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**Website:** [www.willardcity.com](http://www.willardcity.com)  
Hours: M-TH 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
F 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**  
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, February 16, 2024**  
WILLARD CITY IS 154 YEARS OLD!

**Monday, February 19, 2024**  
PRESIDENT'S DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
WATER BILLS DUE

**Thursday, February 22, 2024**  
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**  
Presidential Primary

**Thursday, March 7, 2024**  
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

Agendas for the meetings are posted at City Hall, on the City's website [www.willardcity.com](http://www.willardcity.com), and on the State of Utah Public [www.utah.gov/pmn](http://www.utah.gov/pmn).

February, a form pale-vestured, wildly fair.  
One of the North Wind's daughters with icicles in her hair.  
~Edgar Fawcett

## MAYOR'S COMMENTS



This month's message is for the dogs. Box Elder County has two animal shelters: one in Tremonton and one in Brigham City. The County and several cities contract with the shelters to house stray animals. Both facilities are having capacity issues. They are looking for solutions to the problem, which could include not renewing city contracts. Willard Police Department handles our animal services. They do their best to return dogs to owners rather than taking them to the shelter. Please help them out. Make sure your dogs are licensed and wearing their tags. Dog licenses are renewed annually before January 31st. Thanks for your help. ~ Mayor Mote



Welcome!

On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Kimpton joined Willard City's administrative team, as our new City Manager.

Jeremy and his wife grew up in Preston, ID, where they currently reside and where they raised their four children. Both graduated from Preston High School and will celebrate their 26th anniversary in February. When they have time, they enjoy spending time with their family camping and fishing.

Jeremy obtained his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2013 and his master's degree in public administration in 2021. He is a member of the Intermountain City/County Managers Association (ICMA). In 2021, he became an ICMA-credentialed city manager. He is also licensed as a water and wastewater operator in the state of Utah.

Jeremy is a recovering elected official. He began his public service as a city council member in 2006, which led him to city management in 2012. He has genuinely enjoyed his 18 years in city government and looks forward to many years moving forward.

## Important Announcements



If you, or someone you know, has a child who will turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024, you can enroll them for kindergarten. Please call Willard Elementary School at 435-734-4934 for help in getting your child enrolled.



## 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY



The Utah Republican Part has decided **NOT** to hold a traditional primary election for President of the United States in 2024. Instead, they have opted to hold a 'presidential preference' vote by party members at neighborhood Republican caucus meetings, which will be hold on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If Utah Republicans want a say about their party's presidential nominations, they must attend those meetings. The Democratic Party in Utah will hold a traditional primary on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Information about the Democratic Primary can be obtained from the Box Elder County Clerk at 435-734-3393. Caucus meetings for Willard Precincts 1 and 2 will be held at Willard Elementary School beginning at 6:00 p.m. More information can be found at [utgop.org / voter information/ neighborhood caucus](http://utgop.org/voter-information/neighborhood-caucus).

### BATTER UP!

Registration for the 2024 Youth Baseball season will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Sean Mathis at [seanmathis@ogdencity.com](mailto:seanmathis@ogdencity.com) if you have any questions.



### DEPARTMENTS

**ADMIN** – 2024 business license renewals are past due and subject to a 50% late fee.

Water bills are due on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. A \$5.00 late fee is added after the 25<sup>th</sup>. Water service will be shut off for all past due accounts.

Water meters will not be manually read during the winter months. Our Public Works Director is concerned that exposing meters to cold temperatures could cause them to freeze. Water used over the 17,000 gallon per month base will be billed in the spring.

**POLICE – THANK YOU** to all those that have taken the time to get your dogs registered. However, there are still A LOT of dogs that have not been registered. All dog licenses renewed after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a \$5.00 late fee. If you have a dog and do not register it with the City, you could potentially receive a citation. Willard City's ordinance requires ALL dogs over six months of age are required to be registered. Rabies vaccinations must be current to register. If you have any questions, you can call 435-734-9881 and ask for Lisa in the Police Department

**PUBLIC WORKS – PLEASE** move all vehicles, trailers, and equipment off the streets during storms! Do not plow, shovel, or snow blow snow into the road. It creates hazards for traffic and our plow drivers.



A day where 'this time last year' doesn't apply!  
Happy Leap Day!

#### Leap Year Lore:

##### Did you know the Leap Year symbol is the frog?

- Greeks considered it unlucky to propose or marry in a Leap Year and the Scots deemed it unlucky to be born on Leap Day.
- Scottish farmers believed leap years were not good for farming and livestock, partly due to the old proverb: 'Leap Year was Ne'er a Good Year.'
- In several European countries, Leap Day was called Bachelor's Day. Any man who refused a woman's proposal paid a penalty of 12 pairs of gloves, one for each month to hide her embarrassment of a bare engagement finger.
- An old Irish legend says women can propose to their significant other on a leap day.
- Sadie Hawkins Day, from Al Capp's long running 'L'il Abner' cartoon is hardly remembered today. A character in the series was the Mayor of the town of Dogpatch. He wanted to marry off his ugly daughter (Sadie Hawkins), so he created Sadie Hawkins Day. A race would be held on this day. The single boys would be given a head start, then the single girls would chase the boys, and if a girl caught her boy, he had to marry her.
- Are you a Leaping or a Leaper?
- If so, you share your birthday with Lord Byron, Dinah Shore and Tony Robbins, among others, and the odds are only one in 1,461.
- If you were born 44 years ago, but with a real birthday coming every four years, you would just be 11 years old, not 44!
- Those born on February 29th usually celebrate their birthdays each year on February 28th or March 1st.













**2024 Monthly Preparedness Action Items**



**12 WAYS TO PREPARE**

<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Sign up for Alerts and Warnings</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Make a Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Save for a Rainy Day</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Practice Emergency Drills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Test Family Communication Plan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Safeguard Documents</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Plan with Neighbors</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Make Your Home Safer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Know Evacuation Routes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Assemble or Update Supplies</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Get Involved in Your Community</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Document and Insure Property</b>

Don't know where to start with Emergency Preparations? Try choosing one "Prep" topic and work on it for a month. Some of the above topics will take 20 minutes (Sign up for Alerts and Warnings), other topics will take all month(s). Information and instructions for several of the action items are included in the "Family Take Action" packet. These packets are available at no cost to all Community members. Download the packet from the Willard City website ([willardcity.com](http://willardcity.com)) or contact Sue Anderson for your copy. ALL of the topics are covered, in detail, during CERT training classes. Hope to see you in class.

**2024 SPRING C.E.R.T. TRAINING CLASSES**

The spring C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Training) Classes are scheduled to begin in MARCH. This training is provided to all Willard area residents as a public service by Willard City and Willard Fire Department.

These classes are designed to help all Citizens become better prepared for all types of emergencies and disasters.

Training sessions range from PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS to a wide variety of FAMILY, NEIGHBORHOOD and COMMUNITY readiness.

**Class Dates: Tuesday, March 5 & Thursday, March 7 6:00 PM Saturday, March 9 9 AM – 3 PM**

**Tuesday, March 12 & Thursday, March 14 6:00 PM Saturday, March 16 9 AM – 3 PM**

Classes held at Willard City Office Building 80 West 50 South **Cost: \$10 per person. Saturday Lunch \$5 / plate**

We encourage every household to have at least one CERT trained family member.

Please call/text **SUE ANDERSON 801 589-8270 or NOVA DUBOVIK 801 941-7798** to register for classes