



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Citizens:

Someone once said, "The definition of insanity is doing things the same way you've always done them, while expecting different results." Over the past five years, we've tried to listen to what you think needs to happen to make Brigham City the best place there is to live, work and play. A recent Dan Jones poll found that 75% of those they surveyed (over 400 Brigham City citizens) believed that Brigham City was headed in the right direction. This unusually high number reflects a trust in leadership that I take very seriously.

Over the past five years, seven new boards, commissions and councils have been formed by ordinance based on input from the 13 task forces that were formed. These groups include: Citizen Corps Council, CERT Council, Economic Development Board, Golf Course Commission, Heritage and Cultural Arts Advisory Board, Neighborhood Pride Council, and Volunteers in Police Service Council.

Change is sometimes painful, but we are addressing the many challenges we face such as: the shortage of higher paying jobs, the leakage of sales tax dollars from our city, the need for additional revenue to address increasing operating costs for city services, the opportunity we have to build on our rich heritage and culture, the increase in crime, updating our General Plan, and being prepared as a community to respond in emergencies. City staff and literally hundreds of volunteers are working to address these and other challenges.

Vision 2012 is moving forward. City Council Members have set the vision and city staffs are working to imple-

ment this vision. Key attributes of the vision include: preserving our small town atmosphere, strengthening our economy by retaining our core businesses and attracting higher paying jobs, maintaining and improving our public safety, remaining fiscally sound, enhancing our quality of life, and preserving and enhancing our history, heritage and cultural arts. All boards, commissions, taskforces and employees have been briefed on the overall vision. During the next several years, we will all be working diligently on Vision 2012's implementation.

I am grateful for **Consultant Dennis Gailey's** guidance and assistance in this project. He is volunteering his time to help structure and make Vision 2012 happen. I also want to recognize our support staff that includes: **City Administrator Bruce Leonard, Emergency Services Director Jim Buchanan, and Economic Development Director Paul Larsen.** These key individuals will steer this effort forward, keep us on track, and ensure that agreed upon goals are being met.

Goals will filter through a structure that involves all boards, commissions, task forces and city staff in accomplishing the vision. Priority areas include: 1) Economic Development, 2) Responsive Government, 3) Public Safety, and 4) Quality of Life, Heritage and Culture.

We will keep you updated as this project moves forward. To make the Vision 2012 become reality, we must work together. If you'd like to become involved, please contact the Mayor's office at 734-6612.

*Ann Christensen*

### EVERYDAY HEROES

We are proud to announce the following Everyday Heroes who were recognized during City Council Meeting on June 29. (See article on page 2)



Leon Hyde - Individual Everyday Hero

Through our quarterly 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 and they give freely of their time, skills and hearts. 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 page 2.



Mike Phillips, Floyd Reichard, Adelle Woodworth, Mary Coleman and Phyllis Henderson Nielsen - Team Everyday Heroes - Shade Tree Commission

### Brigham City Citizen Comment Card

We would appreciate your comments (good or bad) relating to services provided by the City and/or information you would like to know in future newsletters. Also, please let us know if we've done something you liked. If you have concerns or questions about City services please feel free to contact us at 734-6600 or complete the following questionnaire and return it to City Hall. Note: We take all your comments seriously. Please give us your name, address, and telephone number so we can follow-up and answer your concerns. See us at: [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov)

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Dear Citizens:  
As we recently celebrated the signing of the Declaration of Independence and birth of the nation, our emotions are stirred as we reflect upon the sacrifice made by many, even their very lives, to protect and preserve the freedoms we enjoy each day and for the American Flag, which represents this great nation.



**COUNCIL MEMBER**  
Reese Jensen

I wish to share the following experience as we contemplate the price of freedom:

From a speech made by Capt John S. McCain, USN, (ret)

"As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room.

"One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes 'til he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy.

"He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

"As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle.

"Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed it on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

"One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours.

"Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could. The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag.

"He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to pledge allegiance to our flag and country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

The next time we say the Pledge of Allegiance, may we remember the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

## INDIVIDUAL EVERYDAY HERO - LEON HYDE

Leon Hyde has been an instrumental part of the Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) program. He was selected as Chairperson and has worked tirelessly to put together a top notch organization. The VIPS program of Brigham City is known around the state and is a model for others to follow. During the organization of the group, Leon spent many hours developing the ordinance that created the group and gave it meaning. Once that was completed, he started to develop by-laws for the organization that allowed the organization to function as an effective group. He has organized working groups in each of the six (6) response districts that the City has developed. Leon was not satisfied with ending his involvement there; he spent countless hours assisting Emergency Manager Jim Buchanan in the rewrite of the Citizen Corps Council ordinance. This made Mr. Buchanan's job much easier and the end result is the Citizen Corps Council is looked at as a model for others to follow.

Leon has taken the vision of the VIPS program and made it happen. VIPS members have donated countless hours to the Police Department and the City. Without the VIPS efforts, overtime funds would have been spent to cover the events that the City hosts. It is because of Leon's time commitment that other organizations within the Citizen Corps Council are functioning as smoothly as they are. (Nominated by Jim Buchanan)

## TEAM EVERYDAY HERO - SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Brigham City Shade Tree Commission has been giving advice and information to the Brigham City Council and Mayor since 1966. Commissioners **Phyllis Henderson Nielsen** and **Mary Coleman** have been serving since 1985, and Commissioners **Mike Phillips** and **Floyd Reichard** have served since 1996. **Adelle Woodworth** was appointed in 2000. This longevity is due to their passion and love for the trees in the community. The Shade Tree Commission annually sponsors and organizes an Arbor Day program. This program brings needed attention to the City forest and the importance of planting trees in our community. The program is usually conducted at a City park or local school where several trees are planted as part of the program. The Commission was instrumental in getting the City to participate in the National Arbor Day Foundation's prestigious Tree City USA award program. Brigham City has received this award for 20 consecutive years. The Shade Tree Commission meets regularly to discuss the health of the City forest, to encourage residents to replace removed trees and to assist the City Forester Paul Jensen. (Nominated by Phyllis Henderson Nielsen)

### Everyday Hero Nomination Form - Summer 2006

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: 31 August 2006**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

To be eligible for this award, the individual and/or team 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:

Sharon Brailsford, Mayor's Office, 20 No. Main, Brigham City UT 84302  
Email [sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov](mailto:sbrailsford@brighamcity.utah.gov)



## LIBRARY EXHIBITS FOREVER FREE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S JOURNEY TO EMANCIPATION

Brigham City Library will host a national traveling exhibition on Abraham Lincoln. The exhibit will be at the library from November 9th to December 22nd 2006. Weekly public programs will start on November 9th. See the next newsletter for details. To prepare for this exhibit, the library will be hosting three reading discussion groups on the first Thursday evening of the month in the fall. To prepare for the exhibit, read about Lincoln and slavery.

Forever Free is a traveling panel exhibit that re-examines President Lincoln's efforts toward the abolition of slavery during the Civil War. Organized by The Huntington's John Rhodhamel, Norris Foundation Curator of American Historical Manuscripts, the exhibit consists of reproductions of rare historical documents from The Huntington's collections and those of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and draws on the latest scholarship in the field.

Each copy consists of six sections of panels running 75 feet in length. Each panel contains reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera. The sections of the exhibition focus on young Lincoln's America, the House dividing, war for the Union, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, and the final months of the Civil War and Lincoln's life.

## SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

All services at the Senior Center are available to area residents age 60+. There are no fees to join; just benefits of belonging! Call the Senior Center at 723-3303 for events and services.

**August 25** - Calling all Red Hats for a fun evening at the Box Elder County Fair Rodeo as we Celebrate RedHat Night.

**August 31** - The Senior Center and H2U are teaming up to send a bus load of seniors to Pickleville for a production of the melodrama "Tie me to the Tracks".

**September 25-29** - A few seats remain for the trip to California!

## GREEN WASTE RECYCLING SITE

The recycling site is growing as more products and quantities are made available for sale. Green cans are at over 500 residences now, and the green waste drop off at the compost site is in constant use. **Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.** Products are now available for sale. To help keep our city streets free of debris, residents are reminded to secure their loads. The green waste site accepts only green waste. Any loads contaminated with regular household garbage, rocks, concrete, etc. will be rejected.



Sharon Olsen placing file for life packet on her fridge

## FILE FOR LIFE

Brigham City's Citizen Corps Council has launched the "File for Life" to the residents of Brigham City. The purpose of this program is for people, especially seniors and/or persons with disabilities, to have their identifying information, as well as information on conditions and medications

readily available for immediate use by first responder and Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT). There is also information on emergency contacts, personal doctor and insurance. If you are severely injured or unconscious, emergency personnel can relay this information to the emergency room doctor who can immediately know what steps would be best to meet your immediate needs.

The reason it is called the "File for Life" is because your information is placed in a red plastic folder and this folder can be placed on the side of the refrigerator or placed inside of a kitchen cabinet. This file packet is complete with a magnet. There is also a smaller packet that can easily fit into vehicle glove boxes, wallets or purses. In the event of an injury, illness or a major disaster, your information will be available and just might save your life. Your information will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and only first responders who respond to your medical needs will have access to this critical information. Please remember to keep your information updated.

If you are interested in participating in this program or would like additional information please contact Sharon at the Brigham City Emergency Services Department 723-4071.

## IDENTITY THEFT

Please be careful with your personal information and identifying documents. Identity theft is on the rise in our community and across the nation. Thieves are becoming more and more innovative. Not only will they try to steal your personal identification and financial information from purses, wallets, and mailboxes, but they are finding ways to trick you into providing that information on the computer, as well. Fake requests by e-mail claiming to be from your bank, eBay or PayPal are efforts to steal your identification and take command of your accounts. Also be wary of offers to purchase items you are selling online when those offers involve someone sending you a check or money order with the request that you cash it and wire money back. Do not trust communications telling you that you've won a lottery of some sort and need only to cash a check and wire money back for fees. These are increasingly common frauds in the growing problem of identity theft. Please be careful.

## WASTE COLLECTION

Some residents have concerns when they see a garbage truck come through their neighborhood and pick up some cans and not others. A regular collection truck is used to pick up the green cans, and it picks up only green cans to avoid contamination of green waste. This is why some cans are picked up and others are not. The black cans are serviced by the other trucks.

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, garbage will not be picked up on September 4th. Those whose cans are usually dumped on this day will receive service the next day after the regular following day routes. For questions, call 723-5273.





## COMMUNITY POLICING

Brigham City Police Department joined a growing number of communities nationwide who are switching to Community Policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve all concerned citizens in the safety and welfare of their community. The Brigham City Citizens' Police Academy is a product of this philosophy. The Brigham City Police Department has found that education has been most effective in gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizen's Police Academy offers citizens insights into how police officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community.

The purpose of the Citizen Police Academy is to foster better understanding and communication between citizens and police through education. The intent of the Citizens' Police Academy is to make citizens aware of how the Brigham City Police Department operates and its role in the community. Citizens of Brigham City are given an opportunity to increase their understanding of how police officers are trained, the skills acquired, and experience the actual working environment of a police officer. The Academy serves as a nucleus of well-formed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices and services.

Graduates of the Academy can share their knowledge and experiences with the community as the opportunity arises. Everyone benefits from enhancing citizen understanding of the role and function of their police department. The Department has an opportunity to get an understanding of how citizens feel about their Police Department and, in doing so, is provided with an effective way to better serve and address the concerns of residents.

Instruction consists of one 3-hour class held each Tuesday of the week for a duration of nine weeks. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of police work each week. Thirty-one and one half hours of instruction are given to the citizens of the community. Some of the topics covered include:

- Values and Goals of the Police Dept.
- Utah Criminal Code
- Interviews and Interrogations
- SWAT Team overview
- AP&P
- Domestic Violence
- Community Policing
- Traffic Stops and Criminal Patrol
- K-9 searches
- Identity Theft
- Media Relations
- Arrest Control Tactics
- Crime Scene Investigations
- Search and Seizure
- Drug Enforcement
- Communications Center

Brigham City Police Department just graduated citizens from the 9th session that was held this spring. This brings the amount of graduates to 115 that have attended the academy. Many of these have joined the COPS program (Citizens on Patrol) where they help the community during events that are occurring throughout the community. Another academy will be held in September and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Lt. Mike Nelsen at 734-6663.

## THIRD ANNUAL HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL MET WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM

The Heritage Arts Festival held on June 10, 2006 focused on the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge and was met with great enthusiasm by the community. Staged on the Bill of Rights Plaza citizens of Brigham City were able to interact with artisans on the plaza, attend seminars on birding and bird friendly landscaping, along with quilt displays and listening to the great performances on stage.

All around the plaza pleasant exchanges could be heard as citizens learned the art of basket weaving, chair caning and ancient jewelry making techniques. Local children were able to participate at a booth where wood birds could be painted and taken home.

Beautiful quilts were displayed in the County Court House and Tracy Aviary presented 4 different shows from Birds of Prey to Owls with a Harry Potter Theme. The culmination of the festival was a foot stomping hand clapping performance by John McEuen, a founding member of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. We appreciate the Heritage Arts Festival Steering Committee who have spent the past year planning this wonderful event. Members are: **Norm Child, Pam Coburn, Joan Hammer, Mary Clark, Monica Holdaway, Ann Bull, Betty Leishman, Greg Woodard, Kelly Driscoll and RoLayne Jensen, Councilmembers Jon Adams and Holly Bell, Larry Douglass, Sue Hill, Ben Boyce, Jim Buchanan, Paul Larsen and Jolene Crockett.**

You won't want to miss next year, on Saturday, June 9, 2007, when the festival theme will be "Rockin' and Rollin' into Space and Beyond...50 years of Brigham City and ATK Launch Systems Group." If you have questions regarding the Festival please contact Jolene Crockett, event coordinator, at 435-734-6615.

## RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW!** Co-Rec Outdoor Volleyball - New this year at Brigham City Recreation is a Co-Rec Outdoor Volleyball League! Games will be played on the grass at Pioneer Park. The league will run on Thursday nights in August with a ten game guarantee. Upper and lower divisions will be offered. Teams must consist of 4 players, 2 men & 2 women. League fee is \$20 per player. If you have questions, please call 734-6606 or 734-6610.

Women's Indoor Volleyball - Women's volleyball starts September 11th and runs on Mondays and Wednesdays through November 1st. Upper and lower divisions will be offered with a 10 game guarantee. League fee is \$195 per team. Registration will be held during the month of August at the Brigham City Leisure Services Office. Captain's meeting will be September 6th at 6pm. If you have questions, please call 734-6606 or 734-6610.

## AIR CONDITIONING DRIVES UP DEMAND FOR ELECTRICITY

During the hottest part of summer, peak demand for electricity in Brigham City rises about 55 percent, compared with cool weather months. The fluctuation between summer and winter demand continues to grow as more homeowners and businesses replace highly efficient evaporative coolers with less efficient, but more comfortable, central air conditioning.

As temperatures soar, power generating plants strain to produce enough energy to satisfy customer needs. Along with Brigham City Light & Power many electric utilities are competing for the same limited available electricity, driving up costs during summer. Brigham City Light & Power has adequate supplies to meet summer demand, which is including the power generation from the hydro turbine at the mouth of the canyon; however, daily peak demands are often met with spot market purchases, when electricity supplies are short and expensive.

Conserving electricity and improving the efficiency of residential cooling appliances represent the best opportunities to "shave" electricity demand during the summertime peak hours of noon to 8 pm. This will translate in improved reliability and lower costs for consumers.

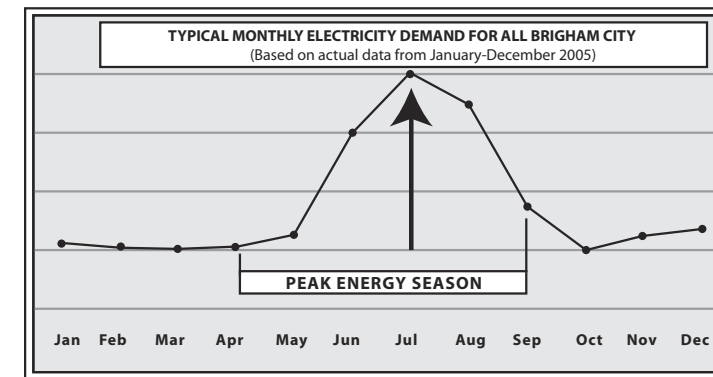


Chart reflects electricity demand in Kilowatts. The graph represents the summer peak electricity demand, driven mainly by the use of air conditioning. Brigham City's off season average of 21,580 Kilowatts jumped to peak at 32,411 Kilowatts last year.

### Seven Cool Tips to Chill your Bill (and shave the peak!)

- Set your thermostat to a higher setting during peak hours of 12-8 p.m. or when you are not at home. Each degree setting above 72 reduces by three percent the amount of energy used by your central air conditioner. Recommended setting: 78 degrees
- Have your system professionally serviced before the cooling season begins. Make sure filters are cleaned or replaced to maximize efficiency. A dirty filter chokes air flow and forces your equipment to work harder, using more electricity.
- Keep doors and windows closed while operating your air conditioner. Close blinds or drapes on windows facing the sun.
- Reduce the use of appliances that produce heat. Ovens, ranges, and clothes dryers all produce excess heat and require extra electricity to keep your home cool and comfortable.
- As outside temperatures allow, use a fan to cool your home. Moving air provides a five degree cooling effect on your skin.
- Consider upgrading your old, inefficient air conditioner with a new unit with a SEER (efficiency rating) of at least 14. Expect energy savings of up to 50%.
- Consider replacing old windows with new low-e (coating), double or triple pane windows. Saves energy in the summer and winter.

## MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORT

Roadwork is near completion between 900 North and 400 North. Currently crews are working between 400 North and 100 North. They plan on paving this section of Main Street beginning August 1. They are doing minor work between 100 North and 200 South including work on pedestrian ramps and traffic signals. The final seal coat between 200 South and 900 North is scheduled for July 31.

Crews closed 700 South to 500 South on Monday, July 17. This section is estimated to take approximately 4 weeks to complete. Main Street between 500 South and 200 South will be closed and reconstructed as 700 South to 500 South is finished.

Construction between 900 North to 200 South will be completed before Peach Days. The entire project is estimated to be substantially complete in late September.

While UDOT has the streets torn up for the Main Street construction project, Brigham City's Streets, Waste Treatment, and Water Departments are replacing sewer lines, water lines, and sidewalks and installed new storm drains to update the City's infrastructure. City expenditures for these projects have been budgeted over a two year period. For more information on the Main Street Construction project, contact Public Works Director Blake Fonesbeck at 734-6626.

## PARKS DEPARTMENT IS NOW PART OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

The Parks Department is now a part of Brigham City's Public Works Department. The most prominent advantage of this change is in the increased resources available to the Parks Department in the form of manpower and equipment. Parks department employees are actively involved in preparations and execution of a successful Peach Days celebration. They not only have parks and park strips to maintain, they help with downtown preparation and cleanup before, during, and after the celebration. We are proud of the condition of our parks and ball fields and thank our employees and summer help for their dedication. In order to keep the parks safe and clean for our children, we would appreciate help from the public bringing problems to our attention. The number to contact is 435-230-6548.

## CITY PRIDE CLEAN UP

City Pride Cleanup held this spring was a huge success. 100.64 tons of waste was taken to the county landfill, 157 batteries and 696 tires were disposed of. 104 citizen volunteers manned the dumpsters along with 19 City personnel. The volunteer Neighborhood Pride Council made all the preparations for this cleanup event. Members are: **Reed Burke (Chair), Dee Garvin, Pat Williams, Jerry Hilton, Stan Williams and City staff Judy Loveland and Jared Johnson.** We thank them for their efforts.



## GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

Brigham City is in the final process of adopting the updated General Plan. The City Council on July 20, 2006 adopted the General Plan by Ordinance. It was the final step in a long process in the development of the Plan. The development of Brigham City's General Plan has taken many years with the efforts of many citizens and staff to forge a plan which expresses the interests and will of the Community.



The development of the General Plan began in November of 2003 with the assistance of Envision Utah. The City Planning Commission held "visioning" workshops and open houses with the general public to solicit input on the future of Brigham City. Based on the feedback

from the November visioning workshops two scenarios were formulated to present to the public for feedback. Scenario "A" was a combination of the workshop groups that selected the "Trend" development and Scenario "B" was a combination of the workshop groups that selected the "Walkable" development. Ultimately, public comment during the Open House and survey results indicated that residents supported a third "hybrid" scenario with elements from both scenario "A" and "B".

Based on the work with Envision Utah, the Planning Commission finalized the General Plan and held a Public Hearing to solicit public input on the draft copy of the General Plan. After changes suggested during the public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended in February 2006 to the City Council a final draft of the General Plan.

The City Council on May 18, 2006 held a public hearing to solicit additional public input on the final draft of the General Plan. After a work session, the City Council directed the City staff to prepare an ordinance to adopt the General Plan. This is the final step in the development of the City's General Plan. After many hours of meetings with and working with the public the City adopted their new General Plan. The City Council and Planning Commission would like to thank all the people who gave of their time and efforts to help the City develop the General Plan. A copy is online on our website at [www.brighamcity.utah.gov](http://www.brighamcity.utah.gov) or you can view a copy at the Brigham City Library.

## BRIGHAM CITY RECEIVES ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC) FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

September 11, 2001 brought a drastic change to the way of life in America. The terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center began an era of change. Preparation, prevention and identification of potential threats have changed priorities in every community in the United States. Not only international terrorism but domestic terrorism and the recent natural disasters have reaffirmed the need and responsibility of local government to become better prepared.

New technology and equipment, along with specific training in the National Incident Management System (NIMS), have become available through Homeland Security grants. Box Elder County and Brigham City have been very successful in taking advantage of the funding available for technology and training. Primary concerns in our area have been communications (both voice and data) and hazardous material response equipment and training.

The state of Utah and the Federal government have recognized Brigham City in various ways which have given our City a "heads up" on many technological items, both old and new. **Last month the Federal Government, through the Excess Property Sharing Program, made available to law enforcement in the United States a half-dozen armored personnel carriers (APC).** An APC is not a weapon-bearing vehicle; rather, it is a hardened personnel transportation unit designed to travel over rough and difficult terrain. Brigham City was offered one of these vehicles as a resource for emergency response personnel. The unit can be used for many things including delivery of personnel and equipment during a natural disaster such as an earthquake. It can deliver fire fighters to rough mountainous areas, and it can protect SWAT officers during high-risk, volatile approach and entry situations. Brigham City accepted the offer and it has been delivered. The Federal Government will retain ownership of the APC with Brigham City taking care of fuel and maintenance. Administrative and transport charges will be paid by grant funding.

Chief Paul Tittensor said, "The APC will be a great addition to our response capabilities. When you come to the Safety and Emergency Preparedness fairs, please stop and take a look. I think you will like it."

## CITY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AMBASSADOR AWARD

Semi-annually the Mayor and City Council recognize City employees for exemplary service and performance toward accomplishing the City's mission by performing exemplary customer service, demonstrating internal efficiencies, and/or exhibiting characteristics of exemplary conduct in the continuous operation of the City. They select an employee and a team to receive the "Ambassador Award".



The Team Ambassador Award was presented to **Sgt. Chris Howard, Sgt. Dennis Vincent, Cpl. Jeff Johnson, Detective Trent Gunn, Detective Krut Fertig, Officer Tony Ferderber, Officer Reed Mackley and Officer Jean Loveland.**

These officers devote many hours of instruction to the students that are in the academy class. The program works due to the expertise of these officers. They definitely follow the mission statement within the Police Department which states, "We will identify and solve problems by forming partnerships with the citizens of Brigham City so that we may better serve, educate and cooperate, to enhance the quality of life, and provide safety and security for our community." These Police Department employees were selected for their help with the 9th Brigham City Citizen's police Academy.



**Wayne Kotter, Streets Department Foreman,** received the individual Ambassador Award. Wayne coordinated the re-cleaning of the Box Elder Creek to reduce the potential for flooding this spring. He also coordinated repair of the spill way gate in Mantua at the headwaters of the Box Elder Creek. We were able to reduce the amount of water flowing into

the creek and send the excess to the reservoir. The water in the creek reached the bank full mark, but no water spilled onto private property. A local resident, David Green, wrote, "Wayne is an outstanding employee and a great asset to Brigham City. He sets the standard of public service to a new height. I commend him and hope you do also for his outstanding service."

## LOCAL CITIZENS DELONE BRADFORD-GLOVER, NED YOUNG AND KATHRYN RIGBY RECEIVE "RURAL GENIUS" AWARD



**Patrick Overton, Ned Young, Kathryn Rigby, Delone Bradford-Glover**

In 1990, **Patrick Overton** was called to Washington D.C. to testify in front of the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on the Interior on behalf of continued Federal Support for the National Endowment for the Arts. During that testimony, he introduced a phrase that has become the focus of his life's work for the past sixteen years – Rural Genius.

Overton, who serves as Director of the Front Porch Institute has been working with Brigham City as a facilitator for the community's Academy Square Project. He stated during that testimony in front of Congress that Rural Genius was one of the most important natural resources we have in our country and that it has been the fuel that has driven the development of our culture, the source of the creativeness and innovation that has brought into existence the communities in which a large percentage of our population currently live, work, and play. His invitation to Congress was to reevaluate the way it understood public funding for the arts and to make it more accessible for rural and small communities. He stated, "Even the smallest amount of support for local arts, heritage, and cultural programming can set in motion programs that can and will change our communities for the better, preserving the Rural Genius that has been so critical over the history of this country." Overton has been working hard since that testimony in 1990 to provide the resources, understanding, and celebration of Rural Genius he believes is necessary for the future of our country. "The more we fail to value the Rural Genius that has been so important to the development of this country, the

more we will lose that essential resource the entire nation needs to continue to grow and prosper."

Since 1990, the Front Porch Institute has designated 16 individuals that personify the Rural Genius of which he spoke in his Testimony. On Saturday, June 10, during the Brigham City Heritage Festival, Patrick Overton did something he has never done before – he announced the names of three individuals who were the recipient of the 2005 Rural Genius Awards – giving Brigham City the distinction of being the first community to have been recognized this way. These individuals were: **Delone Bradford-Glover, Ned Young, and Kathryn Rigby.** Bradford-Glover was recognized for her continuing work in heritage and historic preservation. Ned Young was recognized for his contribution as an individual artist and a volunteer who currently serves as Co-Chair of the Academy Square Project. And Kathryn Rigby was recognized for her contribution as a "non-paid" arts administrator who worked to organize the Heritage and Cultural Arts Board and to get the Academy Square Project moving toward completion.

In his presentation to the 2005 Rural Genius recipients he stated: "It was clear to me from the beginning of my work here that Brigham City is a unique community. There is a long history of this community supporting and encouraging arts heritage and culture from the early portion of the last century with the enormous contribution of the Christensen Brothers to the development of our American culture. As I interviewed individuals and spent time in the community, I began to realize that there were three distinct generations of individuals who satisfied the criteria for this award and that is something I saw more clearly here in Brigham City more than any community in which I had worked. And most important of all, all three of the individuals identified are still actively making contributions."

Along with the award certificates each individual received, Overton announced that each of their profiles will be included in his new book, *The Poetry of Place* along with the profile of the community they represent. "Brigham City is a special place with a special history and very special people living here today. I am hoping this will help the citizens of Brigham City realize just how special a place this is."

Overton announced the Rural Genius Awards in December of last year during the "Revisioning Workshop" he was conducting for the Academy Square Project.

## WOAD WARRIORS

Brigham City Corporation participated in the annual Bag O' Woad campaign again this year. Dyers Woad is a noxious weed, prolific seeder and chokes out desirable vegetation. The Utah and Idaho Cooperative Weed Management Area annually sponsors a program to eradicate the weed. Children and youth 16 years old and younger are paid a bounty of \$10 per 40 pound bag of woad collected. This year 200 bags were issued by the City with 168 turned in for reward. The U&ICWMA gave a 50/50 grant to Brigham City to pay the bounties to the "Woad Warriors". Thanks to the following employees for their participation in this year's effort: **Ben Boyce, Darin McFarland, Wayne Kotter, Mike Carlile, Sharon Cassidy, Donna Pett, Blake Fannesbeck, Judy Coleman, Pete Young, Matt Johnson, Richard Ricks and Bruce Leonard.**

Next year's campaign will include a City Employee Dyers Woad Day to clean up City property. Employees that volunteer for the project will be assigned clean up areas and will work from 8am to noon.

## NEW UTA BUS ROUTE – ROUTE F638 "THE LIFT"

Route F638 "The Lift" is a new bus route developed by the Utah Transit Authority, Mt. Ogden Business Unit for Brigham City, Perry and Willard that **will begin operating on Monday, August 21, 2006.** Route F638 will travel counter clockwise on Main Street between 700 North and 1100 South, Brigham City and on 500 West between the same roads from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The route will also have on-demand capabilities. Residents in Willard and Perry are eligible for this flex route service, as well as residents in Brigham City who live within 1 mile of the established fixed route. Residents can make a same day (two hours ahead of time) or one-to seven-day reservations and the bus will deviate from the fixed route to pick them up at a pre-determined location and return them at a later time. F638 will circulate at least once every 45 minutes, even with deviations. If there are no deviations the route may be able to circulate more frequently. A public schedule will be available to help customers with new bus stop locations, routing, and times of service. If you have any questions concerning this service, please call UTA Customer Service at 1-888-RIDE-UTA (743-3882), 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday.