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DATES TO REMEMBER!

February 5 - Planning Commission

February 12 - City Council

February 18 - Bluffdale City Offices Closed

February 19 - Planning Commission

February 26 - City Council

TRASH COLLECTION FEES

Bluffdale City has recently extended their contract with Waste Management. Following this extension we reviewed our rates and determined that the current rates should be adjusted.

On January 22 an ordinance amending the consolidated fee schedule was approved. This amendment included an increase to the trash collection fees and a decrease to the fees for additional canisters. The new monthly fees will be as follows:

One Trash + One Recycling Container - \$13.75
Additional Trash Container - \$9.00
Additional Recycling Container - \$3.00

Additional trash and recycling containers must be kept for at least six months.

UTILITY FEES

We have received several calls from concerned residents regarding street lights and storm drain fees. At first some assumed the fees were to add additional lighting or install more storm drain systems. Unfortunately this is not the case. After reviewing past budgets showing years of deficits and looking into the history of street lighting fees we realized the fee has not been increased for over 15 years. The cost of power and maintenance of the infrastructure has far exceeded the revenues and the city did not have a storm drain fee in place. A resident who lives on a private street with no storm drain or lights on their street may wonder why they need to pay these fees. All residents receive the benefit of having lights throughout the city and in the parks. Also by having our storm drain systems maintained we will reduce road damage and maintenance costs caused by flooding as well as have our detention ponds maintained.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bluffdale City is looking for anyone who would be interested in being on the Arts Council. Applications can be found on our website www.bluffdale.com. Applications must be submitted by March 1st.



COMMUTER RAIL MAY BE COMING TO BLUFFDALE CITY

UTA's FrontRunner commuter rail project is in the planning stages and UTA has indicated that Bluffdale is slated for a station. There is a public hearing scheduled before the City Council on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 pm, to allow "public uses" to be greater than 2 acres. The commuter rail station platform and parking will require 10+ acres (a typical elementary school requires 10-12 acres). If you are interested in the benefits/impacts of this transit facility please attend the meeting. For more information about the project see:

<http://rideuta.com/projects/commuterRailSouth/default.aspx> or www.bluffdale.com

DOG LICENSES

Have you licensed your dog(s) for 2008? All dogs must be licensed by February 29th. Late fees will be charged after February 29th. Also, don't forget the rabies clinic on February 9 at the Riverton Veterinary Hospital from 1 - 3 pm.



ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

This is a courtesy notice for all Bluffdale City residents that have Accessory Dwelling Units, sometimes known as "Mother-in-Law Apartments," are permitted as conditional uses in designated zones (§ 12.30.2). As such, without approval for a conditional use permit from the Bluffdale City Planning Commission, having an accessory dwelling unit is a violation of Bluffdale City ordinance and is subject to citation and any applicable punishment.

The Planning Division believes that many residents with Accessory Dwelling Units without a conditional use permit would apply for one, thereby starting the process to bring their accessory dwelling unit into compliance with city ordinance, if they knew that it was a requirement. It has been the Planning Division's experience that the process works best if accessory apartment owners apply for the required permit voluntarily without being urged by an irritated neighbor and would encourage residents to be proactive on this issue.

If you have any questions about this or would like help in applying for a conditional use permit to bring your accessory dwelling unit into compliance with City Code, please contact the Planning Division at 254-2200. Application forms can be found online at <http://www.bluffdale.com> or at our office at 14175 South Redwood Road.

¹ In accordance with Chapter 12.30 of the Bluffdale City Zoning Ordinance, an accessory dwelling unit shall only be allowed within a single-family dwelling, be subordinate to the primary dwelling in size, provide one (1) off-street parking stall, have only one (1) dwelling unit and be owner occupied. Conditional use permits for accessory dwelling units are non-transferable.



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LOST & FOUND

After the City Council meeting on January 14, there was some money left behind in the council room. If you believe this money belongs to you, please call Bluffdale City at 801.254.2200.



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BLUFFDALE CITY CERT

CERT classes begin February 6, 2008 and will be held each Wednesday from 7 pm to 10 pm at the Bluffdale City Fire Station at 14350 South 2200 West. The cost is \$25.00 per person, which covers half the cost of materials and supplies. The Bluffdale Fire Department will cover the other half of the cost.

To register please contact Linda Robertson at characters2@gmail.com or 801.253.8655. Space is limited so advance registration will be required. Those who have already been CERT trained are invited to attend the drill on March 26 or any of the classes as a refresher, just bring your CERT kit.

- February 6 - Disaster Preparedness
- February 13 - Team Building
- February 20 - Fire Suppression/Hazard Control
- February 27 - Light Search & Rescue Operations
- March 5 - Disaster Medical Operations Part 1
- March 12 - Disaster Medical Operations Part 2
- March 19 - Psychology & Terrorism
- March 26 - Drill Exercise

VALENTINE'S DAY

Every February, across the country, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and why do we celebrate this holiday? The history of Valentine's Day -- and its patron saint -- is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine' greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl -- who may have been his jailor's daughter -- who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed 'From your Valentine,' an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic, and, most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints in England and France.

To learn more visit www.history.com.