



The City Shareholder



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City of Blanding

50 West 100 South

News Letter

Current City Issues



Spring Clean Up

It is that time of year again to clean up our city and yards. With another good winter we have had there will be plenty of moisture to spur on weeds. Complaints are received every year regarding neighbors who do not keep their weeds abated. Please be a good neighbor and keep your homes and lots well cared for.

The Blanding City Council has designated Saturday April 16th as Blanding City Spring Clean Up Day. The City transfer station will be open for dumping at no cost (except for extra cost items) this day including the normal restrictions. Due to changes in our Unit the National Guard will no longer be able to help us with our clean up days. Citizens will need to haul their own trash and dump it for free at the transfer station. Lets take pride in our community and neighborhoods and make them shine! If you would like to volunteer to help the City Beautification Committee contact the City Office.



Budget Time Approaching Financial Projections

Beginning in April, the City Council will consider budget requests. Look for public notice in the Panorama or just plan on coming to City Council on April 12, 2011. Your City Council approves a tight budget each year saving as much as possible while still providing affordable and competitive rates for you as shareholders. City revenues are down because of falling interests rates and declining sales tax revenues as part of the City's portion of the State sales tax pool. Local sales have remained fairly even.

What to Look For

The City does not intend to raise property tax however with the sales tax on food being reestablished by the State you can expect to see a little larger food bill. With electrical costs continuing to rise the City expects that they will need to pass along a small increase in electric rates of around a half a penny per kwh. The City has dropped its profit margins in the power company so that many of the cost increases have not been passed on to the end user. We expect natural gas costs to the citizen to be the same as last year, as the City has looked ahead to pre-purchase next winter gas. Water rates are projected to remain unchanged, however with projected sewer pipeline projects, sewer rates are expected to increase around \$1.00 a month to service required debt and reserve for these projects.

Wellness Center memberships are about 60% of projections after the first month of operation, however new memberships continue to come in. We expect we will meet projections as we enter the summer season and begin use of the pool. This unknown creates some uncertainty in projecting potential unplanned subsidies during the budget process. The City budgets will reflect close to breakeven amounts in all enterprise funds after debt service. The goal of the Council is to deliver services to citizens as inexpensively as possible while maintaining reliable systems.



Transfer Station Dumping Charges

The City Council has made a few changes to the fee schedule at the Transfer Station. The transfer station was established for the convenience of Blanding citizens for residential dumping only and is subsidized by the monthly rate charged to them. No commercial or constructoin dumping is allowed at the transfer station because the City has no weight scales at the Station. Pickup Trucks that have been modified in length, width or height will be required to pay \$12 a load instead of \$6. Trailers larger than 8 feet will be required to pay \$12 a load instead of \$6. And no trailers over 18' are allowed to dump at the transfer station.



An Average Winter

Our area saw an average winter, we will need to be conservative!

2011 Peak Water Camp Jackson in inches 16.5
Total YTD 18 - Percent of Average 100%

2010 Same Time - Water Camp Jackson in inches 22.1
Total YTD 23.2 - Percent of Average 125%

City Information

City Offices 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM M-Th
7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Fri.

Phone # 678-2791 Fax # 678-3312

E-Mail - cityoffice@blanding-ut.gov

Home Page - www.blanding-ut.gov

Utility Emergencies # 678-2916

Police # 678-2334 / 678-2916

Fire/Life Threatening # 911



Council Seats Up for Election

As set by the Utah Code there will be elections this fall to fill three Blanding City Council seats for terms of four (4) years. The Councilmen's Seats up for election are those of Kelly Laws, Joe Lyman, and David Johnson. A candidate may file for candidacy beginning July 1, 2011 and must file no later than July 15, 2011. The Primary Election (if necessary) will be held September 13, 2011 and the General Election November 8, 2011.

Qualifications for a candidate are: 1. Be a United States citizen.

2. Be at least 18 years old by the next municipal election.
3. Be a resident of the municipality or a resident of a recent annexed area for a period 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
4. Be a registered voter of the municipality.

A candidate may use a "Declaration of Candidacy" form for himself or a "Petition" form may be used in behalf of a candidate. Forms should be filed with the City Recorder at the Blanding City offices. Forms are available at the Blanding City offices at 50 West 100 South, Blanding, Utah.



Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Here's what you need to know first: Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.



Get Ready for Basebaaallllll!

We kick off the season with T-Ball and Machine Pitch registrations that began March 28th, with games beginning the first week of May. Baseball & Softball registration will begin the week of April 4th. Evaluation for both baseball and softball will take place April 16th @ Centennial Park. Pick up registration forms at the Wellness Center or download form online @ www.blanding-ut.gov.

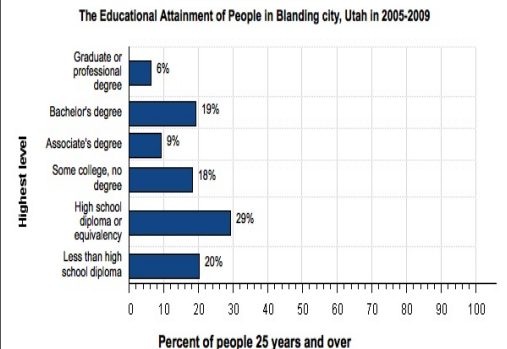
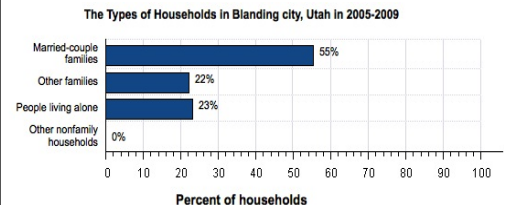


Out With the Old in With the New Purchase Your Wellness Center Pass to Use the New Pool!

Pool use will begin in May and the community is anxious to try out the new pool. The new pool facility will include large 20 foot shade umbrella's on the deck, new lounge furniture, tables and chairs for spectators, outdoor stereo system and WiFi for those who want to surf the web as they relax in the sun. As you make the decision of what type of pass to purchase, seriously consider the annual family pass. It not only allows access to the facility all year round but also comes with other incentives such as reduced program fees for youth sports. Sign up before baseball and each child holding an annual pass will receive a \$5 discount off their registration. This discount holds true for all sports programs year round for participants with a annual pass to the Wellness Center. So don't hesitate, get yourself down to the Wellness Center and sign up today and join the 100's of families that are taking advantage of this wonderful resource in our community.

U. S. CENSUS RESULTS - SURVEY SAYS!

The 2010 Census results are now in showing Blanding grew from 3,162 to 3,375 a total of 213 people in the last 10 years. That is an annual growth rate of .67%. Median Income grew from \$32,991 to \$37,566 an annual growth of 1.39%. Survey showed 1,110 households. We believe the survey results are somewhat inaccurate since we are billing nearly 1,600 residential electric meters. The 2000 Census showed that we had 991 households. Average household size shows 3.07 and an average family size of 3.65. Demographics reveal Blanding with 63.9% white with most of the remaining Native American



Park Reservations / Park Sale Permit

Park pavillions are used on a first come first served basis unless reserved in advance. Park pavillion reservation can be completed at no cost by stopping by the Wellness Center. The City will issue a reservation card as evidence of your reservation. The Visitor Center pavillion cannot be reserved. Any sales that occur in the park also require a free use Sale Permit showing rules and regulations for the same. You can be asked to leave the park if you are selling your wares without a permit.

City Council

- Toni Turk, Mayor 678-2428
- Mike Halliday, City Council 678-2381
- Kelly Laws, City Council 678-2474
- Joe Lyman, City Council 678-2400
- Charlie Taylor, City Council 678-2208
- David Johnson, City Council 678-2415