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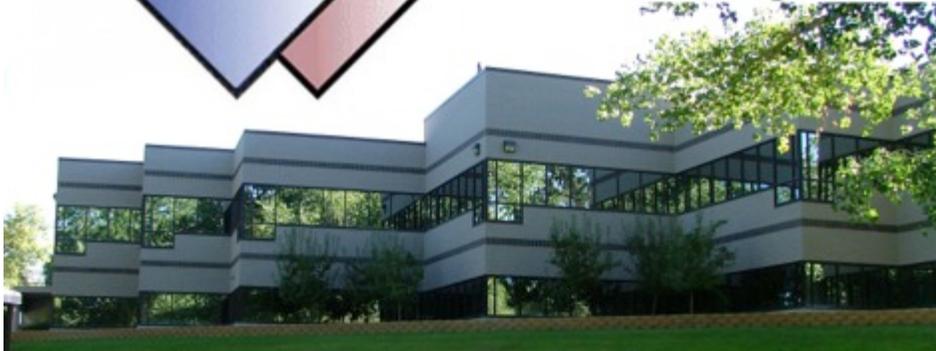
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FREE AND LOW-COST RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR LAYTON RESIDENTS

Layton City is not directly involved in recycling programs for residents, but there is a free recycling drop-off center available at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District's Landfill, located in northeast Layton.

This recycling center is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1997 East 3500 North, Layton.

Access involves a right-hand turn just before the fee gate to the landfill.

The facility accepts mixed paper, newspaper, numbers 1 and 2 plastic, number 2 colored plastic, aluminum, steel food cans, cardboard, and glass.

Residents can pre-sort items, or come prepared to sort their recyclables to help keep this facility free of charge.

The facilities also incorporate two solar panels and a windmill. The facility is heated using methane collected from the landfill.

For more details on this free recycling center, call 801-614-5600, or go to: www.wiwmd.org

In addition, Mountain West Recycling offers private curbside recycling for a regular fee to Layton residents.

This service includes collections twice a month for \$10, plus a \$20 start-up fee. Fees for businesses or large recyclers may be more than that.

For more information on this fee service, call 1-800-208-3389, or 801-627-3056, or go to:

www.mountainwestrecycling.com

Why doesn't Layton City directly offer recycling options?

Past City Councils have found that recycling is a costly service and does not pay for itself. The cost for Layton has been estimated to be about \$1,000,000 per year.

Plus, the only way to make a traditional recycling operation financially viable is to force everyone in the City to participate and pay for it. The Layton City Council has not wanted to do that because it would force people to pay for something only a limited number would use.

It should be noted though that all the cities in Davis County (except Bountiful) and all cities in Morgan County presently participate in a huge recycling program that is similar to traditional recycling – "thermal recycling."

Garbage collected from homes is burned at the incineration facility operated by Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District.

That process produces steam and electricity (garbage recycled to energy). The steam is used to heat buildings on Hill Air Force Base, and the District uses the electricity for its buildings with any excess sold to Rocky Mountain Power.

The District also has programs for recycling grass clippings and tree limbs into usable soil enhancements. Burning the garbage has reduced the amount of material deposited in the landfill much more than any traditional recycling would accomplish.



(Left) The recycling center at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District landfill.

(Right) The sign at the landfill.

UPDATE ON MACQUARIE PROPOSAL FOR FIBER DEPLOYMENT

As many are aware, Layton City, along with the other 10 Cities, are involved in providing a fiber-optic highway to each home and business within our cities. We have been in negotiations with a potential concessionaire that could see this objective to fruition. For the past year, Layton City and the other Cities have been investigating and negotiating with Macquarie Capital for the purpose of determining whether there is a mutual benefit in allowing Macquarie to take over construction and operation of the Fiber optic network known currently as UTOPIA. Their proposal has been to ubiquitously (completely) build out the entire network with a fiber connection to every home and business, while allowing the network to be used by the internet provider that the home or business owner chooses. This would increase competition, lower prices and give our citizens and businesses extremely fast and quality connectivity. (at speeds and costs similar to Google in Provo)

In exchange for building this highway (entire build out in 30 months), the cities would commit to collect a utility fee for the fiber, from each home where the fiber is made available. The costs with all 11 cities participating was determined to be around \$18 to \$20 per month. For that price, once the system was built, private providers of the owner's choice, would agree to provide basic internet and for a small amount (\$5-\$7) more, phone service, to every connection. In addition, all of our public parks and properties would be provided with very fast WIFI. There are also many other services for public safety, education, medicine and business once the fiber is connected. We have been in investigation and negotiation mode for the past year on this Macquarie proposal.

WHERE ARE WE TODAY?

In the spring and summer of this year, each of the cities evaluated the proposal and made a determination on whether to move to the next step, which would involve developing the contracts and digging down on the numbers. Unfortunately, 5 of the 11 cities (Payson, Orem, Lindon, Murray, Centerville) elected officials determined not to go forward with looking at the deal any further. This left the decision to 6 cities (Layton, West Valley, Perry, Tremonton, Midvale, Brigham City) and Macquarie, as to whether the proposal was still viable at a reasonable cost to the remaining cities. From July, until now, the 6 cities and Macquarie have been sharpening pencils and looking at numbers to see if we could still keep prices low and the quality high. We are continuing the work of trying to make the numbers the best possible. If we are able to do so, it was proposed, by the 6 Mayors of the remaining cities, to put the question on the proposal, in an opinion question to our citizens. We are still working hard on back and forth negotiations with Macquarie. These negotiations will likely take another month or two.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As citizens, we want to encourage you to participate in sharing your opinion on this subject. The City has already made a considerable investment in this fiber network. It will provide tremendous connectivity into the future. The Macquarie proposal is designed to pay off the cities outstanding indebtedness for the fiber network we have built, along with providing a choice and the best connectivity available anywhere. It is a proposal that the City needs to vet thoroughly. Please feel free to write or email the City Council and Mayor on this subject. It is an important one!

PROPERTY TAX – HOW MUCH DOES LAYTON CITY COLLECT?

Davis County sent out Annual Property Tax Notices for 2014 earlier this year. The question is sometimes asked how much of the property tax paid by property owners actually goes to Layton City versus other government entities.

First, property tax rates are certified based on the County Assessor's annual analysis of property values within the City. This is to ensure that property tax revenue generated doesn't change from the previous year when changes in property values are factored in, assuming there is no property tax increase.

Second, a certified tax rate is assessed to your property's Fair Market Value (FMV) as determined by the County Assessor. For primary residences, property owners are allowed to reduce their FMV by 45% and are taxed on the remaining 55%. Commercial property owners are taxed at the same tax rate, but at 100% of their property's FMV.

The annual property tax bill that Layton residents and businesses receive from Davis County this year includes amounts collected for the following entities, shown with their Certified Tax Rates:

- Davis County School District (.008259)
- Davis County (.002161)
- Layton City (.001896)
- North Davis Sewer District (.001025)
- Davis County Library (.000361)
- Weber Basin Water (.000199)
- Davis County Mosquito Abatement (.000124)

Perhaps the easiest way to see this is with an example: Let's consider a home assessed to be worth \$250,000 this year. The total tax collected would be \$1,928.44, which is the sum of the tax rates times 55% of \$250,000. Layton City would receive \$260.70 (13.52%) of that homeowner's total \$1,928.44 property tax bill for 2014.

The Davis County's School District's share of that assessment would be \$1,135.61 (58.89 percent); Davis County would receive \$297.14 (15.41 percent). The remainder of that sample bill breakdown would include: North Davis Sewer District \$140.94 (7.31%); Davis County Library \$49.64 (2.57%); Weber Basin Water \$27.36 (1.42%); and Davis County Mosquito Abatement \$17.05 (0.88%).

Business owners pay the same property tax rate, but on 100% of the FMV. So, a business in Layton, valued at \$250,000, would be paying a total of \$3,506.25 this year in property taxes. Of that amount, Layton City would receive \$474.00, or 13.52 percent of the total property tax assessment for 2014.



LEGACY OF THE ED KENLEY CENTENNIAL AMPHITHEATER



The late Ed Kenley.

The Ed Kenley Centennial Amphitheater is one of Layton City's crown jewels and has just completed its 20th season of operation.

In 1995, the Davis Arts Council partnered with Layton City, corporate sponsors, and private sponsors to build this amphitheater, located in Commons Park, just south of City Hall.

The facility was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 17, 1995. The program afterward featured music by the Utah Symphony.

Two decades later, the amphitheater has hosted many world-class performers, such as Bill Cosby, Three Dog Night, Olivia Newton-John, Kenny Loggins, Glen Campbell and more.

The amphitheater has strived to present the best in both local and national talent, while keeping a hometown feel and an intimacy that the Kenley Amphitheater is renowned for.

But who is this arts treasure named after?

The facility is named in honor of the late Edward Albert Kenley, prominent Layton businessman, who was killed in an Aug. 20, 1993 automobile accident near Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

"I wanted to do something in his name," Jewel Lee Kenley, his wife, recalled, explaining that she looked into several possible projects in Layton City.

"I didn't want to do a park," she said.

Then Councilwoman Lyndia Graham had a dream of an amphitheater in Layton.

"That just struck a nerve in my heart. That was something Ed would want to do," Jewel Lee Kenley said.

She then donated \$50,000 toward the amphitheater in honor of her husband.

Even today, Ed Kenley Ford remains a principal supporter of both the Edward A Kenley Centennial Amphitheater and the Davis Arts Council. "I never dreamed it would be that successful," she said of the amphitheater.

She said it still looms in her mind as one of the best examples of a public-private partnership project.

Ed Kenley was born in Ogden, but reared and educated in Layton.

In 1981, Kenley fulfilled a life-long dream and returned to business in his own hometown, buying the old Layton Ford store.

Ed Kenley was on the board of directors of Oakridge Country Club; past member of the board of directors of the Layton Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Northern Utah Automobile Dealers Association; past president of the Wasatch Front Ford Dealers; chairman of the 1991 Northern Utah Cancer Jail-a-thon; member of the Presidents Club at Weber State University; and, member of the Weber State Wildcat Club.

He had been the sponsor of several scholarships at Weber State University and Clearfield High School. He was the recipient of numerous other awards and citations for community service.

He loved to golf, fish, camp, walk and ride his bike.

Ed Kenley Ford is still family owned and operated by Ed's wife Jewel Lee and son Brett Kenley.



Seating at the Ed Kenley Centennial Amphitheater.



Amphitheater sign.

LAYTON CITY RANKED AS 39TH BEST U.S. CITY TO LIVE IN BY [247WALLST.COM](http://247wallst.com)

Layton City is the 39th best city to live in for the United States, according to a report from a financial news Web site: 247wallst.com.

This new ranking, released on Sept. 20, first identified the 550 cities that the U.S. Census Bureau reported as having more than 65,000 residents.

Then, the study collected statistics on those cities in seven categories: economy, crime, education, housing, leisure, variety and infrastructure.

Next, the study awarded points based on that data and listed the top 50 cities. Only two other cities in Utah, besides Layton, were ranked.

Orem was 30th and West Jordan was 40th.

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To read the rankings, go to:

<http://247wallst.com/specialreport/2014/09/17/americas-50-best-cities-to-live/13/>



NEW FERAL CAT PROGRAM IN LAYTON: TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN

Layton City Council approved to amend the Municipal Code (Ordinance 14-19) to enable a promising new community cat program – “Trap/Neuter/Return” – to function inside the city limits.

Trap/Neuter/Return (“TNR”) is a humane, non-lethal alternative to the trap-and-kill method of controlling cat populations. Healthy (or easily treatable) cats are trapped, brought to a shelter or clinic to be sterilized and vaccinated, and released back to the area they were found. Cats are also ear tipped for future identification.

The Best Friends Animal Society will implement this community cat program at its cost and will work with Davis County Animal Care & Control to identify areas of high feral cat intake.

A “community cat” is a feral, (free-roaming cat) that is without visibly discernible, or microchip owner identification of any kind, and has been sterilized, vaccinated, and ear-tipped.

Sterilization naturally reduces nuisance behaviors.

Using the traditional old trap-kill programs causes a phenomenon wherein if a cat’s population is reduced, remaining cats will produce kittens at a higher rate to compensate.

Even if all of the cats are removed, the habitat can often attract new cats, drawing the community into a costly and endless cycle of trapping and killing.

Statistics show that Layton City had 1,132 feral cats referred to the Davis County Animal Shelter from April 19 of 2013 to April 19 of 2014. In Utah, 52% of all cats that enter shelters are killed, as compared to 17% of dogs.

Davis County Animal Services’ return to owner rate was 47 percent for dogs and five percent for cats in 2013.

TNR reduces the size of the colony over time. For example, prior to 2010 in Salt Lake County:

63% of cats coming into the Salt Lake County shelter were being killed and only 3-4% of cats were returned to owners.

Today, after nearly four years of using TNR, the shelter has a 94% total live release rate; complaint calls for cats has declined; and the return to owner rate for cats has increased to 9%.

A successful TNR program must include a plan to address the legitimate nuisance complaints by community members. Best Friends staff canvases neighborhoods to explain the TNR program and offer resources.

TNR reduces shelter admissions and operating costs while increasing adoption rates.

There is no initial cost to be a part of the TNR program.

However, there will be more costs to the city if more cats are picked up inside the city limits. The City would be charged two times for the same cat being picked up. Once the same cat is picked up the third time it will be euthanized.

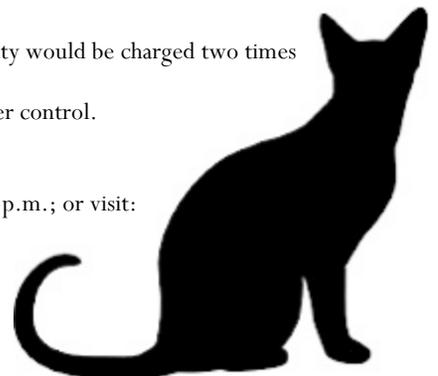
Ultimately, city costs will go down as less community cats are picked up and cat populations are under control.

For more information, go to:

<http://bestfriends.org/What-We-Do/Our-Work/Initiatives/Cat-Initiatives/>

Davis County Animal Care can be reached at 801-444-2200, weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; or visit:

http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/animal_services/



IT PAYS TO PAY ATTENTION TO TREE CARE TOO

Layton City residents probably pay a lot more attention to their lawns, than they do their trees. However, trees may need special care too.

Beyond keeping trees along the city streets and sidewalks trimmed to code, trees may need insect control, or may need root injections to overcome a deficiency in micro-nutrients.

Spending a few hundred dollars annually for a licensed tree care specialist to treat an ailing tree might prolong its life. This could thus save on thousands of dollars in removal costs and the price of a new tree.

Fall is also a prime time to plant new trees.

However, when planting new trees, it is wise to check with a specialist, as some trees do not do well in Northern Utah's climate. According to information from Mitch Jones, a certified Arborist in Layton, with Harmon & Sons, trees increase our quality of life by bringing natural elements and wildlife into an urban setting.

Trees also provide shade, privacy, emphasize views and act as barriers to reduce surrounding noise problems. Properly placed trees can reduce cooling costs in summer by providing shade. In the winter, they can serve as a windbreak and reduce heating costs.

According to the U.S. Forest Service, strategically placed trees around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent and save 20-50 percent on energy costs for heating.

Homes with excellent landscaping and trees can increase property value by 6-7 percent.

Residents often plant trees that are too big for the width of the park strip they are planted in, or the root systems of a particular tree have a tendency to cause sidewalk and curb damage. Trees need space to grow and if a large tree is planted in a small park strip, then it will be difficult for that tree to grow to maturity. Planting large trees in smaller park strips also encourages sidewalk lifting and damage. It is also important to note that if residents would like to further protect against sidewalk lifting, there are root boxes that can be installed at the time the tree is planted which force roots deeper and lessen the chance of them lifting any sidewalks. Layton City also has a list of recommended trees for park strips and near sidewalks. For this list, go to:

<http://www.laytoncity.org/downloads/CD/Planning/RecommendedTreesChart.pdf>



An ailing tree will benefit from professional tree care.

It is also wise to contact Blue Stakes of Utah (800-662-4111) before any digging to make sure there are no utilities in a park strip.

Currently, however, Layton City does not have any standards that require trees to be planted a certain distance from driveways, mailboxes, water meters, or utility boxes.

Layton does have a requirement that requires tree branches to be pruned up to a height of 7 feet above the grade of a sidewalk and 13.5 feet above the grade of a street.

Trees with a base wider than 2 feet should not be planted in clear view areas, which are areas close to driveways and intersections.

In addition, trees that grow too close to power lines can cause outages, start fires or create other hazardous conditions.

To reduce the need for future pruning, be sure to choose an appropriate tree for the space (especially around power lines).

Some other things to keep in mind while planting:

- Low-growing trees (under 25 feet when mature) may be planted adjacent to overhead power lines.
- Plant tall-growing trees (over 25 feet when mature) at least 25 feet away from overhead power lines.
- Trees that grow taller than 35 feet when mature should be planted 50 feet away from overhead lines.
- Plant trees and shrubs at least 10 feet away from ground-mounted transformers.
- Locate underground utilities before planting.

For more information on this, go to:

<http://www.rockymountainpower.net/trees>

BLOCKBUSTER MOMENT IN LAYTON HISTORY: WHEN I-15 OPENED IN 1966

One of the most significant changes ever in Layton City happened on Nov. 23, 1966, when I-15 opened. Initially going from the south end of Layton to Ogden, this section of freeway meant that Main Street (Highway 91) would no longer be so clogged with congestion during Hill Air Force Base shift changes.

Some 15,000 workers were employed at Hill AFB back then.

“The people of Ogden and vicinity will welcome the elimination of one of Utah’s most serious traffic bottlenecks,” Ernest H. Balch, Chairman of the Utah State Road Commission, said of I-15’s completion.

Work on I-15 from Ogden to Layton began in 1964 and required three years. The six-mile segment of I-15 through Layton to Sunset alone cost \$2.13 million

Besides clearing up traffic congestion, the presence of the freeway meant another big change: suburban development was now encouraged by a shortened travel time to Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah’s largest cities at the time.

“The communities along the freeway’s route rightly envisioned a new incentive for growth,” Glen M. Leonard stated in his book, “A History of Davis County.”

“The Federal Interstate Highway Act of 1956, which also expanded federal subsidies for major state highways, launched the national highway system during the Eisenhower administration. Washington paid 95 percent of the costs, making construction of the Davis County section not a matter of ‘if,’ but ‘when,’” Leonard wrote.

North of Layton, the freeway also followed the abandoned Bamberger Railroad line, meaning there was less impact of existing development. Layton City also experienced other changes because of the new interstate highway. Some homes had to be moved or demolished to make room for the six-lane highway.

Gordon Avenue was particularly changed forever, by being disconnected by I-15 and split in an eastern and a western section. In addition, Layton City itself seemed forever split by the busy interstate slicing through town. There was now the west side of I-15 and the east side of I-15 in the city.

The final section of I-15, located from the south end of Layton to Lagoon, would not be completed until 11 years after the rest, however. This \$10 million project expanded the old Highway 91. With this route open through Davis County, motorists could then travel on an uninterrupted freeway from Box Elder to Juab counties.

The freeway’s presence also eventually spurred economic growth in Layton, including the addition of the Layton Hills Mall in 1980, boasting convenient I-15 access.

Sources: “A History of Davis County,” by Glen M. Leonard; Ogden Standard-Examiner Archives; Davis County Clipper Archives.



I-15 today in Layton.

THE REGULATIONS OF ADDING A SHED TO YOUR YARD

Did yard equipment and toys accumulate around your home over the summer? Thinking of building a shed, or purchasing a pre-made shed and having it placed on your property?

Your first step should be to contact Layton City's Community & Economic Development Department to find out what is allowed in your area.

Each area of the City has a zoning designation. Zoning restrictions apply to the amount of property that can be covered by structures on your lot, the building height and the distance a structure must be from the property line and from other structures.

To avoid future conflict, this department can also help you determine if there are easements on your property over which a shed cannot be placed.

Basic guidelines for placing sheds on your property are as follows:

- There must be a minimum of 6 feet between your shed and your home or any other structure on your lot.
- There must be a minimum of 12 feet between your shed and any structure on your neighbor's lot.
- Sheds located less than 5 feet from the side or rear property lines must have one-hour fire resistance rated walls. Sheds cannot be located closer than 3 feet to the side or rear property lines. Sheds cannot be located over an easement unless written permission is given.
- If your property is on a corner lot, the shed must be placed 30 feet from the side property line in the A and R-S zones, and 25 feet from the side property line in the R-M1, R-M2 and R-H zones, and 20 feet from the side property line in the R-1-6, R-1-8, and R-1-10 zones.
- The maximum height for a shed is 25 feet in the A zone, 23 feet in the R-S zone and 18 feet in all other residential zones. The height of a shed is measured from the average grade of the ground by the shed to the midpoint of the roof which is between the peak and the eave of the roof. Please see a City Planner for specific instructions for placing the shed on the property especially if the height is more than 18 feet.

A building permit is not required for a shed less than 120 square feet unless any electrical components are installed.

You can apply for a building permit on the Layton City Web site. The following are the minimum submittal requirements for building permits:

- Two copies of the site plan indicating lot dimensions, size of existing structures, easements and the distance between existing structures and distance from the property lines. This plan does not have to be professionally drawn, but must be drawn to scale.
- Two copies of the floor plan of the proposed shed including size of the shed, location of openings, size of headers over all door and window openings, type of lumber to be used (2x4, 2x6, etc.), and size, spacing, and direction of truss (roof) materials.
- Two copies of exterior elevations showing the proposed design including the height and view of all sides of the shed.

City Planners are available by phone at 801-336-3780 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Building inspectors can be reached at 801-336-3760 between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.



One of many sheds for sale in Layton.

NEW BUSINESS LIST

Chuck's Burger
354 North Main, Suite 2

Hydroxygen Investments
863 West Gordon Avenue

IBALL
199 East 2150 North, No. F

Red Peony
1706 Heritage Park, Suite 4

Summit Air Systems
199 East 2150 North, Suite B

That Mattress Company
1596 Hill Field Road

The Habit Burger Grill
508 West Antelope Drive

Looking for a new business in Layton City? Visit laytoncity.org to find a "Business browser" – a complete list of all the current business licenses in Layton City, or contact Layton business licensing at 437 N. Wasatch Drive, (801) 336-3788.



Another shed for sale.

ANNUAL LAYTON CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE



(Above) Families loading to take a ride around the park in a Layton fire truck.



Some of the many inside displays at the Fire Open House.



(Right) Children spraying with real fire hoses.

(Below) A display at the Fire Open House on Preparedness.



Air Med Helicopter lands in Ellison Park for the Open House.



Air Med helicopter was a popular attraction.



Many families attended the Fire Department Open House.

A LOOK AT LAYTON'S BUSINESS DISTRICT OF 1913

A 1913 business description of Layton:

“Layton has business blocks that would be a credit to a much larger and more populous community, a fine new depot just completed by the Ogden Short Line railway and a neat little depot building is nearing completion on the electric line. There are four stores handling implements and vehicles, three general stores, one drug store, a national bank, butcher shop, two restaurants, flourishing shops, pool hall, paint and wall paper house, coal yards, lumber yard and blacksmith shop.”
(From the Weekly Reflex newspaper, Dec. 26, 1912.)



The modern view looking southeast from Layton's original business district.



PLAN NOW TO HAVE ADEQUATE OFF STREET PARKING AVAILABLE

Vehicles may not be parked on any public street in Layton City between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. during the months of December, January, and February, or any other time when removal of snow from the streets is apparent, imminent, or necessary.

Thus, residents should consider adding new hard surface parking; ask neighbors if they have extra parking available; or find off-site parking elsewhere.

Remember: Vehicles, trailers, boats, etc. cannot be legally parked on grass or dirt. Vehicles can also not block sidewalks.

Apartment residents needing more parking should consult their manager for possible extra off-street parking.

Also, remember it is prohibited to leave a vehicle parked in the same place on any street or alley continuously for more than 72 hours – year-round.

Parking a recreational vehicle, trailer, boat, or similar apparatus on any public street, except for the immediate loading or unloading and no longer than 24 consecutive hours, is illegal any time of the year.

HOLIDAY “LIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS” DISPLAY

Join the Layton City Parks and Recreation Department for the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 24, 6 p.m.

The program will start at the Layton High School auditorium and will include singing performances from local school groups. The evening will conclude with a countdown, by Mayor Bob Stevenson, to turn on the holiday “Lights Before Christmas” display at Layton Commons Park.

The program begins at 6:00 p.m. at the school and the lights will be turned on at approximately 7:00 p.m.

This event is free of charge and open to anyone who would like to attend. Layton City’s holiday light display will be open nightly, November 24 through January 1, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

New additions to look for at this year’s “Lights Before Christmas” display include two Nut Crackers, placed in the front of the large archway entrances, and the additional LED lighted trees.

AT HOME IN LAYTON HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Layton City's mission is to "Provide services and opportunities, in partnership with the community, which enhance the quality of life." In an effort to fulfill this mission, Layton City created the "At Home in Layton" program to provide affordable housing opportunities to people wishing to purchase a home in Layton. Since 2007, the program has funded over \$236,000 to help 48 households achieve affordable homeownership.

It is important that affordable housing opportunities are available for people at a variety of income levels in our community. Often times potential buyers are able to qualify for a mortgage but have not managed to save enough for the down payment or closing costs. The "At Home in Layton" can assist these potential buyers. People needing affordable housing come from a variety of professions. From the established police officer to the young professional just starting out, this program provides homebuyer assistance to hard-working individuals who have a desire to live in our city.

The "At Home in Layton" program is offered through the Layton City Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The CDBG Program is a part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Layton City administers the program at the local level and verifies adherence to federal requirements. The City typically offers 6-8 homebuyer assistance loans per fiscal year that are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

"At Home in Layton" applicants are required to meet household income requirements set by HUD, which is 80% of the Area Median Income. The assistance is offered as a loan that can be used for the down payment, closing costs or principal reduction. The loan is dispersed in \$5,000 increments per applicant and the home must be their primary residence. The loan does not collect interest and every year the homeowner stays in the home, they owe \$1,000 less. After the homeowner has stayed in the home for a five-year period, the loan is forgiven and no repayment is due.

Are you or someone you know interested in learning more? Applications for the program can be obtained at Layton City Hall at 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton, Utah 84041.

For questions or applications please contact Chad D. Thomas, Layton City's CDGB program administrator at 801-336-3770 or cthomas@laytoncity.org.



LAYTON TRIVIA

- The first "stop sign" in Layton came along in 1928 when "Stop" was painted on Gentile Street as it intersected with Main Street.
- The Layton area's first farmers were Edward Phillips and William Kay, who farmed about a dozen acres just southwest of today's Layton boundaries, in the early 1850s.
- Horse pulling contests were popular competitions in Layton during the early 20th Century.
- In the early 1920s, the first road paved in Layton was Sugar Road, to aid truck traffic. The route to Main Street, along Gentile Street, was paved soon after, although this paving only involved a single travel lane.
- Converted sheep wagons (with a bench down the middle and a pot bellied stove) were used as Layton's first "school buses" in the early 1920s.
- Layton briefly had its own opera house for a number of years starting in 1889 at 962 North Church Street. However, the converted chapel was soon abandoned for its high fire danger.
- Public education was a slow process in northern Utah during the 1860s. For example, in 1862, less than one-third of eligible students were enrolled in school.
- The original Layton Elementary School stood from 1902 to 1984, when it was replaced by today's version.
- Natural gas for heating use first arrived in downtown Layton in 1929.
- Electricity and culinary water all reached downtown Layton between 1896-1911.
- Adams Canyon was named for Elias Adams, who built a log home just south of the Canyon that bears his name in 1850.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS AND SNOW REMOVAL

The following are tips from the Layton City Police Department to keep you safe during the winter driving season:

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving. Make sure you have good snow tires that are properly inflated. Ensure the defrost system is in good working condition.
- Do you drive a 4x4? Remember 4-wheel drive may help you get going, but it won't help you stop quicker. In fact, larger trucks and SUV's weigh more and take longer to come to a stop.
- Clean all snow and frost from your windows before driving.
- If the weather is bad, postpone or cancel unnecessary travel.
- Wear your seat belt.
- Drive with lights on.
- Drive slow. Make slow and deliberate adjustments. Quick turns, braking, and acceleration may cause sliding.
- Increase your following distance. Begin braking and slowing early.
- Make room for snowplows. Remember the road ahead of them is worse. If you must pass a snowplow, pass on the left only.
- Avoid multi-tasking. Stay off the phone and other devices. Concentrate on driving without any distractions.
- Remember that road conditions change ahead of you. Bridges, overpasses, and shady areas may have ice when other areas do not.
- Be patient.

With winter approaching, the Layton Police Department would like to remind residents about parking restrictions and snow removal responsibilities.

- Parking on the street between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from December 1st through the end of February is prohibited.
- In addition to the above restriction, parking on the street is prohibited any time the need to remove snow from the streets is apparent or imminent. 10.62.010
- All snow, sleet, hail, or other precipitation impairing the safe access and use of the sidewalks that abut property, must be removed within 12 hours from the end of the depositing storm. 12.4.50
- It is unlawful to push snow or other material from any driveway or sidewalk into a street that is plowed for the purpose of snow removal by the City. 12.04.060

For questions, contact the Layton Police Department at 801-497-8300



HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE/TREE PICK UP

Residential garbage is picked up on all holidays that fall on weekdays except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. All of these holidays fall on a Thursday this year.

- Collection for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2014, will be delayed to Friday. Friday's routes will be delayed to Saturday.
- Collection for Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25, 2014, will be delayed to Friday. Friday's routes will be delayed to Saturday.
- Collection for New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1, 2015, will be delayed to Friday. Friday's routes will be delayed to Saturday.
- Natural Christmas trees will be picked up on the regular collection day from December 26, 2014, to January 11, 2015.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SPOTLIGHT ON DON WILHELM

Raised in Layton, Don Wilhelm has stayed close to his roots and developed a long standing partnership with Layton City Parks and Recreation. For over 20 years Don has volunteered his services to the department for many of their programs.

His passion is in the Arts. As an actor, he has played the lead in “Fiddler on the Roof”, is the Christmas Present in “A Christmas Carol”, and is a light designer, a Harley rider and Co-Founder of the Change Leader Program for the Utah Arts Council.

Through his volunteer work he has brought together his technical expertise, his passion, and his support of community to amplify the arts in Layton. The Layton City amphitheater has become the “front porch” to the community and Don has had a hand in designing, programming, and recruiting national acts to come entertain thousands of people every year.

When the Layton amphitheater was being planned, Don designed all of the sound and lighting for no cost. He has consulted with the city at no cost, for anything to do with the sound and lighting at the amphitheater. Don has served on the Arts Council Board in different positions for over 20 years.

Currently Don is serving as the Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson and has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission since 2010. For 15 years he has spent Fourth of July mornings announcing the parade and the evenings mixing the sound for the American Symphony that plays until the fireworks go off. On July 24th, for the last 18 years he has mixed the music for the free City Concert. Don has assisted the City with the design of the moving light displays in Layton’s Christmas Light display. The list of what he is doing and has done for this community is truly too large to name everything.

Don is an amazing person who believes that people should get an opportunity to have the best no matter who they are. His vision is to make that happen and create excellence in everything he is involved with. The Layton community has benefitted handsomely thanks to his efforts.



Don Wilhelm

Don was recently awarded the Outstanding Citizen Advocate of the Year award from the Utah Recreation and Parks Association at the conference held in March of this year and has been selected as the Layton City Parks & Recreation Volunteer of the Year.



NFL FLAG FOOTBALL IN LAYTON

Layton City’s NFL Flag Football program saw a significant increase in registration between the first and second season. The first season, 150 kids registered. In the second season over 500 kids enjoyed the program that provided instruction, skill development, and a lot of fun.

The NFL’s Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition, a new addition to the program, was very popular with over 250 participants. The competition was sponsored by Weber State University and all of the participants received tickets for the Weber State vs. Cal Poly football game. This year Layton City had 10 individuals qualify for the sectional competition held in Tremonton, Utah. One outstanding athlete, Rilee Godfree qualified for the regional competition to be held in Denver, Colorado. Rilee has been invited to attend the Denver Bronco vs. Buffalo Bill’s game in December. She will have the opportunity to compete in the NFL’s Regional Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition during halftime.

Another well received addition to the program this year was the addition of kick off’s and the opportunity to punt on fourth down. An end of the year tournament was also added to the program, which created more excitement and fun for the older leagues.

Parents and kids love flag football because it’s a great opportunity to learn the skills of football, be active, and have fun without getting too intense. The kids especially love getting to play under the lights at the parks. Kids who love football but haven’t played in the past will not want to miss out on this great opportunity to get involved in this wonderful sport.

LAYTON BUSINESS BROWSER

Want more information about businesses inside Layton City?

Want to browse what businesses are available in Layton?

An alphabetical, on-line business browser is available at:

<http://www.laytoncity.org/public/Depts/ComDev/BL/businessbrowser.aspx?fl=R>

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LAYTON CITY EVENTS

City Council Meetings

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Turkey Bowl 2014

Saturday, Nov. 22
 Davis Lanes Bowling Alley
 1396 North Main Street
 Cost: \$3.50 per person
 Advance registration required

No Overnight Street Parking

December 1 to March 1
 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.

To aid in snow removal

Boys Junior Jazz Registration

Through Nov. 24
 Cost: \$40
 For ages 4th to 10th grade
 Play begins in January
 Call 801-336-3900 for more details

Holiday Hay Rides

Wednesday, Dec. 10
 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
 Families can enjoy free hay rides through
 the holiday lights at Commons Park

Surf's Up With Santa

Saturday, Dec. 20
 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
 Enjoy the Surf n' Swim waves
 and get pictures with Santa Claus
 Cost: \$1 admission;
 \$2 for tube rental

Holiday Pavilion Rentals

Nov. 25 through Dec. 30
 (Except Nov. 27, 28 and Dec. 24, 25)
 Heated space for large gatherings
 Call 801-336-3900 for more details

Layton City's Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Monday, November 24th

Program starting at 6 PM
 in Layton High Auditorium
 across from Commons Park

Lights go on at about
 7 PM

Admission is FREE

