

**CITIZEN NEWSLETTER
October 2015 – December 2015**



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I was out late one night in December, when everything was quiet and a light snow was falling, and I came upon a breathtaking site: the lights and decorations on our Brigham City Main Street. It made me think of how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful City.



I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Mayor of Brigham City. Thank you for the trust you place in myself and our City Council. I love Brigham City; it is my home and when people ask me where I'm from I'm extremely proud to say Brigham City.

There are those who think of the City as a nameless face of bureaucracy. In reality, the City is all of us - the residents, the Mayor, the City Council, the volunteers and the employees that make it all function. The City is a very complex organization and few of us realize all the things it takes to make life better for us. The departments within Brigham City Corporation have spent many years building a more effective operation and work together to meet the needs of our citizens.

This year's City-wide goal is Brigham City is ME – it's my city, it's my responsibility, it's my legacy. We hope you will all join with us in making this one of your goals as well. Working together we can continue to make Brigham City the place we want to live and raise our families.

NEW FACES IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

After many years of dedicated service to Brigham City, Bruce Leonard and Sharon Brailsford have both retired. Mayor Vincent said, "As a community we owe a lot of gratitude to both Bruce and Sharon for their leadership and foresight in making Brigham City an amazing place to live, play and work."

Jason Roberts has been appointed as the new City Administrator. Jason is well-equipped for this position and is looking forward to serving the citizens of Brigham City. Donna Pett has taken the position of Executive Assistant. Donna has many years of experience and dedication to the City.

ACADEMY BUILDING

The Brigham City Academy Building will soon be ready to open its doors to the public. This building is a truly wonderful addition to our downtown. The facility will be made available for conferences, receptions, and other gatherings. For information on use of the facility, please call Lauren Shultz at (435)226-1479

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Brigham City is undergoing a General Plan update. The General Plan is a guide for development and growth in our city. Citizens are given the opportunity to express their opinion via workshops, online surveys, and steering committee meetings and in other forums. A recent workshop was held at the new USU campus where approximately 250 people attended and provided their input. At the present

time there is a visual preference survey being conducted. If you would like to participate, go to <http://www.brighamcitygeneralplan.org/>

WATER QUALITY/BACKFLOW

Some of you may have recently received letters from the City informing you that you must have your backflow prevention assemblies tested annually. Brigham City is required by the Utah Division of Drinking Water and the EPA to have a cross connection control program. It is Brigham City's responsibility to follow the established guidelines in an effort to provide safe and dependable drinking water to our customers. On residential homes backflow assemblies are generally installed to protect the homeowner from water in their sprinkler systems back-flowing into their homes. Just like your car or truck your backflow assembly requires a yearly check/tune up. This yearly check is a required test on your backflow prevention assembly and must be completed by a certified backflow technician. Once the test is completed the owner of the backflow assembly must provide the City with the test results so we can stay in compliance with our State/EPA mandated cross connection control program. Please remember that it is the homeowner's responsibility to make sure that this test is completed and report is delivered to the City on an annual basis. To learn more or if you have questions about cross connection control, please feel free to call Public Works at 435 734-6615 or visit the Brigham City Website www.brighamcity.utah.gov and go to departments, public works, water and then click on the cross-connection-control link.

CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHT

Brigham City Public Power

The mission of Brigham City Public Power is to provide consistent and uninterrupted electrical service to the citizens and businesses of Brigham City. They work night and day to accomplish this mission as well as keeping trees from growing into power lines, keep streetlights glowing, run the refrigerator recycling program, and teach energy conservation in schools. This group of highly



skilled employees are willing, ready and able to meet the electrical needs of our City.

BRIGHAM CITY SERVICES

(For more detail on City services visit the City's website at www.brighamcity.utah.gov)

The following programs and associated dates will help you in your yard cleanup efforts. Call 435-734-6615 or visit our website for more information.

Compost Site Sales Begin - March 2, 2016 – hours of operation will be Wednesday through Friday 10:30am to 6:00pm and Saturday 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Spring Clean Up (double trash pickup) -Begins Monday, April 25 and Ends Friday, May 13

City Pride Clean Up - April 25 – May 1

Location is old compost site on Forest Street

Green Cans (Green waste only) - May 16 – Oct 14

The Recreation Department is currently taking reservations for Boweries and the Swimming Pool. Baseball and Softball registrations will begin April 1st. Swimming Lesson Registration begins May 1st. For detailed information on registrations and prices, call 435-734-6610 or visit the City website.

Museum Gallery events and dates– call- 435-226-1439

Library events and dates – call 435-734-6634

Senior Center events and dates – call 435-226-1450

City Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7pm in the City Council Chambers at 20 North Main Street. The Public is invited.

