

Lewiston City Newsletter

November 2020



MAYOR'S REPORT

Over the next several months you may tire of me addressing the ongoing projects involving the sewer and water systems. I feel it is necessary because these projects break uncharted ground for Lewiston City. Historically we have been able to operate without taking on much debt. Because of the scope of these two projects debt is a necessity and I want you to be informed along the way. On October 27, 2020 we officially closed on the construction loans financed by the Bank of Utah in the amount of \$8,262,500 for the water project and \$2,051,500 for the sewer project. Once these projects are complete USDA will pay off the construction loans and assume the bond loans until they are paid. These are huge amounts for a small community, but they are a necessity to provide adequate infrastructure to provide these services into the future. To service these loans the Bank of Utah and USDA have required us to set new rates for the sewer and water service. Effective July 1, 2021 the base rate for sewer service has been set at \$54.00/month for residential service and the water base rate at \$43.44/month for a 3/4" residential service. The final base rate for these services will be adjusted down some prior to July 2021 as the associated overage rates are determined. I recognize these are significant rate increases but they are what is required to continue to provide these necessary services. These rates are competitive with or less than those of surrounding communities. If you want to compare check the rates in Richmond or in Franklin, Idaho. As Mayor, I am committed to keep the rates as low as possible to keep the systems up to date and functional.

So now we have the money what is going on? The sewer project is still in a dynamic design phase. The plan is to eliminate the lift station and to replace the main line from Main Street east to the sewage lagoons. The current mainline runs under the Presto Products buildings. We need to re-route the line around the buildings. Options to take a route both north and south of the facility are being evaluated. It is anticipated that actual construction will begin in the spring/early summer of 2021.

There will be some immediate work on the water systems improvements. Lewiston City currently maintains two storage reservoirs east of Cove. One is an older 400,000-gallon reservoir and the other a 1,000,000-gallon reservoir that was constructed in the late 1990s. The roof of the 400,000-gallon reservoir has deteriorated and needs repair. The reservoir has been drained and the plan is to perform the repairs during the winter when the demand for water is low. This project also includes the drilling of a new well on the Cub River Park property. A bid has been accepted for the drilling of an exploratory well and work will get under way shortly.

This is a lot of information, if you have questions contact me at 435-770-4267 (if I do not answer please leave a message) or mayorfield@gmail.com.

Mayor Kelly Field

OTHER NEWS:

CAPSA: Capsa is the local nonprofit support center for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and rape. If you or someone you love is experiencing abuse, CAPSA can help. CAPSA offers services such as individual safety planning, an emergency shelter, and clinical therapy for those struggling with the trauma from abuse. CAPSA's services are always free and confidential, so that anyone who needs help can access it. Contact CAPSA's Support Line at (435) 753-2500 to find out how they can help you.

FOOD FOR FINES: North Cache Library Consortium will be from Nov. 9 – Nov. 21st. For every can brought into the library, \$1 off fines. Food donations will go to benefit The Food Pantry in Logan, Utah.

- Cache Co. Sheriff's Dept. Animal Control 435-753-7555
- Business Licenses **EXPIRE** December 31, 2020
- Dog Licenses **EXPIRE** December 31, 2020
- **NO** overnight parking for snow removal begins Nov. 15th. In force 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Storytime suspended due to COVID-19. An alternate is Miss Karen from Smithfield Public Library on Tuesday it is Book Babies, Wednesday's are Toddler Train Online or Thursday's is Pre-School Story Time. Each session starts at 10:30 a.m. and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/SmithfieldPublicLibrary>.
- Hotspots will be available soon. Call the Library with further questions. 435-258-5515

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER Call OR Visit THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION

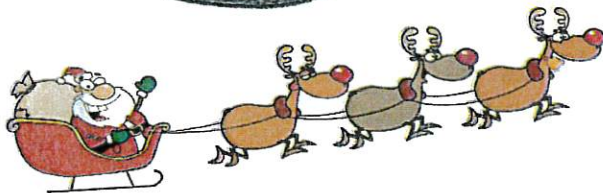
435-258-5515

T-Shirts (all sizes) \$15

Canvas Tote Bag \$10



Art work by Barbara Westover



Lewiston City Youth Council presents

SANTA

Mr. & Mrs. Clause will arrive courtesy of
our Lewiston City Fire Dept. on
Saturday, December 12th from
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lewiston City Ballroom
**COVID – 19 PRECAUTIONS WILL
BE OBSERVED**

Masks & Distancing Required

Lewiston Community Theatre

www.lewiston-ut.org

\$2 ea. \$10 Family

Nov. 6, 7 & 9 7:00 p.m.

Always

Nov. 13, 14 & 16 7:00 p.m.

The Bourne Identity

Nov. 20, 21 & 23 7:00 p.m.

Beethoven

Nov. 27, 28 & 30 7:00 p.m.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas