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STREAMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

In January of this year, the City began streaming all of the City Council meetings via our [YouTube Channel](#).

Council meetings are made available as soon as the meeting ends, and you can watch each meeting live as it happens every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

This new service represents just one of the ways that the City is continually searching for ways to make it easier for residents to be engaged in what happens at City Hall.



UTILITY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Over the past two years, the City has been updating the master plans of three of its utilities (water, sewer, and storm water). Each master plan lays out current and future needs of each service in terms of both needed projects and revenue.

The City Council has been reviewing the plans individually to understand each utility's needs and to evaluate all proposed projects. It is also considering strategies to fund needed improvements through regular fee increases over 5, 7, and 10 years. This will ensure the reliability of these essential services. The first rate increase will be considered for the storm water utility this Tuesday, Feb 23rd at 6:00 PM during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

To date, the City Council has only approved the Storm Water Master Plan, which was done on January 26. It will be studying the final draft of the Sewer Master Plan during the next council study session on Tuesday, Feb 23rd at 3:00 PM) and the

Drinking Water Master Plan in March.

After each master plan is considered by the City Council, further discussion will occur concerning rate changes. It is anticipated that rates will increase in order to pay for the needed improvements. The City Council is doing its best to balance the needs of the utility systems with the impact of rate increases to citizens.

We will continue to keep citizens updated via our website: utilities.orem.org

JIMMER & WHITNEY FREDETTE NAMED AS SUMMERFEST GRAND MARSHALS



BYU Basketball legend and current NBA player Jimmer Fredette, and wife Whitney, have been named the Grand Marshals of Orem Summerfest 2016.

Jimmer and Whitney will be in Orem for many Summerfest festivities including the grand parade.

This year's Summerfest promises to be the best one yet. [Make sure you're following the City of Orem on Facebook](#) so that you don't miss any of the huge

upcoming announcements about Summerfest 2016.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

City planning staff have been busily working with local residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to complete neighborhood plans throughout the city.

The Canyon View, Orchard & Cascade Neighborhood Plan was adopted by the City Council in January 2016. You can download a copy of the plan [here](#). Work is underway on the Northridge, Heatheridge, and Windsor Neighborhood Plan and the Aspen and Timpview Neighborhood Plan.

You can view presentations, complete surveys, and provide input by visiting cityoforem.mysidewalk.com or by contacting Brandon Stocksdale, Long Range Planner at bstocksdaled@orem.org or 801-229-7055.

GREEN WASTE PICK UP STARTING UP



It is that time of year again! Starting March 1st, Waste Management will begin weekly green waste pick up. If you currently don't have a can, but would like one, please contact our utility services department at (801) 229-7275. The cost is \$5.50 per month, and is only charged the 9 months of the year that the service is offered.

2016 SPRING CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

This year the City is changing up how they are doing the annual spring clean ups. Rather than having each neighborhood schedule dumpsters for a few hours on a specific Saturday, dumpsters will be scheduled strategically throughout the entire community for a week at a time. This gives residents the opportunity to dump throughout the week rather than a specific time and day.

Our mailed newsletter will outline the entire schedule for the summer. We will also send out a postcard to each address when the dumpster will be in your neighborhood. However, you are welcome to use any of the dumpsters around the community.

Keep an eye out for more information!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE - I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Back when I attended BYU one of the popular songs of the day was "I can see clearly now" by Johnny Nash. One of the lyrics says "Look all around, nothing but blue skies".

Recently I was invited to join the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for Envision, Utah, a non profit think tank for developing plans for the future of Utah, made up of community leaders in business, government, and education.

One of the main topics being discussed amongst the members is the clean air or lack thereof in Utah along the Wasatch Front.

The Federal Government is set to classify Utah as a non attainment area for clean air and will over a period of time put some restrictions on the use of federal funding for our non attainment.

In a recent survey by Envision Utah, residents of Utah ranked "clean air" as their No. #3 highest priority.

The Goals set out to keep our air clean were outlined as follows:

1. Reduce emissions as quickly as possible to meet and remain within federal health standards even as the population of Utah is set to double by 2050.
2. Improve statewide health, recreation, and economic growth by reducing emissions.
3. Implement emission reduction and energy efficiency strategies.

The Key Strategies outlined are as follows:

1. Retool refineries to produce lower-sulfur fuels as soon as possible.
2. Shift to driving cleaner vehicles as quickly as possible.
3. Reduce emissions from existing and new homes and other buildings through better energy efficiency and lower-emission appliances (water heaters and air heaters).
4. Increase the convenience of driving less and traveling without a car.
5. Educate the public about the most effective steps Utahns can take to reduce emissions.

Twenty years ago I was working on a pipeline for Kennecott Copper (now Rio Tinto) on the side of their copper pit. We started work on the pipeline at 6:30 AM each morning. I remember looking at the Salt Lake Valley and Utah Valley at that time of the morning in July.

As I looked northward, I did not see much air pollution at all. As I looked southward, I could see Geneva Steel in operation, but did not see much air pollution throughout Utah Valley.

By 9:30 AM later that morning, I remember noting how much air pollution I could see both to the north and to the south. Both directions had significant air pollution covering each valley. I could tell the emission effects of so many cars being driven to work was having on our clean air.

In fact 50% to 60% of all the polluting emissions in our valleys come from our automobiles. We live in valleys where we have air inversions. But it is important we do all we can to keep from piling up pollutions that fill up our valley's air.

But we are starting to see changes and improvements that are beginning to help us in this area. We now have more electric, natural gas, and higher mileage cars than ever before on the streets. Also more advanced fuels are coming on line.

Envision Utah has also learned that by 2050, car emissions will drop to 25% as the percentage of pollution due to the changes taking place, and in fact the emissions from water heaters and air heaters will become some of the major causes of pollution.

So I would ask and hope that we all might look for ways within our homes and daily living to make changes to help improve our air. When possible and if feasible look at our homes heaters and see if low Nox heaters can be installed sometime. When we purchase our next cars, look at ways to get less polluting cars on the roads. Lastly, look for ways to drive less through car pooling, walking, mass transit, and combining trips where possible.

Our population is going to continue to increase. I hope that we may take measures now so that in fact we can say in the future "I can see clearly now".

Mayor Brunst



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