



## August 2014 Newsletter

Staying Connected with the Citizens of Orem

### Mayor's Message



My wonderful mother's favorite color used to be purple. She loved the beautiful color and fragrance of lilacs. Because she did not have lilacs at her condominium in San Diego, my wife would cut fresh lilacs here in Utah when they bloomed in the spring and overnight them to her for her birthday in May.

Purple is also the theme color of the Alzheimer's Association.

This year I have been asked to be the Honorary Chair for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on September 6th at the Shops at Riverwoods beginning with registration at 8 a.m., the ceremony at 9 a.m. and the walk set to begin at 9:30 a.m.

I would like to ask for individuals and teams to register at [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org) and help raise money for the Alzheimer's Association to help advance support, care, and research for this ever widening debilitating disease.

The association's goal is to involve about 220 participants and raise \$25,000 for this worthy cause.

My company is donating to this walk and I am setting up a Mayor's team. I would encourage any and all to register and to walk and to have fun helping those in need to find a cure. I would love to have any individuals without a team join the Mayor's team.

They are requesting people send out at least 15 emails to friends and to use Facebook to get more people to join the effort on September 6th and build teams, raise funds, and commit to helping.

I would be happy to challenge other teams within our city who are willing to participate. I will donate a pair of purple socks or a pair of "Dr. Seuss stripped knee high socks" to every member of

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### Get Involved in the City



If you are wanting to make a difference in the world, now is your chance. There are tons of volunteer opportunities available now.

For more information and to volunteer, call/text Laura at 801-310-6283 or email [lrbascom@orem.org](mailto:lrbascom@orem.org).

### August Events

Aug 15: Orem Arts Council,  
11:30 a.m. – Library Media  
Auditorium

the team that raises the most money.

Alzheimers is the sixth leading cause of death in America. It is estimated that 1 out of every 3 seniors dies from Alzheimer's or some other form of dementia. Researchers are learning more about the disease and progress is being made, but there is no cure yet for Alzheimer's disease.

Please help and come out for a fun walk for a great cause along the Provo River with the Mayor and friends. I would love to give you a new pair of purple Dr. Seuss socks.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Richard Brunst

## The Orem Economic Charrette

The Orem Economic Charrette is an intensive planning session where citizens, consultants, and others collaborate on a vision for community development. Experienced facilitators lead workshops where all participants are encouraged to express their opinions and ideas in a constructive and open way.

These special meetings will be held from August 19 to 21 at the Orem City Center in the City Council Chambers, Room 100. The schedule for this event is as follows:

- Tuesday, August 19, 6 p.m. – Opening Presentation & Workshop
- Wednesday, August 20, 10:30 a.m. – Noon – Informal Visit with the Team
- Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m. – Final Presentation & Workshop

If you want to be involved in helping guide the changes taking place in Orem, you should come to these meetings. You do not need any previous experience or expertise. Just being an Orem resident who wants to contribute in a meaningful way qualifies you to be a part of this process.

If you have questions about these meetings please call Ryan at 801-229-7172 or email him at [rlclark@orem.org](mailto:rlclark@orem.org)

Aug 19: First day of School

Aug 19-21: Orem Economic Charrette – [More information](#)

Aug 21: Senior Citizens Day

Aug 26: City Council Meeting, City Center, 6 p.m.

Aug 28-30: Timpanogos Storytelling Festival  
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Aug 30: A Night of Tribute – Robin Williams, Movie Night at Brent Brown Ballpark 7:30 p.m.

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## Handling the Panhandling

Chances are you've seen panhandlers in Orem and like many other citizens, have felt concerned or conflicted about these individuals asking for money at busy street intersections.

Although panhandling is a form of free speech and cannot be prohibited outright, there are laws in place to protect both the public and the panhandlers. [Orem City Code 9-2-14](#) prohibits aggressive solicitation, blocking pedestrian traffic, and entering roadways to receive donations.



While we all want to be generous and charitable, giving money to panhandlers is not a long-term or lasting way to assist the poor members of our community. Giving money directly to panhandlers enables them to stay on the streets and not seek the institutional help that they need.

There are numerous agencies and organizations that work with the City of Orem to address the needs of the poor and homeless. Instead of giving money to a panhandler, direct them to the following agencies:

**Community Action Services and Food Bank**

801-373-8200

[www.communityactionprovo.org](http://www.communityactionprovo.org)

**Food and Care Coalition**

801-373-1825

[www.foodandcare.org](http://www.foodandcare.org)

Please contact these agencies to find out how you can help serve the poor in our community. Working together we can find a better way to help others than panhandling.

## 3 Reasons to switch to Paperless Utility Bills



Reason #3: You should never avoid anything that is this easy.

Signing up for paperless billing requires fewer mouse clicks than blocking a creeper on Facebook.

Here are the steps:

- Go to this website <https://secure2.orem.org/UtilitySite/>
- Create an online account
- Click "Go Paperless"
- Kick back and relax knowing you accomplished something today.

Reason #2: Paperless = No mess, No blood, No licking, No hassle

Paper bills can clutter up your domicile, give you paper cuts, and get lost. Paperless bills are mess free, danger free, and always in the same place at [orem.org](http://orem.org).

You also don't have to lick that nasty envelope glue. That is reason enough to switch to paperless.

Paperless bills can even pay themselves. If you set up automatic bill pay, you will never have to worry about getting your utility bill paid on time again.

Reason #1: Going paperless will save you money

If Benjamin Franklin were still alive he would say, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death, taxes, and the rising cost of printing and postage."

Going paperless is your chance to save some of that hard earned cash of yours. In postage alone it will save you about \$6 a year, not to

mention all the time, effort, and checks you'll save as well.

Here's a list of a bunch of things you can do with an extra \$6.

- Catch a matinee movie
- Get 2 shares of XM Sirius Radio stock
- Donate it to charity or your chosen political party



**There are too many reasons to switch to paperless to procrastinate another day. Switch now by clicking [here](#).**

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