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They City Council and I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! We hope 2016 will be a wonderful year for both our citizens and our City.

During the past year, the City started the beautification of Roy. New street lights were installed along 1900 West and we are currently working with the Utah Department of Transportation to provide improvements to landscaping. Councilmembers Becraft and Yeoman and City employees Andy Blackburn, Cathy Spencer and Ross Oliver are working to keep this project moving forward and to improve our City in the coming year.

Roy Days 2015 was led by Councilman Tafoya along with Parks and Recreation Director Travis Flint and his staff members. This dynamic team was able to move the location of Roy Days to West Park which resulted in a terrific celebration.

Economic Development is being pursued by Councilmembers Cordova and Hilton assisted by City Manager Blackburn and staff. They are meeting with consultants to aid in recruiting businesses that may be interested in moving to this area. We welcome Robert (Bob) Dandoy to our City Council team. Bob will replace Councilman Cordova on the Economic Development team and will also be our liaison with Military Affairs.

During the coming year we will work to improve our City infrastructure as funding becomes available.

I would like to remind citizens that if they would like to notify the City of hazards, they may contact Roy City Public Works. This department will take your information and keep it on a list of projects maintained and rated by staff for action.

The Hope Community Center is a jewel to our City. Our Senior Center, under the direction of

Kathy Gallegos and her staff has become our senior's playground. Our center provides many activities and trips for the members.

The Boys and Girls Club is a beehive of activity and is a positive influence in the lives of its members.

As your Mayor, I feel we have learned and greatly benefited from our past. In the future, we must improve our commercial tax base. We need to seek businesses that will allow residents and surrounding areas to shop in our City. This will allow the City to provide necessary services and maintain a fair property tax rate for our citizens.

I hope you all have a wonderful, safe 2016!



Christmas House Lighting Contest Winners 2015

Congratulation to the following house lighting winners! Thank you for sharing your beautifully decorated homes with us.

House lighting Winners:

First Place:

Jason Skeen
5718 South 3950 West

Third Place:

Robert & Andrea Tracy
2660 West 4000 South

Honorable Mentions:

Steve Goralski
5843 South 2950 West

Andres Arreola
2653 West 4000 South

Allen & Crystal Elmer
4821 South 3200 West

Robert Ballard
2043 West 4975 South

Austin Schultz
2096 West 5750 South

Second Place:

John Vine
5662 South 2450 West

Fourth Place:

Tomy Yasuda
2342 West 5700 South

Henry Staley
5894 South 3260 West

Robert & Louise Bishop
5090 South 3925 West

Camille Hansen
2092 West 3875 South

Austin Schultz
4124 West 4950 South

A Message from Your Fire Department



Here are some suggestions to help prevent a possible fire and to help expedite our response in time of an emergency:

1. We cannot emphasize this message enough. Each year, nearly 395,000 homes catch fire in the United States because of improperly discarded ashes. Do not place discarded fireplace ashes in plastic containers or cardboard boxes, place them in a metal container and pour water onto them, ashes can hold heat for up to 48 hours.
2. Use only recommended fuels in your fireplace.
3. Remove the snow from all driveways and sidewalks.
4. If you have a fire hydrant on your property please keep it clear of all snow.
5. If you use candles, please use them with care. "When you go out, blow out".
6. If you have elderly neighbor, check on them to see if they need help clearing the snow from their property.

As a reminder, if you are cleaning your chimney, we have several brushes available at the main fire station - 5051 S. 1900 W.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the non-emergency phone (801) 774-1080 between 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

In an emergency of any nature, call 9-1-1.

Youth Fishing Club

Roy City Recreation and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources will be offering a youth fishing club for children ages 6 and up. Classes will begin March 30th and are held every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through May 4th.

Classes are located at Meadow Creek Pond, 4200 West 5075 South. Registration will begin February 1st and will continue to March 1st. The fee for this class is \$25.00 and includes a t-shirt.

Please register at the Recreation office located at 2626 West 5525 south or online at www.royrecreation.com. A meeting for the volunteers is scheduled for March 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Recreation building. To volunteer please call Roy Recreation Office at (801) 774-1048.



Winter Parking Ordinance

The "No On-Street Parking Ordinance" will be in effect through March 15th. Parking on the street is not allowed from 1:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. regardless of the weather. Please remember to advise any visitors to your home about the parking restrictions. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this ordinance to make our streets safer during the winter.

Saint Patrick's Gold Dig

Saturday, March 12th at 8:30 a.m.

\$3 for all children ages 4-12!

Bring your child and they can go "digging" for "gold" in the Roy Complex Swimming Pool.



Limited space, come into the complex to reserve your child's spot! The Gold Dig will be right after the "Gold Dash 5k" that is held the same morning!

Youth Baseball, Softball, Machine Pitch, T-ball

Registration: March 1st – April 1st

Sign-Ups are done online at www.royrecreation.com.

We offer leagues from 4 years old – 9th grade for both boys and girls.

For more information please call (801) 774-1048 or visit our website www.royrecreation.com.

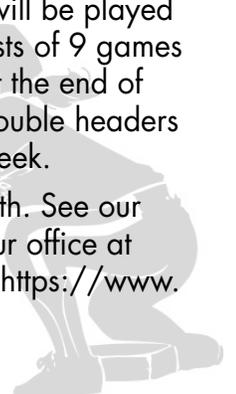
Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/roycityrecreation>.

Adult Men's and Co-ed Softball

Registration for Roy City Adult Men's and Co-ed Softball will be conducted online at www.royrecreation.com February 1st, 2016 to March 1st, 2016 or until registration is full with 10 teams.

Registration is \$375 per team. Men's games will be played on Tuesday nights and Co-ed will be played on Thursday nights. The season consists of 9 games and a single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season. Teams will play double headers throughout the season but not every week.

The season will begin March 15th/17th. See our website for more information or call our office at (801)774-1048. Like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/roycityrecreation>.



American Red Cross Lifeguarding Classes

Hoping your teenager will find a job this summer? By completing and passing lifeguard class at the Roy Complex, your teenager can get their foot in the door to work at the Roy Aquatic Center this summer. The Roy Complex will hold classes monthly January through the spring. The cost for the class is \$150.00. For class days and times, please contact the Complex at (801) 774-1050.

From the Roy City Youth Council



4-H is a program dedicated to the growth and development of boys and girls in grades K-12 of all backgrounds. 4-H provides a variety of programs such as livestock, gardening and cooking projects, robotics, GPS, drama, environmental science, and electricity. The primary goal of 4-H is to assist youth in developing life skills that help them live productive and satisfying lives.

To get involved with 4-H or form more information, please visit <http://www.webercounty4-h.org/> or call (801) 399-8202.

Weber/Davis Liberty Forum

Liberty Forum January Meeting - A group of liberty minded citizens will gather on January 13th at 10:30 am at the Pleasant Valley Branch Library to hear from 3 State Legislators. We will hear about their understanding of the proper role of government along with what they hope to accomplish during the 2016 Legislative Session.

The three guests will be Representative Schults, District #12 from 10:30-11:00, Representative Peterson, District #9 from 11:00 - 11:30 and Representative Froerer, District #8 from 11:30-12:00. The audience may submit questions that will be asked of the representatives after their presentations.

Please rsvp to emilybeeli@gmail.com

5K Run: Gold Dash

Saturday, March 12th

Come run with the leprechauns on this Saint Patrick's Day 5k! This will take place the same morning as the Gold dig. Call Roy Complex at (801) 774-1050 for more information.

Sewer Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 2016, the monthly rate charged for customers connected to Central Weber Sewer will increase to \$28.50 from \$28.03. This is a result of a 2% increase by the Sewer District. Customers affected by the increase are mostly on the east side of 1900 West. For commercial customer the increase will show on their February 1st bill, while residential customers will see the increase on their March 1st bill.

New Roy Southwest Branch|Headquarters Library



The new Southwest Branch/Headquarters Library (2039 W. 4000 S.) will be dedicated at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 27th.

The doors will open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

Following the dedication program, people may tour the library, sign up for a library card, or join in special activities. The new branch features more than 100,000 books, periodicals, DVDs, public access computers, special exhibits, café, Black Box Theater, public meeting and classrooms, an art gallery and much more.

The first full day of operation will be Monday, February 29th.

After Sunday, February 28th, hours for the new library will be:

Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In order to prepare for the grand opening of the new Library, the old Southwest Branch on 4800 S. will close its doors to the public at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, January 16th.



Roundabouts!

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With this in mind, it is important that we provide some guidance on how to navigate a round-about and some explanation on why roundabouts are being selected for intersections.

While roundabouts are somewhat new in the United States, they have been around for some time in other countries, with most Americans having been exposed to them while traveling in Europe. They have become popular because of their safety record and cost savings. The average roundabout saves a city about \$150,000 over the expense of installing the average traffic control device.

Most people do not realize just how much those traffic signals cost. Further, roundabouts save gas due to the lack of needing to stop at every intersection, which also saves wear and tear on your vehicle from the normal stop and go. Also, an often unnoticed benefit is roundabouts reduce road noise through reducing the frequency of increased engine noise because of having to stop and start.

However, the real savings realized with a roundabout are their safety features! Roundabouts, through their design, naturally result in lower speeds through the intersection, yet they also allow for a continuous traffic flow, and there is no "light to beat."

The other major safety feature of roundabouts is that due to all one-way travel, there are no T-bone or head on collisions, the two deadliest types of collisions.

All of this contributes to the below major traffic safety results:

- *A 37% reduction in overall collisions!
- *A 75% reduction in injury accidents!
- *A 90% reduction in fatal accidents!
- *A 40% reduction in pedestrian accidents!

Those are very significant reductions for any type of change in traffic safety. But, when you consider the fact that most traffic accidents occur at or near intersections, the above numbers become even more significant! The fact is that roundabouts save money and more importantly, save lives.

All this improvement in safety and yet the rules in roundabouts are so simple.

- ⤵ If you are entering a round-about, yield to any traffic that is already in the round-about. Once there is an opening to enter the round-about, you enter by turning slightly to the right and proceeding in a counterclockwise direction.
- ⤵ Once in the round-about, you make another slight right turn to exit in the direction you want to go! That's it, it is that simple.
- ⤵ The only other thing to keep in mind is to pay attention as you approach a round-about so you are not surprised by any traffic that is in it already.
- ⤵ The reality of roundabouts is that most often vehicles only have to slow down to navigate through and seldom have to stop.

If you have any questions on roundabouts or any other traffic issues, you can always contact the Roy City Police Department and ask your question. You can do that by phone at 801-774-1063, by e-mail at police@royutah.org, or follow us on Facebook. If you are calling, it is best to call between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Stay Safe and be courteous of the other drivers on the road!

~ Police Chief Carl G. Merino

