



THE BREEZE

South Weber City Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

And just like that...January is gone and it is already February. I don't know about you, but as someone who has worked outdoors, I'm always glad to see January go because it seems like the worst part of winter is behind us. This month I wanted to express my appreciation for others who also brave the elements outside...our City Public Works Department. A few weeks ago, I woke up at 3 AM to the sound of the snow plow going up our hill, and I couldn't help but think how grateful I am that people are willing to do the 'hard' jobs. Although, they aren't yet perfect, we are so lucky to have these guys. They are experienced and care about the jobs they do. Many other cities would love to have them working in their city. I hope you appreciate their efforts, especially after I tell you a story that will explain why I am so grateful for these city workers.

As a newly married couple, we were fortunate to buy a new home on Canyon Drive. This was a few years ago, but the first winter we spent there was one for the record books. The wind and snow and cold temperatures were crazy and our furnaces ran 24/7 because in those days natural gas was so cheap, that they didn't insulate the outside walls! Boy, have things changed!! It wasn't uncommon at all that winter for water lines to freeze. Well, one brutal Sunday morning, our water line froze up at the water meter. What do you do when your wife of 6 months looks at you to do something about the situation? I did all I knew to do in a bad situation, I called my friend, Merlin Daines. (You don't have to know how to do everything, you just need to know someone who does.) It wasn't long before I looked out my front window standing in my warm home, and saw the Mayor, Gary Combe, laying in the snow working on our meter box. The wind was blowing so hard, but there he was, fixing my problem. It's a fact, water meters never freeze when the weather is good.

Now you know why I am so grateful for our Public Works Department and why you should be equally grateful. Mayor, or not, you don't ever want to see me working on your frozen pipes, you might find out how much worse things could be.

I hope you all have a great February. Oh, and a word to the wise, don't forget, it's Valentine's Day on Monday the 14th.

-Mayor Rod Westbroek



Save the Date Country Fair Days

July 30th - August 6th 2022

"Best Week of the Year"

Volunteers Needed to continue this wonderful tradition.

A big THANK YOU to Holly Williams and Vickie

Christensen for their many years of service to our community and Country Fair Days.

With them stepping down, there are opportunities for more residents to get involved. The Country Fair Days Committee is in need of several Co-Chairs, Events Chairs, donations and helping hands for this week to continue. Grab your friends or come and make new ones by volunteering for the Best Week of the Year.

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***Country Fair Days is a 501 C3 Non-Profit not funded by SWC.**



Let's Get Utah Connected!

South Weber Residents, there's a new dawn in connectivity that's moving at the speed of light, fiber optic internet. Fiber optics is the technology used to transmit information as pulses of light through strands of fiber made of glass over long distances. These fibers are about the diameter of a strand of hair and when bundled into fiber optic cable, they're capable of transmitting more data over longer distances and faster than other mediums. The goal is to bring the speed of fiber to every residence in South Weber.

Local Internet service provider ConnexT specializes in the installation and management of fiber optic infrastructure. The locally owned and operated company based in Ogden is currently investing heavily in Northern Utah communities. ConnexT is privately funding the construction and installation of the fiber throughout each city ConnexT performs the infrastructure installations. ConnexT and South Weber City Officials are currently planning a citywide build out to connect every home at NO COST to city residents.

ConnexT historically runs a cable backhaul through the city, then installs fiber to homes in the neighborhoods that show the highest level of interest first. If you're excited to get fiber first, ask how you can become a neighborhood fiber champion. ConnexT is offering interested residents yard signs, flyers, and a referral program offering free service. When the installation is complete, ConnexT will offer the best internet value in the region with the capacity to offer up to a 10GBPS symmetrical connection to every household in South Weber.

Plans: \$35/100MBPS, \$50/250 MBPS, \$65 1 GBPS.

NO CONTRACT, NO TAXES OR FEES, FREE INSTALLATION

For more details, reach out to ConnexT Director of Marketing Brian Papworth brian@connextllc.com or call 801-686-2468.

Follow the City on Facebook for news about Fiber. And be on the lookout - we've got some games and prizes coming up!



CPR Awareness

Every year an estimated 400,000 cardiac arrests occur outside of the hospital setting. Roughly 7 out of 10 of them occur at home. You can help improve the outcome of a loved one or someone in the general public by being aware of the signs and symptoms of a heart attack or cardiac arrest, and how to perform CPR.

You don't need a special certification or formal training to perform CPR, but you do need education. If cardiac arrest happens to someone near you, don't be afraid - just be prepared! Follow these steps if you see someone in cardiac arrest:

- Call 911 right away. If another bystander is nearby, save time by asking that person to call 911 and look for an automated external defibrillator external icon (AED) while you begin CPR. AEDs are portable machines that can electrically shock the heart and cause it to start beating again.
 - Where can you find an AED? The City has accessible AED's at the Rec Center, City Office, and both elementary schools.
- Give CPR. Push down hard and fast in the center of the chest at a rate of 100 to 120 pushes a minute. Let the chest come back up to its normal position after each push. The American Heart Association (AHA) recommends timing your pushes to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive". This method of CPR is called "hands-only" and does not involve breathing into the person's mouth.
- Continue giving CPR until medical professionals arrive or until a person with formal CPR training can take over.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

- Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest. It lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
- Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, your back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Currently, about 1 in 10 people who have cardiac arrest outside the hospital die. But CPR can help improve those odds. If it is performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival.

The instructions above will help you be prepared in case something like this happens in your home.

Be Cautious!

We understand that it is frigid outside, but we would like to remind you to not leave unattended vehicles running to warm them up. This only creates an opportunity to have your vehicle stolen, and we want to deter criminals from coming into our city by keeping our property secure. The theory is, if the opportunity to commit a crime is limited, those seeking to commit a crime will choose someplace else.

Business License Renewals

All business licenses that have not been renewed by now have been assessed a 50% penalty. Please be aware that a 100% penalty will be assessed to the license fee for all business license renewals which have not been paid by February 28, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our Business License Representative, Kimberli Guill at kguill@southwebercity.com or by phone, 801-479-3177 ext. 2205.

Don't forget about your Fire Inspection! Please circle AM or PM on your renewal form to let us know what time of day works best for you. This inspection is needed before a Business License can be sent to you.

Family Activity Center

Online registration for all Rec Programs for the year of 2022 is now open.

Follow us on Facebook @South Weber Family Activity Center

Thank you!





South Weber Citizen Spotlight

Arthur was born on December 4, 1924 in Helena Alfalfa Co., Oklahoma during the depression years. He learned the meaning of hard work and sacrifice, which he passed on to his family.

As a young lad, he was helping clear land when suddenly he was bitten by a copperhead rattlesnake and became very ill. After several weeks, he recovered and luckily survived.

Art loved sports and was a very good basketball player.

His mother died in November of 1941, and his father followed only a month later in December 1941. Art was 17 years old.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. When Art turned 18, he was called to serve in World War II.

He was assigned to the infantry and fought many battles. During one conflict, he was hit in his right leg by a bullet. His Sargent crawled by him, told him to grab his belt, and drug him to safety. After he recovered, he was reassigned to his unit. While on patrol, he was again injured, this time more serious and was sent to Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City. Later he received a Purple Heart with additional recognitions. While recovering at the hospital, he met someone very special, the love of his life, Lola Ukena. They were later married. After recovering from his injuries, he and Lola moved to Arkansas for a couple of years where their 2 oldest children were born.

They returned to Utah residing in Clearfield. In 1953, Art moved his family to South Weber, Together, him and his brother Dawson bought property and started a Grade A Dairy Farm with over 30 cows. Art also had an apricot orchard with the sweetest apricots in town and grew crops of peas that were harvested and processed at the old pea vinery on the corner of 1900 E. South Weber Drive.

He retired from HAFB, worked in many church positions, served on the South Weber Town Council, and numerous committees helping with early projects such as building the first city hall, developing the first city park, and served many years as president of the South Weber Water District.

As a Veteran of World War II, he was privileged to participate in one of the Honor Flights recognizing veterans. Recently, he was honored by the Quilts of Valor Foundation where he was presented his own personal quilt of valor.

He loves to watch sports, especially bull riding and the Utah Jazz.

This past December, Art turned 97. He takes care of himself and his mind is sharp as a tack. He and Lola (deceased 2010) have 6 children, their posterity of grandchildren and great-grandchildren has grown over 100, including several 5 generations. He is an inspiration of love and support for his family. His family loves him and are proud of his sacrifice for our country. They are thankful each day he is with them.



Arthur Monroe Ukena

NOMINATE someone to be in the community spotlight!!

Send an email to 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: @southwebercity

Facebook: South Weber Youth City Council

