

# THE BREEZE

South Weber City Newsletter

AUGUST 2021

## Mayor's Message

Dear South Weber Residents,

Somebody call 9-1-1 because the City is on FIRE! And it is partly due to our awesome Fire Department. Over the past few years, the County and each of its cities have been trying to address the issue of growth and the availability of paramedic units for incidents in the county. Each city and local fire district have painstakingly worked through multiple solutions to this issue, but one common theme kept returning: the best thing for the residents of the county would be faster paramedic response times and better local control over these services. This is the direction that we are moving, which means some pretty exciting news for South Weber.



The county has proposed the full transfer of services to take place by January of 2023. Chief Derek Tolman anticipated this change and created a much smoother transition for our city. Most of our firefighters are already licensed as paramedics, but due to current licensing our department personnel can only operate as Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, with the paramedic responsibility being placed solely on the Davis County Sheriff's Office. Because of this transfer and the foresight of Chief Tolman, we can apply to begin paramedic services much earlier than the 2023 date - like October of 2021. No, that's not a typo, folks; we can get paramedic services in-house in less than 3 months. That means quicker response times and better service to our citizens! **We will be the first city who didn't have a paramedics unit previously to get paramedics up and running in the county.** That is pretty awesome!

With a shift from Davis County to our City for paramedic services, there will be some proposed adjustments to property taxes. Please read the rest of this newsletter to find out how the City plans to navigate the shift, how it will affect your property tax, and when we will hold a truth-in-taxation hearing.

I hope you have all been enjoying the festivities associated with Country Fair Days. If not, please go to the City website and begin now! We have had some fun events but there is still much more to come. This Saturday will be our biggest day of celebration kicking off with a memorial walk/run, followed by a parade. Then there will be booths, a car show, a talent show, and finally, a fireworks show. Gather up the gang and come on down to join us.

And speaking of a parade, the South Weber Utah Stake was asked to provide a float for the Ogden Pioneer Days Parade on July 24th. That float won the grand prize - The Grand Marshall Award! A lot of blood (literally), sweat and tears went into making that float, so don't miss out on your opportunity to view it in the Country Fair Days Parade.

We are on fire here in South Weber, and it's all because of the great people that make up this community. Keep it up, folks!

-Mayor Jo Sjoblom



# Secondary Water

We have been notified by Davis & Weber Water Canal Company as well as the South Weber Irrigation Company that secondary water will be shut off on September 1 this year. This is due to the drought conditions that we are having. Shutting down early will save the water for next year. Please reduce your secondary water use and plan accordingly (no new landscapes).

It is recommended that you water once (one cycle) on your scheduled day EXCEPT between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Please do not create a cross-connection which will jeopardize drinking water systems.

For more information about each secondary water company's water restrictions, visit our [website](#) or contact us at 801-479-3177.

# Primary Election

The Primary Election for the Mayoral Candidates will be held on August 10. The following individuals have declared candidacy and will appear on the primary ballot:

- Westbroek, Rod
- Winsor, Wayne
- Nelson, Lance

This election will be held by mail-in ballot - But if you are wanting to vote in person, you can do so on election day at the Family Activity Center located at 1181 E Lester Dr.

Visit our [website](#) for more information about the election!

# Truth in Taxation for Paramedic Service

We have a Truth in Taxation Hearing coming up on August 17 to talk about the city maintaining the current tax rate and then incorporating the county's paramedic tax rate into our rate.

In order to better serve the growing population in Davis County, the county is in the process of transferring paramedic services to local fire districts and departments. As part of this transfer South Weber City will be adding the county's paramedic tax rate of .000119 to the city's rate. The county will be removing this tax rate from your property tax. Based on a home value of \$410,000 this amount is approximately \$26.80.

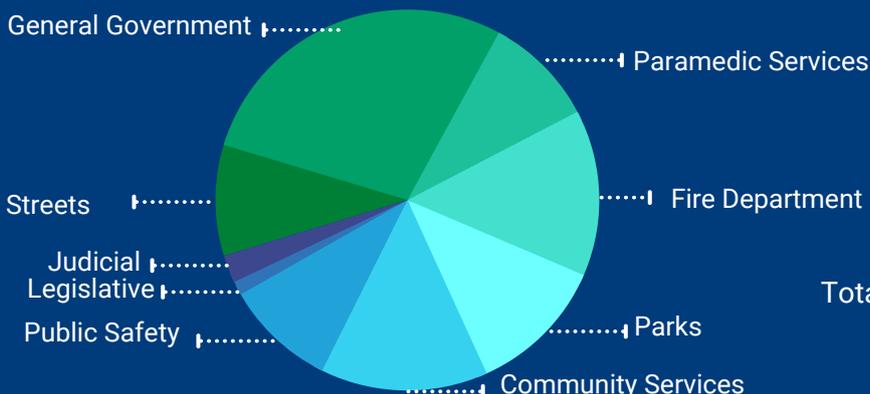
Coinciding with the transfer of the paramedic

tax rate, the city is proposing to maintain its current tax rate of .001403.

Why is it a good thing to have our own paramedics? Well in the past our Advanced EMTs could only assist to a certain point, and then we needed to wait for a county paramedic to respond. With paramedics on staff we will be able to have them respond with the ambulance, there will be 3 employees on staff instead of 2, and more of our employees will have paramedic level EMT so we will be able to perform life-sustaining measures almost immediately.

For more information visit our website at:

<http://southwebercity.com/2021/07/15/truth-in-taxation-hearing/>



# 19.33%

Increase in Property Tax Revenue  
Total estimated property tax revenue is \$932,000 for FY 2021



# Family Activity Center Avoiding Heat-related Illnesses

All Fall Sports Registrations will end this month.

Visit our [Website](#) for more information on deadlines.

Days and Locations for Fall Sports will be posted on our website soon.

School hours for the FAC will begin 8/23/2021

This year we've been experiencing record high temperatures - and with that comes heat-related illnesses such as Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke. People most at risk include:

- Those who work in the heat
- Infants and young children, especially if left in hot cars
- People who are ill, have chronic health conditions or are on certain medications
- People who are overweight

If your job requires you to work outside in hot weather, you and your supervisors can take precautions to minimize the risk of heat-related illnesses. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health recommends:

- Working shorter shifts until workers have adjusted to the heat
- Staying hydrated and drinking before you get thirsty
- Watch out for co-workers exhibiting signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke
- Take time to rest and cool down.

In your community, please check in on neighbors who are elderly, house-bound or otherwise may be reluctant to ask for help.

## Crossing Guard Substitutes Needed

South Weber City is looking for substitute crossing guards for the upcoming school year.

During School Year only (August - June)

Relief positions vary depending on need

Approximate times: 8:00 - 9:00 am & 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Visit our [website](#) and fill out an application today!



## Celebrating South Weber Elementary Fall Festival

Monday, September 13

4:30 - 7:30 pm

Food Trucks

FREE admission for Inflatables and Games

# South Weber Citizen Spotlight

Kathy was born and raised in Peterson, UT. She attended Weber State where she met her husband of 57 years, Lynn Poll. They were blessed with 5 amazing children, Tani Lynch, Traci Wiese, Marci Poll, Brandon Poll and Mandi Spens who all reside in South Weber. She is "Nana" to 20 grandchildren and 9 1/2 great grandchildren which are the highlight of her life.

Kathy has lived in South Weber for 57 years and served in many capacities at the city office, including the City Treasurer, Recorder and Court Clerk. At one time she was the only office employee. In 1976 our Country was having numerous bicentennial celebrations and she wanted South Weber to

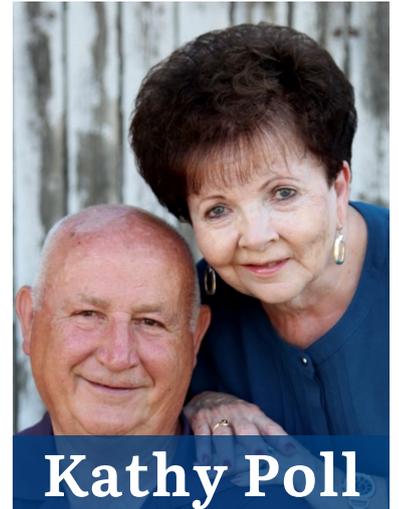
celebrate as well. She approached the City Council with her idea to start South Weber Days, officially known as Country Fair Days or "Best Week of the Year". We now celebrate the 45th year of this great tradition. Kathy has loved volunteering in various capacities over the years. Some of the early events included square dancing in the street, Miss South Weber, Miss Ruffles and Blue Jeans, Little and Jr. Miss Pageants and a baby contest. The events continued with Hee Haw Night, the Little Buck-a-roo Rodeo, and the Saturday Fair which included breakfast at the elementary school, a parade, booths, food, and games including the ever-famous dunking machine. We have always ended the weeklong celebration with fireworks.

Kathy's favorite part of Country Fair Days were the families and friends who all came out to celebrate. Even children who had moved away seemed to plan their vacations back to South Weber around Country Fair Days. South Weber is more than just a little city, it's a "Big Family". You don't have to live here very long to recognize that.

Kathy's family has always been involved in County Fair Days. Tani, her oldest daughter, has been heavily involved for over 20 years. Her family spends the entire day at the park from the parade to fireworks and she encourages the current residents to do the same.

She loves watching her grandkids participate in the Kids K race, Anything Goes, Pageants, rodeo, parade, Saturday entertainment, etc. One of her other highlights is the "Old Timers" East vs. West ball game where family and friends gather to visit and enjoy a good old fashion ballgame.

Kathy would like to thank all of the volunteers over the last 45 years that work so hard to make the "Best Week of the Year" possible. She highly encourages everyone to participate in the upcoming events and if you really want to be part of the family - Volunteer.



**NOMINATE** someone to be in the community spotlight!!

Send an email to [ycc@southwebercity.com](mailto:ycc@southwebercity.com) with their name and information to be featured.

**Want to see updates to what the YCC is doing? Follow us on social media!**

**Instagram:** @southweberycc

**Facebook:** South Weber Youth City Council

