December 2016

City of Orem News & Updates

A lot of things are happening in Orem. Here are some of the items that might be of most interest.

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Holiday Closings

Library: Closed from Dec. 23rd - 26th, opening again on the 27th. Also closed January 2nd.

Fitness Center: Dec. 2nd - closes at 6:00 PM, Dec. 24th - closes at noon, Dec. 25th - closed, Dec. 31st - closes at noon.

*There will be no childcare, land aerobics, water aerobics, or shooting range from Dec. 23 - Dec. 31

City Hall: Closed Dec. 23rd - 26th, opening again on the 27th. Also closed Jan. 2nd.

Senior Center: Closed Dec. 23rd-26th, opening again on the 27th. Closes at 1 PM
Library Holiday Programs

December is full of free holiday performances. These are some of the highlights, click here for a full calendar.

December 2 - 7:00 PM
Utah Valley Handbell Ringers

December 3 - 4:00 PM
Nutcracker Gala featuring the Academy of Ballet

December 9 - 7:00 PM
Timpanogos Chorale with the American Fork Children's Choir

December 12 - 7:00 PM
The Chaunt-enettes

December 14 - 7:00 PM
Musica Antiqua

Meadow Gold Closing

After 50+ years of doing business on Orem State Street, Meadow Gold has decided to close and consolidate operations in other plants.

When Meadow Gold opened in 1961 there was little development around the Meadow Gold property. Obviously that is no longer the case, therefore leaving no room for additional growth. The facility will be leveled in the next few months and the property will go on the market.

A lot of other development is going on in Orem. Check out the latest article in the Daily Herald for an update.
Starting Monday, December 28, 2016 and running through January 21, 2017, the Department of Public Works will have dumpsters and/or drop off locations for citizens to dispose of their Christmas tree. This is the City’s Annual Christmas Tree Drop-Off Program. You must transport your tree(s) to a designated collection site listed below. Designated dumpsters or drop sites are located at each of these locations. Please remove all tree decorations and place your tree in the dumpster or at the designated drop off site as indicated by the posted signs.

Flocked trees and household rubbish are not accepted and must be disposed of at the North Utah County Transfer Station located at 2000 West 200 South, Lindon.

This is for Christmas Trees Only

Please do not leave your tree at an unmarked location or leave it on your city street. Schools, churches, or other private dumpsters are not approved Drop-Off locations. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Drop Sites:**

Sharon Park, 500 North 275 East
Foothill Park, 1010 North 1200 East Scera Pool, 600 South State Street
Hillcrest Park, 1400 South 700 East
Cherry Hill Park, 1800 South 220 East
Westmore Park, 1050 South Main
Springwater Park, 945 South Artesian Road
Lakeside Park, 400 South Vineyard Way

**Dumpster Sites:**

Bonneville Park, 1500 N 800 W
Cascade Park, 200 N 925 E
Mountain View High School Stabbing

We want to tip our hat to those that prevented the events at Mountain View from becoming a much larger crisis.

Within minutes of the initial call, the full-time school resource officer at Mountain View High School had the suspect in custody. Between the time of the call and the time the officer made it to locker room, school faculty risked their lives to put themselves between the suspect and additional youth.

Within minutes of responding to the scene EMS had stabilized and were transporting everyone that was injured to local hospitals. This timely response was the difference between life and death.

This community has shown an outpouring of love to those affected, and for that we say THANK YOU!

Snow Clean-Up

The City of Orem puts its best plow forward when it comes to snow removal. While it takes time to get around the entire City, our crews are dedicated to providing the best level of service.

Even with this, we are not perfect. If you have a street that is missed, please call 801.229-7500.
In Orem a lot of great things have been happening. With that said, it means that we are busy dealing with a growing and vibrant city.

As I have thought about all of the things I do and need to get done, it brought to my attention what it is that really matters the most.

While we were working to do the ribbon cutting on the All Abilities Park and there were a lot of people there, I noticed just after the ceremony, the smiles of a young girl in a wheelchair, who was swinging for maybe the first time in her life on a wheelchair swing set.

As I helped out with the ribbon cutting on the new arts and music facility for the Turn Community Services that helps disabled adults, I noticed the atmosphere of the adults as they were associating together and how excited they were to be able to use this new facility.

As I participated in the ribbon cutting at the new Head Start building on Center Street for preschool children, I noticed how happy the families were that had gathered who had been able to send their children through such a program and how much help it was to them.

As the police and fire personnel read Dr. Seuss books to the children at one of the elementary schools in Orem, I saw how delighted the kids were to have one of their heroes read and have lunch with them.

As some of the city council, their wives, the firefighters, and I served Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Citizens center recently, it was fun to talk with and be with so many of our wonderful senior citizens.
Over the years it has come to mind that "what matters most" is our families, our friends, our associates, and the people we are around. While there is work to do, trips to take, phone calls to make, and items to be completed, they all should not get in the way of stopping and spending time with the people around us.

We should do what matters most and slow down and stop and spend time with, listen to, visit with, and be with those who matter the most to us.

Let us bring the joy of Christmas to those in our wonderful city, in our neighborhoods, and in our families by giving to them, in our relationships with them, our time and attention so that we can invest in what matters the most.

Mayor Brunst