My Dear Fellow Residents;

It is so good to be able to communicate with you at the beginning of September. I love this time of the year. Temperatures are beginning to cool down; the beginning of school is a milestone that marks the end of summer and beginning of fall in our community.

As is my tradition, during August I always try to meet with and go for a “ride along” with our city department heads. I love this time spent with those who run our city. It gives me insights and allows me to gauge the pulse of each department. Let me give you a little run down of what each department head is responsible for. My description of what they do is but a highlight and does not cover in detail all that they do.

Public Works Department: Jeff Jensen is responsible for our Public Works Department, which is our largest city department. Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of nearly 117 miles of piping that bring our spring water down from the east mountains. Jeff’s department is also responsible for treating the water, and sending samples to the EPA annually. His department is responsible for city wells - their maintenance and assuring proper functioning ability, 24/7. Public Works crews clean and maintain the roads, plow the snow, and make certain that gutters and drains are cleaned out periodically. Jeff’s department is also responsible for the beautiful flowers along Main Street. Those who work in this department are tasked with the maintenance of our parks, cemetery, and city buildings. Jeff loves his job, and has over 20 years of experience in this department.

Power Department: Cory Daniels is the department head for the Power department. Cory’s department is responsible for maintaining the miles and miles of power lines and the power grid for Ephraim City and several hydro-electric generating plants. Whenever our power goes out, Cory and his department are searching and trying to find what the problem is. They work in the middle of the night when necessary, and whether it’s snowing, a rainstorm, windstorm, or whatever the conditions might be, the power department is on the job. In the last few years our power supply lines have been upgraded by the Power Department which has cut our power loss time to a fraction of what it was 20 years ago.

Police/Public Safety: Aaron Broomhead is our Chief of Police. The Police Department has the job of protection and safety for the entire community. Chief Broomhead has implemented a variety of procedures in his department that have had a very positive effect on how we do policing in Ephraim City. He has the best trained police force in Sanpete County and has implemented innovations that have heightened our security and protection in Ephraim. His police officers are of the
LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Perk Coffee Shop
421 S 50 E

We would like to welcome The Perk Coffee Shop to Ephraim City. The Perk has been keeping us caffeinated since their Grand Opening on May 15th. They offer a convenient drive-thru, which opens bright and early at 6 am Monday through Saturday and 7 am on Sunday. The Perk has quickly become a town favorite by providing great drinks and treats for your whole family, including your pets!

Here are a few words from owner, Jenn, about why she started her business:
"My name is Jenn, and my husband, Colton, and I are the owners of The Perk. Our baby baristas are Axel and Ivy. I've been somewhat of a coffee enthusiast for most of my life. Colton is a coal miner, and I was a cosmetologist. After nearly 10 years of working in the beauty industry it was time for something new. I've always fantasized about owning a coffee shop and that dream is finally a reality!

I want to express my appreciation for every one of our customers! You guys are helping make this dream possible! We couldn't do it without you. We're learning how to do this business owner thing from scratch and our perk peeps have stood by us every step of the way.

We also have some new things coming to our menu so stay tuned!"

Mayor's Corner Continued

The Recreation Department: Michael Patton is our City Recreation Director. In the last few years it has been amazing to watch Michael and his team develop a recreation department that is not only concerned with youth sports, but also with adult and senior recreation in the community. Michael and his team have spearheaded the advance work of looking into the building of a new rec center and the development of a future new athletic complex and sports fields for the city. We look forward to his continued enthusiasm for our recreation programs, which include, but are not limited to: soccer, flag football, basketball, volleyball, softball/baseball, special athletic events, the Christmas Light Parade and the Scandinavian Festival. Michael has also worked hard on writing and procuring grants for our all-abilities park and many other projects that the Recreation Department has on the horizon.

Finance Department: By state statute, our city government is required to have a balanced budget. Steve Widmer does an amazing job in helping us with that task. All monies received and spent by Ephraim City goes through the Finance Department. Steve does an incredible job in accounting for how and where our budgeted funds are spent and is tasked with tracking every penny of taxpayers’ dollars that are used by the various city departments. Sometimes, for Steve, it is like herding cats, but he does an admirable job, and he amazes all of us with his precision and knowledge of state codes and ethics regarding the accountability of citizen taxpayer dollars. Any time we have a financial question, we know that Steve will have the answer.

Community Development: Bryan Kimball does an incredible job of juggling so many things in our city with regard to the planning and execution of our overall city plan. Bryan takes calls constantly from developers who are interested in building in Ephraim. He is tasked with explaining city codes and zoning guidelines, shepherding the Planning Commission, obtaining millions of dollars’ worth of grants to help the city in moving forward with major projects. Bryan is helped by Devan Fowles in his department and together these two make sure that city codes are followed and ensure that our utilities are protected with each project. Right now this department is hopping with all of the interest that has been shown in Ephraim City. They do herculean work in this department.

Fire Department: As of August 23rd, this department is now led by Chief Jeff Hermansen, under the supervision of the Public Safety Department. He has over 20 years’ experience with the Fire Department. His department works hard to save lives and property. I was talking with a resident in Payson the other day whose house caught on fire and literally burned down in front of her. Her fire department took 55 minutes to respond to her call. Meanwhile, our Fire Department’s average response time is 5 minutes, and it is usually less. We have an amazing group of individuals who volunteer their time when the need arises, and an emergency is
Mayor’s Corner Continued

Cemetery Software Upgrades

It is now easier to search for and find burial information! Ephraim City has upgraded the Ephraim Park Cemetery software so that residents can access burial information from their home computers or cell phones.

To access the site from your home computer, use this URL: https://burialsearch.com/ecims/#/s/736/Ephraim_City_Park_Cemetery.

If you would like to access the site from your camera phone, activate your phone’s camera and hover over the attached QR code. It will display a message that says, “Open burialsearch.com.” Touch the message and it will take you to the cemetery site on your phone.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please call the Ephraim Cemetery Department at 435-283-4631, option 4.

Search cemetery records on your phone.

Ephraim City Park Cemetery

1. Open your smartphone camera.
2. Scan this QR code / take picture of code to the right of this description.
3. Browse cemetery records:
   You can also access this cemetery’s records through: https://burialsearch.com/ecims/#/s/736/Ephraim_City_Park_Cemetery
4. Need help finding a burial? GPS walk to grave directions are available.

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SCHEDULED:
ATHENIAN ACADEMY 9/02, 09, 16, 23 & 9/30 2021
STITCHIN’ SISTERS 9/8/2021
LIONS CLUB 9/9/2021
DUP 9/13/2021
The Ephraim Library is planning some fantastic September events!

- Preschool Storytime will be held on Wednesdays at 11:30. We have new programs!
- Preschool Lab will be held on Thursdays at 11:30.
- Music and Movement and It Starts with Art will alternate on Fridays at 11:00.
- Our annual Teddy Bear Picnic will be held on September 23rd and 24th. Watch for sign-ups and more info on our webpage and Facebook.
- Batman Day is September 18th.
- Banned Books Week and Library Card Sign Up month are also this month.
- September will see the return of Anime Club and Tween Scene. We will also introduce Makerspace and STEM/STEAM programming for all ages.

If you like our programming, would like to suggest ideas, materials, or would just like to support your local library, consider joining the Friends of the Library. We will be having an informational meeting for those interested in early September.

Watch for library news on Facebook, or check out our Facebook feed at our newly redesigned Ephraim City webpage. We can’t wait to see you at the library! [https://www.ephraimcity.org/155/Library](https://www.ephraimcity.org/155/Library).

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