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CHANGE IN SEWER BASE RATE PHILOSOPHY

Tomorrow night the City Council will consider a change in how the sewer base rate is charged. Currently all utility accounts are charged \$9.32 for their sewer base rate.

Our utility master plans identified significant needs in the sewer system. Rather than raising the base rate on all utility account holders it was recommended that Orem follow the same philosophy that most communities in Utah use and charge the base rate per unit, not account.

For example, an apartment complex with 100 units is currently charged a total of \$9.32. That is the equivalent of \$.09 a month per unit. This change will move that to a total bill for the apartment complex of \$932.00, the equivalent of \$9.32 per month.

The public hearing for this item will be @ 6:00 PM in our City Council chambers.

IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL UNITS

EQUAL RESIDENTIAL SEWER BASE RATES FOR ALL



Current Sewer Base Rate Philosophy



Proposed Sewer Base Rate Philosophy



What is the Sewer Base Rate?

The sewer base rate is the monthly charge for the availability of a public sewer system. The amount is billed each month, whether the services are used or not. The ability to discharge to the public sewer system is the basis for the fixed monthly base rate. Those with the potential to discharge more will pay more. Revenues collected from the fee are used to maintain, operate, and replace the sewer system. Presently, the sewer base rate is \$9.32 per month.

Why Change the Sewer Base Rate Structure?

EQUALITY

Properties with more living units require larger pipe sizes and more treatment plant capacity. It is not fair that an apartment, condo, or mobile home complex with multiple living units pays the same base rate as a single-family home.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

Changing the base rate billing method will generate additional revenue. This money will be used to replace aged infrastructure such as treatment plant equipment and pipes and will help keep future rate increases for all users as low as possible. Paying for it this way will spread the costs of those needed improvements and maintenance to the users more equitably.

When will this Change take Effect?

If the City Council approves these changes on December 8, 2015, the new sewer base rate billing method will take effect July 1, 2016.

Find out more by visiting utilities.orem.org

IMPACT ON BUSINESSES



EQUAL *NON-RESIDENTIAL* SEWER BASE RATES FOR ALL

Current Sewer Base Rate Philosophy



Proposed Sewer Base Rate Philosophy



What is the AWWA (American Water Works Association) Multiplier?

The AWWA multiplier is a calculation that represents the quantity of water that can pass through a water meter as a relationship to each other. As shown in the example above, a 1.5-inch meter can pass 3.33 times more water than a 3/4-inch meter. Likewise a 4-inch meter can pass 20 times more water than a 3/4-inch meter.

What is the logic behind the multiplier?

The size of the meter servicing a commercial property has a direct impact on the needed infrastructure and capacity that the City is required to have in place to meet the needs of non-residential properties during peak times. For example, the amount of infrastructure needed to service a City would be different if all properties used a ¾" meter versus a 10" meter. The multiplier attempts to distribute the costs of operating the system fairly.

Why Change the Non-Residential Sewer Base Rate Structure?

Currently, the users of a small office building and a large industrial building pay the same base rate, even though the industrial building requires more infrastructure. This change creates equity in the charge so that those requiring more infrastructure pay their proportional share.

PUBLIC HEARING | December 8, 2015 - 6pm
City Council Chambers



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FITNESS CENTER - PASS SALE (DEC & JAN)

This new year strengthen yourself and your family!

During the months of December and January the Orem Fitness Center will be having its pass sale. This means 20% off the cost of an annual family pass and 10% off a semi-annual pass! During the pass sale the monthly pass is also available with NO

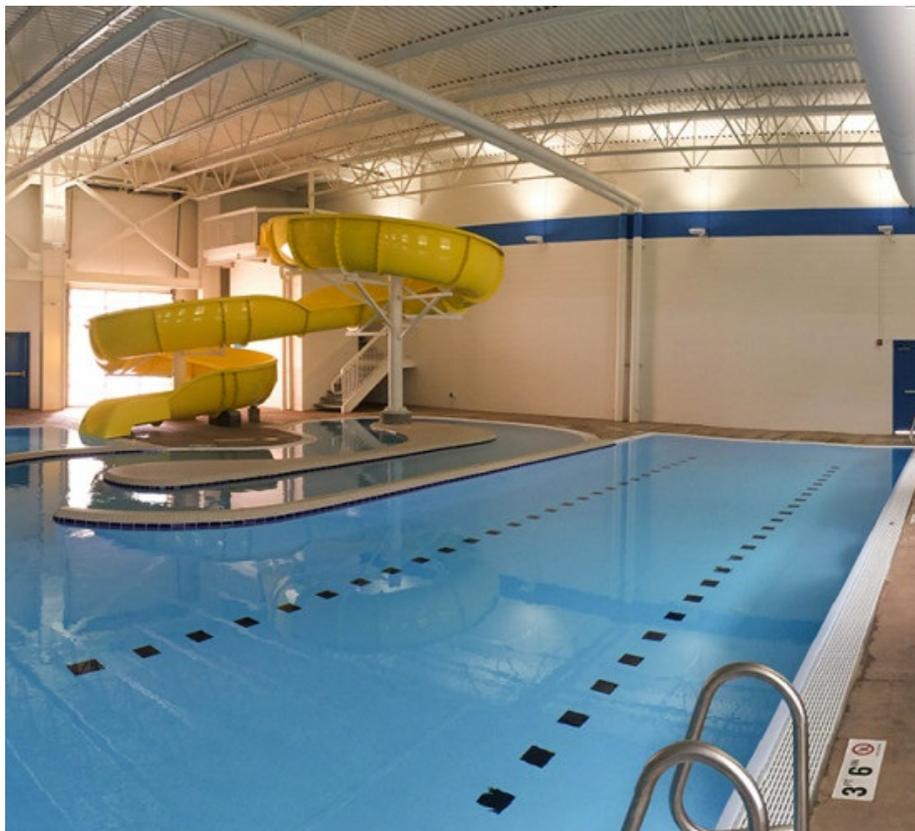
START UP FEES. Below are the resident prices:

Type of Pass	Annual	Semi-Annual
Family	\$ 316	\$194
Individual	\$ 180	\$ 122
Student (with I.D.)	\$ 160	\$ 104
Senior Citizen	\$ 76	\$ 54

In addition to the annual passes, members can get a monthly pass, with no start up fees at the following prices:

Type of Pass	Monthly (w/ Automatic EFT)
Family	\$ 39
Individual	\$25
Student (with I.D)	\$20
Senior Citizen	\$25

A cost of a pass includes all classes, the use of the swimming pools, equipment, racquetball courts, and use of the basketball courts!



CITY OFFICE CLOSINGS

Below are the following closings this month's holiday season:

City Hall	The Fitness Center	The Orem Library
Dec. 24-25th	Dec. 24th - Closes at noon	Dec. 24-26th
Dec. 31st	Dec. 25th	Dec. 31st
Jan. 1st	Dec. 31st - Closes at noon	Jan. 1st
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DESIGNING THE ALL-TOGETHER PLAYGROUND



The City of Orem has selected Leathers and Associates to design the All-Together Playground. The above playground is an example of their work, and while ours won't be the exact build, it will resemble it closely.

Leathers will allow for us to do a custom design, and then volunteers will come together to build the playground. The United Way has agreed to have this project be a part of their day of caring, and they will be assisting in the coordination of the volunteers.

On January 12th, Leathers and Associates will be in town for a "Day of Design". They will be visiting a few elementary schools and working with kids to allow them to help design their dream playground. During the day the designer will create a concept from the feedback of the children and present it that evening at a community celebration.

More information about the "Day of Design" will be in our January Newsletter.

<http://www.alltogetherplayground.com>

2016 INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS BY 2016



Lisman Studio Interior Design, the designers of Midtown 360, have offered to donate 1 free interior design consultation (for 1 hour) and two free lamps. Orem City will donate 10 free fitness center pool passes for your family and 5 free movie rental passes. To enter the contest all you need to do is follow both Lisman Studio and Orem City on Instagram. Please help us reach our goal so we can better reach you about information important to you. Thank you!

Orem City

https://www.instagram.com/orem_city/

Lisman Studios

<https://www.instagram.com/lismanstudio/>

CHRISTMAS IN THE VALLEY - DEC. 12TH @ 7:00 PM AT LAKERIDGE JR. HIGH



The City of Orem is proud to help sponsor the 5th annual Christmas in the Valley performance which will be held at Lakeridge Junior High on Saturday, Dec. 12th, at 7:00 PM.

This year's performance includes Wayne Burton, Calee Reed, and The Voice sensation, Madilyn Paige! Tickets are \$8 or a family 10-pack for \$70. The MC for the evening will be our own Miss Orem, Jesse Craig.

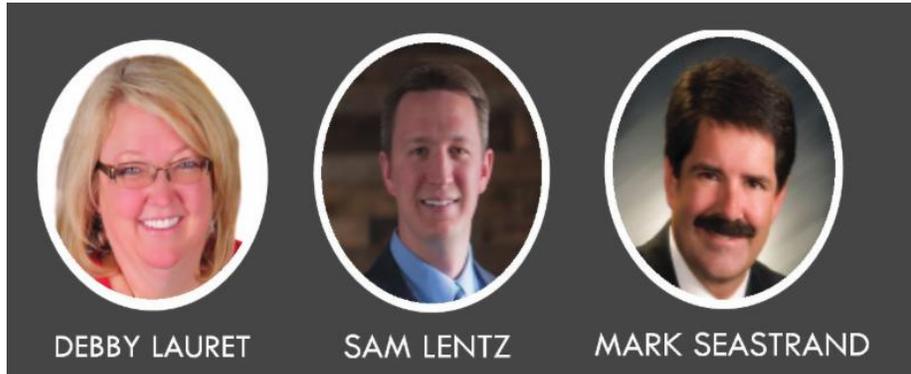
It will be a wonderful night as we enjoy some incredible talent and continue to soak in the spirit of the holiday season!

Tickets: <http://wayneburton.com/product/orem-ut-concert-dec-12/>

To become more familiar with each artist, here is the link to their youtube page:

Wayne Burton - <https://www.youtube.com/user/burtwp>

CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE - JANUARY 4TH



The 3 city council candidate winners will be sworn into office on January 4th. Each of them have expressed their excitement to work with citizens and their fellow council members to #buildabetterorem

FITNESS CENTER PASS SALE

Canyon View, Orchard & Cascade Neighborhood Plan: There will be a final Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015, from 5:30-7:00pm in the City Council Chambers. This will be a presentation of the completed plan.

Is anyone interested in helping with the **Northridge, Heatheridge & Windsor Neighborhood Plan?** If so, please contact Brandon Stocksdale, Orem Long Range Planner, at bstocksda@orem.org or (801)229-7055.

LIBRARY EVENTS - DECEMBER

DECEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY

5:30 PM & 7:00 PM Fireplace
Utah Vocal Arts Academy
 Utah Vocal Arts Academy (UVAA) presents holiday tunes to enjoy and more in its annual Singer's Showcase, a recital featuring songs from classical, Broadway, and commercial genres sung by award-winning vocalists.

DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Ready to Learn: Welcome Baby

DECEMBER 11, FRIDAY

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening:
Encounters at the End of the World (G, 2007)

7:00 PM Fireplace
Reed Criddle Vocal School Concert
 UVU professor and director of the UVU Chamber Choir Reed Criddle presents a selection of holiday music as performed by his students.

DECEMBER 12, SATURDAY

2:00 PM Media Auditorium
Tumbleweeds Film Festival Screening: Cinderella (G, 1950)
 In Disney's animated version of the beloved fairytale, a young girl attends the palace ball with the help of her fairy godmother—against the wishes of her wicked stepmother—and meets Prince Charming.

DECEMBER 14, MONDAY

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: March of the Penguins (G, 2005)

7:00 PM

Fireplace

Musica Antiqua

Established in 1972, Musica Antiqua has performed eight plays with the Weber State Theater Department and Unicorn Theater, a live broadcast on KRCL radio, and several recitals for the Temple Square Concert Series, as well as dozens of recitals at venues across Utah. This Christmas program will be a mix of familiar and ancient tunes, ranging from the 13th century through medieval times and the Renaissance to Baroque and even newer arrangements.

DECEMBER 15, TUESDAY

7:00 PM Fireplace
Wasatch Classical Guitar
 Nothing calms your holiday madness like a quiet evening listening to traditional Christmas carols played on classical guitar. Young guitarists from the local Wasatch Classical Guitar Studio will play several arrangements of your favorites.

DECEMBER 17, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Storytelling Wing
Utah Valley Writers

DECEMBER 18, FRIDAY

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Mouse Hunt (PG, 1997)

DECEMBER 19, SATURDAY

12:00 PM Fireplace
Christmas Concert
 Bob Peterson and friends will bring a snow shower of Christmas favorites, featuring many of Bob's own arrangements done in the US Army Bands and afterwards.

DECEMBER 21, MONDAY

6:30 PM Media Auditorium
Film Screening: Elf (PG, 2003)

MAYOR'S MESSAGE - 2015: A YEAR OF RENEWAL AND REFRESHMENT

Last week I attended the Utah County Executive Council Winter Social of the Mountainland Association of Governments. At this gathering they had a cowboy duet sing for the entertainment.

One of the songs they performed for us was "Cool Water".

Part of the song goes as follows: "All day I've faced a barren waste without the taste of water, cool water. Old Dan (mule) and I with throats burnt dry and souls that cry for water, cool, clear water. The shadows sway and seem to say "Tonight we pray for water, cool water." and 'way up there He'll hear our pray'r and show us where there's water, cool, clear water."



In September our city council visited the Alta Springs. This is one of several springs, together with wells and reservoirs that supply water for our city. We watched as the city water department opened up the building and showed us the water flowing out of the springs from behind and around the rocks. We dipped our cups in and tasted the cool, clear, water that was flowing down from the mountains.

This past year Orem was given an award for the best tasting water of a municipality. Also this past year Central Utah Water completed a \$45 Million dollar water treatment plant upgrade that Orem and other cities will use. We are blessed with clean, cool, clear water in Orem.

As I've thought about our water and how it is always there at our taps day and night for our refreshment, I've considered how that this past year has also been a year of refreshment of other types that are and will be a great help to our community.

Some of the renewal and refreshment events of our city are as follows:

1. The \$500 Million rebuild of University Mall into University Place. The empty Nordstrom building of the mall now houses a newly expanded and refurbished building for RC Willey. And Nordstrom's Rack is now set to open up across the street on March 10, 2016.
2. The yellow faded insulation of Midtown Village has been taken down and the north tower of Midtown 360 is now completely renovated and the facility is being rebuilt by a new owner.
3. Smith's Grocery on Center and State Street just underwent a \$3.1 million renovation.
4. An old faded store on State Street was sold to and renovated by Soul Kix, a great new custom shoe business.
5. Taco Bell on Center Street was torn down and a new Zaxby's Restaurant was built in its place and a new Taco Bell was built just west down the street.
6. A large office building close to 4th North and 1500 West that has sat vacant for 5 years was purchased and remodeled by Alder Security, a new business to Orem.
7. Outback Steakhouse moved out of their previous space and built a new building with a new corporate design out front along University Parkway.
8. Black Bear Diner came in and replaced a former restaurant at University Place.
9. Charming Charlie and Designer Shoe Warehouse among others have taken new locations at the University Place.
10. Orange Theory Fitness has remodeled a store front set up shop south of the mall and the Little Red Hen Candy Shop has remodeled a new storefront on State Street north of Macy's Grocery.
11. An empty lot on 8th North and 1500 West is now taking shape for the new home of W.W. Clyde Construction company relocating from Springville.
12. A empty corner of Orem Boulevard and Center Street will soon be the home for a new Corner Bakery.
13. The location on 8th North and 12th West is the new home of a Fairfield Inn, where once a former house moving company once stood.

Much more can be said. The city of Orem has passed a new State Street Master Plan to look to the future. A new city all ability park for children is being planned, a new dog park is in the works, and a new splash pad for families is being worked on in the city.

Orem is seeing refreshment and renewal throughout the city. Like springs of water flowing from the mountains, I believe that Orem is seeing springs of revitalization popping up all over the city in ways that will be benefit our community for many years to come.

I am thankful and do not take for granted the clear, cool water we enjoy in Orem. Likewise I am thankful and do not take for granted all of those who are now investing our community to make it a great place to live in the future.

Mayor Brunst

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