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MARCH 2025 WOODLAND HILLS



Bigtooth

MAPLE PROJECT

Season Updates

We are deep in the middle of tapping season and processing sap!
80 to over 300 gallons per production day

It was fun to see some of you at our open house/tour this last week.

If you are interesting in being part of our community and helping
contact Amanda at 801-882-1491.

Bigtooth Maple Festival

April 19th, 10am-2pm

Lauritzen Field (Woodland Hills Park)

Festival Updates

Hello Neighbors and Friends! As we plan the Bigtooth Maple
Festival this year I have two things I'm looking for.

1- Donations/Sponsors: these funds help to cover costs of the
festival such as Porto-o-potties, trash cans, signs, live music,
activity/craft/treat supplies and more.

2- Volunteers to be in charge of an activity/craft. This can be a great
opportunity for a business to contribute to the community, a church
group to offer service or just a fun way to be involved. We have
already done activities or your own idea (on approval). Our free
activities are really a highlight of the festival.

TED TALKS - BACKFLOW PREVENTION

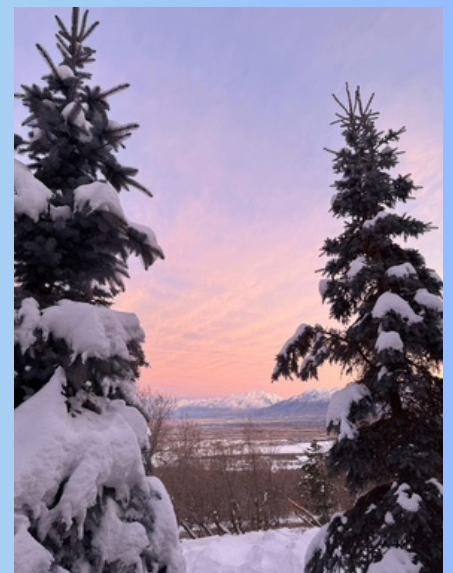
AS I'M SITTING HERE WRITING THIS ARTICLE, THE SUN IS SHINING, AND IT'S A NICE WARM LATE WINTER DAY. I'M SURE THERE ARE STILL SOME COLDER DAYS AHEAD WITH SNOWSTORMS, BUT AS WE START THINKING ABOUT SPRING AND WATERING OUR LAWNS AND FLOWERS, I WANT TO PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT A STATE-REQUIRED PROGRAM TO PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER. SINCE OUR CITY HAS JUST ONE WATER SOURCE THAT IS USED FOR BOTH OUR DRINKING WATER AND WATER OUR LAWNS, FLOWERS, GARDENS, ETC. WE ARE REQUIRED BY THE STATE TO PROTECT THE WATER SYSTEM FROM POTENTIAL CONTAMINANTS THAT MAY ENTER THE DRINKING WATER SYSTEM THROUGH LAWN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS/SPRINKLERS. WITHOUT THE PROPER PROTECTION, WATER FROM HOMEOWNER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS CAN BACKFLOW INTO THE CULINARY WATER SYSTEM. A BACKFLOW INCIDENT CAN OCCUR IF THE CITY WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE DECREASES, OR THE HOMEOWNER'S WATER PRESSURE INCREASES HIGHER THAN THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE. A BACKFLOW INCIDENT CAN CARRY POLLUTANTS OR CONTAMINANTS INTO OUR PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES, MAKING THEM UNSAFE TO USE. MANY PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS ARE CONTAMINATED EACH YEAR THROUGH IRRIGATION SYSTEM BACKFLOW. THE BEST WAY WE PROTECT OUR DRINKING WATER IS BY INSTALLING A BACKFLOW PREVENTER ON THE IRRIGATION/SPRINKLER SYSTEM AT THE POINT OF CONNECTION TO THE CULINARY WATERLINE, ALONG WITH INSTALLING HOSE BIB VACUUM BREAKERS ON THE HOSE BIBS. THESE DEVICES HELP PREVENT POLLUTANTS AND CONTAMINANTS FROM GETTING BACK INTO THE DRINKING WATER. WHEN AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO THE CULINARY WATERLINE, IT IS CALLED A CROSS CONNECTION. STATE RULE R309-105-12 PROHIBITS CROSS-CONNECTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE CONTROLLED BY AN APPROVED BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE. THE BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES SHOULD ALSO BE TESTED ANNUALLY BY A CERTIFIED TESTER. AS A CITY, WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM IN PLACE. THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU HAVE CONNECTED TO THE CULINARY WATER SERVICE LINE FOR A LAWN SPRINKLER OR OTHER IRRIGATION NEEDS, THE CITY IS REQUIRED TO KEEP AN INVENTORY OF IT. WE WILL BE SENDING OUT A SURVEY SOON TO BEGIN BUILDING OUR INVENTORY, BUT IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME ANYTIME TO ADD YOUR LOCATION TO OUR INVENTORY. I CAN BE REACHED AT THE CITY OFFICE AT (801) 423-3900 OR BY EMAIL AT WORKS@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE STATE OF UTAH DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER'S WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://DEQ.UTAH.GOV/DRINKING-WATER/CROSS-CONNECTION-CONTROL-BACKFLOW-PREVENTION](https://DEQ.UTAH.GOV/DRINKING-WATER/CROSS-CONNECTION-CONTROL-BACKFLOW-PREVENTION).

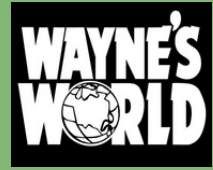
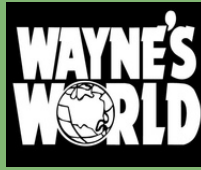
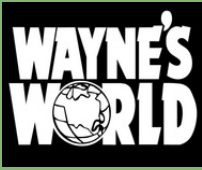
TED MICKELSEN, P.E.
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/FIRE CHIEF



WH SHERIFF'S BLOTTER JANUARY 2025

EXTRA PATROL 2	TRAFFIC OFFENSE 1
ACCIDENT 1	FOLLOW UP 3
ASSAULT 1	TOTAL CALLS: 27
GAS LEAK 1	
FIRE OUTSIDE SM 1	
KEEP THE PEACE 3	
MEDICAL 2	





WE ARE NEXT TO THE SMALLEST CITY IN UTAH COUNTY, THE SMALLEST BEING GOSHEN. WE ARE PRIMARILY A CHRISTIAN LDS COMMUNITY, WITH A FEW OTHER RELIGIONS REPRESENTED BY IT'S MEMBERS SCATTERED AMONGST US, OR MAYBE YOU HAVE NO RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AT ALL. HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT MIGHT BE LIKE STARTING A NEW COMMUNITY WITH NO LAWS OR REGULATIONS TO GOVERN BEHAVIOR IN THE NEW COMMUNITY? SAD TO SAY THAT IN MY VIEW, THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT LAST VERY LONG IF ANYONE COULD DO WHATEVER THEY WANTED WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR OTHERS, HUMAN NATURE BEING WHAT IT IS. OUR COMMUNITY WAS ONCE LIKE THAT WITH A FEW SCATTERED HOUSES OR CABINS HERE AND THERE, IN THE VERY BEGINNING. I SHOULD SAY, WE STILL HAD STATE AND COUNTY ORDINANCES THAT GOVERNED SOME OF OUR BEHAVIOR, BUT AS A COMMUNITY WE HAD VERY LITTLE DIRECTION IN GOVERNING OUR OWN NEIGHBORLY BEHAVIOR, ONE TOWARDS ANOTHER, IN OUR OWN LITTLE COMMUNITY. FOR THAT REASON, A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) WAS FORMED CALLED THE WOODLAND HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, ALSO CALLED WHPOA, WHERE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WERE ELECTED BY THE ORGANIZATION (RESIDENTS) TO HELP GOVERN THE COMMUNITY. AS OUR POPULATION GREW WE BECAME A TOWN, THEN A CITY, WITH A MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAS ELECTED TO GOVERN IT, MANAGE OUR BUDGET, HIRE EMPLOYEES TO OVERSEE OUR WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, KEEP UP OUR CITY PROPERTIES, ETC., ETC., ETC. YES, EVEN ESTABLISH MORE LAWS AND ORDINANCES TO GUIDE OUR BEHAVIOR AND PROTECT US FROM THOSE THINGS WE NEED PROTECTION FROM, EVEN ONE ANOTHER AT TIMES. WHEN ANY OF US MOVED TO WOODLAND HILLS, WE DID SO WITH AN UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO ABIDE BY THOSE ORDINANCES THAT SOME CITY COUNCIL PASSED BEFORE WE EVEN SET FOOT IN THE CITY, AND INCLUDING THOSE ORDINANCES THAT THE CITY PASSED AFTER WE MOVED IN. EACH OF US CONFORM TO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF BEHAVIOR. AS WITH RELIGION, WE SOMETIMES BELIEVE DIFFERENTLY FROM THOSE AROUND US. WHILE OUR COMMUNITY IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS GROUP, WE STILL HAVE A SINGULAR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR COMMON ORDINANCES THAT THAT ALL OF US AS RESIDENTS ARE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW. SOME OF US DO BETTER THAN OTHERS IN DOING THIS. SOME OF US ARE "A" RESIDENTS, SOME OF US ARE "B" RESIDENTS, SOME ARE "C" RESIDENTS, AND SO ON. OUR GOAL SHOULD BE TO BECOME AN "A" RESIDENT, AND IT IS WITHIN REACH FOR ANYONE OF US TO BECOME SUCH, SOMETIMES WE JUST NEED A LITTLE MERCY AND PATIENCE ON THE PART OF OTHERS, TO EVENTUALLY GET THERE. LET'S REMEMBER THIS AS WE LOOK AT OUR NEIGHBORS AND OURSELVES. ARE WE TRYING TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION OR ARE WE REMAINING PART OF THE PROBLEM.

WAYNE FRANSDEN, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP!!!

WE NEED INFORMATION FROM HISTORIANS AND ANY LONG TIME RESIDENTS.

WE ARE LOOKING TO PUT TOGETHER THE HISTORY OF WOODLAND HILLS.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS, STORIES, INTERVIEWS AND HISTORIES.

WE ARE HOPING TO GET THIS PUT TOGETHER SO WE CAN SHARE IT WITH ALL OF YOU!

PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

JANET LUNT, LORI THOMAS OR WENDY PRAY

JANET@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV
 TREASURER@WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV
 WWPRAY@HOTMAIL.COM

DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL 19TH - MAPLE FESTIVAL

MAY 3: FIRE EXPO

MAY 19TH - 29TH: CHIPPER DAYS



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

THERE HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION GIVEN LATELY TO TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THIS TYPE OF OVERSIGHT IS A CRITICAL SAFEGUARD TO ENSURE OUR TAX DOLLARS ARE WISELY SPENT AND TO PREVENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND CORRUPTION. THE TOPIC HAS ALSO SPURRED SOME CONVERSATION ON THE TRANSPARENCY AND USE OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY US AS A CITY. IN THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN SERVING AS MAYOR, I FOUND THAT OUR CITY, AND ITS PAST LEADERSHIP, WISELY SET UP A NUMBER OF CHECKS AND BALANCES TO PREVENT MISUSE OF THESE FUNDS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE GIVEN A SPENDING THRESHOLD THAT, IF EXCEEDED, MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MAYOR (THIS DIFFERS DEPARTMENT TO DEPARTMENT, BUT THE MAYOR HAS AUTHORITY TO APPROVE SPENDING UP TO \$10,000). FOR EXPENSES THAT EXCEED THE MAYOR'S AUTHORITY, THEY MUST GO BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL AND BE VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THAT BODY. RECORDS OF FINANCIAL DISBURSEMENTS ARE GIVEN TO THE CITY COUNCIL EVERY MONTH. THE CITY IS FINANCIALLY AUDITED EACH YEAR BY AN OUTSIDE, INDEPENDENT AUDITOR. WE HAVE WORKED TO ADD EVER-MORE TRANSPARENCY TO OUR FINANCIAL DEALINGS AND DISCUSS ANY SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING PURCHASES IN EACH COUNCIL MEETING. THE CITY ALSO UTILIZES A FINANCE COMMITTEE MADE UP OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WITH FINANCIAL EXPERTISE TO VET SIGNIFICANT PURCHASES.

NOW, THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT EVERY RESIDENT AGREES ON EVERY EXPENDITURE. THE NATURE OF A REPRESENTATIVE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS THAT, AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE STRIVE TO UTILIZE CITY RESOURCES IN A WAY THAT REPRESENTS WHAT AT LEAST MOST (WE HOPE) OF THE RESIDENTS WANT. THOUGH THAT DOES LEAVE ROOM FOR PHILOSOPHICAL DIFFERENCES AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES A "BEST USE." AS AN EXAMPLE, I RECOGNIZE THAT NOT EVERY RESIDENT SEES EYE TO EYE ON WHETHER OUR PLOWING SERVICE SHOULD UTILIZE NEW VEHICLES, WHICH WILL BE MORE RELIABLE GENERALLY, OR MAKE DUE WITH USED VEHICLES THAT ARE MORE PRONE TO BREAKDOWNS BUT COST LESS (AND, FOR THE RECORD, I AM OF THE POSITION THAT RELIABILITY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR).

EVEN SO, IT IS CERTAINLY MY HOPE THAT OUR RESIDENTS WILL FEEL THEIR MONEY IS PUT TO GOOD USES THAT ADD TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF US AND THAT IT IS DONE IN AN ETHICAL AND TRANSPARENT MANNER. FOR THOSE INTERESTED, THE CITY'S FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS CAN BE ACCESSED BY ANY RESIDENT THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK: [HTTPS://WWW.WOODLANDHILLS-UT.GOV/DOCUMENTS](https://www.woodlandhills-ut.gov/documents). WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY ENGAGED AND WANT TO ALWAYS BE WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST.

MAYOR BRENT WINDER

JOIN US FOR THE WOODLAND HILLS GENERAL PLAN OPEN HOUSE!

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHANGE ARE ALWAYS ON THE HORIZON, AND WE NEED YOUR VOICE TO KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS THEM! JOIN US AT THE WOODLAND HILLS GENERAL PLAN OPEN HOUSE TO SHARE AND LEARN ABOUT THE FUTURE VISION FOR OUR CITY. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE RESULTS FROM THE PUBLIC SURVEY LAST FALL, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, AND HELP SHAPE THE LONG-TERM GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

 DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH

 LOCATION: WOODLAND HILLS CITY OFFICES, 690 S. WOODLAND HILLS DR.

 TIME: 7 P.M.

A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE GENERAL PLAN PROCESS, BACKGROUND, AND PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM, FOLLOWED BY A WORKSHOP TO COLLECT OPINIONS. WHETHER YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, PARKS, RECREATION, OR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, YOUR INPUT IS VALUABLE! SEE YOU THERE!



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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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