



River Heights City News

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Mayor's Message

Neighbors and Fellow Citizens of River Heights:

I hope each of you have had an exciting and fulfilling summer! There is a lot happening in our city. We are moving forward with capital projects to make improvements to our infrastructure, decrease liabilities, and increase the quality of life for our citizens. In my reflections, I have returned to thoughts of gratitude towards your elected officials, city employees, and Planning Commission. I am honored to work with each of them. While many do not see their countless hours of dedicated work on the city's behalf, I do and am humbled by their selfless service. It is sometimes difficult to have gratitude for the dedicated work they do because most of it happens out of sight and out of mind. A thank you is also in order for our public who are patient as we navigate difficult issues and have city projects that may cause inconvenience.

As November approaches, each of us will have the opportunity to cast a ballot— a sacred opportunity and responsibility. I encourage each of our residents to get to know the candidates up for election and cast a ballot according to the dictates of their conscience. Your voice matters.

We will soon be celebrating Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas— my favorite time of year! May each of you and your families find happiness, safety, and joy in this special time of year!

Sincerely,

Mayor Jason Thompson

Citizens of the Year

Kevin and Patrice Winn love, serve, build, and encourage everyone they meet. They have lived in River Heights for 28 years. Patrice has been the River Heights Elementary PE teacher for 25 years and been the director of Just Jumpin' for 20 years. Kevin has been with Bear River Mental Health for 35 years as a treatment provider and program director for those with severe mental illnesses. Patrice and Kevin have both recently retired. They love the close-knit community of River Heights and it's sweet people. They have made their mark as they have influenced lives of all ages. Our city is better because of them!

Halloween Carnival

October 29th

- ◆ 5:00 - 7:00pm
- ◆ Old School Gymnasium, 420 S 500 E
- ◆ \$1 admission fee per person
- ◆ Games for families
- ◆ Carved pumpkin contest-bring pumpkins already carved
- ◆ Halloween costume contest for all ages
- ◆ Ambassadors will be selling pizza



Sponsored by the RHC Youth Ambassadors

Parking Restrictions

Don't forget, it is unlawful to park vehicles on any public street from November 15 - March 15 between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:00 noon.

Tree Lighting

November 28th

Meet at the tree on 600 East in the Heber Olson Park at 6:30pm for a sing-along and countdown. Then we'll head to the pavilion for hot chocolate and donuts and a special visitor.



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Emergency Preparedness

The committee meets at 7:30pm every 4th Wednesday at the City Building. Come join to prepare yourself, your families and your neighbors for emergencies.

Business Licenses

If you are running a business out of your home, you need to apply for a license, which can be done anytime. There's a good chance it won't even cost you any money!

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.'

Stormwater Protection

Salt or alternative de-icing chemicals are used in winter maintenance to melt snow and ice to ensure pedestrian safety. When snow and ice melt, the water becomes stormwater runoff, which ends up in our streams, rivers and lakes. As the runoff moves over paved surfaces, it collects sand, salt and other pollutants and deposits them into surface water causing contamination.

When using de-icers, follow product directions carefully to reduce the amount used and choose environmentally preferable de-icing products to reduce your impact on our water system.

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.

Please clear your sidewalks within a reasonable time after it snows.



New Park Update

Phase One of the new park between 800 and 900 East just North of the cemetery is completed. Two parking lots, stormwater retention basins, water lines and a 12-foot-wide sidewalk winding along the brow of the hill are in place; sewer and electrical utilities are stubbed in.

We are very grateful for RAPZ Grants which provided River Heights City \$115,000 for this phase of the park. We hope to continue work on Phase Two next summer which will include: pavilion, restrooms and the rest of the sidewalks.

It's a beautiful setting for a park. Head up and take a look!

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