay switches to turn off light strings that are left on by mistake.
- Use lights approved for safe use by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Before decorating, determine how many outlets are available and where they are located. Plan your displays accordingly.
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- Avoid overloading electrical outlets with too many decorations or electrical devices. They can overheat and cause a fire.
- Make sure that cords are not pinched in doors, windows, or under heavy furniture, which could damage the cord’s insulation.
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In the spring, we have several fantastic events at Butterfield Park. There is the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the Miss Herriman Pageant, Farm Field Days, The Memorial Day Breakfast, and the ever popular Enduro Challenge.

In the summer, our residents enjoy the PRCA Rodeo, Herriman Arts Council’s Summer Theatre Productions, the Blackbridge Triathlon, movies in the park, and, of course, Fort Herriman Days including a parade and carnival. We listen to the gasps as the cowboy is thrown from the bull, hear the laughter and the jeers as the finish line is crossed, smell the popcorn as wide eyes publicizes as the real gift. Our community spirit is strong, which can be witnessed while attending the annual events held here in our City.

In this issue of the Newsletter, we will highlight some of the great events that are happening in your community.

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Mayor: Carmen Freeman
City Council:
Mike Day, Coralee Moser, Matt Robinson, Craig Tischner

City Manager: Brett Wood
Asst. City Manager: Gordon Haight

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During this holiday season, may it be a time of joy and contribution to the community and give to others. And may it be, as described by the author Melody Beattie, a time and a setting when “gratitude unlocks the fullness of life...turns us to live...a place we are blessed to call Home.”

Craig Tischner and Mike Day

Committee on Facebook.

**Permit Applications**

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Main Number: 801-446-5323

Park Reservations: 801-254-7667

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