

AUGUST 2009

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

August 4 - Planning Commission

August 11- City Council

August 18 - Planning Commission

August 21 & 22 - Bluffdale City
Hometown Rodeo

August 25 - City Council

THE CITY OF BLUFFDALE, UTAH 2009 MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

The following individuals have filed their candidacy for office in the 2009 Bluffdale City Municipal Election:

Mayor - At Large - (4 year term)

Claudia Anderson (I)
Kim E. Fuller
Bruce Kartchner
Wayne M. Mortimer
Derk P. Timothy

City Council - At Large - (4 year term - 2 seats)

J. Lee Bertoch
Morris R. Clark
Debbie A. Holt
Alan Jackson
Nancy Lord (I)
Bill Maxwell (I)
Noell Nelson
Ty T. Nielsen
Herbert D. Williams

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

The Lion's Club will be sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Night before the Primary Election (September 15, 2009). Date and time for the Meet the Candidates Night will be announced. Please check our website for election dates, candidates and precinct maps. Or contact Bluffdale City at 801.254.2200.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BLUFFDALE?

City Council & Planning Commission agendas are posted at the City Hall, Fire Station, Bluff's Apartments, the public meeting notice website <http://pnm.utah.gov> along with our website www.bluffdale.com

Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday each month in the Fire Station at 14350 South 2200 West.

City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday each month in the Fire Station at 14350 South 2200 West.

Visit our website www.bluffdale.com for news on upcoming events and meetings, past issues of the Bluffdale Times, forms, maps and much more!

FUNDRAISING DINNER AND CARNIVAL TO BENEFIT DAVE SERBECK OUR NEIGHBOR WHO WAS RECENTLY PARALYZED

Wednesday, August 19, 2009
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Bluffdale City Park

Questions:

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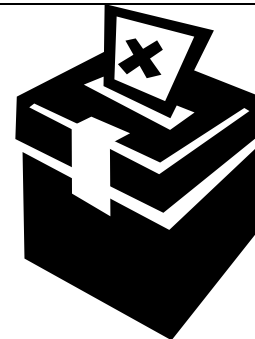
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It's simple to use. Every month we'll send you a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is online. You can pay with credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer. It's that easy, and it only takes you a few minutes each month.

To sign up, just go to www.bluffdale.com and follow the instructions there. And remember, it's free to sign up and free to use. Sign up today.



PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE PROTECTION) UPDATE:

For the past several years, Bluffdale has been contracting with the Salt Lake County Sheriff for Public Safety. As the demographics of the county evolve, and as more communities have chosen to start their own police departments, Salt Lake County has decided to move the Sheriff's office into a standalone district, called the Unified Police Department (UPD). The UPD will be managed by the SL County Sheriff and governed by a Board of Directors made up of the Salt Lake County Mayor, two Salt Lake County Council Members and the Mayors of all the cities that join the district. Bluffdale City, along with Herriman, Holladay, and Riverton are currently the only cities in the county that are contracting with SL County Sheriff. Each of these cities, in conjunction with Salt Lake County officials and the Salt Lake County Sheriff has been involved in the early organizational stages of the UPD.

The funding for this proposed UPD would come from the UPD member cities and Salt Lake County. Each participating member can choose to pledge property tax or use general funds to pay their share of the costs associated with the UPD. If we join we will use general funds to pay for our share.

The Bluffdale City Council has struggled with the proposed UPD model on many levels. For example, as currently proposed the agreement takes control of selecting the level of service away from the Bluffdale City Council and gives it to the UPD Board. The initial proposed service level requirements would have increased Bluffdale's cost for police protection by over 45% to nearly \$900,000, annually. While the UPD Board has backed away from these initial requirements, it has caused concern that future requirements may be established that are not in the best interest of Bluffdale City. Another concern is that, by contract, the initial minimum commitment, to the UPD is two and a half years.



The UPD has set a deadline of August 15th to ratify the UPD agreement. We value your input regarding this important matter before the council has to decide whether or not to ratify the agreement. A copy of the complete proposed UPD contract is available for your review on our website at: www.bluffdale.com.

Given the many concerns associated with joining the UPD, the Bluffdale City Council is looking at other options for providing Protective Services for our City. Some of these options include, but are not limited to, changes to the UPD Agreement, contracting with UPD instead of joining the District, and contracting with other entities. For example, at the July 28th meeting of the Bluffdale City Council, Saratoga Springs presented a proposal for contracting for Police Services.

Bluffdale City officials remain committed to providing the best police protection for our city that we can afford. Public Safety is one of our most important priorities for our citizens. We invite citizens to address any comments or concerns in writing to City Manager, Mark Reid, for presentation to the City Council.

DON'T FORGET...

The Movie in the Park schedule for the remainder of the summer includes the following:

August 15th - Bolt
September 30th - Meet the Robinsons

This is a great opportunity for all citizens to come and watch G or PG movies on a big screen in the Bluffdale City Park. Movies start at dusk and we encourage you to bring your own chairs, blankets, pillows, etc. The best part is the movies are free! Don't forget to mark the dates on your calendar and join us for the fun!



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Early Voting/Primary Election: Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 11, 2009 - Location: Bluffdale City Fire Station - 14350 S. 2200 W.

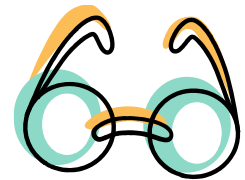
Municipal Primary Election: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 Locations: Bluffdale Elementary - 14323 S. 2700 W. and Midvalley Bible Church - 13985 S. 2700 W.

Early Voting/General Election: Tuesday, October 20 through Friday, October 30, 2009 - Location: Bluffdale City Fire Station - 14350 S. 2200 W.

Municipal General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2009 Locations: Bluffdale Elementary - 14323 S. 2700 W. and Midvalley Bible Church - 13985 S. 2700 W.

USED SHOES AND GLASSES NEEDED

During the month of August as part of his Eagle project, Bluffdale resident Spencer Brockbank, will be collecting gently used shoes and prescription or reading eyeglasses. Charitable organizations Soles 4 Souls and Friends for Sight will be the recipients of these items for humanitarian efforts. If you have any of these items please drop them in the receptacles at the city building or call Spencer for pickup at 801-253-4283.



FALL CERT CLASSES

Just a reminder that the fall CERT classes begin on Thursday, September 3, 2009. Visit our website www.bluffdale.com for a registration form and information about the classes.