

CLINTON CITY NEWSLETTER



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GETTING BIDS

By Steve Hamblin, Clinton City Building Official

While making a recent inspection of a sewer lateral repair, the owner happened to mention what the repair cost was going to be for the project. Although the cost of the project is not a consideration/factor in me completing my inspection, I couldn't help but wonder why this retired homeowner (on a fixed income) was about to pay what would be almost 3 times the cost normally associated with this type of minor repair. In fact, the amount charged by a local "sewer roter type" company to replace approximately 5 feet of damaged pipe, was in the price range of what an excavation contractor would charge to replace the entire sewer lateral from foundation to property line. Although I knew it would be unethical of me to point this out to the owner after the owner had agreed to a contract, my conscience drove me to make this topic the subject of this newsletter article.

Before you commit to a contract for any repair/modification to your home, GET BIDS! Ensure each bid is based on the same type of repair (including all materials) so you are comparing "apples to apples".

Also, if you have obtained a number of bids and one is dramatically higher (or lower) than the other bids, you probably have reason to be concerned and should avoid accepting that bid. If you're not sure your installer/contractor is properly licensed and qualified to do the work, please call the Clinton City Community Development Department and we will help you verify their license.

It's a sad fact that there are companies out there that will take advantage of anyone, let alone someone who is on a fixed income. Remember, if a home project bid sounds "way too expensive", it probably is, or if it sounds "too good to be true", it probably is as well. Contractors need to be paid a fair price for the work they do and deserve to be paid according to the service and materials they provide. However, if the cost of your project alone seems to be enough for them to retire on, you might want to search out another bid.

Business licenses for the 2010 business year will expire on December 31, 2010. For your convenience renewal applications were mailed out in November. If for any reason you did not receive a renewal please contact Community Development at 801-614-0740. (Business license fees for renewal businesses shall be due and payable on or before January 1 of each year and shall be delinquent after February 1 of each year.)

Clinton City Community Arts Board News

- The second annual Community Christmas Sing-a- Long will be held December 4th at 5 p.m. at Park Side Elementary 2262 N 1500 W, Clinton. (We will have a very special guest dressed in red.)
- Community choir practice will be held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Syracuse High School Choir Room
- A Community Snow and Ice Festival will be held on Jan 22, 11 am-2 pm. Sign up ahead of time at the recreation center to reserve a block of ice for sculpting.

If you would like to receive e-mail reminders of upcoming Arts Board events, send a request to noticerequest@clintoncity.com with the e-mail address you would like information sent to.

Clinton City Fire Chief Retires

Chief Floyd Petersen is retiring from the City Fire Department on December 10, 2010. He joined the Fire Department in June 1975 and has been serving as the Chief since June 1993. Over the years Floyd has put in untold hours in the service of his fellow Clinton citizens. He has been at the helm as the Fire Department moved from "volunteer" status to a full fire service group with full-time and part-time (volunteers) providing fire and ambulance services to the community. In honor of Chief Petersen, there will be an open house for him at the Fire Station on December 8th from 4PM to 6PM. Come by and express your appreciation to him for all his service to the community.

Community Enhancement Program

Clinton Recreation 1651 W 2300 N

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 7:00 PM

4th Annual Taste of Clinton & Holiday Entertaining Class
Presented by Megan Jensen

Bring your favorite dish and recipe to share, and come ready to sample some of the best food made by our friends and neighbors in Clinton.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM

"Applied Self-Defense Class"

Presented by Kerry Gallegos and Kirtis Schneider.
Kerry Gallegos, is a second degree blackbelt.

Learn the basics to protect yourself; how to get out of the victim mode; and defensive tactics.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00 PM

"Valentine Cake Decorating Class"

Presented by Anna Stanton

Please contact Suzanne Pearson at 801-776-3558; Suzanne Phillips at 801-773-6310; Cheri Reed at 801-825-0238; or Danielle Merritt at 801-825-1883 for more info.

The Clinton City Fire Department will hold its annual **COAT DRIVE** for the needy Nov. 1 thru Dec. 15, 2010. Clean used coats and blankets may be dropped off at the Fire Station 2153 N 1500 W, M-F 8 am-5pm. Families who are in need of coats are welcome to come to the Fire Station to see if they can find what they need.

There will also be a **"Toys for Tots"** donation box for new un-wrapped toys. Please help us bring the joy of Christmas to needy children by donating if you can. Thank you!!

CLINTON CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~

Last Chance -- YOUTH JR JAZZ BASKETBALL

Late sign-ups for Jr. Jazz Basketball are being accepted for leagues that still have openings. Cost for registration is \$55 and includes jersey, certified officials and scorekeepers, Utah Jazz player clinic and two (2) tickets to a Utah Jazz game. Additional tickets for parents and family members may be purchased beginning January 4th at the Recreation Department. Practices have already begun for all leagues; games start in January at "The Gym" 2805 S 2025 W. in West Haven.

Do you want to Coach Football?

If you are interested in coaching contact football in Clinton for the upcoming 2011 Seahawk season, training classes will begin in January. Please come by the recreation office and fill out an application before January 3rd. Training is mandatory for coaching and is part of the Mark of Excellence coach and youth development program in Clinton.

Hunter Safety Classes

The Clinton City Recreation Department will sponsor Hunter Safety Classes January 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, & 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Clinton Recreation Building 1651 W 2300 N. The range day will be January 15. Attendance at ALL classes is required.

Pre-registration is required. To sign up, go to any location where Hunting and Fishing licenses are sold and pay \$10 for a voucher. Then, bring the voucher back to Clinton Recreation and pay \$5 for the class. Registration **will NOT** be accepted the first night of class. On the first night of class please bring your voucher and Recreation Department receipt. Space is limited so please call 801-614-0780 to reserve a spot.

Club 55 – If you are 55 or Older, Come join us

Please join us for these **Club 55** events at our Community Rental Room in the Recreation Administration Bldg 1651 W 2300 N.

Our next activity will be our annual Christmas Luncheon on **Saturday, December 11th at 12 noon**. There will be great entertainment along with ham, potatoes & gravy, vegetables, stuffing and pumpkin pie. (\$3 optional donation for lunch.) Please RSVP at 801-614-0780 so we can get an accurate count.

C.E.R.T. PROGRAM

On November 1, the Clinton City Community Emergency Response Team was "called out" to assist in locating a missing person. Ten C.E.R.T. members were among the first responders assigned to canvas the neighborhood and local businesses and then to search the southern Pacific RR trail from Roy to Clearfield. Happily, the missing person showed up before dark, ending the search. This first activation of Clinton's C.E.R.T. demonstrated an impressive turnout and a happy ending. THANKS, Clinton City C.E.R.T. volunteers!!

New training for 2011 will begin Tuesday, Jan. 4. Contact cvalentine@clintoncity.com or call 801 614 0854.

Curbside Christmas tree pick up is scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 5th at 7 a.m.

COMMUNITY RENTAL ROOM RESERVATIONS!

Reservations are taken at the Clinton Recreation Administration Building at 1651 W 2300 N on a first come, first served basis and must be made in person. The rental fee is paid at the time of reservation and the deposit is paid on the last working day prior to the rental when the key is picked up. The rental room is 25' X 38' and has a kitchen attached to it as well as an outdoor patio area. The rental rate is \$40 per hour plus a \$250 refundable deposit. The rental fee includes tables and chairs for up to 75 people. In addition, the Recreation Department has a training room connected to the rental area. On weekends (Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday) when the training room is not in use, it can also be used for rentals. The Community Room with the Training Room measures 25' X 66'. The rental rate for both rooms is \$60 per hour plus a \$250 refundable deposit. Rental fee includes chairs and tables for up to 130 people. Rental rooms will NOT be available Christmas Day, New Years Eve or New Years Day.

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 801-614-0780.

The annual lighting of luminaries at the Clinton City Cemetery will be held December 16th at 6 p.m. Please call Public Works at 801-614-0870 with questions. Everyone is invited to attend.

West Davis Corridor Update

The results of the West Davis Corridor Level One Screening Process are now available! The screening process evaluated 46 alternatives for their potential to reduce congestion and delay and narrowed the possibilities from 46 to 14. See the map of the results at <http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/maps>.

These 14 alternatives are now being evaluated to assess their potential community and environmental impacts. The results of this screening process will be shared online and at a series of public open houses in February 2011. Your participation in the open houses and your comments on the results will be most welcome.

For more information or to comment on the study:

Web: www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis

Phone: 877-298-1991

E-mail: westdavis@utah.gov (send us an email to sign up for monthly e-mail updates)

Mail: 466 North 900 West, Kaysville UT 84037

The Clinton City Youth Council is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Larry H. Miller Fun Run on June 4, 2011. The run is expanding to include a Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and kid's mile run. On-Line registration will be available at www.Active.com or through a link at www.clintoncity.com on November 1, 2010; or you can pick up a registration form at the Clinton City Offices 2267 N 1500 W or Clinton Recreation 1651 W 2300 N. Come join us in helping raise money for the American Diabetes Association.

The Run Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the run on June 4, 2011. If you want to help, please contact Julie Davis at 801-499-1963 or davisju@msn.com or Tyler Nelson at (801) 628-9539 or nelson26.2@hotmail.com.

**PLEASE SHOP OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

Merry Christmas!

