My Dear Fellow Residents,

It has been a whirlwind of a month since I last wrote you. I hope things for you are going well and that you are enjoying the coming spring with its crab apple blossoms, ornamental pear tree blossoms, daffodils, and the greening of lawns, sprouting of fruit trees, and all the other assorted trees in our community. Spring is here and with that we know that the hotter temperatures of summer are right around the corner. I am an avid gardener and I love this time of year.

With the advent of spring, many of you will begin watering your grass, trees and shrubs. Some have asked me recently in a concerned way, “Will we have enough water for this summer?” My answer is, “Yes.” But we have to manage our water resources. We have a continuing multi-year drought. I checked our snowpack this morning (April 25th) and it was at 76%—not a good place to be in at this time of the year. We have sixteen springs along our eastern mountains. We have two exceptionally good functioning wells, with a third well now being retrofitted to meet the needs of our community. We consume as a city about 600,000 gallons of water per day in the late fall and all throughout the winter and early spring. During that same time we produce three million gallons of water per day through our spring systems.

During the summer, our city consumption of water jumps to nearly 4 million gallons per day due to the watering of lawns. That is substantial. We can manage that, but with the ongoing drought it is important to conserve wherever and whenever possible. Remember that last year we were the only community in Sanpete County to not implement water restrictions. We hope to do that again this year, but it’s going to take real cooperation from our residents. Here are a few tips that you can do to help out:

1. Make sure that your sprinklers are set to go on after 6 PM and that they stop their sprinkling by at least 10 AM in the morning. Please, please DO NOT water in the middle of the day. Sprinkling your grass in the middle of the day wastes about 90% of that water within the first 30 minutes of the watering cycle.

2. Trim your grass long, as long as your mower will go up in height. You will have a greener lawn and it will bear up better under stress. When you mow your lawn low to the ground, you are already stressing your lawn with that...

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A Message from Our Council
Alma Lund

With the end of winter in sight, summer activities begin for our great town.

The first big festivity is the Scandinavian Festival which will be here in a few weeks. It brings thousands of visitors from all over to celebrate with us. Volunteers are working very hard to prepare all the incredible things planned, from the programs, fun runs, booth set up, games, music and the big parade.

A big thanks to our City staff as they are providing all the necessary provisions for the booths and plenty of garbage cans to keep our town clean.

The cemetery crew has been busy the last few weeks creating a new addition of a new flag that represents and honors the Space Force. The Cemetery Board hosts a fabulous Memorial Day Service to honor all our Veterans.

Please join us to celebrate our great town and honor our Veterans this Memorial Day.

Mingle with new friends, enjoy the parade, festivities, and learning new things about our heritage. I hope to see all of you during the festival and if you see some of the volunteers and Ephraim City staff, give them a shout out for all they do to help with this celebration.

Memorial Day Program

The Ephraim City Cemetery Board is hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 am in the Park Cemetery.

Honoring: Vernon Lyons, Missing in Action

Speaker: Robert Walker, Purple Heart Recipient

The following veterans have died during the last year, and will be added to the permanent Veterans Memorial at the Park Cemetery when next updated:

   Ralph Lund
   Jack Steck
   Joann Bailey
   Guy Gordon Young
   Daryl Sondrup
   Glen Anderson

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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.

SCHEDULED:

   MAY 2, 3, & 4       ATHENIAN ACADEMY
   MAY 11             STITCHIN’ SISTERS
   MAY 9              DUP
   MAY 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26     HIGH FITNESS
We are excited to bring you the 2022 Scandinavian Heritage Festival! For more information regarding all things Scandinavian Festival, including schedules and maps, see the website at scandinavianfestival.org.

- Live entertainment
- Story telling
- Parade
- Car show
- Heritage Conference
- Athletic events
- Quilt Show
- Pioneer Heritage Reenactments
- Historical Tours
- Granary Arts Exhibits
- Olde Crafters Village at the Co-op
- Craft and vendor booths
- Food booths
- Games
- Workshops
- Scavenger hunt
- May pole
- Scandinavian Competitions
- Tournaments
- Fireworks
- Aebleskiver Breakfast

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**SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL PRESENTS ITS 1ST WIFE CARRYING COMPETITION**
**SATURDAY, MAY 28TH**
**SNOW COLLEGE**
**3:00 PM**

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**Scandinavian Festival Beard Contest**
**SATURDAY, MAY 28TH AT 1:30 PM**
kind of cut and then it becomes extremely hard to put enough water on your lawn to keep it green. Raise your mower height!

3. Cut back your watering cycle by 30%. This means that if you are sprinkling your lawn for 50 minutes per station, then cut it back to 35 minutes per station. Please consider watering your lawn only two times per week.

4. Check out your sprinkler system (if you have one) and make sure that there are no holes in the piping and that the sprinkler nozzles aren’t hitting the sidewalk and street while automatically sprinkling at night when you’re not there to see where the sprinkler is hitting.

Together we are going to get through this tough water year once again. I know, it’s hard to see this happening again this year—a low snowpack year. But, if we share responsibility for conserving water, we will get through this.

Now, a word about water. As a City, we have multiple very productive sources of water. We have two wells currently in our city with an extremely productive third well being retrofitted that will double our well water capacity by sometime in the early fall. It is rare that we run these wells for as long as a 24-hour period.

Agricultural wells are run constantly for 24 hours at a time and for many, many weeks at a time—nearly the entire summer. Sometimes the question arises: is the City causing wells to run out of water on the perimeters of the city? The answer to that is: NO! The aquifers that run under Sanpete Valley are varied and not all wells draw from the same aquifer. Some wells are shallow whereas others are very deep and there is often no interconnection between these aquifers. There is not one large lake underneath Sanpete County, but instead a myriad of underground sources. As I said, it is rare that we ever run our wells 24/7, however others do run their wells to that capacity. As a City, we use conservation of our water sources every day and in every way. We are conscientious about our water use and the sources that we draw that water from. Please, will you also use that same conscientiousness as you use this precious resource this summer.

Sincerely,

John Scott
Ephraim City Mayor