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Sunset City Corporation

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Mayor's Message

Dear Sunset City Residents,

As you may already know, due to the financial struggles of the City, we have had to make some necessary cuts. We're trying to provide the residents with the services they are accustomed to with fewer resources, so some issues may not get addressed as quickly as before. I have received some verbal complaints and a couple of anonymous letters. The letters are just as important to me as verbal communication, but if I need clarification and there

is no name and contact number I cannot effectively address the problem. I would like to hear your problems and concerns. Please send your letters addressed to me with your name and contact information on it so that I can get back to you.

Spring is just around the corner and we will be trying to keep our City clean by sweeping the streets and maintaining our City parks. We would appreciate anything you can do such as keeping your property maintained, picking up any garbage you might see on the sidewalks and in the gutters and maybe even gathering together with your neighbors to clean up a vacant home in your neighborhood.

Citations were up last summer for Title 4, Chapter 4 – Weeds, Junk and Abandoned Vehicles and the ordinance will be enforced again this year. To read the ordinance in full please go to our website, www.sunset-ut.com, and click "City Code & Ordinances" on the left-hand side or come into the City Offices and ask to read it. To assist you, tree limb & yard waste disposal is available at the public works maintenance shops. Please read the Public Works section to see the regulations and times the service is available.

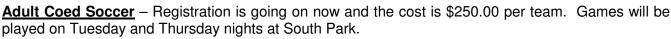
Thank you for helping to make this City a better place to live. Respectfully, Mayor Bangerter

Notes from the Administrative Office

<u>Utility Bill Late Fee Reminder</u> - Please remember that as of July 1, 2010 the City Council implemented a \$10.00 late fee on past due utility accounts. For example, the bill mailed the first part of November is due by November 30th. If it is not paid by December 9th, a \$10.00 late fee will be assessed on December 10th. Since the utility bill is always due on the last working day of the month, that gives residents a 9-day grace period before the late fee is assessed.

<u>Debit/Credit Cards</u> – Sunset City accepts debit/credit cards. Since a processing company is used for the transactions, the processing company charges a 5% fee directly to the card user. Sunset City does not receive any portion of the fees collected. The fees are collected by the processing company to cover their costs associated with processing the debit/credit card transactions. You may make credit/debit card payments at the front counter, over the phone or through the City website www.sunset-ut.com.

Recreation Activities





<u>5K Run</u> – This run will be held on May 7th at 7:30 am. It will start by the recreation tower in Sunset Central Park and the cost is \$25.00 per person. The theme is "Daisy Duke" and is being held to help raise funds for Kids Club. If you dress up you will get \$5.00 off of your registration.



 $\underline{\text{Kids Club}}$ - Registration will begin in April and will be taken at the Sunset City Building. The program will start June 14th and run until August 4th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thursdays will be field trip days.

For more information on any of the above items please call Marcus at (801) 614-9105.

Business Licensing

Just a reminder that Sunset Ordinance 3-1-2 requires everyone who engages in business within the City, whether temporary or permanent, to obtain a business license. Please be aware that you are also required to obtain a business license if you sell 2 or more vehicles, boats, motorcycles, trailers, mobile homes, camper shells or a combination thereof within any 12 month period. Business license renewals are due December 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Hale, 801-614-9103. To see the ordinance in its entirety, please come into the office or visit the City website at www.sunset-ut.com.

Building Department

Looking to install a fence, build a shed or start some remodeling to your home? Please remember to call the City Offices at 801-614-9103 to get information about a building permit. A building permit might seem to be a waste of time, but there are sound reasons for the need to meet State Code requirements. A building permit is a protection to the owner because the inspections that are required assure that the work is being done correctly, thus eliminating possible damages that may arise.

<u>A PERMIT IS NEEDED FOR</u>: All new construction (both commercial and private): houses, garages, carports, porch or patio coverings, sheds over 120 square feet, and fences.

All remodel construction (both commercial and private): carport enclosures, decks higher than 6" off the ground, roof pitch changes or board replacement, electrical and plumbing work, swimming pools more than 24" deep and commercial signs.

<u>NO PERMIT IS NEEDED FOR</u>: Painting, wallpapering, carpeting, new roofing with no pitch change or board replacement, siding, replacement windows, and other cosmetic changes.

PLEASE REMEMBER!! It=s better to be safe than sorry! No question is too trivial!

Public Works

Tree limb & yard waste disposal is available at the public works maintenance shops and the following rules apply:

Available March 15th – October 15th. **Proof of Sunset City residency required**

Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. **by appointment only.** Call 801-825-1628 or 801-614-0014. Saturday 7:00 am – Noon. Call 801-940-1206 for admittance.

Closed Sundays & Holidays.

Items Not accepted: Oil, paint, chemicals, toxic materials, tires, batteries, computers, televisions, roofing materials or construction waste.

NO commercial dumping allowed.

For disposal of these items, contact Wasatch Integrated Waste Management 801-614-5650

Normal trash pick up is on Wednesday

Holiday Schedule: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day. Pick up will be a day late on any of these holidays that fall on a Wednesday or sooner due to the landfill being closed

Garbage Cans - Please do not put tree branches, televisions, fence posts, concrete, tires, rolls of carpet and other things of that nature into your garbage cans. This happens from time to time and the result can be the can not getting emptied. If your can gets over-filled, there is a good chance that some of the garbage may get spilled and maybe it's time to get a second can. Pick up begins early in the morning, so it's best to have your can out the night before and away from parked cars.

This Spring we would like to remind residents to keep their trees and bushes trimmed back so not to obscure traffic signs and sidewalks. Limbs need to be 9 feet above sidewalks and bushes trimmed back one foot from the sidewalks. Tree limbs should be 15 feet above the road and not interfere with vehicles or block road signs.

Water conservation & landscaping information is available to all residents free of charge thanks to the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District. The district is promoting conservation efforts with an educational, fun, hands-on, how-to approach in managing our landscaping. Visit the Water Conservation Learning Garden at 2837 E. Hwy. 193 in Layton and see how you can have a beautiful landscape while using less water. The garden is open daily from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm and is free to the public. Browse the Learning Garden or take advantage of the many free classes offered to the public throughout the year. For more information, visit www.weberbasin.com or call 801-771-4560.





A Few Words from the Police Department

Americans have long believed that it's their duty to practice what they preach. As a result, this country is a nation of volunteers.

The country's largest service organization, the American Red Cross, counts more than a million volunteers. Thousands have taken the lessons of crime prevention to heart as well, and they volunteer each year to make their communities and the lives of the people who live there better, safer and free from crime.

Neighborhood Watch volunteers are active from coast to coast. The volunteers are on guard for suspicious activity and their infrastructure brings together local officials, law enforcement and citizens for the protection of their communities. The Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) programs count on civilian volunteers to assist police officers. Members of Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) give critical support to first responders, providing immediate assistance to victims and organizing spontaneous volunteers at disaster sites.

The Crime Prevention Coalition of America, which consists of more than 300 national, federal, state and local organizations, represents thousands of individual constituents who are committed to preventing crime. Tens of thousands more citizens volunteer in schools, libraries, houses of worship, rehabilitation centers and prisons.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in Sunset City please contact the Police Department at 801-825-1620 or the Sunset Citizen Corps at sunsetcitizencorps@q.com.

Message from the Fire Department

Focus on Fire Safety: Children

Did you know that 50 percent of child fire deaths affect those under the age of 5? Escaping from a fire can be difficult for very young children because they generally lack the motor skills and mental capabilities needed to quickly escape a burning building. Protect your kids: install and maintain smoke alarms and residential sprinklers and practice home fire escape plans to ensure your children will be safe if a fire were to start in your home.

Children and Fire: Life Saving Tips

Young children are not able to sense danger in the same way as adults. They have a very limited ability to react quickly and properly in an emergency situation as well as little control over their environment. This increases their risk of death and injury in a fire.

- > Keep matches, lighters and other items used for ignition in a secured drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Teach your children to tell you when they find matches and lighters.
- Always dress children in pajamas that meet Federal flammability standards. Avoid dressing children for sleep in loose-fitting, 100% cotton garments, such as oversized t-shirts.
- > Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- > Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out.
- > Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground, and roll if clothes catch fire.
- > Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Get out and stay out.
- Familiarize children with the sound of your smoke alarm.
- Replace mattresses made prior to the 2007 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.
- > Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

Prevention Starts with You!

According to the National Fire Protections Association, 96% of homes in the United States have at least one smoke alarm. However, only three-quarters of all homes have at least one *working* smoke alarm.

Almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths in 2003-2006 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

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North Davis Sewer Board, Public Works, Recreation Sunset City: 801-825-1628 -- Hours: 9 am to 5 pm

Police: 801-825-1620 -- Hours: 8 am to 5 pm

Emergency: 911

Court: 801-825-3303 -- Hours: 9 am to 5 pm (Court is held on Thursdays – 1 pm to 5 pm and phone will not be answered during that time)

Council Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 pm



Remember happiness doesn't depend upon who you are or what you have; it depends solely on what you think. - Dale Carnegie

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. - Mark Twain

Even if you fall on your face, you're still moving forward. - Victor Kiam

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. - Albert Einstein

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. - Winston Churchill