
December 2014 Newsletter

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*Wishing you and your family health, happiness,
peace and prosperity this holiday season and in
the coming New Year!*

From all of us at Willard City

Winter is here.

- ❖ **Snow Removal** - It's that time of year when snow can hit. Please remove vehicles, garbage cans (as soon as possible) and debris on the city right-of-way. This will help avoid damage to property and allow for faster removal of snow on the city streets.
- ❖ **Avoid Frozen Water Lines** – When the temperature is below freezing for an extended period of time you may want to leave a tap at a slow drip to avoid frozen waterlines. Also be sure and check your water usage on your bill. Average water usage for winter months is between 5,000 and 15,000 gallons. More than that could be an indication of a leak.
- ❖ **Dog Licensing** – It is time to renew licenses. The 2015 licenses are available now. Current licenses expire on December 31, 2014 and must be renewed by January 31, 2015. The cost of a license is \$5.00 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$15.00 for those that are not. Reminder postcards have been sent out. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DOGS ARE LICENSED!!!!** The Police Department has been busy with calls on dogs running at large. Chief Loveland said they would rather take a dog home than to the shelter.
Rabies Clinic - For the convenience of the residents Willard City will hold a rabies clinic. The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fire Station. Licenses will also be available on that day.
- ❖ **Business Licenses** - Business licenses also expire on December 31, 2014. Reminders have been sent to current registered businesses. Business licenses are required for anyone doing business within the Willard City limits. If you have a question, contact the City Offices at 734-9881.
- ❖ **Dumping on City property** – It is illegal to dump on City Property including leaves and yard waste.



Upcoming Events

December 4

Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.

December 11

City Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

December 25-26, 30-January 1

Christmas Holiday – City Office Closed.

(The agendas for the meetings are posted at City Hall and on the State of Utah Public Meeting Notice website at www.utah.gov/pmn)

Important Announcements

Christmas is prime time for thieves. Make sure you lock your doors. Don't leave items in your car and don't leave garage doors open. Watch for suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood. Please call the Box Elder County Dispatch if you need an officer to respond. Do not call the City Office. Dispatch has direct contact with officers. The non-emergency number is 435-734-3800. If it is an emergency call 911

Drive by your house and see if the house numbers are clearly visible from the street and take steps to insure they are. This saves valuable time for emergency responders.

Sewer Care

The Public Works department has recently completed the annual inspection of sewer manholes. This is done to help avoid nasty sewer backups that can be costly to homeowners as well as a health hazard. The main problem they encountered is a section of line between 100 N and 100 S along the east side of Main Street that contained a number of diapers that have been put into the sewer system. Diapers should **NEVER** be flushed down the toilet into the sewer system. Two of the most common (and preventable) causes of sewer backups is:

- Items put down the sink that should be put in the garbage instead
- Invasive tree roots

Don't put grease, oil or egg shells down your sink. When grease and egg shells combine, they create a mixture similar to concrete. Oil sticks to the pipe at the waterline. Both of these conditions can clog the sewer line. Instead, keep a small container handy to contain these items. When the container is full, put it outside with the garbage.

Avoid trees with shallow, spreading root systems. Tree roots tend to grow toward sources of water, such as sewer pipes. If upgrading landscaping, save headaches and money by choosing trees with deep root systems.

Hazardous Waste

Many consumer products are considered household hazardous waste. Never pour items like these into a sink or toilet:

- motor oil
- weedkiller
- antifreeze solvents
- gasoline
- wood preservatives
- paint
- lighter fluid
- insecticides
- any combustible liquids or other common consumer products (read labels for disposal information)

Individual Service Lines

Residents are responsible for the individual service lines and the clean outs at or near the property line and what goes down them. Please make sure they are level with the ground or protected if above ground level. Also, make sure they have a cover (available at home improvement stores) to avoid water and gravel from entering the system and possibly causing costly backups.

(Left) Pipe covered but could easily be damaged. Consider putting a barrier to avoid damage or cutting down and covering with a sprinkler valve box for example. (Right) Properly covered clean out.



In the Community

Be sure to visit and support our local businesses! They have some great ideas for Christmas gifts!



We will again sponsor an electronics recycling for all those lucky enough to receive a new television or computer for Christmas. December 27 – January 3, 2015, electronic items can be placed on the dock area on the north west corner of City Hall for recycling. Please place them up next to the building to protect them from snow or rain.