



THE BREEZE

South Weber City Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Hello again, Good Folks of South Weber,

There were a couple of days recently when I felt a chill in the air. LOVE IT! Autumn means cooling temperatures, autumn leaves, harvest, snuggling up in blankets, baking, and turning off the swamp cooler. Yes. We are one of the few residents in South Weber that still owns and maintains a swamp cooler. It is more cost and energy efficient, but it gives me the chills when I'm next to it, and the sweats when I'm away from it, not to mention the soggy food and sticky doors. Nope. I will not shed a tear when I put that baby to bed for the winter (Actually, Darin will want me to note that he is the one that takes care of that).



I want to take a moment to recognize and remember a former council member of our community. Annette Ray Gardner passed away a couple of weeks ago. She has been a long-time resident of South Weber and has served two terms on Council - an act that should automatically qualify her for a seat in Heaven. I want to thank her for her great service; she will be missed.

Good news! The FDA just gave a final approval to the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The task required rigorous inspections and a 360,000-page application. Dr. Tamara Sheffield, medical director of community health and prevention at IHC, stated that "the benefits largely outweigh the known and potential risks" and, according to the article, "the FDA has never before had so much evidence to judge a vaccine's safety." - *Jenny Rollins, KSL.com, posted Aug. 23, 2021.* I strongly urge our residents to get the vaccination if they have not already.

Folks, September 11th (9/11) has been designated as the "National Day of Service". Did you know that over 17,000 residents in Davis County suffer from food insecurity? There are also approximately 1,300 students in Davis County that are considered homeless. One service project that we are aware of is being organized by the South Weber Utah Stake, and they would love to have all interested residents in South Weber participate. They are gathering and assembling 2,000 pantry packs for kids in Davis School District to send home with them ensuring they have food over the weekends. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shannon Pickett (801-589-3909).

Finally, the South Weber City Council would like to give the community an opportunity to vote on a possible RAP (Recreation, Arts and Parks) Tax. This would be a 0.1% tax on all sales within city limits. That means both residents and visitors to the City who make a purchase that involves sales tax would pay the additional 1 penny for every \$10 spent, and revenues generated from that tax would be used on specific projects such as parks, cultural arts programs, and recreation programs. Please understand that the Council is not pushing for or against this tax. It is being placed on the November ballot to determine whether or not residents would like to implement this specific funding source to provide increased amenities to parks and recreation.

Have a great autumn season!

-Mayor Jo Sjoblom



Election Results

The results of the South Weber City Municipal Primary Election are in! The following individuals have been duly nominated for the Municipal General Election, which will be held November 2, 2021.

South Weber City Mayor

Rod Westbroek
Wayne Winsor

South Weber currently has 4,633 registered voters. Out of these voters, 1,963 ballots were cast giving us a 42.37% voter turnout! This is a very good turnout for a Primary Election! We hope to see many more votes in the General Election.

Candidate Questionnaires

A General Election will be held on November 2, 2021 for 1 Mayor as well as 2 Council Seats.

The following individuals have declared candidacy and will appear on the ballot:

Candidates for Mayor:

Westbroek, Rod
Winsor, Wayne

Candidates for City Council:

Petty, Angie
Dills, Joel
McFadden, Marty
write in George, TG

We have sent a list of questions to each candidate to answer so you, as residents, can get to know each one a little more before the election! Visit our website and click each candidate's name to view their answers!

Ballots will start being delivered to residents on October 12, 2021. The last day to register to vote is October 22, 2021. Early voting will go from October 19 - October 29 by mail or drop box only. There will be no polling location for early voting as this election will be held by mail-in ballot only.

Stay tuned for information on a Meet the Candidates night!

Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax

Notice is hereby given that a proposition titled Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Tax will be included on the General Election ballot on November 2, 2021 stating,

"Shall the City of South Weber, Utah, be authorized to impose 0.1% sales and use tax to fund recreation, arts, and parks facilities and programs?"

Registered voters are invited to file a written argument for or against the proposition to the City Recorder at 1600 E South Weber Drive.

Requirements:

- Length shall not exceed 500 words.
- Include at least one, but no more than five names as sponsors.
- Submission must be received by 5 pm on September 7, 2021.
- List the voter's residential address and name in the argument.
- Submit the voter's name, residential address, postal address, email address, and phone number.

Arguments can be turned in physically to the City Recorder at 1600 E South Weber Drive, or by email - lsmith@southwebercity.com

[Visit our website for more information.](#)



Family Activity Center

Fall Soccer and Flag Football are starting this month. Co-Ed Basketball Registration is now open for Kindergarten - 2nd Grade. Girls Basketball Registration is now open for 3rd - 9th Grade. We are now offering a spot online to request a coach as well as a request to be on the same team as a friend! (This is not a guarantee, but we'll try to work with you as best we can.)

Parents:

In order for us to get a count on how many jerseys we need to order, we have strict deadlines for each sport's registration. This also helps us figure out how many teams we will have for the season. Please make sure you are signing up in a timely manner if you are wanting your child to participate.

CERT Volunteers Needed!

South Weber Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is looking for citizens willing and interested in being part of this team.

South Weber CERT is a volunteer, citizen-led team reporting to our fire department and assists first responders when needed with basic emergency disaster response and preparation. Any experience is welcome but not required as CERT training will be provided.

This is a great team to be involved in helping our community in a time of need. Anyone interested please contact Brandyn Bodily at 801.589.1055 or email CERT@southwebercity.com

Trees, Weeds, and Bushes...Oh My!

Please keep your trees, bushes, and other plants off the sidewalk to a height of 7 feet and at least 14 feet above the curb or street. During the winter, the branches tend to be weighed down and fall below that 14-foot requirement. Please take care of this while the weather is warm.

Having trees, weeds, bushes, or other debris overlap a sidewalk can be very dangerous for those that like to exercise using the safety of the sidewalks. When there is not enough passage along the sidewalk, it forces pedestrians into the roadway. Warnings and/or citations will be issued for obstructed sidewalks.

Please do not allow landscapers to place boulders, rocks, or dirt over the sidewalk or on any portion of the roadway; you, as the homeowner, will be responsible for any damage to the roadways or sidewalks caused by landscapers.

There is no exception for having tall weeds on your property - including your sidewalk. There have been numerous areas that have received citations because of the extreme fire hazard that they pose. Please make sure you are cutting your weeds regularly so we can avoid an accidental fire from happening.

Thanks for helping us keep South Weber Safe!

Secondary Water Shut Offs

We have been notified by all four secondary water companies of shut off dates.

- South Weber Water Improvement District: September 20th
- South Weber Irrigation Company: September 20th
- Weber Basin Water: September 20th
- Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company: September 1st

If you are unsure of who your secondary water provider is, please contact us at 801-479-3177 and we can find out for you!



South Weber Citizen Spotlight

Ivan J. Ray was born and raised in South Weber. He remembers watching industrialization and change over the past 75 years. As a small boy of four years old (1949), he recalls riding in a small yellow dump truck with his father, as they would drive to South Weber Sand and Gravel Pit, to haul road base material which was spread on portions of unpaved road along South Weber Drive (SR-60). This happened every spring for a number of years. During the winter the snow was piled along South Weber Drive as deep as 8 feet in some places, due to nighttime East winds. It became necessary on straight stretches of the main road to have pull-out areas to allow vehicles to pass on the narrow one lane road. In 1948 -1949 the winter was severe for the approximately 250 persons residing in 78 homes throughout South Weber.

A good trick or treat Halloween happened when you visited all 78 homes in the valley from Lincoln and Lethan Smith on the East, then West five and a half miles to Vern and Vonda Coy near the county line, acquiring popcorn balls, apples, cookies, and candy.

South Weber's water source was Military Springs up the mountain near the mouth of Weber Canyon about 1,200 feet up the South Canyon wall just above the present day Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company diversion structure on the Weber River. Ivan remembers every fall, the Boy Scouts would carry cement and/or sand in white cloth sacks up the narrow trail to repair and improve the hand-made storage reservoir for residential culinary water. Each bag of cement powder or sand weighed about 70 pounds. There was no Golds Gym in those days. The water from the spring was not treated. This was the culinary water supply for upper South Weber until 1961, when Weber Basin Water Conservancy District bored a tunnel from Mountain Green through the mountain on the South canyon wall to East South Weber in an effort to transport more water to Davis and Weber Counties. This project damaged the South Weber Military Spring water source. Ivan's father Joseph H. Ray, who was a City official, donated a section of property east of the former Ray's Valley Service Business, so that a deep culinary well could be drilled. Weber Basin was also required to supply additional water to the city. There were in those days, 8 households that shared a telephone party line, cordially taking turns on the telephone.

Ivan remembers his mother asking him to take his homemade fishing-pole and go down to the Weber River to catch some fish for dinner. As a child, Ivan remembers the family farm, especially 500 chickens housed in the orange brick building, west of the former Ray's Valley Service. He fed the chickens, cleaned the chicken coup, gathered and candled the eggs, to be delivered to the "American Food Stores".

After Ivan graduated from Weber State College, he attended Naval Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, and was commissioned and served as a naval aviator. He is a Vietnam War veteran. In 1969 Ivan, his dad; Joseph Ray, and his brother Harold Ray borrowed \$12,000 and built the first convenience store and gas station in South Weber Valley. Fuel was 23.9 a gallon for regular gas, 5 loaves of bread for \$1.00, Johnny's Dairy milk was .65 cents a gallon, and an 8 pack of 16 oz. glass bottles of Pepsi was .99 cents. Everything was bought and paid for as the business grew. A larger addition was added in 1991. Ray's Valley service conducted an airplane "candy drop" for several years on South Weber Days Saturday afternoon. Ivan was asked by the Weber River Water User's Association and the Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company to be their water manager in 2003. Two main improvements came benefiting South Weber for years to come. The Davis and Weber Counties Canal Company was completely rehabilitated with new canal liner and/or box culvert throughout the nine miles of canal in South Weber and Riverdale. Secondly, the Echo Reservoir that supplies water to South Weber received a seismic embankment repair. Ivan and his wife Shirley have 4 children and 9 grandchildren. He and Shirley reside on Canyon Drive and enjoy the many friends and neighbors throughout the South Weber Valley.



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: @southweberycc

Facebook: South Weber Youth City Council

