HCSEA and Your Property Taxes

So often these days, we see articles talking about the housing market in the Salt Lake Valley—particularly the southwest area—reminding us housing prices are up, rentals are in high demand, and the average cost of owning a home continues to rise. The cost of living in Herriman is no exception. However, if you are not buying or selling, it doesn’t make much difference what someone says your property is worth… or does it?

**What about property taxes? Aren’t property taxes based on the value of your home? Won’t an increased valuation cost more in property taxes?**

Several years ago, the Utah State Legislature revisited how property taxes are assessed and collected, and they came up with a novel approach. In a traditional property tax law, the city sets the tax rate and the rate does not change, so when the assessor increases your assessment, you pay more taxes. When there is a down turn, you pay less in taxes. However, in Utah, the rate fluctuates each year so that cities receive the same budgeted amount year to year. For example, if the assessed value of a home goes up 10%, then the tax rate will go down 10% so that the City always receives the same amount of revenue. This system stabilizes both what residents pay and the revenues that local governments receive, rather than experiencing highs and lows. So, in Herriman, as property values have risen, tax rates have gone down over the last several years, even though the City has not changed its tax budget (which it cannot do without a public hearing). The amount residents have paid to the City has remained the same, and the City has maintained the level of funding it receives.

To illustrate this, the table to the right shows the downward trend of the tax rates for the last five years during the time that property values have been increasing in Herriman.

In a recent City Council meeting, Herriman City held a Truth in Taxation hearing to set a tax rate for Herriman City Tax Rate

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Happy Trails
Jo Darton, Herriman Trails Committee Chair

Summertime, and the livin’ is easy….except for a few people who have been working hard all summer on the Herriman Hills Trails.

Derek Thomson of Apex Trails was contracted by Herriman City to rough-cut a trail in the canyon above Lookout Ridge, and he has done some amazing work! “Eric’s Trail” is a multi-use trail created with mountain bikers as its primary user group. Eric’s Trail comes off of the Blackridge/Diamondback intersection, or can be accessed from the Juniper Crest Trail.

The Herriman High School mountain bike team has done an awesome job on the finish work of Eric’s Trail. They have raked, compacted, trimmed and pruned this into a super-fun, fast, flowy trail. Kudos to the Bingham and Riverton MTB teams who also put in some hours finishing Eric’s Trail.

Enoch Mckinnon did a great job building and installing signs for the new Sidewinder and Eric’s Trail intersections. These signs really help users navigate our trail system.

Prospective Eagle Scouts Keaton Jex and Tyler Wells built the “Footloose Trail” that comes off of Eric’s Trail south of the Herriman water tank. This foot traffic-only trail is intended to separate hikers and horse riders from mountain bikers by providing them with a designated trail. Currently, Footloose is an “out-and-back” trail that leads to a Camp Williams overlook that will be expanded in the future.

Mason Briggs and Mason Fonnesbeck built benches for their Eagle Scout projects on the Diamondback and Sidewinder Trails. These benches provide trail users great places to rest and take in the valley views.

Remember your etiquette as you are using these trails. Dogs are required to be on leash at all times. And as always, be courteous to other trail users. We on the Herriman Trails Committee are excited for the future of trails in the Herriman Hills! Trail maps can be found at Herriman.org/community/trails.

What is a GFCI?

Purpose:
Protect people from the path to electrocution or shock.

How They Work:
GFCIs prevent deadly shock by quickly shutting off power to the circuit if the electricity flowing into the circuit differs by even a slight amount from the returning flow.

Maintenance:
GFCIs should be tested each month. If the device does not trip when tested, it should be replaced.

Need:
More than 200 people in the U.S. die of ground faults each year. This is exactly what a GFCI tries to prevent.

Locations:
GFCIs can be found in common areas where electricity may come in contact with a water source. Locations include kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and outdoors.
Miss Herriman Orientation

Join us to:
- Learn about the job requirements of Miss Herriman
- Earn scholarships and expand yourself professionally and personally with the Miss Herriman Scholarship Pageant

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the Herriman City Safety Enforcement Area (HCSEA), which is a new taxing entity replacing the Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA). The new tax rate was calculated so that the residents will not see a change in their total tax.

There are 12 different entities that tax the residents of the City (for example, Salt Lake County, Jordan School District, or Jordan Valley Water). Although Herriman City has not changed its rates for many years, the total tax to residents has increased based on the other entities that have raised their respective rates. Each homeowner should have recently received a Notice of Tax Changes from the Salt Lake County Auditor. This notice reveals the tax rate changes from each taxing entity. As you review your notice, you will see that there is no increase in Herriman City property taxes, and that contributions to the SLVLESA reduce 100% based on being replaced by the HCSEA, which will show a 100% increase.

Further details about the HCSEA and the SLVLESA can be found in the brochure accompanying this newsletter, or at this link: herriman.org/latest-news/how-are-your-taxes-affected-by-the-new-herriman-police-department/

If you have additional questions, you may contact the Herriman City Finance Dept. at (801) 446-5323.

Final Show of the Series...

Sounds like Summer
J. Lynn Crane Park
5355 W. Herriman Main Street
September 17th • 6:00 PM

- Bryce N Beans -
Coldplay Tribute Band
Herriman City intends to prepare a new Herriman City General Plan. The proposed General Plan will include all properties within the current City boundary and unincorporated areas that may be annexed within the next ten years (as shown in the map below). The proposal will include a comprehensive long-range general plan for the present and future needs of the City, and for the growth and development of all land within the City.

Information, public meeting schedules, and other issues related to the planning process will be available on the Herriman City website at www.herriman.org/public-notices/.

For more information concerning the proposed General Plan, please contact Michael Maloy at planning@herriman.org.

Residents will want to watch for future meetings in their areas as the City looks to gather information from the public and work together to plan for the future.
With over 42,000 residents and growing, knowing everyone in your neighborhood, let alone your city, can be a daunting task. Herriman City believes that community is something to be cherished. We believe that we have an amazing place for establishing your residence, running a business, maintaining an active lifestyle, and attending activities. Community engagement plays a role in our efforts to remain a great City. Engagement is not only an important avenue to provide the community with a voice, it is an absolute must to increase awareness, involvement and a sense of community between our residents, businesses, City staff, and Elected Officials.

Community engagement not only keeps your community informed, it builds upon the sense of pride people feel about where they live. And, that sense of pride creates a stronger community where people can come together with different opinions and ideas that mesh together, creating a better Herriman.

WE ARE HERRIMAN represents all groups that make up our wonderful community. Whether it is the City Parks staff installing a new playground, a resident hiking through our trail system, the business owner greeting their customers, or an Elected Official speaking at an engagement, each person plays a vital role in making Herriman a great place to work, live and play. Each month, Herriman City will introduce you to an incredible person in our community. This person will truly embrace the essence of Herriman and all that we stand for, demonstrating a high level of pride and involvement in this beautiful place we call home.

I am Herriman, You are Herriman...WE ARE HERRIMAN!
Herriman Family Wellness Fair

SATURDAY - SEPT. 29, 2018 - 1 pm to 8 pm
J. LYNN CRANE PARK (5373 MAIN STREET)
BOOTHS 1 - 6 pm  LIVE MUSIC 6:30 - 8 pm

HPD Makes School Safety a Priority with Increase in SROs

With the start of the 2018 school year, we as a City, along with parents and community members reflect again on the safety of schools in Herriman. With the recent creation of the Herriman Police Department (HPD), the opportunity presented itself to more fully analyze the role of police aid in of our community, especially in our schools, on a more regular basis, with the ability to then take action in a timelier manner. One area already seeing an impacted is with our student resource officers (SROs).

SROs serve an important role in our Herriman schools, especially in the middle and high schools, where there is a need for increased visibility and assistance. Previously, our two middle schools in Herriman, located on opposite sides of the city, had one shared SRO assigned to split time between the two. As the schools continued to grow, to the level of exceeding capacity, the assigned SRO struggled to fully handle the needs of each individual school as call volume and case loads grew yearly.

With increased freedom from the creation of our own police force, HPD has hired another SRO.

Now, having two SROs will greatly benefit our middle school children with double the visibility, increased security and the ability to build even stronger positive relationships with faculty, parents, and more importantly, the students as they help with the crises and challenges of young adolescent life.

Additionally, a full-time SRO in each middle school will allow in-school programs to be expanded, as well as secondary needs at the school such as traffic control.

We appreciate all our SROs do for our Herriman schools, and look forward to HPD being able to more fully assist in providing the children and young adults in our community with the resources they need to be safe in school and out.