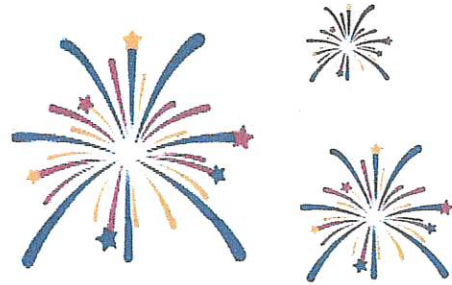


July Newsletter 2018



Mayor's Report

By the time you get this newsletter the 4th of July Celebration for 2018 will be history. This annual event brings many people into Lewiston to celebrate the founding of our country and to participate in many fun events. None of this would happen without the dedicated efforts of the city staff and many volunteers. On behalf of the Lewiston City Council I thank you all for your hard work, creativity and talents that make this event successful.

In an earlier newsletter I discussed the emergency situation with our sewer system and the overall financial position with our utility services. We are making progress toward obtaining the funding to make the necessary repairs at the sewage lagoons. In addition we have received bids for the work. The low bid was approximately \$530,000. With the available funding sources Lewiston City will be required to cover 25% of that cost which is \$132,500. The sewer fund does not have the funds necessary to cover this cost and will need to borrow some money from the state Permanent Impact Fund. This fund offers very favorable rates to communities for infrastructure needs but they also require service fees to be set at a rate capa-

ble of paying back the loan. Unfortunately this along with ever rising operating costs has required Lewiston City to adjust the sewer rate \$5/month with a new base rate beginning July 1, 2018 of \$26.00/month.

Unfortunately it is also anticipated the sewer rate will require similar increases over the next several years to meet the loan requirement and to fund additional improvements to the system. Rate increases are never pleasant. I and other members of the City Council have to pay the same rates and feel the burden just like any other citizen, but the service cannot be provided without adequate funding. Neighboring communities have faced the same challenges in the past several years. For example Richmond residents are currently paying \$50/month for sewer services and Franklin City is paying a similar amount both due to recently required upgrades. Lewiston City was just fortunate to get several additional years at a lower rate.

Although in better financial shape and without an immediate crisis the water fund is also facing rising operating costs and a need for infrastructure improvements. As a result water rates were adjusted up by 5% beginning July 1, 2018. This will bring the base rate for water service to \$21.53/month. Engineering design is currently underway to make substantial

improvements to our water source located at the Clear Creek Spring. This water source represents Lewiston City's largest water right. The water from this source has historically only been available seasonally due to lack of infrastructure. The proposed upgrades will make this a permanent year round source of culinary water. In addition the upgrades will provide an independent second water supply to Lewiston City should there be some disruption to the primary water supply lines from the storage reservoirs.

There are many ongoing activities intended to secure the future of Lewiston City from both a financial standpoint and from an infrastructure standpoint. The details are too complex to fully discuss in a newsletter. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about current or planned projects please contact me. The desire of both myself and the City Council is to ensure that Lewiston City is prepared to meet the current and future needs of the residents.

As always you may contact me at 435-770-4267 or mayor-field@gmail.com.

Mayor Kelly Field



Lewiston Youth Council

Lewiston Youth Council is Sponsoring a fundraiser for the Sports Park! Donations will be applied to the tennis, pickle ball and sports courts at the Lewiston City Park.

Car Wash- at the City Shop (just behind the fire station) July 21 from 9 am-6 pm. \$7 per car

Showing of "The Greatest Showman" Wednesday August 16.

All proceeds will be applied to a fund at Lewiston State Bank that will match up to \$5000.

Cemetery

A big thank you to the Lewiston Livestock 4-H group for the work they did at the cemetery cleaning up from the Memorial Day weekend.

Lewiston Arts Council

4th of July Quilt & Art Show

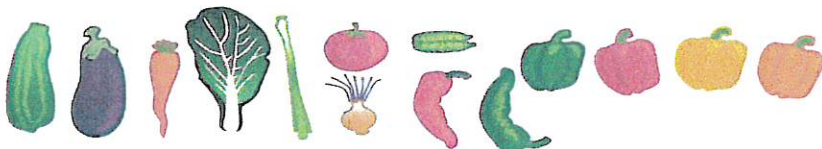
Quilt Drawing: Inez Campbell & Erica Saxton
People's Choice:
Grand Prize: Doug Hammer
1st Place: Quilt: Danna May Montgomery
1st Place Art: Heather Heiner
2nd Place: Ed Mendenhall & Elaine Mitchell

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Grand Prize (tie) Carlos Hansen & Blaykelee Barr
1st Place Art: Gavin Silva
1st Place Quilt: Adysen Hoth

Garden Exchange

Come participate in a community 'Garden Exchange'! Beginning Monday July 9 at the 3/4 Ward Church parking lot. There will be a table to drop off your extra produce and also pick up what you need at no cost. This is a FREE community resource for extra garden produce in order to pick up, drop off and share food that is grown locally. There will also be a message board where you can post information if you have produce that needs picking. If you have questions please contact DeeAnn @ 435.755.0310 (text or call)



Points of Interest

- ♦ Interested in a Cache Valley Museum? Go online and fill out a short survey @ www.cachemuseum.org
- ♦ High Fitness Classes in Lewiston -follow on Instagram @ yommashighfit
- ♦ Ceramics Class July 10 in the Ballroom from noon-4 pm. Contact Tova @435.938.8405
- ♦ Free Summer Movies Every Other Thursday @ 1 pm. Next movie July 12 "Monster Trucks". Info call City Office 435.258.2141