



HARRISVILLE HAPPENINGS

January 2016

HARRISVILLE CITY'S NEWSLETTER

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Join us for City Council Meeting held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Mayor's Moment

Look up!

A while ago I heard one of our residents commenting on an experience he witnessed at a large store in our community. He was waiting in a checkout line and observing almost everyone in each checkout line was looking down at their smart phones ... catching up on the latest news, photo, tweet, etc. Nobody was looking at the person next to them, or can you imagine... even talking to them?



Are we becoming a society that would rather text than pick up a phone - or better yet ... communicate face-to-face? Have we missed out on valuable face-to-face interactions and failed to learn how to speak in a polished manner, listen attentively and read other people's expressions and body language? Many employers don't want to hire people who can't talk. We are starting to suffer from a deficiency in basic people skills.

Does owning a smart phone make us smart? No, but using it wisely can. Are we doing dumb things with our smart phones? There are countless ways technology can distract us from what is important. I see many people talking on the phone while driving. What did we do before cell phones? We focused on driving. When we are with our family and friends, give them the gift of your attention.

Follow the adage, "Be where you are when you are there."

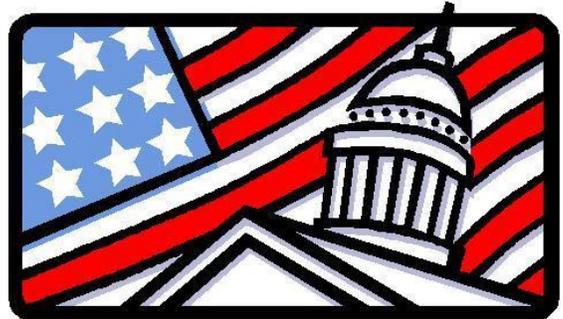
The next time you are at the store, at work, at school, or somewhere in your neighborhood and maybe momentarily focused on the latest message, tweet, etc.

Look up, smile, and say, "hello" to the person next to you. You may change their life. We all need to be better neighbors!

Mayor Bruce Richins

SNOW REMOVAL

Please remember that putting snow back out in the street is illegal as well as parked cars and other obstacles that may impede snow removal. If a pile of snow is left out from going around an obstacle or putting in the street, chances are it will affect your neighbor more as well it may remain there for several weeks if frozen. Pile the snow so it will not encroach on the City streets. Contact the Harrisville City Police Department at 801-782-9648 ext. 1001 to report violations.

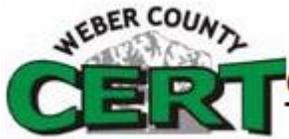


LIBERTY FORUM: LEGISLATIVE WARM-UP

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location: Wednesday, January 13, 2016 from 10:30am to 12:00pm (MST) at the Pleasant Valley Branch-Weber County Library System 5568 South 500 East, Ogden, UT 84405

A group of Liberty minded citizens will gather on January 13th at 10:30 am at the Pleasant Valley Branch Library to hear from 3 local legislators. We will hear about their understanding of the proper role of government along with what they hope to accomplish during the 2016 Legislative Session.

Our three guests will be Representative Schults, District #12 from 10:30-11:00, Representative Peterson, District #9 from 11:00 - 11:30 and Representative Froerer, District #8 from 11:30-12:00.



(Community Emergency Response Team)
Training Class: February 11th thru March 24th,
2016 from 6:30-9:30pm Cost \$30.00

- Feb 11th Disaster Preparedness/Terrorism Lance Peterson
- Feb 18th Fire Safety Weber Fire / Ogden Fire
- Feb 25th Disaster Medical Operations Part I Weber Fire/ Ogden Fire
- March 3rd Disaster Medical Part II Weber Fire / Ogden Fire
- March 10th Light Search & Rescue Jeff Stark
- March 17th Disaster Psychology/ Team Organization Kimball Kelsey/Shawn Palm
- March 24th Course Review- Disaster Simulation

Please sign up at the website below
http://www.co.weber.ut.us/sheriff/emerman/cert_reg.php

Classes will be held at the OWATC in the Business Building Lecture Hall-Room 162 200 N Washington Blvd

Call with any questions Lance Peterson 801-778-6682 or email lpeterso@co.weber.ut.us

BUSINESS LICENSING

Home based, commercial, professional, retail, service trade, solicitors, temporary or manufacturing, to include all business licensing. If you have not renewed your business license, you are in violation of operating a business without a license. A late fee after January 1st of 25% will be in effect. After February 2nd, a late fee of 50% will be added. Please come into the city offices at 363 West Independence Blvd. to ensure your business will remain open. If you are opening a new business, or going to run any kind of business out of your home, it is your responsibility to obtain a business license. We would be happy to assist you with the process of obtaining a business license.

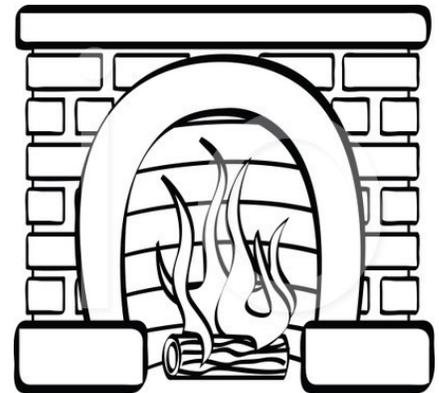
COMMUNITY GARDENS

Applications are now being accepted for the community garden plots. The plots are 8'x8' raised bed plots located on the east side of the city offices. There is no cost but application must be made in person during our regular business hours. For more information contact Jennie Knight at (801) 782- 4100 ext. 1000.

KEEPING WARM

It is interesting to reflect back on how the early homes in Harrisville were heated before natural gas came to the area after World War II ended in 1945, and steel pipe once again became available. Even then, many homes did not convert to gas until much later than that. Homes of the first settlers were small enough to be heated with a simple fireplace. Later, wood stoves became available. The responsibility to keep fuel for the fire often fell to young boys whose job it was to make sure kindling each evening was ready to start the fire the next morning. Dry corn cobs, picked clean by the chickens, were gathered and made good kindling. Each family had a coal or wood shed. Every scrap of wood that could not be used for lumber was thrown on the wood pile. Families made trips to the mountains to gather wood for fuel. Many hours were spent splitting and cutting firewood. Eventually, residents upgraded to a coal or oil furnace.

Those with oil heaters had an oil barrel near their house. When the oil got low, the oil company came to the house to replenish the supply for a fee. Some



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homes with coal furnaces, had coal chutes that dropped coal into a coal bin near the furnace. People went to a coal yard or to the side track on West Harrisville road to get coal. The school and church had steam heaters with boilers that were fueled by coal. Now as temperatures drop, we are comfortable our cozy warm homes with programmable thermostat control.

(Source: *Harrisville Horizons*)