

**CITIZEN NEWSLETTER  
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**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

As I have become more aware and paid better attention to Brigham City over the last few months, I have gained a greater admiration and love of our great City. For a small City we have a lot of great employees, resources and events. We hope the changes that have been made over the last six months and those proposed will provide positive impacts to our community. The Brigham City Main Street, Cemetery and parks look beautiful. Brigham City hosted the "Tour de Cure" for the American Diabetes Association (ADA) the first of June with over 1500 bicyclists participating. Participants spent money in Brigham City, our hotels were completely full and the event raised significant funds for the ADA.

We are concerned about the ATK layoffs and the slow down or possible cancellation of the Ares program. We are doing all we can to work with our congressional delegation, NASA, and ATK to limit the impact to Brigham City. Our Community and Economic Development group have made some progress for possible new small businesses locating in Brigham City. The new Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Temple will be a great addition to our community and will help stimulate some future expansion. We have appreciated comments (positive and constructive criticism). Please do not hesitate to tell us what is on your mind and how we might continue to make things better for all.

Mayor Dennis J. Fife

**BUNDERSON SCHOOL**

On June 17, 2010 Brigham City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Box Elder School District to lease Bunderson School for a period of ten years. Mayor Fife has organized a transition team to evaluate potential uses for the Bunderson School facility and we anticipate some city departments will be re-located to that facility along with some cultural resources. The facility has the possibility of housing the Gunther Collection and other collections and could be used for recreation programs that would benefit the public. The positive of this lease is that the facility will be occupied and the grounds will be maintained by Brigham City Corporation.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES HAVE MOVED**

The Public Works Administrative Offices have moved from City Hall to their new location in the Public Works Complex located at 980 W. Forest Street. Director Blake Fannesbeck stated, "We are looking forward to the new move and the close proximity of the administrative offices to many of the divisions in Public Works!" The public is welcome to visit us at our new offices.

**WEST FOREST COMPOST/GREEN WASTE FACILITY EXTENDS THEIR HOURS**

The West Forest Compost/Green Waste Facility has changed their hours. The facility will now be open Wednesday –

Friday 10:30am to 6pm and on Saturdays 8:30am-5:00pm. These are permanent summer hours with the facility being closed November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 1st. The City hopes the new extended time will help those citizens who work during the day and need a little extra time to access the product which is sold at the facility. Remember you may take your green waste to the facility 24 hours a day!

### **CULINARY WATER METERS TO BE REPLACED**

The City Council has approved replacing all city culinary water meters starting in mid summer or early fall 2010. The current meters have not been replaced for many years and auditing procedures have revealed discrepancies in measured flows for a large percentage of our distribution system. By reading meters monthly we can get on top of big leaks much faster. During the replacement process the meters will be upgraded with equipment that allows each meter to be read electronically so every electrical and water meter in the City can be read once a month in a matter of hours rather than days. The estimated project cost is nearly \$1.4 million which will be recovered in approximately three years through the current loss of sales. It is our intent to notify all customers well in advance of the scheduled work. We are confident this project can be completed with minor inconveniences or interruptions to water services.

### **UPDATE ON ACADEMY SQUARE PROJECT**

As part of the ongoing effort toward completion of the Academy Square project, work will soon begin on the "porch" addition on the south side of the Academy building. The porch will function as the main entryway into the Academy building once it is complete, and will also function as a stage area for outdoor concerts and events. Landscaping will be installed as well with the goal being to have the area ready for Peach Days events. This work is funded with the remainder of a grant obtained from the US Department of Housing and Urban

Development's Economic Development Initiative. No City funds will be expended.

The Academy Square Foundation continues to work toward fundraising to complete the Academy building rehabilitation, and the City is seeing increased interest in the Academy Project and other downtown initiatives since announcement of the Brigham City temple site at 200 S. Main by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The City is confident that these and other projects will enhance the business climate downtown and will lead to increased business activity and revitalization of our historic city center.

### **EVENTS – Visit the City Web Site at [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov)**

- Library - Visit the newly remodeled Library at 26 East Forest Street or call (435) 723-5850 for more information. New this summer - the Box Elder County Literacy program will sponsor a Summer Reading Camp. Register between August 9 and 14. Camp will be held August 16-20 from 10am to 12 noon. Children age six and up are invited to participate in the five (5) day camp.
- Recreation – Watch the Box Elder News Journal, Brigham City website or call (435) 734-6610 for more information on upcoming recreation events and registrations. Sights and Sounds of Summer events are on-going and will end August 9 with an END OF SUMMER BASH – concert, prize drawing, swim party 7–10pm.
- Museum Gallery – 24 North 300 West (basement), Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 11am-6pm and Saturday 1–5pm. For more information call (435) 723-6769. July 3 – August 18 International Quilt Festival. Featured Art Quilter is Patty Hawkes from Estes Park, Colorado.
- Senior Center – 24 North 300 West. Check the City Web Site or call (435) 723-3303 for events and services. Volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels are welcome.