

CITIZEN NEWSLETTER
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This is one of my favorite times of the year. We are anticipating another wonderful Peach Days Celebration. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce and all the many volunteers who work hard to make this event enjoyable for residents and visitors. The City crews work tirelessly to have venues clean and ready for the crowds. It always amazes me that Sunday morning after the event everything is clean and back to normal. Public Safety is a big worry and our Police Officers and Fire Department are out in force to maintain control and keep everyone safe. City employees are amazing and I would like to express my appreciation to each one of them. Have an enjoyable Peach Days Celebration!



Financial Condition of the City

Elected officials of Brigham City consider financial management to be of major importance. Financial management includes projecting future needs of the City along with measuring and reporting the results of operations. The budget process is the primary tool used to plan for future needs of the City. The City has prepared 25 year capital project estimates showing all projects that are needed for maintenance of City infrastructure such as roads, electric, water, sewer, etc. Estimates are made as to the cost of new projects. The Council also sets long term goals for anything unexpected that may happen. This includes setting aside cash for possible

equipment failures, acts of nature, or anything unexpected. For example, the failure of certain pieces of critical electrical equipment may cost as much as \$1 million. The City sets goals for cash targets to plan for these issues that may arise. The past few years the City has met cash savings goals to prepare for unexpected events.

Financial Reporting is also important to the City and all government entities. Strict laws require financial reports to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Brigham City's financial report is audited by an independent auditing firm. The auditors perform an examination of the financial report to ensure that no material mistakes exist. The financial report shows that Brigham City is in good financial condition and able to meet costs as budgeted while increasing cash balances to meet desired targets.

It is unlawful to place any signs in the area between the sidewalk and the curb. This includes hanging signs on trees, posts or street signs and placing signs in or on the ground. Everyone needs to help to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our community. Any such signs that are found by Brigham City personnel will be removed and disposed of.

Greenwaste ends on Friday, October 16. Fall Cleanup is from October 19 – November 13. This is a double trash pickup. Fall cleanup will begin on Monday, October 19, 2015. This will be the first extra trash pick-up day for residents whose regular collection day is on Friday. Friday, November 13, 2015 is the last day of double trash pick-up for those whose

regular trash day is Thursday. Following double trash pickup greenwaste cans may continue to be used for household garbage until spring.

Residential burn permits are limited to yard waste and or natural vegetation waste. No burning of cardboard, wood, plastic, or any type of construction waste is permitted. Brigham City provides a combined compost green waste recycling facility located at 820 North Watery Lane which is open to all Brigham City citizens. Use of this facility is strongly encouraged prior to burning.

Residential burn permits are only issued during the state's open burn window:

Spring: March 30 – May 30

Fall: September 15 – October 30

No burning shall be started before 8:00 a.m. or after 6:00 p.m. **If there is not an open burn window or if the clearing index is forecast to be below 500, the program will not allow a person to complete the application.**

- Any permitted burning must be at least 50' from any structure or any other combustible material or items. (This includes other vegetation)
- The burn **MUST** be attended at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- The fire must be extinguished before dark.
- Sunday burning is not permitted.

If completing the open burn permit application online is not an option, request a hard copy of the open burn permit application by contacting DAQ by phone at (801) 536-4000. Please note: it may take up to 14 days from the date of request to receive an open burn permit if a hard copy is submitted for processing. The web address is

<http://www.air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php>

Filling out the form and submitting it will serve as notification. There is no need to call and no need for the Fire Marshall's signature on the form.

Why does the Fire Department respond to medical emergencies with a fire truck?

We have to "take the fire station with us to every call." Brigham City Fire Department

responds to an average of about eight emergencies each day with very limited staffing. The calls tend to "come in bunches" of two, three, four or five at a time. The calls range from auto and structure fires to medical emergencies, vehicle extrications, hazardous materials spills, carbon monoxide calls, etc. We take a fire engine to the medical calls, in addition to the ambulance, because most medical emergencies we need at least four personnel to help lift and move the patient, carry equipment, perform lifesaving procedures and patient care. The staff on the engine must be ready with the right equipment to respond to the next emergency.

Recently there were two separate incidents that illustrate this. Our engine crew was helping at medical emergencies when the Woolen Mill fire and the Perry grass fire erupted. In both cases the engine crew responded immediately while the ambulance crew continued patient care. In a fire situation, time equals life and property. The houses on the north and south of the Woolen Mill sustained very little damage and the grass fire on the Perry bench did not spread to the orchards or homes close by. This is why you see the fire engine respond to a medical call.

Fall Culinary Water System Flushing Program.

The Brigham City Water Division will start its annual Fall Culinary Water System Flushing Program beginning the week of September 21st and will continue through mid-October. Flushing the water system will improve water quality and service to our customers. Benefits of flushing include improved water quality and to control bacteria growth.

It is anticipated some customers may experience temporary discoloring of the culinary water during this process. If this occurs please allow the outside water to flow 5-20 minutes or until the water clears. This process should also be followed on the inside cold water taps, preferably the tub or another unscreened cold water tap to clear the internal plumbing.

Brigham City's Water Division is willing to help. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact them at 435-734-6615.

REMINDER – Elections will be held November 3, 7 am to 8 pm, at the Community Center, 24 North 300 West. Put this date on your calendar and please remember to vote.