Challenges of Rapid Growth

The Jordan School District has entered into an intra-local agreement with each city, requiring us to work together to identify future school names, administration, and teachers will be made late-2018 and early in 2019.

WhenDarrell Robinson (801-699-8017 or email drDarrellRobinson@gmail.com). Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

I am deeply grateful for this festive and wonderful time of the year. Our hearts are deeply touched by the joy and laughter of little children, the expressions of love and kindness from those who are dear to us and the sights and sounds that constitute this holiday season. Such moments often offer us a respite from the routine and challenging.

While these special moments during the holiday season are both pleasurable and joyful, they are also temporary. True and long lasting joy is most often obtained through the simple and heartfelt acts of charity directed to others. These deeds of generosity are often experienced through a visit to the elderly or infirmed, a thoughtful gift or a contribution to a charitable organization. While these outward expressions of giving rightfully define the principle of charity, perhaps the truest and ultimate measure of this virtue comes in the course of our daily interactions with others. This unpretentious and spontaneous display of charity was wonderfully demonstrated during a softball game some years ago. The Associated Press recorded the event as follows:

With two runners on base and a strike against her, Tara Tucholsky of Western Oregon University unleashed her best swing of the season. She hit something she had never done in high school or college. Her first home run cleared the center-field fence.

But it appeared to be the shortest of dreams. The umpire called in, and the homer would count as a... base.
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Frequently Asked Questions

When will snow be removed on my street?
High-traffic roadways, school zones, hills, arterial and collector roads are the top priority for plowing. As long as the snow falls, the City’s first goal is to keep the main roads open. Once these streets are clear, plow crews will continue on to residential subdivisions, and finally cul-de-sacs. (Please note residential streets may not be plowed until after the snow storm has subsided, based on the severity of the storm and whether high-traffic roadways have been cleared. Cul-de-sacs carry the lowest volume of traffic, and therefore are generally last to receive plowing. Please be patient as it may take time to reach every street.)

Where should I place snow that I clear from my driveway?
The snow should be placed in your yard, or on the side of your driveway or parkstrip, and not in the street or your neighbor’s yard. When hiring an independent snow plow service, make sure the contractor is licensed and complies with city municipal code.

Why does the snow plow crew leave snow at the end of my driveway, even after I have shoveled?
We apologize for the inconvenience of snow being placed on your cleared driveways. This is an unavoidable occurrence during snow removal efforts, due to the fact that the plow operators cannot lift the plow blades as they pass a driveway. One of the last steps in snow plowing is to push the edges back to widen the road in order to allow for future snow storage. As plows perform curb-to-curb plowing, the snow is inevitably pushed on your driveways. You may choose to clear your driveway several times during a storm, or consider waiting until snow plow efforts are complete.

Is it necessary to clear snow from all sidewalks adjacent to my property, even if I live on a corner?
Yes. It is important to remove snow from the sidewalks for the safety of school children, the elderly, and the general public. The snow should be removed within one hour after the snowfall ceases, or prior to major foot traffic times, such as before or after school.

Am I responsible for clearing snow around the fire hydrant if I have one located on my property?
Yes. It is extremely important to keep fire hydrants accessible to assist fire crews in the event of an emergency. The homeowner who has a fire hydrant on their property is responsible for keeping the hydrant clear at all times.

Herriman Snow Removal Ordinances:
In order to facilitate proper snow removal, the city has created the following ordinances:

Herriman Ordinance 6-4-8
No person shall park a vehicle on any Herriman City street when it is snowing or snow is on the street during the months of November, December, January, February, March, and April.

Herriman Ordinance 7-5-7
It is unlawful for any person removing snow, ice or other material from a sidewalk or driveway to place or deposit said snow, ice or other material upon any city road or street.

Herriman City will not plow the snow in a cul-de-sac if cars are parked along the side of the street in the cul-de-sac. When vehicles are parked in such areas, it prevents city trucks from entering and exiting the area safely.
Traffic Concerns & Opportunities for Improvement
Blake Thomas & Augusto Robles, City Engineering

Sometimes it seems we are experiencing an epidemic of cars speeding along Herriman’s roadways. Often it feels that many drivers are in too big of a hurry to stop for the red light, or are distracted and miss the stop sign at a busy intersection. The Herriman City Engineering Department fields multiple calls and emails weekly asking what can be done to address these concerns. The most frequent requests include the installation of new stop signs or implementation of speed bumps to help curb the problem.

There are several options available to use in the engineering toolbox to help address poor driver behavior, and sometimes a simple remedy can be put in place that makes all the needed difference. We understand that our residents are concerned with the safety of their children and pets, and Herriman City strives to provide the utmost level of safety. Let’s discuss some of the items in our toolbox, and why or how we can implement a change to make our roads safer.

Speed bumps can be effective in certain situations, such as in parking lots. However, studies across the county have found that speed bumps in roadways tend to be ineffective, and dangerous in some cases. Some findings in published studies show that drivers actually speed up between the bumps to make up for lost time. Drivers often make erratic maneuvers to avoid bumps causing an unsafe situation, and cities have been litigated for damage to resident’s vehicles caused by speed bumps. Due to study results such as these, Herriman City has taken the position that speed bumps are not a desirable tool to control speed on public roads.

Stop signs and traffic signals are very effective tools to enhance the safety of a roadway and control the overall flow of traffic. There is a defined process, commonly called a warrant study, which Herriman City uses to determine whether to install a stop sign or traffic signal at an intersection. The warrant study process resides in the Federal Highway Administration’s Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which is a broadly-adopted publication used by municipalities that defines standards for roadway signage and traffic control. A warrant study analyzes various factors, including traffic volumes over a certain period of time and the number of accidents that have occurred. Certain thresholds must be met to move forward with the installation of the new traffic control measure. The purpose of stop signs and traffic signals is not to slow down traffic, but to provide safety at intersections while maximizing the traffic flow. However, there are options available to mitigate speeding concerns. Alternatives in the engineering toolbox to address speeding issues include chicanes, bulb outs, neck downs, lane striping, and signage.

The Herriman City Traffic Committee reviews all reported traffic concerns. The traffic committee is made up of city staff from the engineering, streets, GIS, and planning departments, as well as representatives from the Unified Police Department and the Unified Fire Authority. This committee meets monthly to review all traffic concerns that have been reported and determine what items in their toolbox to implement to address the traffic concern. The traffic committee also discusses the effectiveness of decisions that have been implemented in previous traffic committee meetings, and determines if adjustments are necessary. If you have traffic safety concerns, we encourage you to contact the engineering department so that we can work on making our roads safer together.

Open December 13th - February 28th (Weather Permitting)

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Don’t let Grinch steal your Holiday Cheer
Detective Greg Shaver, Herriman UPD Precinct

Seehihihi! What is that I hear? It’s Holiday Cheer! The sounds of happiness and joy that the season brings...that is until the local Grinch stops by your house, or even your vehicle. Remember, the holidays tend to bring an increase in theft and residential burglaries. We at Unified Police Department – Herriman Precinct want to remind the community to protect yourselves by being diligent in your security efforts and keeping your belongings safe and secured. If your order items online to be delivered to your home, request to sign for the package so it is not just dropped off on your doorstep. If you must pick it up from your doorstop, then lock into having the package placed in a box that is secureable in efforts to minimize opportunity for the item to be stolen. Whether it’s pampagoo, pantookas peppers or drums, checkerboards, bullhogs, popcorn or gum, the community Grinch slithers and slunks around looking for opportunities to take what is yours. Let’s make it more difficult for him to steal your holiday cheer by remembering these valuable tips:

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Ordinance 2017-44

An ordinance approving a Development Agreement for the West Valley ES, LLC with respect to property located at 12650 S. Parkview West

Ordinance 2017-45

An ordinance approving the 2017-2018 Ice Skating Program, Rental and access fees for the Ice Ribbon at Crane Park.

Ordinance 2017-46

An ordinance declaring 1.09 acres of real property located at or near 12920 S. Rosecrest Road as surplus.

Election Results

The Board of Canvassers Meeting was held November 24th, 2017 to announce the results of the 2017 Municipal Election. Here are the results:

Mayor

Darrell Robinson, Jordan School Board Representative

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The silver lining to this rejection was the creation of a Building Utilization Committee, which found ways to reduce the cost of building new schools by at least 17%, and even more in some cases. An example of this new efficiency can be seen in the building of the new high school in Herriman. Its construction takes place after the old Herriman High School and is built at the same cost, despite the current day of soaring structural price tags. The Jordan School District has the lowest building cost in Utah when considering cost-per-seat capacity.

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