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Hours: M-TH 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Upcoming Events

Thursday, August 4
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 11
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 18
Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 25
City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, August 29
First Day of School 

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



**AUGUST IS THE BORDER BETWEEN
SUMMER AND FALL.**



It is a time to reap what you have sown

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

This month I would like to give a shout-out to the men and women that help make Willard City a safe place to live. Willard has amazing emergency services. Our fire department is (in my opinion) the most dedicated service-minded group of individuals anywhere. On the 4th of July, this group of volunteers fed us lunch, prepared for an amazing fireworks show, and responded to several emergencies in neighboring communities.

Willard has a small, four-officer police force. Our dedicated officers work overtime and spend one week a month on call. Police officers are a special breed. Each day they put their lives on the line to protect ours. Fewer people are choosing police work as a profession. Cities across the state are having difficulties staffing their departments. Our town is blessed to have such committed officers. In time, we would like to see the department grow.

Thank you to our firefighters and police officers for keeping us safe.



PS: During a recent City Council meeting, there was a discussion regarding the Apple Creek store discontinuing the sale of food items. We have been told this information is incorrect. Apple Creek **IS OPEN** and selling your favorite foods. Please give them, and all of our local businesses, your patronage when they can serve your needs.



Summer brings door-to-door sales people. In Willard City, all door-to-door sales people must be licensed. When the City receives an application for a solicitor's license, a background check is completed. When a license is issued, a picture ID is also issued. If a sales person knocks on your door, they should be wearing that photo ID and license. If you encounter an unlicensed sales person, please report them.

Have YOURSELF a big SLICE OF Happy!!



Check out online utility payment options
www.xpressbillpay.com

Important Announcements

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

August 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Willard City Hall
Truth in Taxation
Notice of Proposed
Tax Increase



RIBBONS, RIDES, AND RODEO
The fun begins at the
47th Annual Box Elder County Fair
August 22-27, 2022
Box Elder County
Fairgrounds
Tremonton, Utah
Boxeldercounty.org/fair

Register now for
USU Community Education
Brighamcity.usu.edu/community-education



In 1869, the First Transcontinental Railroad joined the East and West Coasts of the United States near Promontory, Utah, allowing people and goods to travel quickly and safely from one end of the country to another. The railroad passed close to Brigham City, and a later rail traveling south passed right through. This opened new opportunities for Brigham City farmers to sell their produce to other parts of Utah and the United States.

Some Japanese railroad workers settled in the area around Brigham City to start farms. They grew cherries and also developed Utah celery, which became famous and sought after around the nation.

One of Brigham City's most famous products is its peaches. Peach growing in Brigham City started in 1855, when pioneer William Wrighton paid \$1 for 100 peach pits to plant. The settlers found that peaches did especially well in Brigham City's climate, with its warm days and cool nights.

George Nielson, who founded the famous Nielson's stand, probably was the first to sell fruit along the road. During the '30s, George needed a second job—aside from teaching chemistry at Box Elder High School—to keep his family busy. So, he rented a farm in Brigham City and bought additional acres with his brother. They planted peach and apricot trees, row crops and strawberries. During harvest time, George and his children started selling the produce at the former Bushnell Hospital. They also took their produce to Salt Lake. At the time, raspberries were very popular and sold very well door-to-door in Salt Lake's neighborhoods.



The success from selling his produce led George to buy more land and eventually open his stand along Highway 89 in Perry. Today, Utah's Fruit Way features about a dozen stands. Their stories are like that of the Nielson family. Many began selling the produce they farmed in the summer, and their businesses have continued as generations have kept them running. Two of these well-known businesses are located in Willard – Barker's Fruit and Gray's Fruit Stand. ~ Courtesy of Utah State University and KSL

DEPARTMENTS

ADMINISTRATION – Water bills are DUE on the 20th of each month. Willard City gives residents a 5-day grace period before penalties are assessed on the 26th.

If you know of any true, spooky stories that happened in Willard please share them with us. We would like to include some in the October newsletter!

POLICE – We would like to welcome Officer Tyler Bell, and sadly say farewell to Officers Holmes and Mabrey.

FIRE - Residential burn permits may be issued between September 15 and October 30. Visit <https://www.boxeldercounty.org/fire/page/open-burn> for details

PUBLIC WORKS – Willard City has added a third Public Works employee. We would like to welcome Nick Rasmussen on board.

Water meters are the property of the City. If you are installing a sprinkler system or need your water turned off at the meter for any reason, contact the City Office at 435-734-9881, or Dispatch at 435-734-3800 for after-hour emergencies. This avoids costly damage to the meter itself.

Help protect our water. Do you know putting a hose in a pool and then shutting it off without taking it out of the pool can contaminate drinking water? Planning on putting in a sprinkler system, or doing outside watering? Visit our website www.willardcity.com for valuable information on how to avoid cross connection and for important backflow prevention information. Check out the Division of Water Resources website for great information on water conservation <https://conservewater.utah.gov>.

ALL AUGUST FUN FACTS

August 1st, traditionally known as Lammas Day, was a festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and the autumn equinox, and was a cross-quarter day.



August 11th marks the end of the Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3rd.



August 17th is when the Cat Nights begin, harking back to a rather obscure Irish legend concerning witches; this bit of folklore also led to the idea that a cat has nine lives.

August was once the sixth month of the year. In the original ten-month Roman calendar, the month went by the name of Sextilis, meaning “the sixth month” in Latin. It wasn’t until around 700BC that August was rudely shoved back in the order of months when January and February were added to the beginning of the year by King Numa Pompilius.

August has also changed its number of days multiple times. In the ten-month Roman calendar, the months all had either 30 or 31 days, totaling 304 days in the year. Not only did Pompilius add January and February to the calendar, but he also reduced the number of days in August down to 29. It wasn’t until Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar that it was left with 31 days, and it’s stayed the same ever since!

Another year, another change! After so many changes you’d think the month would have had enough, but no – in 8 BC the month was named Augustus, in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus.

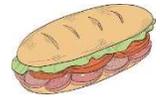
August is also a little bit unique, most of the time at least. In a standard year, there is no other month that begins on the same day of the week as August. In a leap year, however, August begins on the same day of the week as February.

In the northern hemisphere, August is considered to be the last month of summer. In the southern hemisphere, it’s the opposite of course, so it’s the last of the winter months!



Back in the days of the Anglo-Saxons, the month was called Weod Monath. Its translation of “weed month” is quite literal – in this month weeds and other plants grow the fastest in the northern hemisphere.

On [August 6](#), 1762, the first-ever sandwich was created, at least with such a name. It was named after the Earl of Sandwich when he requested a dish involving meat between two pieces of bread. As the story goes, he requested it as he was in the middle of a gambling game and didn’t want to interrupt it.

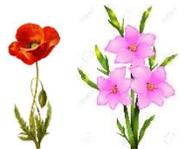


Those born in August are brought into this world under one of two star signs. If you were born before August 22nd, you’re considered to be a Leo. If you’re born on the 23rd or later, you’re a Virgo. Leos are said to be very proud people who display great leadership. Virgos, on the other hand, are analytical and hardworking people, while still being kind and loyal.



August was a big month for the U.S. Civil Rights Movement. It was on August 28, 1963, that Martin Luther King Jr gave his famous “I have a dream” speech to 250,000 people on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Considered to be one of the most iconic speeches in the history of the US, King’s speech called for the end of racial discrimination and for equal rights to all.

August also has two birth flowers – the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson poppy. The gladiolus flower is said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity. The poppy flower couldn’t be more different, though, as it is a sign of imagination, eternal sleep, and oblivion!



There are some pretty fascinating holidays spread throughout August which are celebrated in different parts of the world. On August 1st, we have World Scout Scarf Day, as well as the Official Birthday and Coronation of the King of Tonga (try saying that in one go!). August 5th is National Underwear Day (US), August 11th is Mountain Day (Japan), August 16th is National Rum Day (US) and August 20th is World Mosquito Day. What a month!



Unlike most other months, August has just one birthstone – peridot. One of the lesser-known gems, peridots come in shades from grass-green to a more earthy olive hue. They’re quite a unique gem, really, and quite rare as they can only be found from two very different sources – they can be formed deep in the earth and expelled to the surface along with lava, and they can be found in meteorites! It is claimed that peridots have healing powers and can protect the bearer from evil.

August was a fateful month for the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. On August 24, 79AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted near the city. The mountain spewed out great clouds of ash, smoke, and pumice, which rained down on Pompeii’s citizens. Unfortunately for Pompeii, that wasn’t the end of it either – next came molten lava, which buried the remaining residents 7 feet (2.1 m) deep!



As there are only 12 months in the year, there are of course many incredibly famous and important people who have been born in August. Some of the more influential include Barack Obama, Usain Bolt, Sean Connery, Jennifer Lawrence, and Whitney Houston.

Rock music lost a living legend on August 16, 1977, when Elvis Presley left the world behind. The King of Rock’s health had been going downhill for some time, but his death was a shock to the world. Do you remember where you were when you heard the news?





Home and Family Wildland Fire Prep

Fire is, and always has been, a natural occurrence in the wildland. Hills, canyons and forests burned periodically long before homes were built. Wildland fires are fueled by a build-up of dry vegetation and driven by seasonal hot-dry-winds, which are extremely dangerous and difficult to control. Many people have built homes in what is now called the Wildland Urban Interface and they have landscaped without fully understanding the impact a fire may have on their lives. Few of us have adequately prepared our families for a timely evacuation in the event of a wildland fire. It is not a question of if, but when, the next major wildland fire will occur. During the 40 years we have lived here in Willard, there have been several wildland fires. Most were quickly and effectively extinguished by our efficient and well trained local Fire Department Fire Fighters. 5 of the Fires were more dangerous and destructive. 3 of the fires caused Emergency Personnel to issue evacuation warnings. It became necessary to evacuate homes during the last Wildland fire in South Willard.

Fire season has now become a year-round reality, requiring firefighters and residents to be ready for the threat of wildland fire. Each year, wildland fires consume hundreds of homes in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). Studies show that as many as 80 percent of the homes lost to wildland fires could have been saved if their owners had followed simple fire-safe practices. In addition, wildland fire related deaths occur because people wait too long to leave their home. Our fire department takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from wildland fire. However, in a major wildland fire event, there will not be enough fire resources or firefighters to defend every home in Willard City. Successfully preparing for a wildland fire enables you to take personal responsibility for protecting yourself, your family, and your property.

Through advance planning, understanding and preparation, we can all be partners in the wildland fire solution. Find out about the things YOU can do to help create awareness and a safer environment for you, your family and our firefighters.

Learn more by downloading the ***Personal Wildland Action Guide***. Packed with tips and tools you need to know to prepare for a wildland fire threat; have situational awareness when a fire starts; and to act early as directed by local officials.

Check the ***Willard City Website***, the ***Willard City CERT*** and ***Willard Resident*** Facebook pages for detailed information. Or go to ***beredy.utah.gov/library*** click on the ***Personal Wildfire Action Guide***