Dear Ephraim City Residents,

Things in Ephraim City are getting very busy. New businesses are looking at locating to Ephraim which is an exciting thing. In the next few months you will see food retailers announcing their intent to locate in Ephraim City, new homes will be built, new apartments and new business accommodations will be available. We are a growing city!

Right now our growth does not seem to be dramatic, and it probably won’t ever seem dramatic, but still our business and housing platform will maintain a steady growth that you will eventually notice throughout our city. It’s exciting and we are planning strategically to accommodate infrastructure needs that meet our growth pattern.

We have recently put out for bid the refabrication of our city’s north well. Right now it is a high-producing agricultural well, but our plan is to retrofit it into a municipal water well by the end of the summer (if all goes well with the project). This means that our city will double its well water capacity by the end of the summer. That, together with our numerous springs to the east of Ephraim City, will enable us to grow and have sufficient water to meet our needs. Additionally, we will begin the pursuit of the rights to a 4th well during this year.

During February I witnessed first-hand the incredibly efficient capability of our Police Department, Fire Department, Ephraim Ambulance Association, and our local Search and Rescue Association, along with our Sanpete County Sheriff’s office as we tried to locate Margaret Shirleen Peterson. Although this search did not turn out the way we all had hoped for, still it underscored the level of...
A Message from Our Council
Margie Anderson

The Utah State Legislative Session began on February 18 of this year. Much of my time in the last few weeks has been spent either listening to committee meetings and legislative sessions or attending in person at the capitol. There is a lot of work that goes into the legislative process, and while I do not agree with every piece of legislation, I honor the process. I do know that it is important to let your voice be heard. I have personally seen a vote by a legislator change when public input has been received. Sometimes it also prompts compromise which may give both parties only part of what they would like. Not always easy.

Many of you may not know that Ephraim City belongs to a group called the Utah League of Cities and Towns. This organization of towns and cities does their best to follow and advocate for bills that directly affect cities, towns and their governments. Their motto has always been that government closest to the people is always the most effective. For cities of our size, they are a great resource and they seek input from their members.

These are some of the subject areas and priorities that have had high interest:

Taxes: both Income and Sales Tax.
Water: Multiple bills regarding water, and in particular, conservation of the state’s resources.
Elections: Multiple bills in regards security.
Education: Some rather contentious bills regarding funding and public input.
Affordable Housing: some complicated bills. A lot of the legislation is directed to multi-family housing.

**Great Salt Lake**: Preservation and restoration of the lake; many long-term effects if the GSL is not restored.

**State Bird of Prey**: A bill establishing the Golden Eagle as the State’s Bird of Prey.

There was a very interesting story regarding a group of elementary aged students that came to a committee meeting regarding one of the bills for the Great Salt Lake. They offered public comment in the meeting telling the committee members of the advantages of the Great Salt Lake on wildlife and birds in the area. They had obviously done their homework. They also suggested adopting the Brine Shrimp as the State Crustacean, which prompted H.B. 298. I find it amazing that a landlocked, drought-stricken state like Utah could even consider a state crustacean. At this point, I do not see it on the passed bills list.

Since we are at the end of the session on March 4, here is a way you can track the list of passed bills and whether they have been signed into law by Governor Cox. You can access them by going to le.utah.gov. There is a heading at the top that says Bills. You can then track passed bills. There is certainly a lot to learn from each legislative session. About 798 bills were on the docket this year not counting resolutions. Many will be a benefit to our citizens and some will require some changes. In any case, it is a process that we should consider a part of a free nation.

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**SENIOR CENTER MARCH ACTIVITY**

**ALL CENTER RENTAL RESERVATION INQUIRIES AND CANCELATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MELISA TINOCO**: (435) 283-6310.

**RENTAL RATE INCREASE**: EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2022, DAILY RENTAL $100 WITH $25 DEPOSIT.

**VETERANS HELP AVAILABLE**: FREE SERVICE AVAILABLE TO HELP VETERANS, WIDOWS, AND DEPENDENTS, TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES: (435) 835-0771. REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN MANTI MARCH 16TH AND MARCH 30TH.

**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION VOUCHER SYSTEM**: CONTACT SIX COUNTY AT 435-893-0726 FOR INFORMATION.

**HIGH FITNESS CLUB**: WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30 AM AND THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8:00 PM. FOR INFO, CALL JAMIE NIELSON: (801) 367-3708.

**SCHEDULED**:

- **MAR 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**
- **MAR 9**
- **MAR 14**
- **MAR 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31**
- **ATHENIAN ACADEMY**
- **STITCHIN’ SISTERS**
- **DUP**
- **HIGH FITNESS**
We are Jon Burgoyne and Kristin Hood. Jon is a software developer and has been working remotely since 2016. Kristin is a writer and voracious reader. Together they have two young children who make it just the tiniest bit difficult to work distraction-free at home.

In 2018, with the freedom to move wherever we wished with no location constraints, we relocated our family to Ephraim, Utah. We absolutely love this special place and understand why others are making the same decision we did to work remotely in Sanpete County! We hope to offer a workspace where individuals feel they can be productive or collaborate with others while still enjoying the benefits of working from home.

We have three rooms available for visitors to work in, each with its own features to cater to whatever your environmental needs might be that day.

**The Work Lounge:** This is our bright, airy room perfect for the worker who likes lots of natural light, aesthetically pleasing surroundings, and roomy, comfortable seating. Come alone, or bring a friend and encourage each other while you work here! Seats 3.

**The Conference Room:** This room is equipped with a spacious table, a whiteboard for brainstorming, and a television for presentations or collaborative work. Not just for small groups working together, individuals who are willing to work and chat side-by-side with others might want to work here! Seats 5.

**The Quiet Study:** Come to this room for your own desk, work lamp, and charging station. Bring your noise-canceling headphones, lay out all of your essential supplies, and hunker down for the most productive work session you've ever had! Seats 3.

Our amenities include:
- High Speed Internet
- Furnished Co-working Space
- Free Parking
- Full Service Kitchen
- Complimentary Snacks & Beverages
- Commitment to Health & Safety

The Workspace is located at 45 E 400 S here in Ephraim and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. You can reach them by phone at 435-283-5348 or by email team@ephraimworkspace.com.

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**Workshop Wednesday Schedule**

**3:30 pm**

03/02: Ocean View Collage with Janice

03/09: Shamrock Light Catcher with Janice

03/16: Lydia Gravis-Inspired Drawing with Bryn

03/23: Cartoon Crazy with Janice

03/30: March Mosaic Madness with Janice

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**Exhibitions**

Tomiko Jones / Hatsubon

Lydia Gravis / Survival and Resilience

The Family Trade / Bird's Eye Chisel album + Tintypes by Holly Hooper

David Lindsay / Our Valley Speaks: A Sanpete Experience (virtual exhibition)

**Kids Ephraim Library Exhibition**

To see recent video interviews with our artists, visit our Vimeo channel, Vimeo.com/GranaryArts.

**Visit Us**

86 North Main, Ephraim / W-S 11 am - 5 pm / 435.283.3456 / Parking behind Ephraim Co-op.
preparedness, cooperation, coordination, and precision in our departments in this type of situation. As a City, we express our deepest condolences to the family of Shirleen. As I observed the workings of the command center at City Hall for nearly 7 hours, I was so impressed with the thoroughness of the search process. Also, it was so impressive to witness the response from our community and the hundreds of community members who looked through their own properties and hoped and prayed for a successful conclusion to this search. I thank all who made great efforts to find one of our own precious and beloved residents.

During the month of February I have worked long and hard to influence our two state legislative representatives, Senator Derrin Owens and Representative Steve Lund. There were a couple of bills introduced by Derrin Owens in the special summer session and in this current session that had the potential to mess with the efficiency of IPP (Inter-mountain Power Project). Ephraim City is one of 23 cities that belong to IPA (Inter-Mountain Power Association), and we obtain our power through IPP. We offer our citizens fairly cheap power rates through this cooperative and because of this, we are sensitive to any bills proposed that might impact that delicate balance. Unfortunately, there was no communication between our City and Senator Derrin Owens prior to his introduction of SB 2002 and SB 92. I was worried about the unintended consequences of both these bills. I contacted both Representative Lund and Senator Owens to express our concerns. Shaun Kjar and I met with Representative Lund for over two and a half hours. We had a delightful conversation with him as we expressed our concerns about the possible impact on our power rates for our citizens. Fortunately, additional language was able to be introduced in SB 92 that would alleviate some of the potentiality of higher electric rate charges for our residents. I express gratitude to Representative Lund for his willingness to come down from Salt Lake and spend time listening to our concerns.

As a city, we have so much to look forward to. Recently, I came across a poem that I think embodies the hopes and dreams of our residents as they live in “This Little Town”:

This Little Town

This little town [Ephraim] of immigrants. The city lights are not as bright, but we can see the boulevard, the rising peaks, how, distantly, by day, the empire shines so brilliantly.

On Saturday, the local kids ride back and forth on skates and swings. Our little town shines with a force: a lamp, a torch. We are the voice of those who come to seek a dream, our little shops, our little streets, the future paths, the history, this point in time, the time before, the children’s laughter, pure and sweet, so full of possibility.

This spot I’ve filled and left, returned, I’ll leave a part of me to stay, to always watch, to always hope, that all of us will find our way and not forget this place we found, the starting point for those who’ve come on Saturday to [City] Park[s], this little town, this little spark, the future paths, the history, a single step's trajectory, the form of lines which curve and sway about the ranks’ divide and come around below the soaring skies while scattering the scampering of little feet, in tiny homes, that lack of things, but not of hope: it grows, it shines, it radiates.

I’ll let my eyes rest on the sight, this little spark, this little hope, this shining star, this satellite, my home, my wife and family, this immigrant community, my grandparents, their sacrifice, this little town, this little light, this spot I’ve filled, and now, returned, I’ll leave a part of me to stay, just as I am, with all my might, with open arms, to usher in the boulevard, the rising peaks, our little town, this little street, a prayer, a wish, one candle's light to guide another's through the night.

Thank you for all that you do to make Ephraim City a great place to live!

Sincerely,

John Scott

Ephraim City Mayor