

HELLO HEBER!

The Heber City Newsletter

August 2022

EVENTS & MEETINGS

August 2

City Council Meeting, Work Meeting, 4 pm – Regular Meeting 6 pm - Council Chambers and online.

August 4

Market on Main. 5-9 pm. Main Street Park.

August 9

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm – Council Chambers and online.

August 11

Market on Main. 5-9 pm. Main Street Park.

August 15

Tree Subcommittee Meeting, 4 pm. Conference Room

August 16

City Council Meeting, Work Meeting 4 pm – Regular Meeting 6 pm - Council Chambers and online.

August 17

Historical Preservation Meeting, 6 pm. Council Chambers

August 18

Open Space, Trails, Parks and Tree Advisory Committee Meeting, 4 pm. Conference Room
AND **LAST** Market on Main. 5-9 pm. Main Street Park.

August 23

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm – Council Chambers and online.

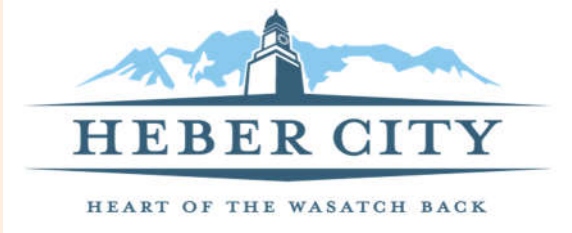


Information on all public meetings can be found at:
<https://www.heberut.gov/256/Agendas-and-Minutes>

Let YOUR Voice Be Heard!

This month's City Survey asks about particular types of crimes you are concerned about in our City. This survey is open until August 31st. See real time results.
<https://www.heberut.gov/Surveys>

Or get a Hard Copy to take it at the City Treasurer's Office.



MAYOR'S MINUTE

Happy August! Let's take time to cherish our families & friends, help our neighbors, and make our City even better! See the 'Giving Corner' service opportunities. There's only **three more 'Markets on Main' with the last one on August 18th**. Enjoy!

The City Council asked to write up the 'City Council Report' for the rest of this year. You'll now hear from a different City Council member each month on their actions and votes. Here's what else is going on in our City.

On **August 15-19th** our City will host a **special exhibit on Martha Hughes Cannon**, Utah's first woman State Senator, who was also the first for the entire nation! Held at the **County Library**. Plus a **special speaker** will present on her life on Thursday, **August 18th, 7 pm, Senior Citizens Center**. Come to enjoy one of Utah's firsts!

Did you know that you can submit '**public comments**' for **Heber City Council and Board meetings through email**? Here are the emails to submit public comments. Your comments will be included in public minutes.

- City Council; ccpublic@heberut.gov
- Planning Commission; pcpublic@heberut.gov
- Airport Advisory Board; aabpublic@heberut.gov
- OpenSpace Committee; trailspublic@heberut.gov

Next, 70% of our July City Survey supports the 2030 or 2035 Olympic Bid! Now we'll see what the International Olympic Committee decides. Our **next August City Survey** deals with what crimes you are concerned about in our City. Take the survey – '**Let Your Voice Be Heard!**'

Finally, the next **Airport Master Plan meeting** will likely be held in **September**. It will be posted on the City's online 'Upcoming Events' calendar soon. Stay safe and enjoy the rest of Summer!

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City Council Report

By Council Member Kahler

TRANSPARENCY – ACCOUNTABILITY - RESPONSIVENESS

For More information go to:

<https://heberut.gov/256/Agendas-and-Minutes>

Why Are Utility Rates Going Up in Heber City?

Citizens are opening their water and irrigation, sewer and power bills alarmed to see rate increases this year. We are facing inflation across the country, the cost of food and gas has increased dramatically. Interest rates are rising. Property values are increasing, which means your property taxes will rise as well. It's a hard truth that we are all facing increased financial burden of day to day living. So why would local elected officials burden the citizens with these increases in such a difficult economy? The truth is we have no choice.

You will see your Heber City water bill increase (5% for Culinary Water, 12% for Waste Water, 20% for Stormwater, 15% for pressurized irrigation). These increases are in part to fund the replacement of aging water and sewer lines in the oldest areas, some as old as 70 years, which mainly are in the Central Heber Area from 100 East to 500 East and 100 West to 600 West. This area is the primary pass through for all water and sewer in the city. The increased cost for an average resident is \$12 monthly. Council member decided last year to proceed with the Central Heber Water and Sewer Replacement project, after reviewing data that showed the deterioration of our system, including over 117 breaks or leaks the previous year. The city was able to secure low interest rate loans and several important community grants to offset the cost. Find details here: <https://heberut.gov/heberproject>

As a Heber Light and Power Board, we have seen significant increases in energy costs for some time. During our June meeting, the board approved an increase of 5.5% to take effect in October. An average monthly residential user uses 900 Kwh, which will equate to a \$5.16 per month increase. General Manager Jason Norlan noted, "We are climbing from a 48 MW community to a 60 MW community. Our risk is growing as well. Energy costs are mounting and the market is unstable, energy costs are climbing daily." New loads and higher resource cost was the driving factor for the board to make the difficult decision to increase rates to ensure HL&P had the resources to fulfill energy demands in this community. Cost increases associated with the federal hydropower from the Colorado River System, which equated to a 34% increase for the portion the wholesale power, is

just one of the examples of energy costs on the rise as we continue to seek clean energy resources for the future. Learn more: <https://www.heberpower.com>

The Heber Valley Special Service District raised rates on July 1, after no rate changes for more than 25 years. Citizens sewer costs had been around \$4.35, increased \$14 monthly per household, to a now average cost of \$18 (rates vary with households). The infrastructure for the Heber Valley Sewer System has equipment that is over forty year old. While some may say the cost of the updating and improvements should be the responsibility of developers, the truth is we have deferred maintenance on the entirety of the system. Sewer systems are used by all citizens of this city, and so the burden to improve and keep it running properly is a financial responsibility of everyone. Impact fees can only be used for expanding infrastructure, not updating or improving it. For more information go to: <https://hvssd.org/>

Why now? With the cost of gasoline at a forty year high, grocery bills and the basic cost of living on the rise, it's understandable that citizens are upset at these increases to essential utilities: Water, Power and Sewer. Heber City for far too long has postponed essential upgrades, with concerns of costs to its citizens. Now after years of deferment, the reality is we can't fix essential maintenance problems with bailing wire and duct tape anymore, systems are at the breaking point.

Every rate paid by citizens collectively strengthens and ensures the stability of the city's infrastructure. I'm grateful to the individuals that have been behind the scenes keeping the lights on and water running. Utility directors, consultants, planners, engineers, public works employees, Heber Power employees and sewer district employees that have worked tirelessly to provide the information with supporting data, and created solutions to these complex problems for the health and wellbeing of all who live here.

Rachel Kahler

Heber City Council

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
UTAH'S FIRSTS!**

ATTEND THE MARTHA HUGHES CANNON EXHIBIT

**America's first woman state senator!*

AUGUST 15-19TH @ COUNTY LIBRARY



**SPECIAL SPEAKER: Thursday, August 18th
7 pm at the Senior Citizen's Center.** Learn
About Her Life and Impact.

GIVING CORNER

- Take the Initiative to Give -

Volunteers Needed for the Community Action Services and Food Bank. Food & other donations, volunteers to drive or general help is appreciated – Monday through Friday! 34 West 200 South, Heber or contact Noel at habibaa@communityactionuc.org; 435-654-2182.

Volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club of Heber Valley. Share your skills, help with teaching or reading with children. Contact Piper Riddle at: piper.riddle@wasatch.edu or 435-654-0112.

Donations for food and other items to Ukraine. Contact Jaime at 480-516-3237, Heber City, with the Lifting Hands International Organization.

Other City Information

**Heber City Police Department Reminds
Citizens of Hot Temperatures. The Heat is
on. Stay Hydrated!**

Heat exhaustion occurs when people are exposed to high temperatures for extended periods without hydration. This can happen in several environments but is most commonly seen when children are left in vehicles by their parents or caregivers. The inside temperatures of a vehicle can easily reach 120F on a hot day in just minutes.

Heatstroke, According to Kids and Car Safety, over 1,000 children have died in hot cars nationwide since 1990. Even the best parents or caregivers can unknowingly leave a sleeping baby in a car, and the results can be injury or even death.

**Leadership Academy Now Enrolling
For 2022-2023 Year**

The Heber Leadership Academy, in partnership with Heber City and the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, is kicking off its second season in August. If you want to gain leadership skills, meet influential community leaders and gain an enhanced understanding of how local and state government works to address community needs, then the Heber Leadership Academy is for you.

The Academy provides a unique experience for individuals in the community to learn from local experts and key decision makers while developing the skills and resources needed to shape the futures of their own businesses, organizations, and community.

Applications are Due August 10th and are available at: <https://envisionheber.com/leadership/>



**Heat Related Deaths
ARE Preventable
LOOK BEFORE YOU LOCK**

The temperature in your car can quickly become deadly!

Outside Temperature 80°

Inside 99° Time Elapsed: 10 Minutes	Inside 109° Time Elapsed: 20 Minutes
Inside 114° Time Elapsed: 30 Minutes	Inside 123° Time Elapsed: 60 Minutes

weather.gov/heat nhtsa.gov



INCREASED CULINARY WATER, WASTE WATER, STORM WATER & PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1ST, 2022

Heber City has begun replacing the Central Heber Culinary and Waste Water infrastructure. In addition to aged infrastructure the City will be adding Pressurized Irrigation in Central Heber City. With the replacement project for culinary and waste water it is advantageous to the City to expand the pressurized irrigation system at this time. With the increased capital costs, operating costs and other financial factors the City has approved additional rate increases. The city rate increases **effective August 1st will be 5% for Culinary Water, 12% for Waste Water, 20% for Storm Water and 15% for pressurized irrigation.**

Admittedly, the rate increase needed to fund the Heber Valley Special Service District Rates changes and the Central Heber Replacement project would be much more substantial if addressed only with rate increases on the City billing. Therefore, the City has engaged in bonding for the Central Heber Replacement project to help make rate increases more affordable for Citizens. For more information about the Central Heber Replacement Project, please visit the City's web page at www.Heberut.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS BOOTH @ MARKET ON MAIN EVERY THURSDAY!



Public Works invites you to stop by our booth at the Heber Market on Main each Thursday from 5:00pm-9:00pm. At our booth, you will find a wealth of information about ways to conserve

culinary and secondary water during the drought, as well as how to properly dispose of FOGS (Fats, Oil, Grease & Sand). You can also learn about our ultrasonic, cellular read water meters, pressurized irrigation metering, the Central Heber Replacement Project & more! We have games and giveaways for the kids, as well! We look forward to seeing you at our Public Works booth this Thursday!



NEW CEMETERY MAPS AVAILABLE

The cemetery now has online maps for the public! Visit the link on the cemetery page of the city website or by scanning the QR code. There is also a QR code at the cemetery on the bulletin board you may scan with your mobile device. Search for your loved ones by typing in the last name first. For help using the online map please contact the cemetery office.



HEBER MARKET ON MAIN



Visit the Heber Market on Main every Thursday through August 18th! We are excited to offer our full farmers market and concert series again this summer every Thursday from 5-9 pm at the Main Street

Park. For the list of events and concerts, please visit www.hebermarket.com or contact jsummers@heberut.gov for more information."

FOOD TRUCKS BY FIRELIGHT

What could be better than a fire pit on a beautiful summer evening? Answer: When you get to eat delicious food from a variety of food trucks! Heber City is hosting "Food Trucks by Firelight" generally held every



Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from Noon – 8:00 pm at the City Hall Fire Pits. The fire pits are turned on from 5-9 pm. There is plenty of room on the lawn, so bring your picnic blanket and gather your family and join the fun!



BECOME A VICTIM ADVOCATE

Each year The Refuge Utah serves hundreds of survivors of sexual assault and rape. Make a difference by joining our team of volunteers and helping those in need.

ABOUT BECOMING A SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM ADVOCATE:

- First, you will receive 40 hours of comprehensive training to become certified. Training will be located downstairs at our Outreach Office: 1433 East 840 North, Orem, Utah.
- Then, You will be answering phone calls that come through our Sexual Assault Hotline, speaking with victims and offering resources and support.
- You will also meet victims at the hospital to support them as they receive an exam following an assault. This is an opportunity to bring an enormous amount of comfort and stability to someone in need.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- You must own a car and live in Utah County or Wasatch County for this opportunity.
- Background checks are also required for all volunteers working with our organization. The fee for the background check and training materials is \$50. This is a one-time payment.

If interested, please email sheaps@therefugeutah.org to receive an application! Our next training session begins September 2022!