City Council Message from Ron Stephens

Since this will be my final opportunity to write a newsletter article, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity I have had to serve on our City Council for almost eight years. This experience has given me a greater opportunity to get to know Kaysville not only from the outside in, but also from the inside out. I have felt the large number of volunteers who initiate and carry out the tasks involved in fantastic community events is impressive. I have also learned first-hand that our spirit of community reaches beyond community events. It has been my privilege to learn of neighbor-to-neighbor and neighbor-to-neighborhood involvement during crisis. As I ponder to look to the future, I know that we, like other cities, will continue to face challenges. Something that has often been brought to my attention during past months and years has been the concern for safety on our streets. Because of this awareness, I have found myself constantly trying to slow down and be more sensitive and patient of other drivers and especially pedestrians. We are blessed with an abundance of students - many who walk or ride bicycles to school. Recently I have had an opportunity to visit with our Police Chief along with other Council Members to discuss this matter. The Chief has made a very forward-looking decision to designate a member of his department as the Traffic Safety Officer. This officer is Mike Martinez. I am so appreciative of the serious way he has accepted this assignment. It is my privilege to relinquish the balance of my newsletter space to introduce you to Mike.

I am Mike Martinez and I have recently been challenged with implementing a speed reduction/traffic safety program within Kaysville City. I would like to bring attention to three recent traffic related incidents which occurred in our City. On June 25th a driver traveling at a high rate of speed on Desert Drive lost control of his vehicle which left the roadway, skidded over the curb, through a fence, and into the backyard of a residence. The vehicle collided with patio furniture, a trampoline, and a play set - all of which were, thankfully, unoccupied. On August 20th, a motorist on a scooter was involved in a near-fatal accident at the intersection of 200 North and Main Street. Just five days later on August 25th, a student on his way to school was struck in a marked crosswalk on Fairfield Road. I highlight these accidents to bring a sense of reality to the growing concern among our community regarding traffic safety. I have personally participated in several crosswalk enforcement operations and have observed either the disregard or inattentiveness of drivers on our streets.

The vast majority of drivers stopped by our officers are residents who are either rushing to and from work or transporting children to and from school. Many feel justified in speeding when running late, but we as a community, have a stake in keeping our neighborhoods and children safe.

During the past year, the Police Department has increased traffic enforcement due to the repeated requests from the community and the City Council to do so. Naturally, along with this increased enforcement comes resistance from some in our community to the idea of receiving a traffic citation. Enforcement alone is not enough and tends to alienate the police from the community we aim to serve. Along with the current enforcement by officers, we plan on implementing education and community collaboration to help drive a change in driving attitudes and habits. The School Resource Officers will be certified in a curriculum to educate our high school-aged drivers, who are a high number of the speeding complaints we receive. I am researching the development of a traffic school program which would provide an alternative to the consequences of a citation, and a speeding awareness campaign which could help make our streets much safer. However, all the advertising, education, and enforcement in the world will be meaningless without the buy-in from our community as a whole.

Each of us operating vehicles on the streets of our community shares the responsibility in keeping our neighborhoods and families safe by slowing down and paying attention to the road. The police cannot solve this problem alone. We need the public's help and collaboration. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you under various circumstances and I have always been impressed with the real feel of community we have in Kaysville. Let us work together and recommit ourselves to being part of the solution, and not the problem. I am open to suggestions and will make time to hear your concerns. I can be reached by email at traffic@kaysvillecity.com or by telephone at 801-497-7077.
**Armed Forces Recognition**

On Saturday, November 7, we will honor our Veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect our country. We invite all Kaysville Veterans and their partners to attend a free program and lunch at 11:00 a.m. at Davis High School. Thank you Veterans for your service and the sacrifices you made.

**Christmas Lighting Ceremony**

Our annual Christmas Lighting Ceremony and Electric Light Parade will take place on Monday, November 30. The City Block and star on the mountain will be lit at 5:45 p.m. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. and will travel from 550 South Main to 100 North Main. Visit www.kaysvillerec.com for parade entry forms.

**Municipal Election**

Ballots are coming in the mail this month to all registered voters in Kaysville City. After voting, return the ballot in the postage paid envelope. Vote Centers will be open on November 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for those who wish to vote electronically or for voters who have misplaced their ballots. Vote Centers will be located at City Hall (23 East Center Street) and the Kaysville Bible Church (181 North Flint Street). Please bring valid identification with you.

A Meet the Candidates Night will be held October 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Kaysville Jr. High.

**Autumn Leaves**

Autumn is the time of year when City crews work hard to keep storm drains clear of falling leaves. Leaves in street gutters can clog storm drains, potentially causing flooding of neighborhood streets. Your help with prompt removal of fallen leaves is appreciated. Potential flooding will be reduced, pollution to local creeks will be prevented, and public/environmental health will be increased. Storm drains flow directly to local creeks and rivers and then into lakes and oceans. If leaves build up in underground catch basins, a poisonous gas (hydrogen sulfide) can occur. This can deplete the oxygen in creeks and streams where fish live and can be dangerous to workers during their efforts to unclog storm drains. Please do not blow or rake leaves from your yard into the street. Place them in your black or green garbage can.

**W.I.C. Program**

Davis County Health Department’s WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program is a supplemental nutrition program for women who are pregnant or just had a baby and children under the age of 5. For healthy food, nutrition counseling, and breastfeeding support, check out the Davis County WIC Program. As of July 1, income guidelines have increased. To see if you qualify, go to www.daviscountyutah.gov/health or call 801-525-5010.

**5th Annual Monster Mash and Dash**

*Saturday - October 10*

*5:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

*Heritage Park (250 North Fairfield Road)*

Come build a scarecrow, paint a pumpkin, participate in activities for all ages, and enjoy the entertainment. Local food trucks will be there throughout the evening. Pre-register for the 5k race (sponsored by Robert Rice MD Orthopedics) at www.runnercard.com for only $10 per runner, which includes a t-shirt. Registration increases to $20 on race day and a t-shirt is not guaranteed for late regisers. For more information about this event, or for contest entry forms, visit kaysvillerec.com. Activities at this event include:

- Scarecrow contest
- Pumpkin painting
- 5k race (costumes encouraged)
- Zombie Dash (8 years and under)
- Games for children
- Spooky storytelling in Bowman’s pavilion
- Pumpkin carving contest
- Pie eating contest
- Photo booth bus
- Live DJ
Get Ready For Snow

Kaysville City uses a variety of procedures to remove snow and control ice depending upon the type and amount of snowfall and temperatures. Weather conditions, temperatures, and storms are closely monitored and response is fitted to each storm. Snow will be removed from every public street as rapidly as City resources allow. Salt is used when it will be effective in lowering the freeze temperature. Snow is removed from higher use streets first, followed by residential streets as rapidly as can be done safely. Our goal is to remove snow from all streets within 24 hours after a snowstorm. Removal may be delayed if snow continues to fall because crews will return to major streets to remove additional snow. Many of the City's plow trucks are older and hydraulics for both the spreader and the plow cannot be used at the same time. Therefore, we often salt and then plow. Plowing often results in piles of snow being placed on the curb and across driveways. At times, sidewalks that are close to the street may also be piled with snow. In order to move quickly through the City, this is often unavoidable. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you for your efforts in helping us better serve you. Below are some tips to ensure a successful snow season:

- Avoid parking cars on the street when we may need to remove snow. It is important to clear as much snow from the streets as possible before it freezes.
- Give snowplows plenty of room. They can slide too. If you can, stay off the streets while they are working.
- When you remove snow, place it where it will not be in the street or need to be moved again.
- Bring garbage cans in as soon as possible and remove any other obstructions from the street.
- Keep obstructions (cars, garbage cans) away from mailboxes so snowplows can get as close to the curb as possible.
- Trim street trees so snowplows can get close to the curb.
- If a fire hydrant is located near your property, remove the snow around it so it can be readily used if needed for firefighting.
- Clean snow off sidewalks as soon as you can.

Basketball Registration

Basketball registration is going on now and ends October 16. Register at the Recreation Office (85 North 100 East) or online at www.kaysvillerec.com. A $10 late fee will be assessed after October 16. Kaysville Jr. Dart Youth Basketball is a recreation level league basketball program for boys and girls in preschool through 12th grade. Games are scheduled at area schools. All participants will receive reserved court time, a uniform jersey, team practices (3rd through 12th grade) and paid officials (3rd through 12th grade).

Boys and girls (ages 3rd through 8th grade) can warm up for Jr. Dart league play in a pre-season skills clinic put on by Davis High School. All clinics are divided by grade levels and gender. Each two hour session includes drills and instruction in basketball offense and defense fundamentals. Clinic training includes scrimmage sessions, demonstrations, group and individual drills. This event is held at Davis High School on November 21 at 10:00 a.m. Cost is $10.

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Ski/Snowboard Registration

For those who enjoy the best snow on earth, it’s never too early to start thinking about skiing and snowboarding. Our Brighton ski and snowboarding classes are always popular. These classes make great Christmas gifts, but classes fill up quickly so plan ahead. All sessions include transportation (provided by charter bus service), lift ticket, half day lesson with professional instructor, and free ski time. Register online at www.kaysvillerec.com. For more information, contact the Recreation Center at 801-544-1788.

Saturday Brighton Session
For 3rd to 12th grade students
December 5, 12, 19 (8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.)
Beginners lift ticket for Explorer and Majestic
Advanced lift ticket for all areas
Cost: $140 (Beginners) or $170 (Advanced) or $185 (Beg. with rentals) or $215 (Adv. with rentals)

Friday Brighton Session
For 5th to 12th grade students
January 8, 15, 22, 29 (3:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m.)
Cost: $135 or $187 with rentals
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