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### DATES TO REMEMBER!

- Oct. 7 - Planning Commission
- Oct. 13 - Columbus Day Bluffdale City Offices Closed
- Oct. 14 - City Council
- Oct. 21 - Planning Commission
- Oct. 28 - City Council
- Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat

### NEW COURT HOURS

Beginning October 1, 2008 the Bluffdale City Court hours will be from 1 pm to 5 pm each Wednesday.

### LOST AND FOUND

We have had several lost and found items turned in from the City Park. If you or anyone you know has lost a watch or a blue wallet please give us a call at 801.254.2200.



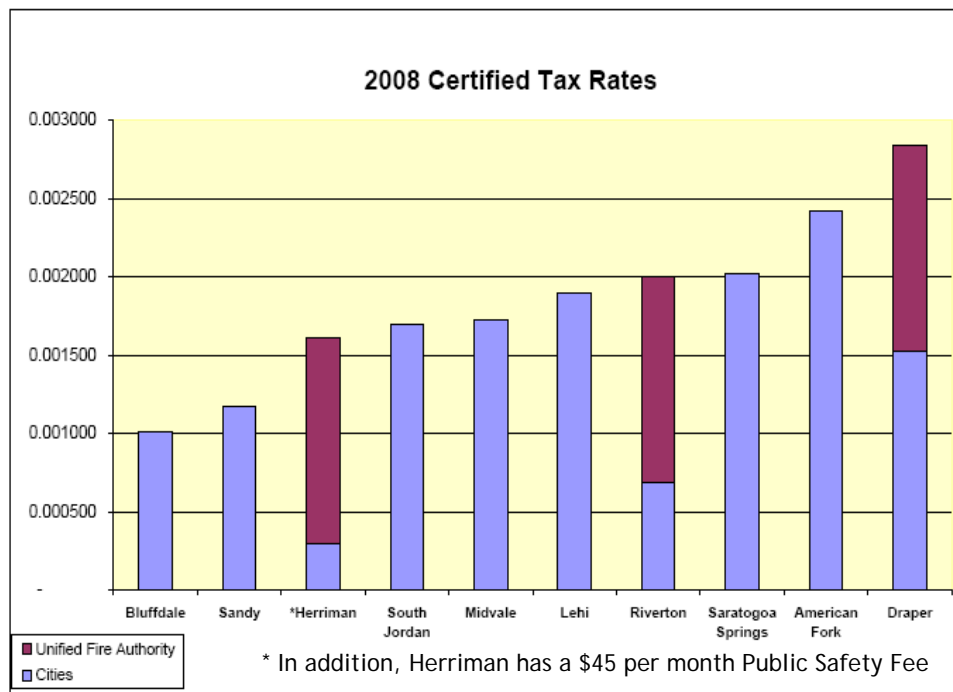
Dear Citizens of Bluffdale:

As the Mayor, Staff and City Council met for our annual planning meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, we had a financial presentation from Dave Sanderson of our financial staff. He presented a property tax comparison he had compiled of the 2008 tax rates of Bluffdale and the surrounding communities. Some cities do not provide their own fire protection, so the Unified Fire Authority assessment must be added to their city rates for a proper comparison.

The graph simply shows low property taxes as one of the many benefits of living in Bluffdale.

With the current economic conditions, city budgets will continue to have extreme pressures put on them to continue to provide services for their communities. Please be assured that your city leadership is doing all it can to make sure your tax dollars are being spent efficiently and wisely.

Bill Maxwell  
Bluffdale City Council



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Come join us for Bluffdale's Annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 31, 2008 at the Bluffdale City Park - 14350 South 2200 West. The fun begins at 5:30 pm and will go until 7:30 pm. There will be goodie bags handed out to the first 50 kids. There will be hot chocolate and donuts along with prizes for the best decorated cars.



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

The Sheriff's Office started a new door hanger program last month. Many of you may have received one of these on your front door. For those of you who haven't, that is a good thing. As deputies patrol your neighborhoods at night they frequently notice open garage doors, unlocked vehicles, and bicycles left on front lawns, etc. The door hanger program is intended to notify residents that we have been on their street and noticed an issue that places them at greater risk of being victimized. It provides general safety guidelines that we hope residents will follow in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Open garage doors are an invitation for theft and may provide access to more serious crimes. As the days grow shorter we encourage residents to turn their porch lights on. A well lit neighborhood is a safer neighborhood. Lighting deters theft and vandalism as those who would commit these crimes tend to seek low lighting areas to commit their crimes unseen.

Many of you may have homes around you that are vacant due to economic conditions. Some of these homes are becoming targets for theft of appliances, lights, bathtubs, and anything else of value. As a community we need your help in being aware of what does not belong in your neighborhood. If you notice one of these homes is not secured or that people are going into a home that should not be there. Please report this to the Sheriff's Office immediately. (Dispatch 743-7000)

We are doing our best to monitor these homes to prevent vandalism and theft so that these homes will retain their value to the community.

As school has started we remind drivers to be careful in the areas surrounding our schools. Children are our greatest concern. We have worked with each school to identify safe walking routes. We are also conducting speed enforcement in these school zones.

Lastly we want to remind parents of our pharmaceutical drug collection program. This program is designed to remove un-needed prescription medications from the home in a safe manner for disposal. By keeping your home free from unused pain and other addictive medications we hope to reduce the incidence of abuse by our children. Please bring your unused medications into the Herriman substation for safe disposal. The Herriman substation is located at 13272 S. 5600 W. All medications can be dropped off anonymously and are taken for incineration as the means of disposal.

The Sheriff's Deputies working in Bluffdale are proud to be of service to each of you and we hope you will let us know of your concerns.

Sincerely, Captain Armand Glick

## COME HAVE FUN AND GET INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OF THE NEW COUNTY REGIONAL SENIOR CENTER!

While the newly announced Salt Lake County Regional Senior Center is in the planning stages we want to remind you that the Riverton Senior Center is open and will be soliciting your input for the new senior center that will serve Bluffdale, Herriman and Riverton.

Home Depot volunteers have recently renovated the Riverton Senior Center located at 12891 South Redwood Road.

The Center is open and welcomes the active 60+ crowd for lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please call 254-7609 at least 24 hours in advance to reserve your spot and to make transportation arrangements.

Come and see our newly spruced up building, eat lunch, make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun. It will be a fabulous time for all! We need YOU at the Riverton Senior Center.

For more information contact Joy Hartmann 254-7609.

