My Dear Fellow Residents,

It is so good to be able to communicate to you through this monthly newsletter. Thank you for your positive and generous comments through the last two and a half years concerning what you are learning and feeling through this newsletter. I look forward to reaching out to you every month. My effort has always been motivated through a sense of responsibility to communicate to you, as best as I can, the things that are happening in Ephraim City.

I am pleased to announce to you that our City work crews will be picking up yard debris from April 4th through May 6th. This means that you can put yard cleanup debris out on your city sidewalk and our city crews will come and pick up that debris. This debris is not to include, cars, appliances, large house waste, etc. It is limited to small piles of branches, dead shrubs, tree trimmings in smaller quantities, or general yard cleanup from the winter that needs to be hauled away. Additionally, the City will provide a large waste bin for yard waste to the south of the Ephraim Elementary, also beginning on April 4th.

Recently I met with the Mayors and Commissioners of Sanpete County and our Congressional office staff representatives. There is an item from that meeting that stunned all of us. Senator Lee and the Economic Committee, of which he is a member, have done some studies about the inflation rates for our area of the country. This Senate Committee has calculated that we are, or will shortly be, paying an additional $587.00 dollars per month per household because of the rising inflation rates that are affecting our area even more so than other areas in the United States. There will continue to be supply chain shortages that we will feel keenly. Gas prices will continue to rise, and this will affect the price of nearly every commodity that we buy. Inflation is officially at nearly 7% nationally, but is actually nearly 10% in our area. It is expected to rise steadily and will possibly be in place for the next decade. We will work hard to be prepared for this economic inflationary trend.

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Upcoming City Meetings:

- City Council Meeting
  April 6, 2022  6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting
  April 13, 2022  6:00 p.m.
- City Council Meeting
  April 20, 2022  6:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting
  Apr 27, 2022  6:00 p.m.
The Youth Rally will be held at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho on July 11-16, 2022. The UAMPS Sponsorship is awarded to essay contest winners who desire to learn more about electric utility industry and plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution.

Essay entries are to interpret one or more aspects of the theme, “Consumer-Owned Utilities: Good for All of Us.”

For more information and an entry form, please go to the Ephraim City website, www.ephraimcity.org. You may also visit or call the office at 283-4631 for paperwork.

Jenny's Sweet Sensations has been filling our sweet tooth craving for almost a year now. Jenny offers a wide variety of treats, from cheesecake bites to fresh baked breads. She even has themed goodies around the holidays and offers custom orders.

Jenny's Sweet Sensations is a family run, home based business. To check out her goodies and place an order she can be found on Facebook or call her at (435) 253-3038.

Ephraim City Power Department is looking to empower the next generation of leaders. We are accepting entry forms for the ICUA Youth Rally. Available to all high school students in UAMPS’ member communities. Ten high school students will be selected to attend this year’s annual ICUA Youth Rally and have an opportunity to earn scholarship money. For one week, youth representing consumer-owned utilities throughout the intermountain west, converge at the College of Idaho Campus to participate in a variety of activities and classes to promote positive relationships and build skills in leadership, teamwork, perseverance, and more. They also learn about government, public power, the electrical/energy industry and more!

LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Jenny’s Sweet Sensations

WELLBEING SURVEY

USU’s Utah Wellbeing Project has partnered with many cities and towns throughout Utah to conduct a public wellbeing survey. Ephraim City encourages you to take 10 minutes to provide your feedback. You must be age 18+. Disponible en Español.

Please share with others in your household and the Ephraim City community. For more information you can contact Dr. Flint at Courtney.flint@usu.edu.

TAKE THE SURVEY: Ephraim’s link is https://tinyurl.com/Ephraim2022

SNOW COLLEGE MASS TRANSIT SURVEY

Due to a growing need for students to have access to transportation options, a survey has been created. In the survey, you will be asked about the interest levels of having public transit options, willingness to pay, and what the most preferred destinations would be. Use link or QR code to access the survey.

https://snowir.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57ON1OnErY7JK1g
Let’s Stop the Grease!

Why should I help?
- Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- Stop sewer overflows into streets.
- Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap/interceptor.

DO!
- Put oil & grease in covered collection containers.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and garbage bags and dispose of properly.
- Avoid using your garbage disposal.
- Remove oil & grease from dishes, pans, fryers and griddles.
  - Cool first before you skim, scrape or wipe off excess grease.
- Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.
- Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.
- Cover floor drain with fine screen and empty into garbage can as needed.
- Let us know if you have any questions or issues.

DON’T!
- Don’t pour oil & grease down the drain.
- Don’t run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.
- Don’t rinse off oil and grease with hot water.
- Don’t put food scraps down the drain.

More Ways to Stop Grease
- Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.
- If you generate large amounts of used cooking oil, recycle it. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies."
- If you generate small amounts of used cooking oil, pour it into a container you can throw away. Never pour it down the drain.

DO NOT FLUSH:
- Flushable or baby wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Oils/grease
- Disposable diapers
- Food scraps
- Flushable cat litter
- Rags
- Feminine products
A Message from Our Council
Richard Wheeler

Time seems to speed up as our city projects begin and end with only minimal celebration. The smooth operation that is evident over every day of planning is amazing. The Ephraim City staff works together so well that it boggles the mind to see how so few can accomplish so much with so little.

Expansion of our city is going to happen and some of the citizens are not happy that we are growing so quickly. The truth is that our present growth is planned over the next FIVE PLUS YEARS. Support dollars from County, State and Federal government are supporting our efforts across the board and at all levels.

The top item on the council agenda is water/wells. The City has enough money in the bank to complete our next well by August of this year. That will give us enough water in the city system for personal use from day to day. The problem remains that outside watering uses large amounts of water and we need to start conservation of water now, so the future will allow connections for new families. The Mayor and the Council are asking anyone doing landscaping to consider rocks for decoration and plants which don’t require much water to keep your yards well-groomed. Yard with large lawns which need care and lots of watering in this desert might be replanned when installing or upgrading.

As we all know, the price of most items we buy is going up and planning on our part can help us conserve our hard-earned dollars. Now is the time to stock up with storage items which we use on a daily basis. This is a good idea that we all should take time to complete as we can afford from week to week.

Thanks to all who help and may God bless your efforts.

Mayor’s Corner (Continued)

rise; it will affect everything that we do as a City with our workforce, our utilities, and our services offered. We definitely will need to approach the future with a mix of caution and optimism.

In February, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints published an architectural rendering of the new Ephraim City Temple. I think that it is going to be a beautiful building and a great addition to our community. We are not sure when a ground-breaking will occur, but I suspect that we are probably within a year of that happening.

I have obtained an old picture of the Ephraim Tabernacle. I was surprised to see the similarities between these two structures of worship.

We want to welcome Barclay’s Mechanical Industry who are moving a major branch of their operations and shop to Ephraim City. They are located where the old Bailey hay building used to be, just west of the Snow College West Campus. They represent the beginning of some industrial companies that will be moving to Ephraim City in the next decade. We welcome them here and we welcome the industry and the economic benefits that they will bring to Ephraim City.

With everything that is going on in the world, I remain hopeful and excited about Ephraim’s future. We have the best residents anywhere on the face of this earth, right here! Thank you for being kind and generous with one another. I pray that peace can be restored to the earth everywhere. I pray that men’s hearts will no longer fail them and that they can look to their neighbors with friendliness and kindness just like we do here in Ephraim City. I mourn the loss of life, the human trafficking, and the rampant deaths that occur due to drug use. May we all be comforted by one another and by that invisible being whose job it is to comfort in these times of anxiety and stress.

Sincerely,

John Scott
John G. Scott
Ephraim City Mayor