



River Heights City News

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Mayor's Message

Dear Residents,

I hope your summer has been eventful, safe, and memorable. We live in a beautiful city and a wonderful community and I am so grateful for all of you in making it that way. I wanted to personally thank you all for your patience and understanding in dealing with many issues this year. From the fence ordinance to sidewalks to roads to developments. Your involvement in our deliberations is appreciated. Your phone calls are welcomed and your passion and concern are genuine and well received. We can't always agree with everyone and rarely do compromises make either side very happy, but I can tell you that myself and this council have your best interests in mind and we respect your trust in us. We love this great city and its citizens. I look forward to another great year and many more opportunities to rub shoulders with some of the greatest people on earth.

Sincerely,

Mayor Todd Rasmussen



The general election is coming right up on **November 5**. We will be voting to fill 3 council seats, each 4-year terms. You may also vote early beginning Tuesday, October 22 at the City Office, during regular office hours.

Candidates:

Chris Cannon, Sharlie Gallup, Chris Milbank, Robert "K" Scott and Blake Wright.

Come meet the candidates and learn where they stand on issues that are important to you.

Meet the Candidates Night will be held on Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00 pm at the River Heights City Building (520 S 500 E).

Citizens of the Year

We are lucky to have **Randy and Kathryn Hadfield** living in our city! They have spent years serving their community by becoming involved in city government, scouting, schools and a number of other areas. If you know them, you probably remember a time when they have served you.

Dog Licensing Fee Increase

The City Council will be discussing a fee increase at their October 8 meeting, in an effort to balance animal control expenses. Feel free to come during public comment or email elainethatcher@riverheights.org with your comments.

Storytime is Underway



Mondays and Thursdays at 10:30 am is a great time to stop by the city building with your pre-schoolers. They will get to participate in listening to stories, singing songs and being with friends.

Tree Lighting

The city holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place the evening of **Monday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m.** in Heber Olson Park. Bundle up and bring the family to enjoy this kick-off to the holiday season, complete with hot chocolate, donuts, singing around the tree, and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!



Parking Restrictions

Winter is knocking at our door! Don't forget, it is unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street from November 15 - March 15 between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:00 noon.

You can also be ticketed anytime for parking on the sidewalks.



Youth Programs

The River Heights Youth Council and Youth Ambassadors have openings now for 2019-2020.

The Youth Council is a sort of model city government, in which the participating youth take positions such as mayor and council members. The council can make recommendations to the mayor and city council, participate in service projects, and learn much about how local government works.

The Youth Ambassadors are responsible for representing the city in parades around Cache Valley, including the Apple Days parade. They also help out with Apple Days and the Holiday Tree Lighting.

Both groups are opportunities for service to the city that participants can put on their resumes for college and future employment. For more information, please contact Mayor Todd Rasmussen (toddrasmussen@riverheights.org) or City Council Member Elaine Thatcher (elainethatcher@riverheights.org).

Business Licenses

If you are running a business out of your home, you need to apply for a license, which can be done anytime.

The timeframe for renewals on previously registered businesses is Nov 1 through Dec 31. After the deadline, there is a \$30 late fee. The application can be found at riverheights.org under 'Forms/Business License.'

Parks

The new tennis courts are finished and worth the wait! A post-tension system has been installed which will not crack and is guaranteed to last forever (or close to it).



We want to thank those who volunteered as **T-ball coaches**. We are grateful for their kind service in this capacity. Thank for another great season!

Thanks to our city guys, Clayten, Cameron and Steve for keeping the parks looking beautiful this summer. We also appreciate them keeping our utility systems running smoothly. Our quality of life in River Heights is increased because of them!

Snow Shoveling



Remember it is **UNLAWFUL** to throw your snow into the road. When snow freezes in the road it can cause safety issues and it deters the degree to which the city equipment can clear your road.

Stormwater

Stormwater runoff is any precipitation that flows over land instead of seeping into the ground. It travels over paved areas, picking up debris from streets, which flows through storm drains. Stormwater is not treated and can pollute area rivers and canals. Runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people. Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow and can also destroy aquatic habitats. Here are some ways you can prevent stormwater pollution:

- ◆ Wash the family car on the lawn, not the driveway.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet. Bring bags when you walk your dog.
- ◆ Never dump anything down the storm drain.
- ◆ Keep leaves and grass clippings cleaned from the streets.

Remember . . . We all live downstream!