

What's Going on in Washington Terrace City? Truth-in-Taxation and the Future

As reported by the Benjamin Franklin Society, "On December 7, 1736 Benjamin Franklin co-founded the Union Fire Company, also known as the "Bucket Brigade." It was the first formally organized, all volunteer fire company in the colonies and was shaped after Boston's Mutual Fire Societies. The difference between the fire societies of Boston and Franklin's Union Fire Company was that the former protected its members only, while the latter the entire community."

In 1730 a fire started on a ship and spread to the wharf where all warehouses burned, including three neighboring houses. This devastating incident led Franklin to advocate for a community service to help extinguish fires and protect citizen's properties. In 1733 he wrote an article about the need for a society or group of organized citizens to prevent and protect property from fires and thus, began the first volunteer department in the nation.

That first brigade was formed by 26 volunteers. Each member brought 6 buckets to carry water and 2 linen bags to rescue property. Members had different roles, such as water management, property protection, training and fire prevention. Volunteers kept signing up and soon they had enough people to form additional brigades. Fire companies started forming and the results had an immediate impact that saved not only property, but untold lives. In a time when fires consumed entire blocks of buildings, the city of Philadelphia boasted the acclaim of not having lost more than one or two houses at a time. Fire engines, ladders and other equipment were actually financed through fines paid by society members for being absent at monthly meetings.

If only fire equipment and personnel were that affordable today; things have certainly changed! However, we are fortunate to have a Fire Department that recently went through the Truth-in-Taxation (TNT). This was an important process that justified a much-needed tax increase in order for the city to more competitively recruit and retain qualified firefighters and provide residents with the secure confidence that comes with a fully staffed, 3-person team to fight fires and respond to medical emergencies.

I am happy to report back to all of you that your investment in our Fire Department is returning dividends at a rate greater than expected. In regards to recruitment, we are well ahead of our timeline. We anticipated being fully staffed by July of 2020, but in reality, we have currently filled 28 of the 30 firefighter positions, well ahead of that schedule. To our benefit, almost 75% of our Emergency Response team are already fully-trained and working for another fire department in the area.

As discussed at the TNT meeting, we are now running a full 3-person shift, allowing us to respond to medical calls much more efficiently and safely. Unlike the good-hearted, but often under-skilled volunteers of the Bucket Brigade of 1736, our team is not only motivated, but also very qualified to serve you day or night.

Accountability to you is one of our highest priorities; your trust in our management of the city is something we take very seriously. As we move forward in this next budget cycle, we will be considering another TNT opportunity that will actually not affect your bottom line, but will improve our ability to financially manage General Fund Operations and the OTIS II projects that we have been discussing for the past few years. Look forward to more details over the next few months. In the meantime, know that we are dedicated to remaining financially sound and responsible in all of our efforts to serve you. Just as Benjamin Franklin fought to find effective ways to stop the spread of fires with his bucket brigade, the Washington Terrace "brigade" will work together to control costs and find fiscally responsible ways to raise the revenues critical to support our city.

It's what's going on in Washington Terrace City.
- City Manager, Tom Hansen

GARBAGE/RECYCLE



Please allow the full business day on Wednesday (or Thursday on holiday weeks) for garbage collection before calling in a missed can or street. Do not rely on the same time for pick up every week. Pick up may often be delayed due to driver shortages, truck problems, etc.

Please report any pick up problems the following business day at 8AM directly to Republic Services @ 801-781-1349.

PLEASE NOTE: Washington Terrace will be holding our Annual Spring Clean Up for **GREEN WASTE ONLY** April 20th-23rd. More Information to come.

COMMUNITY

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP



GOOD FOUNDATIONS ACADEMY
5101 SOUTH 1050 W
RIVERDALE, UT
801-393-2950

Wednesday, March 18th, 2020
6:30pm-7:30pm

Open to all students who will be 5 on or before 9/1/20.

Please bring your child to meet the kindergarten teachers and find out what you need to know about kindergarten at Good Foundations Academy, a free public charter school.

TRANSFER STATION NEWS

We've added a new booth at the entry of the transfer station. If your load is 500lb or less, pay cash (\$10) and by-pass the scale house. Train wait can be avoided by going down B Ave off 24th and coming in the new entrance.

With spring coming we sell compost, mulch and colored wood chips for your landscaping needs at a great price. All wood products have been recycled from your green waste. Please check the website for prices <http://www.webercountyutah.gov/>

We hope to see you this spring.

867 Wilson Lane, Ogden

Any further questions, refer to the website or call 801-399-8360.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

SOFT SURFACE WINTER PARKING ENDED AS OF MARCH 1, 2020.

- ◆ Any yard area damaged as a result of winter soft-surface parking authorized by this section shall be restored to its original or better condition on or before April 30th.
- ◆ Any vehicles, motor home, fifth-wheel, trailer, water craft, recreational vehicle and axle driven devices should be parked on a solid surface type matter such as asphalt or concrete. The solid surface area must also cover the full size of the vehicle where such vehicle is parked.

The penalties for failure to comply with any of the above can result in a class B misdemeanor including fines and could have potential criminal consequences per city ordinance 8.16.140.

"Take Pride City-Wide"

SENIOR CENTER

4601 S 300 W

Monday through Friday 8AM - 4PM (Lunch at 12PM)



Join us this month for our St. Patrick's Party on March 17th at 10:30 AM. (Bring a snack to share)

For More information on our Monthly activities please call us at 801-621-0161 or you can visit www.washingtonterracecity.com and www.wmseniorart.net



Vaping—what is it, do you need to be concerned?

"It's been around for over a decade, but vaping's popularity exploded in 2017, taking many families, schools and healthcare providers by surprise. Vaping, or Juuling (named after a popular vape device called JUUL), is the inhaling and exhaling of an aerosol produced using a vape device.

Nearly one in three high school seniors tried vaping in the past year. With advertising geared toward teens and young adults, devices designed to attract attention and thousands of flavors to choose from, the expectation is that growth will continue." Drugfree.org

How can you learn more about this? You'll find good information on Partnership for Drug Free Youth's website, www.drugfree.org or email BonnvilleCTC@Weberhs.org for information on how you can get involved, we'd love to have you join us!

RECREATION

Registration is \$45 and is now Open through April 3rd.
Register online at www.washingtonterracecity.com

- Youth Soccer (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)
****SIGN UP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!****
Call Aaron @ 801-395-8293 for any questions.



- Rookie Machine Pitch (1st Grade & 2nd Grade)
- T-Ball League (Pre K - K)
- Boys Baseball (3rd Grade - 9th)
- Girls Softball (3rd Grade - 9th Grade)



BONNEVILLE MARQUEE REPLACEMENT

Together We Can. This is the motto our school has taken on these last two years. It means that nobody has to go through high school alone and together, we can accomplish great things. With your help, together we can accomplish this lofty goal. We are hoping to announce at graduation that we have met our fundraising goal.

How you can help:

1. Visit our very own fundraiser page online at: successfund.com/bhsmarquee
2. Donate Via: Venmo, PayPal, Credit Card or Apple Pay
3. Share the link with others to help us reach our goals!

WE NEED YOU!

