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# January 2021

Happy New Year, South Weber City!

I am so excited to begin the new year with all of you. I feel like 2021 will be a year of healing, restoration, and rejuvenation. As we speak, highly effective COVID-19 vaccines are being administered to local health care workers. Soon the circle will widen to include long-term care patients and educators. Then in February or March, 65+ and high-risk individuals will receive the vaccine, quickly followed by the general public. This is great news and a signal that former lifestyles and interactions may resume very shortly. The things I look forward to the most are seeing people smile and having the opportunity to sing and hug again.

That is just the beginning of the good news about 2021! It is anticipated that a box culvert will be constructed under US-89 this summer to accommodate and extend the Bonneville Shoreline Trail as well as the Weber River Trail. We'll keep our fingers crossed! You can also expect new and/or improved park amenities at Cherry Farms Park and Canyon Meadows Park. In addition, a few new businesses should be popping up in South Weber including a coffee shop, styling salon, and car wash. Finally, Cottonwood Drive, the road on the north side of I-84 that has been falling apart for the past few years is anticipated to be replaced following the placement of a newly constructed culinary water line. It's about time!

That is only a taste of the great things that will be happening in South Weber this year, so buckle your seatbelts and hold on tight! It's gonna be a humdinger!

See you around town...

-Mayor Jo Sjoblom



Mayor's Message

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# The Caregiver Academy

The Caregiver Academy is a free series of six workshops that assist family and community caregivers in developing the skills needed to manage an in-home care environment. Each participant receives a free Managing Care Guide.

**\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this series will be offered online as a virtual meeting.**

The Six Workshops:

**Tuesdays at 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**Feb. 9:** Finding Caregiver Resources

**Feb. 16:** Building Caregiver Resilience

**Feb. 23:** Setting Good Care Boundaries

**Mar. 2:** Involving Family and Others

**Mar. 9:** Managing Difficult Behaviors

**Mar. 16:** Understanding Care Options

**Call  
801.525.5050, Option 5  
to sign up!**

## Business License Renewal

On January 31, 2021, a 50% penalty will be applied to all License Renewals that are late.

Also, please make sure you are turning in your renewals and payments before contacting Kimberli Guill to set up your annual Fire inspection. If you have any questions, feel free to call Kimberli at 801-479-3177 ext. 2205, or email her at [kguill@southwebercity.com](mailto:kguill@southwebercity.com).

## Fire Hydrants

When the snow flies, we all would rather be outside enjoying the winter wonderland. However, shoveling and snow blowing is a necessary chore. We'd like to send out a friendly reminder that when you're clearing your driveway of snow, please don't forget to also clear out the area around any fire hydrant near your home. It's a critical, but overlooked, task. If emergency workers need fire hydrant access to battle a blaze, seconds count. Time spent shoveling out a fire hydrant is time lost to save a life or a home.

## Christmas Tree Pick Up

Robinson waste will be picking up Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Please remember:

**\*\*Remove all lights and stands and place trees at the curb the night before.\*\***

**\*\*Cut any trees longer than 6 feet in half.\*\***

**\*\*Do not place trees in garbage collection containers as they will be picked up separately.\*\***

If you have any questions, Please contact us at 801-479-3177.

## Council Corner

Happy New Year everyone and “Hello 2021”!

Your elected officials continue to work on your behalf. In kicking off the new year, I was asked to provide this month’s Council Corner by covering the activities and focus for the coming year of the Safety Committee, Municipal Utilities Committee and the City Code Committee.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**—Toward the end of 2020, the City submitted an application for a \$50,000 Hazards Mitigation Plan—Planning Grant through the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) program. Early indications suggest we have a high probability of being awarded the grant. We should know by this summer if we have been selected. If selected, the City will work with a professional consultant to identify high probability natural hazards and mitigation efforts to remove the identified risks. Once the City has its plan, typically updated every 5 years, with mitigation efforts prioritized it can then proceed to apply for project grant monies that could cover up to 75% of the costs.

During the December 15th Council meeting, a discussion was provided regarding the status of Davis County Paramedic Services. For those who may not be aware, Davis County Sheriff Department, after several years of discussions with the Cities and First Responders in the County, has chosen to discontinue its paramedic services as of January 1, 2023. The City has identified three options to provide paramedic service including 1. Establish a new paramedic service with other Cities, 2. Have another City provide these services or 3. South Weber City would provide its own paramedic services. Of these options, #3 was the least costly to the citizens both short term and long term. The great leadership and forethought of our Fire Department has placed the City in a favorable position to be able to handle this service with minimal additional expense of adding two additional personnel on the clock. More discussions and direction on this subject will be brought forward in coming Council Meetings.

**MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMITTEE**—With the acceptance of the 2020 General Plan, staff and this committee will commence the development of the Capital Facilities Plan Update, Impact Fee Facilities Analysis study and Impact Fee Schedule for each of the Cities utility funds and services. The priority schedule, reviewed by this committee, include Storm Drain Facilities—FY2021 (June 30, 2021); Transportation, Sanitary Sewer, and Water by FY2022 (June 30, 2022); and Parks and Recreation, Public Safety by FY2023 (June 30, 2023).

The other major topic of this committee is developing a plan/approach for having additional choices of high-speed internet in the City. Being a legal backstop and use of the City’s bonding capital to bring these services to the citizens is one choice. The Committee has met with another company that suggests providing these services without City capital or bonding. Of course, with every alternative there are comparables to consider such as end cost for the service, timing of providing the service, internet speeds, etc. The committee plans to consider a few more options and present a summary of our findings to the citizens at a 2021 Council meeting with a recommendation of action.

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### **Council Corner** *(continued)*

CITY CODE COMMITTEE—You may have heard the question “How do you eat an Elephant?” Answer—one bite at a time. The City Code Committee recognizes the ‘elephant’ in updating the City code. Our current focus has been defining ‘the Uses’ permitted or conditioned for each zone. As we embarked on this task, we quickly identified differently in different zones—sometimes as many as four or five variations. By the time this memo is circulated, the committee will have completed the effort of defining uses and will proceed with applying the revised definitions to the current zones. Once this effort has reached a final draft, the Committee will recommend the updates to the Planning Commission for consideration, public hearing and recommendation to Council adoption. I estimate this to be brought forward at the February Planning Commission—Fingers Crossed.

-Council Member Wayne Winsor

### **House Numbers**

Every second counts during a fire, police or medical emergency. Valuable time can be lost if your house number is not clearly posted where emergency responders can see it. Police officers, firefighters and EMS responders are frequently faced with homes that are not marked with house numbers, numbers that are covered by vegetation, and numbers that are too small or not illuminated at night.

We recommend house numbers be at least 4” - 6” in height, contrasting in color to the home, illuminated at night, and if you have a long driveway, numbers placed on a post or mailbox that helps us find your home.

Thank you!!

### **Please Keep Roads Clear**

We would like to remind you that parking on the street is prohibited until March 31. Parking on the street during the winter months creates a safety hazard for our snow plows as well as traveling vehicles. Contact Chris Tremea at 801-540-7094 with any questions.

### **Frozen Pipes**

We are entering the coldest time of the year—and along with it, the danger of your water pipes freezing. Here are some safety tips from America Red Cross on how to prevent frozen pipes, as well as what to do if your pipes are already frozen!

#### **HOW TO PREVENT FROZEN PIPES**

If there are water supply lines in the garage, keep your garage door closed!

Open cabinets and doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Move any harmful cleaners and chemicals up out of the reach of children.

Let cold water drip from your faucet. The ongoing trickle will keep your pipes from freezing.

If leaving the house for a long period of time, leave the temperature on your thermostat no lower than 55° F.

#### **THAWING FROZEN PIPES**

Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area.

Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad, an electric hair dryer, or towels soaked in hot water.

***If pipes do not thaw, call a licensed plumber.***

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