

1600 E South Weber Drive South Weber, UT 84405

Hello again, South Weber Residents!

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is my absolute favorite holiday of the year; and though it was downsized this year (only 4 of us), we had an awesome time together. If anyone wants turkey leftovers, come on over! I think I may have a year's supply.

And speaking of Thanksgiving, I hope you all had a chance to drive past City Hall in the evenings. Each of the lights on the trees represents a single note of gratitude from a resident of South Weber City. This effort by our Youth City Council ended on Nov. 25, garnered more than 2,000 entries, and has kept our Public Works Department busy continually adding lights to the collection. One submission of gratitude came from a long-time resident of South Weber and stated that, "I am grateful for the South Weber Youth City Council for giving



December

Mayor's Message

the opportunity to take a few minutes to count my blessings, many of which I take for granted every day." I wholeheartedly agree! Thank you, Youth City Council!

The year 2020 has been a difficult one for many people and my heart goes out to all who have been affected by earthquake, fire, drought, rioting, and plague. Fortunately, trials are often accompanied by resultant blessings. One of those blessings is our close-knit community. That is why I would like to ask all of you to join me on December 24th; step out onto your porch at 6 pm and ring a bell to show your holiday and community spirit and to send the highly significant year of 2020 off into the history books. I feel we are a stronger and better people having experienced and lived through this past year.

Folks, we have a number of short-term rental owners operating in South Weber City. I want to make it clear that all but one of these have been working hard to comply with City code and to fix any problems that arise, and I want to express my sincere gratitude to these individuals. I am also grateful for a group of neighbors, our short-term rental committee, and an exceptional legal team who have worked tirelessly to bring that one, non-complying, short-term rental to justice. The City has been granted a preliminary injunction which prohibits this property owner from using their home as a short-term or vacation rental without having a business license. This injunction occurred only because this property owner's actions did not comply with City Code and greatly impeded the rights and privileges of safety and quality of life for surrounding property owners.

On a lighter note, the dog park and trail next to the Posse Grounds has been completed and will be ready for use next Spring! Thank you, Nilson Homes, for completing that project.

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The City is also on the verge of completing two very large culinary waterline replacements: one on Cottonwood Drive and one next to Job Corp. These lines were old, undersized, and did not have sufficient fire flow. A hearty thank you to our City Manager, City Engineer, Council, and Planning Commission for not only bringing these projects to fruition, but for coordinating and partnering with a number of other organizations including Uintah City, the Job Corps, and Weber Basin Water Conservancy District to improve service and significantly decrease the cost of the projects for South Weber City.

November and December have definitely been and will be, two months for gratitude! Above all, I am grateful for the wonderful citizens of this City. It has been my honor and privilege to get to know a great number of you, and the more of you I meet, the more I realize what a unique and special town South Weber is. Thanks so much for making our City the one I have no intention of leaving.

Happy Holidays!

Family Activity Center

Boys 3rd—9th Grade Rec Basketball Registration ends Sunday 12/6 For the entire month of January 2021, buy a 2-month membership and get the 3rd month FREE.

South Weber City is working with the Department of Child Family Services again to sponsor an Angel Tree this year!

'Tis the Season

In the past, we would have children's names hung on a Christmas Tree at the City Office for residents to come and choose from, but due to COVID-19, this will not be possible for this holiday season.

Instead, mostly everything will be done online! From now until December 17, visit our website and take a look at the list of children and their Christmas lists we have provided. When you have decided on a child's wish list, please contact Kimberli Guill by emailing her at kguill@southwebercity.com OR by calling her at 801-479-3177 ext. 2205 with the details of the child you have chosen. At this point, Kimberli will email you a form with the child's name and corresponding number to put with the child's gifts. The list on our website will be updated regularly so there is no confusion as to what names have already been selected.

the one IWe ask that you try to fulfill as much of each child's list<br/>as possible. All gifts are to be unwrapped and kept<br/>together in a box (or something similar) for each<br/>individual child, with the Angel Tree flyer attached.-Mayor Joindividual child, with the Angel Tree flyer attached.-Mayor JoWhen you are ready, please contact City Hall at 801-<br/>479-3177 to set up an appointment time to drop off<br/>your gifts—as City Hall is closed to the public at this<br/>time. All gifts are to be delivered on or before Decem-<br/>ber 17 at 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping these children have a wonderful holiday! We appreciate you!

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## **Council Corner**

Hello South Weberites!

We have entered into our final month of 2020 and I am sure we are all excited to see it go. Despite the constant rollercoaster we have all been on all year, I feel we were able to make a lot of headway with the city and the committees each of us are working on.

For those who are not aware, live streaming at City Hall is now up and going. We were able to use CARES Act Funds to upgrade all of our equipment including microphones, screens, monitors, cameras and speakers. This is a big step up for both those who want to watch the meetings remote and those who attend in person. When I was running for office, this was something I was hoping to be able to bring to the city soon, so I am very pleased we were able to get it done. That being said, currently our city meetings are being held remote, which also provides a way for our residents to watch from home. All of these meetings, as well as all planning commission meetings, are streamed onto the city's YouTube channel where you are able to watch live or watch later. I hope that this is something residents are able to utilize and find favorable. If you haven't yet signed up to be on the city's email list, visit the city's website to join in and get news, reports and information on things happening in the city.

The city's website has been in need of an overhaul for a number of years and it has been a big focus of the PR committee. The city reviewed a few proposals from perspective website companies, but after doing a bit more research and legwork, we have decided to change course slightly. Our new route will give the city greater flexibility, control and customization and will save a significant amount of money we had budgeted for a new website. The process is slowly moving forward. I am excited for the changes and the new fresh ideas that are coming forward to best be able to serve you.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the Youth City Council's Light Up South Weber gratitude challenge! It has been such a pleasure for me to work with our youth but when I can combine that into working with all the residents, it is a double bonus! The lights from the gratitude challenge will stay up at city hall throughout the month of December. Each light represents one item of gratitude shared during the month of November so as you drive by city hall, take a moment to check it out! We hope this can be a new tradition for our town.

We have another exciting community event coming up! On December 24th at 6 pm this year, the South Weber Stake is inviting all to stand on our porch and ring bells for 2 minutes to help bring Christmas cheer and celebration. See the attached flyer in this newsletter and stay tuned for more information. I love that even in these times when we may be finding ourselves required to stay apart physically, we find ways to still connect.

Stay safe South Weber! I love serving and representing you in this elected capacity. As always, please let me know if there is anything I can help you with.

**Council Member Hayley Alberts** 

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## Don't Forget to Renew your Business License!

Business License Renewal forms have already been mailed out, so please keep an eye out for your renewal form in the mail and get that signed and returned back to us with your payment as soon as possible. All renewals are due back by December 31, 2020 and are considered late after that date! Please be aware that a 50% penalty will be assessed to the license fee for all license renewals that have not been paid by January 31, 2021, and a 100% penalty will be assessed to the fee for any business license renewal which is not paid by February 28, 2021.

If you have any questions or need to schedule your fire inspection, please contact Kimberli Guill at kguill@southwebercity.com or call her at 801-479-3177 ext. 2205. Fire Inspection slots fill up fast during the holiday season, so please do not wait until the last minute to call and get those scheduled.

This year, the city stopped tracking and Thank you! renewing business licenses for home businesses that did not have patrons coming inside the home, so once again, if you have this kind of business, you will not be receiving a renewal form for 2021.



DECEMBER 24TH 6 PM

Christmas Eve Bell Ringing

Come outside and ring a bell for 2 minutes to spread Christmas cheer and end 2020 with a bit of magic, hope, and togetherness! Bells are available at the South Weber city offices if you need one.



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Robinson Waste will be picking up Christmas trees on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Please remove all lights and stands and place trees at the curb the night before. Any trees longer than 6 feet need to be cut in half. Please do not place trees in garbage collection containers as they will be picked up separately.

## 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.

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