

**What's Happening in Washington Terrace City?  
Trash is a valued commodity...so, let's talk trash.**

**The BLUE RECYCLE CAN is STILL VIABLE**

In 2010, when I first started working for Washington Terrace City, the City was able to drop off our recycling basically for free. Cardboard, plastics, metals, and papers were all at the top of the mark when it came to value and demand. China was accepting almost everything and was paying a hefty price for the materials. For many years huge container ships full of recycled materials were going to China for final processing and in turn, finished goods ready for market were coming back to America on those same ships! Times were good for recycling and there was no end in sight. Unfortunately, during this time, China is overwhelmed with recycled materials. As a result of the recycling pollution and mountains of plastic, the "green wall" of China was erected causing nearly an overnight shutdown in recycling. The good old days of recycling came to an end as the commodity value dropped.

Every commodity has high and low resale values that determine the worth of raw materials. Take for instance, the headline in the Washington Post on April 20, 2020, "Oil drops below \$0, signaling extreme collapse in demand." Later in the article it points out that "Producers can't give West Texas oil away." The demand in the market sets the price of oil and literally every other commodity on the market including recyclables.

You may ask what oil has to do with recycling. In short, oil is a commodity that has an increasing and decreasing range in value. At one point in time there may be very high demand while at other times a very low demand, and this demand moves the value of the commodity higher and lower. In April 2020, crude oil literally had no value because of the market conditions. The same type of market conditions that drive oil values also drive recycling values. When the demand for recycling is high then the value for our recycling materials is up, making recycling a valuable option for processing.

Unfortunately, when recycling values get too low, the materials cannot justifiably be processed at a reasonable cost. Our strategy is and has been to have our recycler process the material when it makes financial sense and when the market can support the commodity. When it does not make financial sense, and there is low value for the recycled material, that material is diverted to the landfill. In short; when it makes financial sense, the material is recycled.

Please Note: The Blue Can is still very viable and we are still sending the material to the recycler so please make sure that material is clean and well sorted. The City pays the same amount for recycling as we do our Main Stream Waste (MSW) but do not see the value in recycling low value materials at an increased premium.

Recycling, yes, we recycle when it makes financial sense. The cleaner our recycling material is, the more likelihood it is that our materials will be recycled. Recycling when it makes financial sense...*it's what's going on in Washington Terrace City.* For questions or clarification please drop me a line at 801-395-8282.

Tom Hanson, City Manager

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

**Monday, September 7th**  
**Garbage Services WILL BE**  
**delayed one day.**



**LABOR DAY**

Please allow the full business day on Wednesday (or Thursday on delayed days) for collection.

To report a missed can please call Republic Services at : 801-392-4915



**CITY MEETINGS NOW ONLINE**

Due to the COVID-19 response, City Council and Planning Commission meetings will be held live via Zoom and live-streamed on our Facebook page, "Washington Terrace City", until further notice. Citizen comments will be taken via Facebook during the Citizen Comments item on the agenda.



Council Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda and packet information can be found at [www.washingtonterracecity.com](http://www.washingtonterracecity.com).

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## DO I NEED A PERMIT?



**Building permits** are written authorization issued by a city or county to construct a project. They are required for most construction or remodeling projects in order to ensure the safety of the work and its compliance with building, construction, and zoning codes.

## RECREATION



### YOUTH BASKETBALL

**AGES:** K - 2nd **FEE** \$45

**REGISTRATION:** August 13 - September 30

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**AGES:** 3rd -9th **FEE:** \$45

**REGISTRATION:** August 13 - September 30

Registration will include an individual game jersey. Practices will be held on Saturday mornings at T.H. Bell Junior High.

Register at [www.washingtonterracecity.com](http://www.washingtonterracecity.com) or call 801-395-8293 for more information.



- Air Conditioner / Swamp Cooler
- Electrical Upgrade( Box on side of Home)
- Furnace
- Driveways
- Windows
- Sewer Line repair
- Basement finish
- Porch/Patio
- Re-Roof
- Water Heater
- Remodels
- Solar Panels
- Sheds
- Fences

For more information visit our website or contact Tyler at 801-395-8288 or [tylers@washingtonterracecity.org](mailto:tylers@washingtonterracecity.org)



Washington Terrace will be hosting a mobile blood drive September 17th. It Will be **by Apppointment only.** More information to come.

## CONSTRUCTION CORNER

We have successfully completed several street maintenance projects this month. From surface treatments to paint striping, these maintenance projects will ensure the longevity of our City streets.

### CURRENT PROJECTS



Adams Ave 5600 South: Starting August 3<sup>rd</sup> a utility extension project will take place approximately 5600 South Adams Ave. Traffic will be redirected around the construction area. The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-August.



US 89 (Washington Blvd): UDOT will be reconstructing US 89 (Washington Blvd) from SR 203 (Harrison Blvd) South Ogden to 40<sup>th</sup> street. The project will be *starting July 20<sup>th</sup>* and is scheduled to be *completed September 17<sup>th</sup> 2020*. The first two weeks of the project consist of ADA ramp improvements during day time hours (7:00 am- 5:00 pm). After the first two weeks, road milling and resurfacing will take place during the night time hours. All lanes will remain open during day time hours, unless shoulder work is occurring. Single lane closures, and right and left turn lane closures may be necessary during the night time work hours.

For more information about construction projects visit [washingtonterracecity.com](http://washingtonterracecity.com)

For more information about the UDOT project, contact the UDOT Public Involvement Project Hotline at 877-495-4240