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## News, Views & Reviews

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### From Councilmember Dandoy

As a new member let me begin by saying thank you for allowing me to serve on the Roy City Council. I am honored and humbled by this opportunity. Here are some city events and issues that are currently unfolding.

In an effort to increase sales tax revenues and keep property taxes down, we are pushing economic development. One of the main focus areas is our commercial district along 1900 West and those empty buildings. We are aggressively working with the property owner in supporting new business ventures in the old Albertson's building and buildings surrounding the Harmon's Store.

The City Council has requested the Planning Commission revisit the current chicken ordinance and to present their recommendation to the council. We encourage residents to voice their ideas and views to the Commission during their upcoming public meeting(s). The date and time the Planning Commission will be asking for public input will be part of their agenda, posted on the City's website.

Watch for changes in the Roy City website page. There is an effort unfolding to modernize and enhance this site to make it more user friendly, more informative, and aesthetically pleasing.

Recent changes to Federal and State Water Quality policies associated with storm water contamination, has all communities, including Roy City, looking at their operations. Currently we have a problem with our popular Community Dumpster Program and will need to curtail placing dumpsters around the city. The city cannot afford

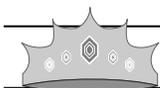
the penalty for violating Federal and State laws. The Public Works department is assessing how to best provide some type of limited service to the community and still maintain compliance. Details will be forthcoming.

The Roy City Council has authorized the formation of an Arts Council. This volunteer group will assist in the promotion, retention, and acquisition of performing and visual arts in the City. Consider supporting and being part of this effort. Look for more information in future newsletters and on the Roy City website.

In early spring, Roy City will be conducting a community survey. This survey will be used to assess residents' attitudes, values, opinions, and support on important issues. In addition, we would like to know your thoughts on the current services provided and where you think the city needs to be in the near future. To make this survey process work, we need 50 to 80 volunteers to help capture critical information. This will only take a couple nights after work or school. We can use scout troops, youth organizations, public citizen groups, or anyone who might be willing to serve their community. Please consider volunteering and assisting us in making our city better. You can do so by submitting your name, email and phone number to rdandoy@royutah.org.

If you have questions or issues you think your elected officials need to address, please contact us.

*We stand ready to serve.*



## Miss Roy Scholarship Pageant

We are pleased to announce that the 2016 Miss Roy Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday July 30, 2016 at Roy High School!

### Contestant Requirements:

- Be between the ages of 17 and 23
- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of Roy, attend Roy High School or have graduated from Roy High School
- Be single - Have never been married or given birth to a child
- Meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss Roy Scholarship Pageant Organization

NOTE: \*Deadline for entry is May 15th (Deadline could be extended if minimum contestant requirement is not met)

We had a fantastic pageant last year and we are determined to make this year even better! The Miss Roy Pageant is MUCH more than a "beauty pageant!" It gives each young woman an opportunity to share her talent, increase confidence, win scholarships and have a lot of fun! Our hope is for each young woman to come away with a greater sense of self-worth, having learned skills that will propel her forward in the pursuit of her dreams!

If you or someone you know is interested in being a contestant, call or text Janet Van Eerden at (801) 698-5168 or e-mail [missroypageant@gmail.com](mailto:missroypageant@gmail.com) for more information.

Like our "Miss Roy Scholarship Pageant" Facebook page for current announcements and information.

## Roy High School Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

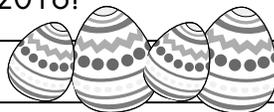
Roy High School officially opened its doors in 1965, and the mighty Class of 1966 was the first Royal graduating class. On Monday, April 25th, 2016, a Royal 50 Years Celebration will take place at Roy High School! An open house will run from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the commons area, media center, and cafeteria. Roy High memorabilia will be raffled, tours of the school given, and a slide show detailing the past 50 years of Royal happenings, teachers, staff, and students will run throughout the night. It's a great opportunity to re-connect with classmates and Royals who have made an indelible mark on the school and Roy Community! Refreshments will be provided! We'll see you there! Once a Royal, Always a Royal!

## Roy Days 2016

Planning is well under way for Roy Days 2016. The celebration of our wonderful town will be held August 4th – 6th 2016 at Roy West Park.

Please follow our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/roycitydays/](http://www.facebook.com/roycitydays/) or Twitter [@roydays@royutah.org](https://twitter.com/roydays) to stay up to date with the celebration information and events. If you are interested in performing, having a vendor booth or to be an event sponsor please email [roydays@royutah.org](mailto:roydays@royutah.org).

We are very excited for what we have planned for 2016!



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Roy City Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 26th. The Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. sharp at Sand ridge Park; 2100 West 4450 South. This event is for all children age 12 and under. For more information, please call (801) 774-1048.



## Bee Keeping

Roy City requires a permit for beekeeping of honey bees within the City. Information regarding the City's beekeeping requirements can be found on our website at [www.royutah.org](http://www.royutah.org). You may also contact the Licensing Department at (801) 774-1040 or by email at [ced@royutah.org](mailto:ced@royutah.org). If you plan to be a beekeeper in the future please apply for your permit prior to acquiring honey bees to assure that you meet the proper requirements.

## Comic Carnival

Villain or Super Hero, Princess or Fairy, Characters of all ages are INVITED at North Park Elementary.

Friday, April 22nd 5:30 - 7:30pm

Raffle, Games, Bounce Houses, Food and best of all-FUN!

Buy tickets in advance 6 for \$5, or \$1 each at the door.

Contact [nptigerspta@gmail.com](mailto:nptigerspta@gmail.com) for tickets or info.

\*dress-up not required, only suggested.

## Roy City Adult Softball

Men's (Tuesdays) & Co-ed Leagues (Thursdays)

Registration May 1st – April 1st or until full. Register online at [www.royrecreation.com](http://www.royrecreation.com)

Fee: \$400.00

Please call (801) 774-1048 for more information.



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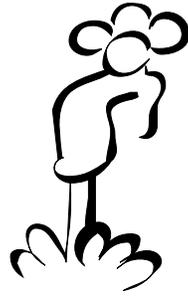
## We all Live Downstream

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This is a friendly reminder that discharging or washing antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, paints and solvents into the storm drain system is illegal. Antifreeze is also attractive and harmful to animals. Please dispose of hazardous materials in the proper manner and place. The Weber County Solid Waste Transfer Station, (801) 399-8358, may be contacted for information on hazardous material disposal.

Roy City would like to thank the citizens who have assisted with storm water drainage by clearing leaves and debris from the gutters and the storm drain grates. Citizens can be a big help in the winter months also by clearing snow and ice away from the grates until the city crews arrive to clear them.

The Roy City storm water system runs through the Meadow Creek fishing pond. This water is vital to the pond and must be kept clean. Please dispose of garbage properly and help keep our city streets as well as streams and rivers clean.



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## Spring/Summer Swimming Lessons

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We are still holding our spring swimming lessons every month so come and sign your children up!

30-45 minutes for only \$35 -\$40! Classes are held on either Monday or Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

We will start signing up for summer swimming lessons on May 9th! Please call (801) 774-1050 for more information.



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## Roy Aquatic Center

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Want a summer job at the Aquatic Center? We are still hiring lifeguards at the aquatic center so come into the complex and take our lifeguard class!

American Red Cross Lifeguard Classes: \$150 for a 2 year certification. Taking this class at the Roy Complex will help get your foot in the door to the Aquatic Center

Evening Facility Reservations: \$700 for a two hour private party reservation in the summer. Reservations go quickly so don't wait until summer

Please call (801) 774-1050 for more information.

Youth Baseball, Softball, Machine Pitch, Pop-Up and T-ball

Registration: March 1st – April 1st

Boys and Girls Pre-K (4 years old by August 31) to 9th grade

Sign-Ups are done online at [www.royrecreation.com](http://www.royrecreation.com)

For more information please email [jcall@royutah.org](mailto:jcall@royutah.org) or call (801) 774-1048.

There will be TEAM league registration as well as DRAFT league registration available.

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## Is the drought over?

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The short answer is: NO. Precipitation in December and January was above average, and snowpack in the Weber & Ogden River Basin is near normal, which sounds great. However, numbers at the beginning of February showed reservoir storage at only 47% for East Canyon Reservoir and 40% for Echo Reservoir (which are the reservoirs from which our secondary water is delivered).

These reservoirs were designed to hold two years' worth of water. Given the current numbers, our reservoirs are not even holding enough water for one summer's worth of irrigation. It is predicted for now that Utah will have a normal precipitation year, but because we are a desert state, that's not much. Even if we have another wet spring like last year, it won't fill the deficit the last few years of drought have caused.

Randy Julander, resident Utah water outlook guru, explains it this way: Think of it like your personal financial situation. If your cash flow was cut by 50 percent for four years, and then it suddenly went back up to 100 percent for a month, you would be very grateful, right? But it wouldn't come anywhere near to getting you out of your current predicament. That is exactly what having 100 percent of normal (or "average") snowpack and precipitation levels mean to Northern Utah right now – it is nice, but it doesn't do much to fill up the reservoirs, which is where water is the most needed. If we deplete our reservoirs this year and then have a terrible winter, we will have nothing left in the water "bank" to use next year.

Please do everything you can to conserve, conserve, conserve! If you have automatic clocks, turn them off in the rain, and leave them off for a few days after a good rainstorm. Don't let your sprinklers run on a windy day. If you have the means and are looking for a new sprinkler controller, there are some great local companies which make products to run off of your home Wi-Fi and connect to real-time local weather data in order to control when your sprinklers turn on and off. Some of these controllers are even eligible for a rebate through Weber Basin – you can call our office for more information at (801) 825-9744.

As always, there is no watering from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can find a list of all other watering restrictions on our website at [www.roywater.com/restrictions](http://www.roywater.com/restrictions). Please help your friends and neighbors understand the importance of conservation every single year – even when it rains and snows, Utah is still very much a desert!

~ Roy Water Conservancy District ~

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## Warm Weather Crime Prevention

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As winter draws to a close and warmer weather is just around the corner, it is time to think about some crime prevention ideas for that part of the year when we are outdoors more. Statistics show that during the warmer part of the year is when we have

our biggest increase in crime, especially, property crime. So let's talk about some things we can all do to help prevent crime in our neighborhoods.

One of the more common areas where we experience an increase in theft as the weather warms is theft of items from yards. The single easiest thing to do to stop yard thefts is to keep things locked up. Make sure you lock your garage. Not only that, but keep your garage door closed except when you are right there going in and out. The other problem with leaving your garage door open is that you are advertising to thieves, everything of value you have in your garage.

You should also keep your gates closed and locked and make certain you lock up any storage buildings if you are not outside where you can monitor them. While you are outside working or playing in your yard, pay attention to where you are leaving your property. A bike, scooter or skateboard is an easy target if left out by the sidewalk while you or your child runs in for a quick bathroom break or a drink of water. The same is true for yard tools. Also, just before dark and you are headed inside, take another minute and walk around your yard and make sure you have picked everything up and brought it in.

As for your house, when you leave, even for a short time, check and make sure all of your doors are locked. It is also wise to make sure that if you leave windows open, you have the stops in place so the windows cannot be opened enough to allow a person to climb through. There are numerous safety items for this purpose that you can purchase from your local hardware store. For windows that slide sideways, you can even just cut a piece of wooden dowel and place it in the window channel so the window can only be opened seven or eight inches.

Having exterior lights is a great deterrent to home burglary and theft. Not everyone likes an outside light that is on all the time at night, and, they can often be quite irritating depending on where they are placed and how they are angled. The solution is to install motion sensor lights. A thief hates to have the spotlight come on as they start to enter your yard. Motion sensor lights installed to cover the access points to your yard and home is very effective in preventing nighttime yard thefts and burglaries.

Last, but certainly not least, is to stay aware of what is going on in your neighborhood and who is in your neighborhood. Pay attention to people walking through that seem to be paying an unusual amount of attention to what is in everyone's yards or garage. Also, pay attention to the vehicles driving through your neighborhood. Are the occupants people from your neighborhood, as they are driving by do they seem to be paying an unusual amount of attention to garages, carports, houses? If you see something that concerns you, call the police. Even if they have left your immediate area, they may be only a block or so away and seeing a police officer in the area may help move them on. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other. Who knows, you might also realize that neighbor you don't know very well is a great person and just the kind of friend you have been looking for!

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## Cemetery Maintenance Schedule

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Beginning March 24th all grave decorations will be removed by City crews every Thursday for mowing and maintenance. If weather prevents mowing on Thursday, maintenance will be performed on the first working day thereafter. Please be sure to remove decorations by Wednesday evening to avoid having them disposed of.

### ROY CITY

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

##### DUMPSTERS AT PUBLIC WORKS

Dumpsters at the Public Works facility will only be available on the following dates:

April 4-9	July 11-16	October 17-22
April 11-16	July 18-23	October 24-29

##### RULES

1. Residents must sign in at the office and produce proof of residency. Dumpsters are for Roy City residents us only. No business or commercial contractors are to use this service. Violators will be cited and prosecuted!
  2. Toxic, hazardous or flammable materials should not be placed in dumpsters. No tires or batteries, etc. Information on disposal of household hazardous waste must be obtained by calling the Weber County Solid Waste Transfer Station at (801) 399-8358.
  3. No concrete, bricks or rocks will be accepted. Special arrangements can be made for elderly or disabled persons.
- For more information, please call (801) 774-1090.
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