As a new academic year commences at our high school and middle schools, the air is filled with excitement and anticipation as students look forward to the renewal of friendships, being introduced to new teachers that will inspire them to greater heights of personal achievement and new courses of instruction which will advance their learning and prepare them for the future. Although this is a wonderful and exciting time for students, parents and teachers, it is also a time of concern. Teens and particularly parents need to be watchful and informed regarding the numerous hazards that exist at these institutions of learning. One such danger that unfortunately gets little or moderate attention is underage drinking.

My concern about this issue is driven from a recent article in the Deseret News which reported that 21% of the nation’s youth drank more than a sip of alcohol before age 13. That percentage rises dramatically to 79% for youth as they enter 12th grade. Of equal concern was the number of youth on a national scale that participated in binge drinking or the consuming of four to five drinks in a two-hour period. Fifty percent of the youth between the ages of 12 to 14 engaged in such a practice. Additional research also revealed that binge drinking becomes even more prevalent as teenagers grow older. Fortunately in Utah, the number of youth consuming alcohol and engaging in the practice of binge drinking is considerably lower than the national average. In a recent survey of 49,000 students, 8.1% of high school seniors, 5.9% of 10th graders, 2.6% of 8th graders and .8% of 6th graders admitted to recently participating in the practice of binge drinking.

Because the percentage of our youth participating in such behavior is lower than the national average, our reaction to this issue may be less than concerning. If you find yourself embracing this philosophy, let me share with you one of many concerns that should garner your attention regarding binge drinking.

Susan Tarpert, PhD., from the University of California, San Diego, reviewed the brain scans of teens that drank heavily with those who didn’t. The results of her study revealed damaged nerve tissue in the brains of teens who engaged in drinking. Dr. Tarpert believes that this condition is the result of “…the adolescent brain …still undergoing several maturational processes that render it more vulnerable to some of the effects of substances.” In other words, the brain of a teen is still developing and as a result is more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol. Dr. Tarpert also discovered that teens between the ages of 12 to 14 that drank heavily, struggled with thinking and memory testing. Dr. Tarpert concluded her study with this concerning statement, “What remains unknown, is if the cognitive downward slide in teenage binge drinkers is reversible.”

The possible effect on the brain is but one of the many concerns parents should understand regarding teenage drinking. Depression, addiction, promiscuous sexual behavior, academic struggles, accidents, unwise choices, etc., are additional consequences that teens need to understand regarding the consumption of alcohol.

Research has clearly demonstrated that the #1 deterrent against teenage drinking is parental involvement. This should not come as a surprise to anyone. Children in most situations, have a love and emotional attachment to their parents. I encourage you to speak openly and honestly about the dangers of teenage drinking and you will build a bridge of love and respect that your children will follow. Let us remember the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, “We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.”
Blackridge Reservoir Update
Tami Moody, Director of Communications

The growing popularity of Blackridge Reservoir has led to safety concerns and parking issues for the neighboring community. Though additional enforcement was put in place to assist with the high volume of traffic, residents continue to hold concern over the substantial impact.

Members of the community expressed these concerns, as well as possible solutions to address the issues, during a public meeting held July 28th, 2015. Filling the council chambers, approximately 50 residents from the reservoir's surrounding neighborhood suggesting alleviating the impact to the neighborhood by implementing concepts such as parking programs, additional parking, park entrance fees and even closing the reservoir to swimmers.

The City Council listened carefully to the concerns addressed and tasked city staff with researching the list of solutions to determine which could prove the most viable and what the potential budget impact would be. On Wednesday, August 26, 2015, staff presented the council with their findings during the City Council meeting. There was an abundance of information provided in order to seek direction from the council on how best to address the notable situation. By the end of the presentation, City Council disclosed the favored solutions to focus on. Several of these solutions will require a study to be performed in order to validate the need in association with the cost. There are a few solutions which will also require public meetings due to their potential impact on the community.

The items being considered for implementation are as follows:

1- Patron Education Program
   a. Flyers informing patrons of rules and regulations

2- Live-Feed Camera Installation
   a. Allows visitors to log in to the website and view the occupancy level of the reservoir

3- Red Curb Striping
   a. Paint intersection curbs red as a reminder of “No Parking”

4- Directional Signs In and Out of the Reservoir
   a. Additional signs noting the way to the reservoir and the way out in order to lessen impact of traffic throughout the neighborhood.

5- Parking Fee Inside the Reservoir (A study will be done to determine the best option)
   a. Parking meters
   b. Pay box
   c. Manned Parking Entrance Booth

6- Parking Permit Program on Surrounding Streets (a public meeting will be necessary to receive resident feedback from those impacted)
   a. No parking signs on residential streets during high use months. Local residents would be provided with a number of permits in order to park in front of their own homes. Though increasing the parking lot size was mentioned during both meetings, it was determined that it was not a feasible option at this time and may be addressed at a later date.

The current list of solutions will be brought back to City Council prior to year-end for a final decision. At that time, the results of the study will be provided and public meetings will have been put in place.

Blackridge Reservoir is a great amenity and outdoor amenities are what Herriman is known for. We have a vast trail system that continues to grow, beautiful parks that attract people from all over and a hillside crawling with native plants and wildlife. It is no surprise that the popularity of the reservoir has grown, but it has grown faster and larger than anyone could have anticipated.
Happy Halloween from the Parks Dept.
Wade Sharp, Parks Manager

Fall is finally here, the leaves are changing and the outdoor activities are slowing down. The Parks Dept had a great year and checked off many of the items on our to-do list. We are very thankful for the Parks Staff and all of the departments that lend their support. Herriman City has a wonderful Operations Department filled with many individuals willing to engage in duties outside of their normal job descriptions, this willingness to do more than asked, is what helps to make Herriman a really great place to work and recreate.

This year we completed improvements to the City Cemetery that included new mow curbs with brass identification markers. We also removed and replaced large sections of broken and falling asphalt and slurry sealed the entire park. We remapped and GPS’d all of the burial plots so that we can perform burials and headstone placement with pinpoint accuracy. These improvements will guide our patrons with the ability to locate their loved ones more easily and will help to keep the Cemetery in an aesthetically pleasing state of repair.

We were able to inspect and oversee the landscape construction of Yukon Park and the landscape improvements along Anthem Blvd. We are currently involved with the construction of a new 2 acre park that includes soccer fields, restrooms, parking and a tot-lot. This park should be available for play in 2016. Additionally we have finalized plans to build a Disc Golf Course in the Rose Crest open space area that should be available for play next summer. The basketball court in Copper Creek Park has been modified to double as a pickleball court. Even with all of the projects we are involved in, we continue to gain ground on our turf, tree and shrub management and our trail and weed control operations. Unfortunately, vandalism, illegal dumping and littering continue to strain the department and take away from much needed maintenance in other areas.

Additionally, it is important to note that Fall cleanup of leaves, and the winterization of the sprinkler system, will begin soon as temperatures allow. We will restrict our water use for conservation purposes and ask that our residents do the same. As for the leaf cleanup, you can help by bagging your leaves and not by blowing them into the roads, gutters, parks or open space. Many of the park restrooms will be closed for the winter on or about October 15th this year so please plan accordingly.

October is also a great time to prune your trees. It is important to remove large overgrown branches and to thin your trees for the upcoming snow fall. We ask that you please pay special attention to threes in the park strip. These trees often get overlooked during pruning season which can result in damage by snow removal equipment. A little pruning now will save the high cost of replacement later. If you need assistance with pruning of your park strip trees please email khaws@herriman.org with your name and address, we will assist you if possible or put you on our list for discounted services.

Thanks again for allowing us to serve you, our residents, and for your patience and assistance while we continue to develop our Parks, Trails and Open Space.
Ribbon Cuttings
Herriman City would like to welcome the newest businesses to our community. Stop by and say hello!

- GreyHawk Games
  15224 S 5600 W
- America First Credit Union
  5438 W 13400 S
- Holiday Oil
  6382 W 13400 S
- Dansie Orthodontics
  11996 S Anthem Park Blvd
- Supercuts
  5174 W 13400 S Ste. 103

10th Annual Dig Off
This event is a skills test for local municipalities with a friendly competition involved to keep it exciting. Last year, Herriman City’s own Tim Straup was the first place winner, and this year he defended his title and made Herriman City proud. Shawn Ellis with Granger, took second place and Fred Benson with West Valley City, placing third overall. We would like to thank Murray City, Riverton City, Salt Lake County, all of the operators and vendors, as well as our City Council and judges.

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Herriman City is hosting an open house on September 30, 2015 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Herriman Community Center in the Council Chambers (13011 S. Pioneer St.).

This Open House will be tailored around the design plan of the Towne Center and the greatly anticipated Herriman City Hall.

During the Fort Herriman Days event, we asked for public input regarding what amenities should be included in the open areas of the park. We also asked for design input seeking preference on more traditional or more contemporary. The City desires a building that is more customer friendly, easy to navigate, provides useable space and that will better serve our community as we continue to grow.

The architect took the information provided and put together a comprehensive design for the development of the Towne Center, creating a gathering place in the heart of our city.

Come see how they incorporated the community’s vision into the design and share your thoughts.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Communications Department
801.446.5323
Economic Development - The City’s Role in Attracting Business

Heather Upshaw, Tami Moody

As a growing City, we are often asked how the businesses that come to Herriman are selected, and why we choose the ones we do. Interestingly enough, we don’t choose the business, they choose us. That’s not to say we are not a part of the process, but several factors take part in attracting business.

Many of Herriman’s demographic characteristics are ideal for commercial development: rapidly growing population, large households, good incomes and young median age. Further, the entire southwest part of the Salt Lake Valley reflects these same demographic characteristics, making the entire regional area favorable to commercial development.

Not surprisingly, there is a significant amount of sales leakage (dollars spent outside of the community), in Herriman. rooftops precede commercial development and Herriman is establishing its population base with an ever-increasing demand for retail goods and services.

So how do we attract business to come to Herriman? What do they look for when deciding where to locate?

Well, it is a comprehensive package of requirements. Generally, big box stores require a population of 100,000 within a 3-5 mile radius and a sales volume of at least $40 million to $100 million, depending on the size of the store. While Herriman appears to have the leakage that would support a store, both Lowe’s and Target are located close by and likely feel the market is saturated, at least for the time being. As growth continues, the outlook could change.

Retailers look at high density areas along with traffic count on the major roadways. Commercial potential increases as these numbers increase. Some of the highest traffic counts in the city are 12600 South, as well as 13400 South. These roads surround the Herriman Towne Center which assists in drawing commercial to the area. There is a significant interest in the Towne Center and the development of the long planned City Hall would create an anchor the retailers are looking for.

It is important to note that the City does not market privately owned commercial property. Developers and Brokers market their property. The City can only market property that it owns. The City works as a facilitator with developers and businesses as they try to achieve common objectives of bringing economic development to Herriman. The bottom line is made up of 7 factors that will be considered as commercial development contemplates a new location. Those factors include: price, infrastructure, an employee pool, tax structure, friendly government, customer base and incentives.

Herriman City becomes closer and closer to meeting all 7 factors as we continue to develop. Though we understand the importance of keeping our heritage, we also understand the community benefits from a strong economy. Good industry improves quality of life and assists in gainful employment for a community. Herriman City works toward providing that quality of life for our residents. We strive for a balance of open space and development. Our general plan lays out how we coalesce one with the other, providing a place to live, work and play for our community.

Don’t Let Your Rock Wall be a Rocky Situation

Cathryn Nelson, Chief Building Official

Rock walls can be an attractive and useful addition to your property. They can utilize excess rocks on a property, create a safer slope for children to play on and provide flat surfaces for gardens of flowers and vegetables. However improperly built walls can create hazards. The building code regulates two types of rock walls.

1. Walls are taller than 4 feet. If the height of a wall - measured from the bottom of footings to the top of the wall - exceeds 4 feet, then plans and calculations from a State licensed engineer are required. Inspections are required from a city inspector. A final approval letter from the engineer must be submitted at the completion of the wall.

2. Walls that support a surcharge load. A surcharge load is defined as “a load imposed upon the surface of soils close enough to an excavation (in this case a rock wall excavation) to cause a pressure to act on the structure”. As with many technical definitions it’s a little hard to understand this concept. For that reason I love pictures. This one illustrates a surcharge and the danger and damage possible from an improperly supported RV pad.

A building permit is required by the Building Department when either of these conditions exist. The Building Department page on Herriman City’s website contains helpful information on rock walls. We encourage you to review the information as you make plans for a rock wall.

http://www.herriman.org/building/retaining-wall/
Herriman City is a growing community that continues to expand its borders. The City is currently in the process of annexing approximately 500 acres located to the west of the current city boundaries. This is an exciting opportunity for the City to plan this mostly vacant property. The annexation generates a need to update our 2025 General Plan in order to include this newly annexed property. We will be holding an open house as well as several public hearings to receive feedback from the community. This is a chance for the public to provide input on what they would like to see developed in this area. The Planning Commission and City Council want to hear from the residents regarding what they would like to see in this area. Please watch our website and Facebook for dates of future hearings and meetings. You are also welcome to submit comments to planning@herriman.org.

It's that time of year again; time to clean up and prepare for fall. The dumpster program is for the residents of Herriman City; please be prepared to show proof of residency (i.e. driver license, water bill) with your name on it. The dumpsters will be available from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm. Refer to the schedule for dates and locations near you.

Sept 21st – 26th
Fire Station 13100 S. 5900 W.
Copper Creek 4750 W. 12000 S.
Rosecreek 13450 S. 6000 W.
Heritage Park 12520 S. 6000 W.
W&M Butterfield Park 14200 S. 6400 W.
End of Juniper Crest Rd 14850 S.
Rosecrest 13850 S. 5600 W.
Tuscany 12750 S. 5450 W.
Oct 19th – 24th
The Cove, 6979 W. Rose Canyon Rd

Facts & Figures

Vote By Mail

% of
registered voters

Polling Locations: Herriman Library

This Year
27.46%

That is 17.93% Increase

number of registered voters
11,311

General Election Tuesday Nov. 3rd

W&M BUTTERFIELD PARK

ANNEXATION AREA