



BRIGHAM CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE

Spring Newsletter 2009

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Citizens,

Recently a call came to me from Fox News in New York City. They indicated interest in talking to me on national television about President Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package bill and the potential impact it would have on Brigham City. I agreed to the live interview on Fox and Friends on February 12th. I was prepared to answer a variety of questions about the infrastructure projects we were hoping to give life to in Brigham City. After the lone camera man suited me up with an earpiece and microphone, he indicated that the hosts would come on the air before the live broadcast and enlighten me on questions they may be asking. He then told me to look into the camera. There was no discussion before the interview and the next thing I knew, Fox Friends pounced on me with, "Why is Brigham City asking for \$15 million for a Sports Park that only creates 15 jobs?" Before I could hardly respond, they threw out, "Why are you asking for another \$20 million for a dance academy? You're asking for money to build a place to dance?"



Interrupting them, I explained that these were just some of the many projects that were "shovel ready," on our laundry list; however, our number one project was that of Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency, (UTOPIA), which has the opportunity of providing over 30,000 jobs state wide within 16 cities. Fox and Friends hosts said, "We love UTOPIA!" and "Please do that Mr. Obama!"

My time was over too soon to clarify our reasoning for the other projects. Yes, we listed the Sports Park and the Dance Academy building, among other infrastructure projects that went to the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM). We were in line with thousands of other communities throughout the nation who submitted similar ready to go projects that would stimulate their local economies. In listing these projects, we understood that they were not formally proposed for funding for the stimulus package, rather were examples of "shovel ready" projects that would assist our local economy over time through job creation and infrastructure revitalization.

UTOPIA has applied for the stimulus package and is our number one project we hope is funded. Brigham City has already

seen business expansion, recruitment and retention with just the possibility that the fiber-optic broadband will be here. We are hoping that UTOPIA receives funding from the stimulus package that will bring all 16 cities on target with competing in a global marketplace. UTOPIA recently held a ribbon cutting in Brigham City to celebrate the lighting of a portion of the northwest section of our City. Two hundred homes and the businesses in that area will be the first to have the opportunity to purchase the latest in broadband fiber technology through seven different service providers. If UTOPIA were to receive the \$150 million they have applied for through the stimulus package, our City along with 15 other UTOPIA cities would be built out very quickly. This brings the opportunity for telemedicine, distance learning, real time video conferencing, and work at home for business, among many other possibilities. When the electric light bulb came into existence there were those who wondered why we needed electricity when we had candles. Fiber broadband will generate future possibilities the same way as the electric light bulb has contributed to our world. Because sales tax represents 25% of our overall General Fund revenues we want to see our businesses succeed, which in turn brings revenue the City needs to provide services.

It is not expected that the sports park or the Academy Building, will be funded through the \$787 billion stimulus package; however, I thought you might be interested in why we believe these projects would stimulate Brigham City's economy.

Why a sports park? Sports minded parents go to great lengths to support their children's competitive recreational opportunities. When they travel regionally and throughout the state, they bring their children and friends with them to cheer for their teams. During baseball, softball, soccer, and football tournaments visitors will spend from one to three days staying in our motels/hotels, purchasing meals from local fast food restaurants, fueling their cars, shopping in our convenience and retail stores and buying groceries. This is tourism money that comes directly to Brigham City businesses during the season from March through October.

Brigham City Recreation Supervisor Kristy Law has determined that with the addition of the new sports park fields the city would have the ability to produce an economic impact to local businesses of \$6 million annually. The Amateur Softball Association determined that for every dollar spent by a visitor: 33% went to lodging, 25% went to restaurants, 21% to vehicle operations, 10% to souvenir/gifts, 6% to other and 5% went to entertainment. (Cont'd on page 2)



Dr. Carey Lloyd -
INDIVIDUAL EVERYDAY HERO



Youth Volunteer Center
TEAM EVERYDAY HEROES

For complete details of the Individual and Team Everyday Heroes, see Article on pg 7

To nominate an Everyday Hero, please see the form on pg 7

Youth events average four additional visitors per player, and these people have plenty of time to spend shifting from players to consumers. Assistant City Manager of Roseville CA states:

"Sports activities enlarge the tax base or stimulate the economy, which then provides more tax revenue that an agency can use to enhance or expand infrastructure, facilities, programs and services to its community."

Due to budget constraints, our sports park has been placed on the back burner; however, we are working to provide infrastructure through the years as our budget will allow. The sports complex will include two four-plex tournament style softball complexes, three additional lighted softball/baseball fields; three full size lighted multi-use fields that will host soccer, lacrosse or football games. The park will include three family pavilions, extensive walking trails, playground facilities, four tennis courts and over 900 parking stalls. This expansion will allow several tournaments that could be held during the same weekend. Brigham City has the potential to partner with baseball and softball leagues in other regions. We have the opportunity to become the northern Utah regional center for major sports tournaments. This project brings long term revenue and quality of life benefit for Brigham City's as well as Box Elder County's residents.

The Dance Academy building offers the same opportunity of bringing people from outside our area to enjoy our great quality of life. A museum will host the Christensen brother's accomplishments where we can boast of home to the original Nutcracker Ballet choreographed by Willem Christensen. Regional piano competitions, dance recitals, wedding receptions, community gatherings, business conferences, high school junior proms; the opportunities are many where we will benefit from this beautifully restored building. Currently the Academy Square Foundation is fund raising for phase two of this project. Phase one has been paid for through \$1.1million in Housing and Urban Development funding received through Senator Bennett and Congressman Bishop's efforts.

When Brigham City's ancestors settled here, they knew the importance of the arts. Although they were busy planting and harvesting crops, taking care of farm animals, spinning wool for blankets, sewing clothing, building homes and roads, they understood the need to celebrate through arts and recreation. These people were poor, yet held dances at homes where they served home-made root beer and molasses cookies. Tickets were bought with a few garden produce such as potatoes or corn. In 1904, Christian and Peter Christensen built the Academy of Music and Dancing where dance lessons were taught and many dances held. Later, an opera house was built where families could enjoy more music and theatrical entertainment. Patrick Overton, an educator, poet, playwright, author, speaker, nationally recognized community arts developer, for rural and small communities has been working with Brigham City's Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board and the Academy Square Steering Committee for the past five years. He states:

"Yes, the arts add to the economy. Yes, the arts are a business, an industry. And yes, the creative economy is a growing factor in community, economic, and workforce development. But we cannot afford to let that be our only argument for what we do. There is no question that the arts have an economic impact that needs to be recognized and appreciated. But that is not the only value of art - that is not its total worth. The lasting value of art is that it is connected to the power of creativity. And for reasons we cannot yet explain, art connects us, individually and together (as community) to that same power- the deep voice that reveals the power of metaphor."

"The real argument for the presence of the arts being in our lives goes beyond the economy, and art as an industry, and art as social gathering. In the final analysis, the arts provide us with a way to participate in community making. Not a shallow, self-protective community that meets our narrowed, needs; not a fragmented, divided community consisting of only those who are "like" us or who "like" us; but the human community, in all of its glory and magnificent diversity; in all of its simple-complexity; in all of its messiness and ever-changing, seemingly endless chaos... Art is the voice of our culture and culture is the glue that keeps us together." (Rebuilding the Front Porch of America: Essays on the Art of Community Making, Patrick Overton, PrairieSea Press, 1997)

The debate continues on whether President Obama's stimulus package will energize the country the way he anticipates. We are aware of the tight economy we are currently in and are being careful stewards of the revenues we receive from each of you, our citizens and businesses. We're working smarter as a City, restructuring and collaborating within departments. Employees are being held accountable for their performance. We have cut this fiscal year's overall General Fund budget by 3% which amounts to \$150,000. Based on the latest sales tax revenues we've received, we're projecting a 3.33% decrease in overall sales taxes by the end of this fiscal year and are carefully watching revenue shortfalls. We are currently working through the 2009-2010 budget year. Our focus is our current financial situation, keeping in mind the implementation of long term revenue sources.

Companies seeking to locate in Brigham City recognize our functional excellence. Those businesses already here and those looking to expand enjoy our small town charm and access to the amenities of a larger city. Brigham City has been blessed by competent leaders in the past who have made wise decisions. The product of these decisions that positively impacts each of us today and will continue into tomorrow is the benefit of our great quality of life.

Sincerely,
Mayor Lou Ann Christensen

INDIVIDUAL EVERYDAY HERO: DR. CAREY LLOYD



It was the summer of 1999 and Matt and Elaine Williams had recently moved to Brigham City. Their first child, daughter Madison was then just 18 months old and suddenly became ill. Being new to the community was one problem and being after normal business hours was another. They tried several places but finally were able to contact Dr. Carey Lloyd, who with no hesitation agreed to meet them at the hospital in the emergency room lobby. There he put a young mom and father at ease as he looked over and cared for their daughter. Dr. Lloyd is the only pediatrician that has a practice in Brigham City, even in Box Elder County and has been in practice for 10 years.

This is just one example of Dr. Lloyd's true commitment to the youth in our community. The other is his commitment to ensuring that all young people have every opportunity to grow up healthy and successful through his service on the Youth Empowerment Team supported by Brigham City Youth Commission. Dr. Carey Lloyd has served on the Executive Board for the past five and a half years. More recently, over the last two years, he has served as the Chair of the Youth Commission. We all know that physicians are extremely busy and Dr. Lloyd is no exception. During this time as chairman he meets weekly with the community coordinator and has contributed between 2-5 hours a week in promoting positive healthy youth in our community. He is a powerful example of dedicating his life for the benefit of the youth.

It is with this in mind, that Elaine Williams nominated Dr. Carey Lloyd for the Everyday Hero Award.

TEAM EVERYDAY HERO: YOUTH VOLUNTEER CENTER

Deloss Connor, Scout Leader and educator formerly from Brigham City, often remarked, "Give me 20 teenagers and I can do anything" emphasizing the capacity, enthusiasm, and strength that youth bring to any task, project or problem.

The Youth Volunteer Center of Brigham City channels that remarkable ability of youth into productive and meaningful voluntarism. Coordinators Sharon Cassidy and Sherie Holst bring projects and energetic youth together to create feelings of accomplishment, teamwork and actual results. Often unheralded this army of young volunteers takes on projects of all kinds.

The YVC helps with the Community Celebrations, assisting with activities at the Heritage Arts Festival, July 4th, and at Peach Days. They help with set up, run activities, and hand out prizes, popsicles and shirts. The Peach Days Fruit Display is done annually. Brigham City's booth at the Box Elder County Fair is designed and decorated by the YVC.

The youth are not afraid of work! They roll up their sleeves and pitch in with enthusiasm. They washed walls, toys, and clothes at the Family Support Center. They helped move and reorganize the Museum to make room for the new elevator. Fall cleanup was done for the YCU. Chairs were re-upholstered at the Library. They helped at the Community Food Pantry.

Service to others brings out the best in these youth volunteers. At the Senior Center Dinner Dance they served dinner and then danced with the seniors. At the Fine Arts Center they helped kids make Christmas gifts for their families. With Work Force Services they tied blankets for the Family Support Center. They participated in the Angels for Christmas program wrapping and organizing gifts for needy families. At the Brigham City Depot set up the Festival of Trees, decorated one of the trees and took the display down after the holidays. The Thurl Bailey Concert involved creating and distributing flyers, selling tickets, ushering, and running the "green" room for the performers.

Other noteworthy projects include making school kits for kids who didn't have supplies to begin the school year, making gift bags for Emergency Personnel as a 9/11 remembrance, painting pumpkins for nursing homes, making angels for the Angels for Christmas program, and recently making Valentines for the Meals on Wheels trays.

Since May of 2008, over 40 projects and activities have been staffed by 602 youth volunteers donating over 1023 man hours. Hats off to the Coordinators and the Youth of the YVC for their contributions to making life better in Brigham City. To volunteer or to suggest projects call **734-6609**. Nominated by Ben Boyce, Leisure Services Director.



Bruce Christenen

I know that all we seem to hear on the news is "doom and gloom". But, all is not bad at least for our local economy. While we are ever vigilant watching the revenue and expenditures for the City (we just completed a budget cut of 3%), there are some good things happening. At a meeting several days ago with the Economic Development Corporation of Utah (EDCU) we were told that Utah has never had more requests from companies wanting to locate in Utah. As a member of EDCU we receive and provide information for these requests for proposals. Several of these proposals we "fit the bill" very closely and are hopeful in being successful in the future. These are companies that have weathered the downturn very well and have the cash to expand, especially when the cost of building and acquiring land is cheaper.

Also on another positive note I have had several opportunities to go on patrol (one time late at night) with our local police. I am happy to report that we have a very competent police force from Chief Tittensor on down. They are well trained in their duties and work hard to provide for our safety. I was particularly impressed with their professionalism and their genuine interest in what's best for Brigham City and our citizens. We are very fortunate to have such a great police department.

Everyday Hero Nomination Form - Summer 2008

To nominate an individual and/or team, please complete this form along with a single page essay telling why you are nominating them.

Nomination Due Date: JUN 01, 2009

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

To be eligible Nominee(s) must be a resident(s) of Brigham City and working to make our community a better place to live.

Name of Individual Submitting Nomination: _____

Telephone #: _____

Return Form and essay to: sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov
or mail to: Sharon Brailsford, Mayor's Office, 20 No. Main Street, Brigham City UT 84302

Through our city newsletter, we are honoring one individual and one team, who we recognize as Brigham City's "Everyday Heroes." These citizens demonstrate their love of Brigham City through their actions. We recognize them because they are making a positive contribution to our community and are changing Brigham City's future one step at a time.

These Everyday Heroes spend countless hours in the service of others. Often their deeds go undiscovered. We will probably not see them on the evening news; however, their good deeds are noticed by others.

Brigham City is fortunate to have an abundance of Everyday Heroes. If you would like to nominate someone you feel deserves to be recognized for this award, please fill out the form on the left.



BRIGHAM CITY CORPORATION WELCOMES NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Jason Roberts is the new Director of Finance for Brigham City. He has over seven years of prior accounting experience. Three of those years were spent as an auditor at Ernst & Young, LLP, a public accounting firm. The remaining four years Jason worked at Transportation Alliance Bank as the Controller. He received both a Masters Degree and a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Utah State University, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

When asked about his future outlook as the Director of Finance Jason stated, "I look forward to the opportunity to help increase financial process efficiency and save costs for the benefit of the citizens of Brigham City." Jason is the father of three children and enjoys the outdoors, reading, and sports.

COMMUNITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP SET FOR APRIL 25 - MAY 3

In keeping with our city's brand, "Beautiful Brigham City", Mayor Christensen and the City Council are offering a City Pride Cleanup Project. This project allows city residents to dispose of items that may be too large to put in their residential containers. Items include furniture, large boxes, debris, tires etc.

This project is coordinated through the Brigham City Neighborhood Pride Council. Box Elder School District, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Box Elder County Landfill have all joined in this cooperative effort by supplying locations for collection and allowing the City to dump some loads at no cost during the cleanup. Les Schwab is sponsoring the removal of tires and batteries.

Large semi-sized containers will be located at the following locations from April 25-May 3:

John Adams Parking Lot	570 East 100 North
Eagle Mountain Golf Course	967 East 700 South
(Lot across street)	
Old Fire Station Lot	100 West Forest
ACY Intermediate School	830 South 800 West
(lot behind school On west side)	
LDS West Stake Center	895 North 625 West
(Southwest corner)	

The following items will **not** be accepted at the above locations: **Refrigerators, air conditioners or appliances.** These may be delivered to the Compost/Green Waste Facility located at 1650 West Forest.

Green Waste, grass clippings, tree branches which may be delivered to the Compost/Green Waste Facility at 1650 West Forest at no charge.

Used oil Less than 5 gallons can be taken to Jiffy Lube, Auto Zone or Checker Auto.

Paint Old paint can be placed in the dumpsters as long as the paint is dry. To dry the paint you can fill a paper box or box with kitty litter, sand or saw dust. Pour the remaining paint over the absorbent material. Allow to dry completely in a well-ventilated area away from children, pets, and direct heat. Dispose of the solid in the regular trash.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to improve your homes & neighborhoods! If you have questions, please contact Judy Loveland at **734-6617**.

JIM DAVIS EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED TO FRED BAUGH

Bruce Leonard, City Administrator, writes, "It gives me great pleasure to nominate Fred Baugh for this year's Jim Davis Award. Fred is without a doubt one of Brigham City's most dedicated citizens. His dedication to our City surpasses 43 years of service but in reality he has given a life time of service to this community. He started out being involved in many clubs and organizations that support our community but he is best recognized for his superior service to the Brigham City Municipal Airport serving as Chairman of the Airport Advisory Board for the majority of these 43 years. His knowledge, expertise and vision of our airport qualified him to serve on other boards and commissions created by our Mayors to enhance growth and development of our City. He was a charter member of the Brigham City Economic Development Board serving since its inception in 2002. However, flying and the airport have always been his passions. His service to the airport reached beyond most expectations and inspired others to share his vision of developing a regional airport. He was always willing to fly the extra mile at his own expense to gather information about airports and the aviation industry.



Along with several other organizations, he faithfully supported the Utah Airport Operators Association and actively participates in their semi-annual conferences. He volunteers his personal time and assists the City with runway inspections, garbage collection, wildlife control, ambassadorship just to name a few. Many times Fred will be the first person to greet visitors at the airport and he is always willing to assist them with information and ensure that quality service is provided. He is a great listener, an assertive advisor, a superb team leader and an exceptional go-between for the City and the airport business. He exemplifies integrity, pride, courage, and dependability but rarely appears in the lime lights for recognition. For example, during the ribbon cutting ceremony at our Airport Appreciation Day held last September, Fred was observed standing in his field of dreams near Runway 34 advising approaching air traffic of the activities being held. His life time of service can be mirrored in the recently completed Airport Enhancement project that transformed a small dirt landing strip into a regional airport capable of serving the majority of the National Air Traffic Fleet.

Like Jim Davis, Fred has virtually dedicated a lifetime of public service in MAKING LIFE BETTER for Brigham City. Hopefully, you as City Council members will reward the outstanding service of this valued volunteer by bestowing this most prestigious award on him for he truly represents the extraordinary service and qualities personified by Jim Davis." - Congratulations Fred!

CITY ABSORBS \$75,000 IN PAST UTILITY RATE INCREASES AND PASSES ON 50% FUTURE INCREASE

In a special Brigham City Council session in January, the Council unanimously voted to pass 50% of the total of two utility rate increases received from Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) on to their electrical power users. The decision was made after the Council heard a presentation from staff members on projected rate increase costs, the ability to maintain the existing electrical grid system and complete critical projects outlined in the \$14 million 20 year Master Plan. The combined rate increase from RMP and WAPA totaled 3.36% or approximately \$2.90 a month for an average residential user. However, the Council recognizing the financial impact this may have on some residential and business users during the soft economy chose to have the City fund 50% of the increase and will only increase utility rates by 1.68% or approximately \$1.40 a month for the average residential user. Users will probably see an increase in their February or March utility bill depending on the billing cycle. During last year's budget process, the Public Utility Advisory Board recommended passing power rate increases on to the users so our system can be maintained and improved.

RMP increased their rate last August and WAPA followed in October 2008. Through January 31, 2009 the City absorbed both increases which total an estimated \$75,000. The rate increase is not retroactive but added to the next billing cycle.

The City was unaware that WAPA was planning a rate increase until September 2008 but had knowledge of the RMP rate increase through its Supplemental Service Agreement with PacifiCorp. The service agreement stipulates that two rate increases of 5% each will be assessed by RMP in June 2009 and again in June 2010. The Council will discuss the increases during their 2009/2010 budget meetings. Citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearings on May 28, 2009 and August 6, 2009. These meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, 20 North Main Street.

Brigham City purchases approximately 73% of its energy from RMP and 22% of its energy from WAPA. The remaining 5% is produced through our own generators located in the mouth of Box Elder Canyon. Although energy rate increases are difficult for everyone, Brigham City is very fortunate that it is not purchasing power from the open market which can average nearly double our present costs.

SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS MARCH 23rd

Spring Clean up is slated to begin on March 23rd ending on April 17th. Watch the local papers and our website at www.brigham-city.utah.gov for more information.

GREENWASTE PICK UP BEGINS APRIL 6th

Citizens are reminded that green waste pick up will begin on April 6th ending on November 27th. If you have been using your green trash can for regular trash pickup please begin to use it for only green waste on April 6th.

CONSTRUCTION WORK BEGINS ON REHABILITATION OF THE BOX ELDER ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND DANCING



At long last, construction work has begun on the rehabilitation of the Box Elder Academy of Music and Dancing. This historic building launched the careers of Willam, Harold, and Lew Christensen, whose laurels in the world of Ballet are unparalleled. The contract for phase 1 of the project was awarded to Big-D Construction. Phase 1 which will include structural and seismic stabilization, window restoration, roof replacement, and exterior renovation, is funded by Special Projects grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development obtained through the auspices of Congressman Rob Bishop and Senator Robert Bennett. Future phases, which will complete interior restoration and an addition to the north of the building, will be funded through private donations and grants. The Academy Square Foundation, a 501(c) 3 non-profit foundation, was established to pursue funds for future work on the Academy project. When completed, the Academy project will become the cultural heart of the community.

UTOPIA RIBBON CUTTING HELD FEBRUARY 20



After many long years of hard work, UTOPIA held a ribbon cutting on Friday, February 20, to initiate 100+ Mbps digital services to industrial and municipal facilities

west of Forest Street. Limited service to some residential areas is also now being offered.

"Brigham City was a founding member of the UTOPIA open-access network because we realized that world-class digital connectivity is essential to our economic competitiveness, and the incumbent networks were not motivated to provide it," said Mayor Lou Ann Christensen, "We are excited that businesses and residences in Brigham City can at last begin taking advantage of the true broadband connections powered by UTOPIA," she added.

Service to the remainder of all the residential and other business areas of Brigham City is anticipated to be in summer/fall of 2009, depending on availability of funding and completion of interconnections that were suspended in 2007 in the wake of the RUS action. Additional information on UTOPIA can be obtained at www.utopianet.org.

AMBASSADOR AWARDS PRESENTED

Individual and Team Ambassador Awards are presented to deserving Brigham City Corporation employees annually. The award recipients are selected from Mayor's Awards that were submitted during the previous year. In January 2009 Sergeant Kurt Fertig was awarded the Individual Award and Officers Josh Carr, Chad Panter and Jon Stanford were awarded the Team Award.



Sergeant Kurt Fertig

Individual Award - On August 26, 2008 Sergeant Kurt Fertig responded to Bott Monument on a report of a structure fire. Upon arrival Sergeant Fertig was contacted by a nearby resident and told that a woman and her young son lived above the business and was not sure that they had come out of the building. At that moment a woman appeared in the doorway of the residence screaming that her "Baby" was still upstairs. Sergeant Fertig and the woman entered the apartment in an effort to rescue the child.

Sergeant Fertig and the woman ran up two flights of stairs to the third floor of the apartment where they grabbed the woman's six-year old son who was still sleeping in his bed. The two began to go back down the stairs with her son between them. As they passed through the second floor landing down the last flight of stairs, the hot smoke became black and thick and completely blinded them and cut them off from fresh air. Sergeant Fertig kicked where he thought the door was but was unable to find it. For several seconds Sergeant Fertig and the woman grappled in the darkness trying to find the door, and began to suffocate in the smoke. Finally, the woman was able to locate the door and open it and escape from the apartment. Sergeant Fertig and the two citizens were treated at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Lieutenant Dennis Vincent said, "Without Sergeant Fertig's quick thinking and heroic actions, the woman and her child would have surely perished in the fire. Because of the courage and extreme risk of danger to his life, I would recommend that Sergeant Fertig be awarded the 'Mayors Award' for his actions."

TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE



In remembrance of Brigham City Police Service Dog Cello Won Eldbachy (Cello). Cello passed away last month at the home of his partner and friend, Officer Reed Mackley. "Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our life whole."

Team Award - Josh Carr, Chad Panter and Jon Stanford are being recognized as an example to follow in their dedication to the City's mission, vision and commitment to the highest quality of excellence for outstanding service.

In the very early morning hours on February 12, 2008 a call of a man standing in the Brigham City Hall parking lot shooting off rounds from an assault rifle was broadcast.

For the past several days, Brigham City investigators working side by side with the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been working to track down Matt Jaramillo. Matt committed an armed robbery of Money Baggs, a cash loaning financial establishment. During this robbery, Matt had held an employee at knife point, tied the employee and locked her in a closet. He then fled the scene taking \$5,000 in stolen money. Investigators spoke with Matt several times by cell phone. In each conversation Matt made it very clear that he had indeed committed the robbery, was a drug addict, had nothing in life worth living for, possessed an SKS automatic rifle and intended to return to Brigham City to have a "shoot out" with officers. He wanted to die at the hands of police officers.

Although investigators were able to track Matt into Nevada and back into the southwestern portion of Utah his exact location was never obtained. All known information was shared with law enforcement agencies in Utah and Nevada. The Uniformed Division of the Brigham City Police Department was given specific information on Matt. His apparent state of drug induced intoxication, the fact that he was armed with a very devastating weapon and wanted to die in a shoot out with them.

On Tuesday, February 12, 0030 hours, the call of the man discharging the automatic rifle was indeed Matt Jaramillo. He had returned to Brigham City and believing that officers were inside the Police Department complex began shooting. Officers from both Brigham City Police Department and Box Elder County Sheriffs office responded. Brigham officers dismounted their patrol vehicles and using the cover of darkness they approached. Deputy Mike London of the Sheriffs office drove his patrol car into the very parking lot where Matt stood waiting. Deputy London gave verbal orders which Matt responded to with his rifle. Brigham Officers, seeing the disastrous situation, revealed their positions to distract Matt. Deputy London was able to reach into his patrol vehicle where his long rifle lay waiting. Deputy London fired four rounds, three striking Matt and ending the deadly stand off. Brigham City officers rushed to secure Matt and provided first aid to the badly bleeding subject.

Matt lived through his death wish and faces federal criminal charges including robbery and assault with a deadly weapon (multiple counts).

Chief Paul Tittensor said, "Brigham City Officers Stanford, Carr and Panter were critical in the positive outcome of this event. They placed their lives in jeopardy to protect the citizens of Brigham and Deputy London. Although Deputy London is not a Brigham City employee he should be given recognition with sincerest appreciation for his actions."

Brigham City Corporation Website
www.brighamcity.utah.gov

MAKING LIFE BETTER DAY CELEBRATION
WILL BE HELD ON MAY 20TH
FOR MORE INFO SEE
THE BOX ELDER NEWS JOURNAL or
www.brighamcity.utah.gov



NEW FOUNTAIN AT REES PIONEER PARK

You may have noticed the Parks Crews working on installing a fountain at Rees Pioneer Park pond. This is a much needed addition! Not



only will the fountain provide an aesthetically pleasing site it will also decrease the algae in the water which will provide more oxygen for the fish. The Parks Division is anticipating providing another gathering place for citizens to sit and enjoy the beauty around them. The Ladies Community Club participated with a \$2,000 donation for the fountain and \$2,000 for four new benches.

MEALS ON WHEELS IS A GREAT SERVICE TO OUR SENIOR POPULATION

March for Meals takes center stage throughout the month of March. This is an opportunity to bring awareness to Meals on Wheels through the recruitment of volunteers and fundraising. Over 335 volunteers provided more than 18,000 hours of service to the Senior Center. March 20 is the annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. This year's production is "Lei'd to Rest" and begins at 6:30 with a Hawaiian Dinner followed by a fun production. Contact the Center for tickets or more information at **723-3303**.

Big Wheels Deliver Meals on Wheels is set for the week of March 23. This is an opportunity for the local "Big Wheels" to see the value of the meals on wheels program.

March 30 the Mayor's Advisory Council on Aging is hosting a Variety Show/Fundraiser at the High School Auditorium from 6-9. This is another fundraiser for the meals on wheels program.

AARP's Safe Driving class is April 22 from 8:30-12:30 at the Senior Center. Most auto insurances give a discount to those that participate.

RECREATION SIGN-UPS

- Fishing:** Registration March 3rd-31st - Ages 6-13 - \$20 -Beginning April 16th-May 14th
- Awesome Adventures:** Registration April 1st-30th - Ages 6-13 - \$75 - (Wednesdays) Beginning June 10th
- T-Ball:** Registration April 1st-30th - Grades ('09- '10) P, K, 1 - \$15 - MUST be 4 years old on April 1st, 2009, Beginning June 11th (New Night: THURSDAYS)
- Boys Machine Pitch:** Register April 1st-30th - Grades '09-'10) 1 & 2 - \$30 - Beginning June 9th (Tuesdays)
- Minor League:** Registration April 1st-30th - Grades ('09- '10) 3 & 4 - \$35 - Beginning June 8th (Monday & Wednesdays)
- Major League:** Registration April 1st-30th - Grades ('09- '10) 5 & 6 "Draft League" - \$50 - Beginning June 9th (Tuesday & Thursdays)
- Pony League:** Registration April 1st-30th - Grades ('09- '10) 7, 8 & 9 "Draft League" \$55 Beginning June 8th(Monday & Wednesdays) Combined with Tremonton
- Girls Machine Pitch:** Registration April 1st-30th Grades ('09- '10) 1st, 2nd & 3rd \$30 Beginning June 5th (New Night: Mondays)
- Ponytail League:** Registration April 1st-30th Grades ('09- '10) 4, 5 & 6 \$35 Beginning June 5th (New Night: Mondays)
- Prep Ponytail League:** Registration April 1st-30th Grades ('09- '10) 7, 8 & 9 \$35 Beginning June 5th (New Night: Mondays)
- Tennis:** Registration May 1st until full \$30--9 Lessons Session 1 June 8th

- All Players in Draft Leagues will be drafted to a team.
Watch for Sights and Sounds of Summer programs and photo contest announcements -
Fun, Free Activities!
June 1 through August 10

NEW ELEVATOR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The City was awarded \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant money to assist funding installation of an elevator at the Senior Center. The project began in the fall of 2008 and is scheduled for completion in March 2009.

Community Development Block Grants are federal funds given to cities to address community needs to help low to moderate income people and can be used to improve public facilities. The elevator will make the Senior Center more accessible for seniors and guests with disabilities.

FIRE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

The suspicious fires that struck Brigham City last summer/early fall are continuing to be investigated to determine who was responsible for starting these fires. Following the fires, an Arson Task Force was formed with members coming from the Police Department, Fire Department, Community Development Department and the Public Information Officer.

The City's Public Safety Departments reached out for assistance to the Utah Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Each of these respective departments and agencies joined the task force and are providing resources that Brigham City does not have internally. They have identified people of interest and several interviews have taken place.

The City's Arson Task Force has sent one police detective and 2 fire fighters to a week long arson investigation school. This task force now investigates all suspicious fires within Brigham City.

Brigham City Council has offered \$10,000 and ATF has offered \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the two fires that struck our historic buildings.

Citizens of Brigham City are encouraged to be observant within their neighborhoods. If you see anything suspicious report it to the Consolidated Dispatch Center at **9-1-1**.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

With the recent Yellowstone earthquakes and heavy snow falls, are you prepared to take care of you and your family should Brigham City lose power or be affected by an earthquake? Does your family have a 72 hour kit? When was the last time you inspected and updated your supplies? Does your family have an emergency plan? These are very simple to create and work to remove confusion should your family become separated in a disaster.

Check lists of preparedness items can be found on the Brigham City's web site, the State of Utah "Be Ready Utah" web site at www.bereadyutah.gov and on the FEMA website www.fema.gov.

Brigham City Emergency Services just recently printed additional copies of the city's preparedness pamphlet. This 29 page pamphlet provides resources on how to prepare your family and your home for those emergencies that can affect Brigham City. They are available on Brigham City's website at www.brighamcity.utah.gov or from the Emergency Services Department at 442 West Forest Street.

Ready Your Business workshops will again be held in partnership with the State of Utah and the Chamber of Commerce starting this spring. These workshops assist businesses on how to become prepared so that they can remain in business following a disaster or emergency. More information will be available as spring approaches. The "Be Ready Utah" web site also has information for businesses.

BRIGHAM CITY LIBRARY TO RECEIVE SEISMIC UPGRADE

Recently Brigham City Library received word that they had been awarded a \$650,000 grant to perform seismic upgrades to the Carnegie portion of the Library. This grant award will be used to make the Carnegie Library stable in the event of an earthquake. The grant was made possible by Congressman Rob Bishop and is part of the Pre-Mitigation Grant process through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City has hired an architect for the project and work is underway for design work on the upgrade.

The Utah Historical Preservation Office is involved in this design work. The older section of the Library is listed on the historical registry and every effort is being taken to ensure that the seismic upgrades do not impact the historical features of the building. Once the project receives FEMA approval, work will begin at the Library. This should take place in early summer.

During this construction, the Library patrons will experience some disruption of services. However, these disruptions will be kept to a minimum and are necessary in order to protect the public during construction. The Library staff will keep the public informed as this project moves forward.

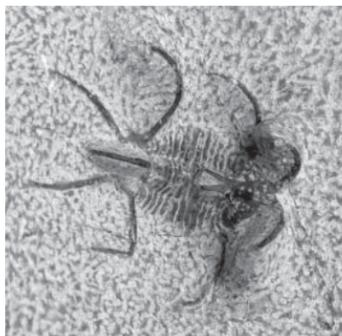
Once the design work has been completed, copies of the upcoming work will be displayed in the Library and on the city's web site www.brighamcity.utah.gov

BRIGHAM CITY NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM FEATURING THE GUNTHER FAMILY FOSSIL AND MINERAL COLLECTION

Lloyd F. Gunther, born in Lehi, Utah in 1917, began fossil and mineral collecting at age 12. He majored in Forestry and minored in Geology. During his lifetime, he and his family have amassed a world-class collection. He has traded specimens with persons all over the world. Val G. Gunther (the son), born in Beaverdam, Wisconsin in 1950, began fossil and mineral collecting at age 6. He majored in Geology. V. Glade Gunther (the grandson), born in Brigham City, Utah in 1974, began fossil collecting at age 5. He majored in Business and minored in Geology. Over their lifetimes they have donated thousands of specimens to schools, museums, and institutions.

The Gunthers have become world famous for their collection and have written a number of books, magazine articles and technical papers. They have discovered countless numbers of new species and have been honored to have more than a dozen named after them. They are best known for their middle Cambrian collection from Utah. They love trilobites. Other strengths of their collection include ammonites, echinoderms, plant fossils, and a sprinkling of everything else. They also have over 40,000 mineral specimens, nearly 350 species.

In 2008, they donated a portion of their collection to Brigham City. Samples of the collection are on display at the temporary home of the **Natural History Museum at 60 S. Main Street, Suite #5**. Admission is free of charge. Appointments are required and can be arranged by calling **(435) 723-6420**.



CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

How do we create an environment which will attract businesses to our community; where parents want to live and raise their families; where seniors and youth can walk the streets and halls of school and feel safe? "By investing in the youth!" says Youth Empowerment Team's chairperson, Dr. Carey Lloyd. Healthy young people will make a stronger Brigham City.

Investing, as you know, is a long-term commitment in which results are often not immediate. It's also a partnership; it takes a team effort to make a difference in the lives of our young people. During these extreme economic times, one appreciates choosing the right investment. Investing in what we know works is critical for future positive outcomes. The Youth Empowerment Team operates on these three principles—healthy young people take a long-term commitment. Often intended results or community change take a while to see. Second, they may not be your kids but they're still our kids and it takes working together to make a difference. Finally, choosing the right investment is what the Youth Empowerment Team has done. Scientific evidence has shown that communities who use the **Communities That Care** system to guide their community efforts will prevent problems before they occur! This system is an effective investment in creating community change.

Join us in making a difference. Contact us and learn how you can share your skills and commitment to youth by calling Elaine Williams at **734-6647** or email ewilliams@brighamcity.utah.gov

Healthy Young People Make a Stronger Brigham City



JUNE 13TH IS THE DATE FOR THE HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

Brigham City Corporation is excited to partner with the National Park Service staff at the Golden Spike National Historic Site by celebrating *The Last Rail is Laid... Last Spike Driven – 140 Years of the Golden Spike*. Historical photos, performances, artisans, quilt show, car show and a dutch oven cook off are some of the excitement planned for this event! The committee is excited to announce that due to a generous donation by the Union Pacific Railroad John McEuen a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will be the final performance on the plaza on June 13th. Stroll around the displays or talk with local artisans while the children participant in games, getting pictures taken in a wagon or getting their faces painted! And when you are ready for a change of pace grab your lawn chair and sit under the shade of the chestnut tree to listen to the entertainment. Anyway you look at it marking Saturday, June 13th to spend at the Brigham City Heritage Arts Festival will make for a fun and eventful day for the entire family!



SIXTEEN BRIGHAM CITY CITIZENS GRADUATED FROM CITIZENS ACADEMY



On January 7, 2009, sixteen citizens from Brigham City graduated from the 12th Session of the Brigham City Citizens Police Academy. While in the academy, students learned everything about police work. The class members learned things such as arrest control tactics, interviewing and interrogation techniques, traffic laws and stops, crime scene investigation, domestic violence investigations, and identity theft, etc.

They learned about dispatch, probation and parole, the court system and had demonstrations on K9. Many in the class volunteered to be tased with a Taser by one of the instructors. They all had a great time in the class and plan to continue by assisting with the "COP's" (Citizens on Patrol) program. Watch the news paper and Brigham City's web www.brighamcity.utah.gov for information on participating in the next class to be held early Fall.

The students are as follows left to right. Front row: Valeree Durbin, Richard Velazquez, Suzanne Falletta, Leslie Papworth, Talease Stromberg Second row: Sgt. Chris Howard, Colleen Hancey, Wally Lund, Joseph Bowen, Mary Ann Barnett, Lt. Michael C. Nelsen Back row: Richard Barnett, Dave Keller, Todd Salisbury, Ann Salisbury, Ken