

CITIZEN NEWSLETTER
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Shop in Brigham City

We have begun the budget process for the fiscal year 2011-2012. The budget cycle for Brigham City is from 1 July to 30 June. The sales tax revenue is one of the biggest revenue items to support the general fund. Due to the economic situation and unemployment rate, the sales tax revenue has decreased considerably over the past three years. This past year we have seen some great new projects that will add jobs and further enhance our city.

We can all help Box Elder County and Brigham City by shopping locally. Shopping locally not only helps to support our businesses and increases jobs but it also adds dollars to help Brigham City and the County. For every \$100.00 purchase you are charged \$6.50 in sales tax. The breakdown of the \$6.50 is as follows:

- \$4.70 to State
- \$0.50 to Brigham City as the point of purchase
- \$0.50 to State for distribution for population based percentage
- \$0.30 to UTA for bus service
- \$0.25 to UTA for future Mass Transit Project
- \$0.25 to Box Elder County

If you purchase in another county and city that sales tax is given to that county and city. The dollars quickly add up and go to support your local law enforcement, firemen, recreational opportunities and the many other city services provided to our citizens. This is a tax we all pay, the choice we have is to ensure some of that money helps your local government. Shop locally and support our economic growth and government services.

Water Fluoridation

Brigham City voted many years ago to fluoridate the water but a specific level was not designated. Recently, The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency recommended the fluoride level in drinking water be reduced to 0.7 part per million. Brigham City was already fluoridating at the new recommended level; however, Brigham City has now further reduced the fluoridation level to between 0.5 and 0.6 part per million. The last measurement was at 0.59 part per million. The Utah Department of Health stated there was no need to issue a health advisory warning and that Brigham City was ahead of everyone else in the new recommendations. We understand there are many that do not support fluoridation. If you personally do not want the fluoride in your drinking water there are filters that can be purchased and used to remove the fluoride supplement.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control listed water fluoridation as one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century; in contrast, most European countries have experienced substantial declines in tooth decay without its use, primarily due to the introduction of fluoride toothpaste in the 1970s. Many water sources have

naturally occurring fluoride levels in their water supply. The use of topical fluorides (such as in toothpaste) to prevent cavities among people living in both industrialized and developing countries help supplant the need for fluoridated water. Fluoridation may be more justified in the U.S. because of socioeconomic inequalities in dental health and dental care. Our local dentists state that they can see a drastic difference in individuals from outlying areas that do not provide water fluoridation than those living in Brigham City.

There was an article in the Ogden Standard Examiner on February 23, 2011 entitled "What's in their fluoride, Davis commissioners want to know." The water supervisor by law has to have a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on the material that is used to fluoridate the water supply and those handling the material have to be trained.

Hexafluorosilicic acid is the commonly used chemical for water fluoridation and is what is used by Brigham City. In the concentrated form it is corrosive and toxic and must be handled appropriately. However, the material provides a high purity source of fluoride ion. The addition of parts per million of fluoride requires that the product used be soluble, of definite concentration and have high purity standards. Hexafluorosilicic acid is simpler to use than any other chemicals approved for water fluoridation purposes, primarily because it is a liquid and can therefore be accurately measured and fed with a minimum of equipment.

Wall of Honor

Brigham City has a "Wall of Honor" in City Hall to recognize and support our residents serving in the military. Many of the pictures and those being recognized are outdated. If you have a family member or know of someone from our community that is currently serving in the military, please call Andrea Clark at (435) 734-6612 and provide her with the information and a picture so we can update our presentation and more fully show our support of those serving our country.

Spring Cleanup

Spring Cleanup will begin Monday, April 4th, in Brigham City. Residents of the community may place their trash can out the day after their normal waste collection day to receive an extra pickup in the week. The last day of the double pickup will be Friday, April 29th. Citizens are encouraged to wait for the City Wide Clean Up which begins April 30th through May 8th to dispose of larger items at the following dumpster locations:

John Adams Parking Lot
570 East 100 North

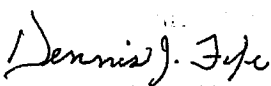
Eagle Mountain Golf Course (lot across the street)
967 East 700 South

Adele C. Young Intermediate School (West Side)
830 South 800 West (approximately)

Brigham City LDS West Stake Center
895 North 625 West (Southwest Corner)

Green waste pickup will begin on Monday May 2nd. In addition, the West Forest Street Compost/Green Waste Facility located at 1650 W. Forest Street opened on March 2, 2011 for the season through November 15, 2011. Hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These are the hours when City staff will be present to help with sales of recycled products. Mondays and Tuesdays will be used for product processing and site preparation. The area has been fenced in such a way to allow green waste dumping at any time.

For more information regarding our Spring Cleanup or any other upcoming events, please look at the Brigham City website at www.brighamcity.utah.gov.


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