



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

James A. Dain

City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

Community/Senior Center

25 North Main
769-8637/769-8625

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

Fireworks in Lindon this Year

Remember back to last winter? We had a record year for moisture as the snow just kept piling up in the mountains. This resulted in a great growing season in the Mountains and a lot of water for us to use in the Valleys. Grasses grew tall in the foothills and on our lawns. The Oak, Mahogany and Pines flourished in the great conditions. This created somewhat of a problem however. Those tall grasses from last year are now dry and are lying on the ground. Even though this winter has not provided us with much snow, new growth will soon be starting and those grasses will rise as well. By the time we get around to the middle of the summer and Holiday season. We will have a volatile situation along our mountain front when those grasses dry and we will be primed for a major wildfire. I know that many of you can remember back to the two major fires we have experienced on Mt. Timpanogos in recent history. Both fires resulted in vast damage to the plants and animals on the Mountain and literally cost millions of dollars to fight. In addition, following the fires, later thunderstorms and rainfall caused ash and mud runoff and landslides which damaged the drinking water systems of both Lindon and Pleasant Grove. This also cost huge amounts of money to repair. One ash and mud flow out of the foothills made it as far as 1600 North in Orem City. In more recent incidents we watch each year as fires in Utah and throughout the west result in the destruction of entire neighborhoods or communities. The reason that I am giving you a history lesson is because we want to avoid a repeat of these major incidents. To that end, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, and the Orem Department of Public Safety, Fire Division, I have begun the process of asking for a restriction on the use of all fireworks in certain areas adjacent to the mountain and Forest Service property for this year. Similar closures are being considered for Orem City and Pleasant Grove. Closures would take place along the eastern edge of the city and in a zone which is yet to be determined, that will prevent errant fireworks from flying or being wind-blown onto highly volatile areas. Before these restrictions take place the City Council will hold a Public Hearing to receive input from those concerned about the proposed closure and will determine exactly what areas will be closed to ensure the necessary "safety zone". Please watch for Public Notice of this meeting which has been tentatively set for April 3, 2012 in the regular City Council Meeting. This meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Lindon City Center located at 100 North State Street. Maps will be available of the proposed areas to be closed. If a closure takes place, any use of fireworks in the closed areas could result in arrest or citation. Any use which results in an actual wildfire will also result in criminal charges and may subject the violator civilly to the costs incurred in the damage and suppression efforts of the fire. Again going back in time, the huge fire which burned all of Mahogany Mountain above Pleasant Grove back in the 1980's was started by two teenagers lighting innocent enough "ground flower" fireworks in a dry area of the foothills. The fire burned for five days and cost \$2.4 Million dollars to put out. I investigated the incident back then and was able to identify and charge the two kids involved. Following their misdemeanor criminal charges, they and their parents received a bill to pay for the cost of the fire. Please help us to stay safe, attend the public hearing if you have concerns regarding this proposed closure or have strong feelings in favor of it.

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police

Veteran's Memorial

Do have a family member or friend who is a veteran? If you have the name of a veteran to be added to the monument call Chief Cody Cullimore by March 15th at 801-769-8600 or email at chief@lindoncity.org