Calling All Camera Ready Residents

Stephen Cyr, Communications Specialist

The National Recreation and Park Association is holding a 2017 Park and Recreation Month Cover Contest and we want our city, known for all of its amazing parks, to be on the front of that magazine.

In an effort to get pictures that best represent what we are all about, Herriman City is running its own contest to select photos to submit to the NRPA.

We want YOU to submit your best photos taken around Herriman that include parks, trails, recreational activities and any nook that has become your very own Recreation Destination.

We will then post all of the pictures on our Facebook page for users to vote with “likes” for their favorites. The top 4 pictures by the end of the deadline will then be submitted to the NRPA and THE WINNING ENTRIES FOR OUR CONTEST WILL EACH RECEIVE A $20 GIFT CARD TO THE MEGAPLEX THEATERS.

CONTEST RULES:
• Must submit your entries to photos@herriman.org.
• Submissions must be high-resolution at a minimum of 300 dpi and at least .25 size inches wide by 11 inches tall.
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• Photos may be submitted between Feb. 6th and March 16th.
• Voting period will open on March 19th and close on March 31st.
• Winners will be determined based on the number of “likes” their pictures receive.
• There is no limit to the number of entries per person, but entrants may only vote for one separate entry.

Tips for a Great Submission
• Submit a photo with an interesting and compelling story behind it — A great photo should tell a great story.
• You can share this story in the body of your email when submitting your photo.
• Submit a photo that includes people in it.
• Consider how the Parks & Recreation logo will fit over your photo.

“If by submitting images, you are confirming that you have all legal rights to the image, consent of those pictured in the image and understand that submitted images may be used by Herriman City and NRPA in printed materials, websites and on social media.

Mayor: Carmen Freeman
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Coralee Moser, Craig Tischner
Jared Henderson, Nicole Martin
City Manager: Brett Wood
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March 8th: 7pm
Council Chambers

Check out the NRPA Facebook page at www.herriman.org/hot-topics/.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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The City Council is scheduled to hold their final Public Hearing on the General Plan Update on March 8th at 7pm in the Council Chambers of the City Hall located at 13011 Pioneer St. Herriman, UT. This plan includes the latest annexations, areas of light industrial, business park locations, and a reduction in density in several areas. All stakeholders and members of our community are encouraged to attend. A draft of the proposed plan will be made available to the public as of February 27th. It will be available on our website at www.herriman.org.

For the latest meeting schedule updates and agendas visit:
www.herriman.org/agendas-and-minutes/

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Proper Facts on Property Tax

Jared Henderson, City Councilman

By the time this is published, many of you will have completed the annual ritual of filing your income taxes with the State and Federal governments. Others, like me, will delay as long as possible because I dread writing these checks. The annual process/requirement of filing our income taxes forces us to review our income, expenses, and how much income tax we pay to the Federal and State governments. Our City is funded through other taxes that in some ways are not so transparent and we as residents don’t review annually.

While taxes are on your mind, I would ask that you take a moment to review your Property Tax Notice from Salt Lake County. A common misconception is that the majority of property tax goes to the City. In fact, very little (only 2.35%) goes to the City. The vast majority of property tax goes to the School District, SL County, Police, and Fire. As an example, the property tax on my home for 2016 was $5,556.71. Of that, only $122.92 went to Herriman City. The top areas that my taxes went were: Jordan School District $1,464.50, State School Levy $600.74, SL County $852.29, Police $691.89, Fire $768.00. The remaining amount goes to various other state and county agencies/programs - not the City.

The sources of revenue for Herriman City (as listed in the June 30, 2016 Fiscal Report) are:

• Sales Tax
• Property Tax
• Franchise Tax (utility tax: phone, water, gas, etc)

Revenue for Herriman City comes from a variety of sources, some very obvious and others not so much. This revenue is used to maintain the infrastructure, roads, parks, snow removal, and other vital services that we all depend on. Presently, the actual sales tax that is generated in Herriman City boundaries is roughly 20% of the amount shown. The rest is redistributed by the state based on population. It absolutely does matter what side of the street you shop on. We are working hard to encourage businesses to locate within our City boundaries (but cannot choose which ones or force them) and create a viable economy in our corner of the valley.

Information:
We are now entering the time of year that we determine the City Budget for the fiscal year to come (July 1 - June 30). The timeline for decision making over the next few months is listed in this newsletter, page 3 and on the City webpage. A Government 101 class on the budget was held in January and can be viewed on the website and Facebook.
Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas found in the air. It then can enter your home through cracks in floors, gaps around service pipes, cavities inside walls, and sometimes even the water inside homes. Quality, high radon levels can be found in 30% of Utah homes.

Radon testing is one of the first steps in tackling the threat. Radon kits include a test that collects air over a period of time. For more information on radon testing, or to obtain a radon pump to pull the gases to the outside, the mitigation system boring a hole in the basement concrete and adding a suction line to the outside. If the readings are high, it is time for the homeowner to begin taking steps to mitigate the radon levels.

The Environmental Protection Agency action level is 4.0. If the radon levels exceed the EPA's action level, the mitigation system may be required. It is important to note that radon levels are not constant and can vary over time. Therefore, it is recommended to test for radon levels on a regular basis to ensure that the levels are within safe levels.

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Utah’s Economic Success
John Knotwell, State Representative

This past November, Forbes magazine listed Utah as the #1 Best State for Business. Forbes isn’t the only organization that ranks or recognizes the factors that make a great place to do business. CNBC has Utah on the top of their list too. The Pew Charitable Trusts, in its 14-year project on government management, consistently ranked Utah as one of the best-managed states in the country.

In my opinion, a ranking that shows you are a good place to do business goes hand-in-hand with a review that shows your political governance and management are superb as well. Businesses like to be located in an environment that offers the tools and structure they need for success. Some of those tools include well-maintained infrastructure, a low tax burden, fiscal discipline, and a regulatory ease of conducting business paired with a regulatory certainty that the rules of the game won’t change suddenly. Our young workforce, low energy costs, and prospects for growth are also attractive to businesses. Throw in our outdoor lifestyle and Utah is a great place to live and do business. Of course, as Utahns these are things we already know, it is just nice the rest of the world is now noticing.

The business climate and governance success show up in Utah’s low unemployment rate of 3.1 percent compared to the national rate of 4.7 percent. I’m very supportive of policies that help existing Utah companies expand and policies that seek to lure new business to Utah. Take Nikola Motor Company for instance; Utah is one of six states vying to become the home of their new manufacturing facilities and hydrogen plant. These new all-electric (hydrogen-cell fueled) semi-trucks are amazing and could revolutionize the way we ship products across the nation with zero emissions! The project would mean an investment of over $1 billion to build the facility and would provide 2,000 new, high-tech manufacturing jobs once operations begin. These numbers don’t include the ripple effects of component and service industries that might co-locate near the new facility and could mean as many as 8,000 additional jobs.

Nikola is interested in Utah for many of the reasons I discussed above, but in the race to attract new business, we are always being chased by other states that are copying our model. We can’t rest on our laurels and reputation. In order to put together a winning package of economic development incentives for Nikola and continue to seek other interested companies, we are examining how competitive our tax structure is, whether our infrastructure can sustain newcomers, and thinking about how to better train the next generation of workers through STEM programs and certificate programs through Applied Technology Colleges.

All of these efforts lead to a higher quality of life for Utahns and diversity in our economy that will allow us to weather any shifts in industry focus or financial markets.

Senators and Representatives for Herriman City include:
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, District 10, fillmore@le.utah.gov
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg, District 13, janderegg@le.utah.gov
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, District 11, hstephenson@le.utah.gov
Rep. John Knotwell, District 52, jknotwell@le.utah.gov
Rep. Kim Coleman, District 42, kcoleman@le.utah.gov
Utility Billing - A Cycle of Change

Alan Rae, Director of Finance

For many years our meter reading cycle for water users has not been the same as our billing cycle. This worked well for most users but not for all. Last month we changed the billing cycle to match the meter reading cycle in an effort to resolve some of the confusion regarding this difference. However, this change placed the end of the billing cycle prior to the due date which resulted in some customers receiving a bill showing a previous balance without reflecting their latest payment.

To resolve this problem, beginning with the billing for February, which goes out in March, we will be sending the utility bills on the 10th of the month with a due date of the 28th. To allow our customers time to adjust to the change we will not assess any finance charges until the 15th of the following month during the first six months of this new billing process. This will give customers a 15 day grace period as they make adjustments to their individual payment schedules.

In September, it will defer to the standard grace period of 2 days.

For any questions regarding this new schedule please contact the City office at 801-446-5323.

Upcoming Events

- March 4: “Herriman Live” Talent Show @ 7:00pm
- April 8: Easter Basket Bash @ 10:00am
- April 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8, 15: Community Fisheries Class @ 6:00pm

Visit www.herriman.org/upcoming-events for more info

Easter Basket Bash: Join us for this year’s Easter Basket Bash! April 8th at 10am sharp at W&M Butterfield Park for ages 12 & under. Meet the Easter Bunny and join in the hunt for candy filled eggs and prizes. Prizes will be given out to prize winning eggs! This event will happen rain or shine. Arrive early to secure your parking spot, try out the food trucks, and be ready in time for the fun!

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Dedicated Hunter hours are available for participating fishing instructors pending background checks. If you are interested please call 801-254-7667.

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Due by 28th

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- Public Services & Utilities w/Tour of PW Shops
  Wednesday, March 15, 5:00pm, Butterfield Park Shops
- Parks, Rec & Events
  Wednesday, March 29, 5:30pm, Butterfield Park
- The Ins and Outs of the Building Dept.
  Wednesday, April 5, 6:00pm
- Anthem 101 & Development in Herriman
  Wednesday, April 19, 6:00pm
- Herriman 101: What’s our Form of Gov? What does that mean? What are City Council vs. Planning Commission Responsibilities?
  Wednesday, May 3, 6:00pm
- Code Enforcement, Solicitation, Business Licensing and Home Based Businesses
  Wednesday, May 17, 6:00pm

Classes will be broadcast on Facebook Live for those unable to attend. Have a certain topic you would like to see covered in these courses? Email info@herriman.org. Just note “Gov 101” in the subject line and then list your interests in the body.

Herriman Youth on the Hill

Quaid Green, Youth Council PIO

The Herriman City Youth Council had the opportunity to travel up to the State Capital building last month and participate in the Day at the Legislature. Ruth Barnum, Tanner Vasica, Kala Hyte, Abby Kynaston, Quaid Green, Liam Hyte, and Tyler Davis engaged in a debate style mock committee hearing on Student Drug Testing. We learned about the methods used to write and change legislation and saw firsthand how hard governing can be. We also met with our local representative, John Knotwell, to learn about what it’s like being an elected official. At the ending lunch, we heard from a successful entrepreneur, Derreck Kayongo, and Aaron Ralston who lost his arm in a hiking accident. It was a great experience with many valuable messages.
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