



JUNE 2024

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
WOODLAND HILLS DAYS WILL BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH
AT THE CITY PARK**

**THE FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY MORNING WILL BE MOVED
BACK TO THE FIRE STATION LIKE IT HAS BEEN IN THE PAST.
WE ARE ADDING A FEW NEW EVENTS THIS YEAR SO WATCH FOR
UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH ALL THE DETAILS.
THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

**SPRING CHIPPER DAYS
MAY 28TH THRU
JUNE 7TH, 2024
PLEASE HAVE YOUR
BRANCHES READY BY
THE ROAD
ONCE THEY COME BY
YOU CANNOT PUT
MORE OUT AS THEY
WILL ONLY
COME BY ONCE!**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
WOODLAND HILLS DAYS
WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT AND WE NEED PEOPLE
WILLING TO HELP ORGANIZE AND
OVERSEE EVENTS PLEASE REACH
OUT TO JANET LUNT IF YOU ARE
WILLING TO HELP
JANET@
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TED TALKS

WATER RATES PART 1

WHILE I DON'T PERSONALLY SUBSCRIBE TO DEBATING ISSUES ON SOCIAL MEDIA, I SOMETIMES HEAR OF THESE DEBATES AND LEARN OF QUESTIONS THAT COMMUNITY MAY HAVE. RECENTLY THERE WAS A POST ABOUT WATER RATES AND QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THEY ARE ESTABLISHED AND USED. IT'S A LONGER DISCUSSION THAN I MAY BE ABLE TO COVER IN ONE ARTICLE BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO TRY AND BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THEM OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF ARTICLES.

A COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM IS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR ITSELF. IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN'T USE PROPERTY TAXES TO INSTALL, REPLACE, OR MAINTAIN THE WATER SYSTEM. IT PAYS FOR ITSELF THROUGH THE WATER RATES. THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THE WATER BILLING, AND EACH IS FOR SEPARATE REASONS. THE FIRST CHARGE WE'LL DISCUSS IS THE "WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE" OR THIS IS ALSO SOMETIMES CALLED A BASE RATE. THIS IS BASE FEE THAT IS CHARGED MONTHLY REGARDLESS OF WATER USE.

THE CAPITAL COSTS TO INSTALL NEW, AND REPLACE AGING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, IS SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE APPROXIMATELY 17 MILES OF WATER PIPELINES IN THE CITY, A FEW YEARS AGO WE HAD TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES OF WATER PIPELINES, AND ASSOCIATED APPURTENANCES, THAT WERE OVER 50 YEARS OLD AND FALLING APART. ADDITIONALLY, THE CITY DRILLED AND DEVELOPED A NEW "WELL" SOME YEARS AGO FOR A MORE RELIABLE SOURCE OF WATER FOR THE COMMUNITY. THESE PROJECTS COSTED SEVERAL MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. MOST COMMUNITIES DON'T HAVE THE CASH RESERVES TO FUND LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED, NOR CAN THEY ALLOW THE WATER SYSTEM TO NOT OPERATE WHILE THEY TRY AND SAVE THE CASH, SO THEY APPLY FOR FUNDING. MOST OFTEN THE FUNDING COMES THROUGH THE STATE AND MUST BE PAID BACK OVER TIME. TO PAY BACK THE FUNDING, THE STATE REQUIRES COMMUNITIES TO ESTABLISH A RELIABLE CONSISTENT BASE CHARGE THAT IS USED TO REPAY THE DEBTS AND INCLUDES A LITTLE EXTRA FOR FUNDS THAT MAY BE NEEDED FOR AN EMERGENCY OR CAN BE APPLIED TO FUTURE REPLACEMENTS. THEY USE A FORMULA TO DETERMINE A COMMUNITY WATER BILL AFFORDABILITY BASED ON THE COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS, SO IT MAY BE DIFFERENT FOR EACH COMMUNITY. THE SIMPLEST ANALOGY I CAN THINK OF IS COMPARING IT TO A HOMEOWNER WHO WANTS TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A HOME WITHOUT HAVING THE CASH TO PAY FOR IT UP FRONT, SO THEY GET A MORTGAGE TO PAY FOR IT OVER TIME. THE WATER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE IS USED TO REPAY DEBTS AND SAVE A LITTLE FOR EMERGENCY PROJECTS WITHOUT LOSING THE BENEFIT OF HAVING WATER AVAILABLE. THIS FEE IS ATTACHED TO EACH CONNECTION, IF A SINGLE OWNER HAS MORE THAN ONE CONNECTION TO THE WATER SYSTEM (METER), THERE WILL BE A FEE FOR EACH ONE. THIS TYPICALLY APPLIES TO THOSE THAT HAVE MULTIPLE LOTS AND CHOOSE TO KEEP CONNECTIONS AT EACH LOT.

NEXT ARTICLE WE'LL TRY AND COVER HOW DEVELOPERS, IMPACT FEES, AND THE WATER USE COSTS CONTRIBUTE TO THE WATER SYSTEM. THERE IS A LOT MORE DETAIL INTO WATER SYSTEM FINANCING AND OPERATION THAN CAN BE DESCRIBED IN AN ARTICLE. AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, WHILE I DON'T PERSONALLY SUBSCRIBE TO SOCIAL MEDIA DEBATING, I DO HAVE AN "OPEN DOOR POLICY" AND AM HAPPY TO DISCUSS ANY TOPICS THAT I HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

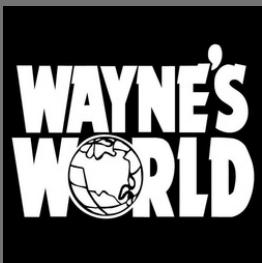
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WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL CONCERNED CITIZENS COMPLAINTS RECENTLY REGARDING THE FLYING OF DRONES AROUND THE CITY. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS NO ZONING ORDINANCES OR CITY CODE REGARDING THE FLYING OF DRONES. THE STATE AND COUNTY DOES HOWEVER, AND ANY ENFORCEMENT WOULD COME FROM THOSE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES.

UNDER GIVEN CONDITIONS, A LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR ONE FLYING A DRONE, EVEN AS A HOBBIST, WHICH LICENSE IS ISSUED BY THE FAA. ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT LICENSING SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THAT FEDERAL AGENCY. THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FLYING DRONES ARE RATHER COMPLEX, BUT THERE IS MUCH ON LINE ABOUT IT AND ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD GO ON LINE TO SEE WHAT THE REQUIREMENTS ARE.

SOME OF THE VIOLATIONS CAN OCCUR WHEN FLYING A DRONE OVER PRIVATE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT YOUR OWN, AS WELL AS THE HEIGHT TO WHICH THE DRONE IS FLOWN. THERE ARE ALSO SOME PROHIBITIONS ALL TOGETHER IF YOU ARE FLYING A DRONE OVER AN AREA WHICH IS ON FIRE.

DON'T BE STUPID ABOUT IT. YOU CAN BE ARRESTED FOR DOING SO AS WELL AS BEING PROSECUTED CRIMINALLY. ILLEGAL DRONE FLYING IS NOT TO BE TREATED LIGHTLY AND YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF ALL OF THE REGULATIONS THAT PERTAIN TO THIS ACTIVITY.



WAYNE FRANSDEN
PLANNING AND ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT



WH SHERIFF'S BLOTTER APRIL 2024

EXTRA PATROLS	8
GAS LEAK	1
ANIMAL BITE	1
FULL ARREST	1
THEFT	1
TRESSPASS	1
DISTURBANCE	1
TOTAL CALLS	42

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Is your home prepared for a wildfire?

Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands would like to offer assistance in helping prepare your home. We are offering Home Assessments Free of charge in Woodland Hills area for spring/summer 2024.

We will send our Wildland Fire Personnel out to assess the ignition potential around your home, prescribe actions that can help mitigate the present hazards and reduce the risk of your home incurring damage during a wildfire.

[Click Here](#) to sign up now and get prepared! Or email lloydevans2@utah.gov to Sign up.....

Funding from Utah State Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is limited and Home Assessments will be awarded on a first come first serve basis.



COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

NEW DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION

WE'RE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE LATEST ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE: THE BRAND-NEW DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION. THIS CUTTING-EDGE FACILITY IS SET TO TRANSFORM HOW WE MANAGE WASTE IN OUR SERVICE DISTRICT.

ONE OF THE STANDOUT FEATURES OF THE NEW TRANSFER STATION IS ITS FOCUS ON EFFICIENCY AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AIMED AT STREAMLINING OPERATIONS. WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS IN PLACE, WE'RE ABLE TO PROCESS WASTE MORE QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY THAN EVER BEFORE. THIS MEANS REDUCED WAIT TIMES FOR RESIDENTS AND IMPROVED OVERALL SERVICE.

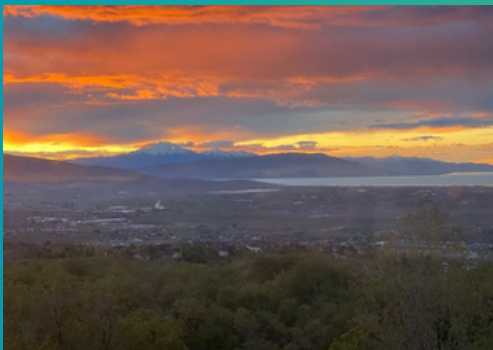
IN ADDITION TO EFFICIENCY, THE DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION BOASTS INNOVATIVE FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNOLOGY DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SAFETY MEASURES. WITH ADVANCED FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS IN PLACE, THE FACILITY IS EQUIPPED TO SWIFTLY RESPOND TO ANY POTENTIAL FIRE OR CHEMICAL HAZARDS, ENSURING THE PROTECTION OF BOTH PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT ADDRESSED BY THE NEW TRANSFER STATION IS LITTER MITIGATION. THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS STRATEGIES AND TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING OUR ADVANCED NEGATIVE AIR PRESSURE BUILDING, SPEED ROLL DOORS AND CONTAINMENT MEASURES, WE HAVE NEARLY ELIMINATED ALL DEBRIS TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS. THIS PROACTIVE APPROACH HELPS US MAINTAIN A CLEANER AND MORE AESTHETICALLY PLEASING ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY.

FURTHERMORE, THE DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION HAS IMPLEMENTED DUST AND SMELL CONTROLS TO MITIGATE ANY POTENTIAL ODORS ASSOCIATED WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS. BY EMPLOYING ODOR CONTROL TECHNOLOGIES AND BEST PRACTICES, WE'RE COMMITTED TO MINIMIZING ANY UNPLEASANT ODORS THAT MAY ARISE, THEREBY ENHANCING THE OVERALL EXPERIENCE FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

THE NEW DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN WASTE MANAGEMENT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. WITH ITS FOCUS ON EFFICIENCY, FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNOLOGY, LITTER MITIGATION, AND SMELL MINIMIZATION, THE FACILITY IS POISED TO DELIVER IMPROVED SERVICES AND A MORE PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

THE AMAZING STAFF AT THE DRYCREEK TRANSFER STATION HAVE BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO IRON OUT ANY OPERATIONAL BUMPS TO MAKE YOUR NEXT VISIT AS SEAMLESS AND ENJOYABLE AS POSSIBLE.



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CITY COUNCIL

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FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE DISCUSSED OR ADDED TO THE
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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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