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Mayor's Message by Clark A. Wilkinson

What do September 2020 and December 2011 have in common? Yes, windstorms with gusts around 100 mph. I am sure many of you were awakened, as we were, to the sounds of destruction early that morning. Texts and calls began flooding in and plans were made regarding school and business closures, blocked roads, and power outages. At 3:00 a.m. your city leaders, in all areas of expertise and responsibility, were working hard to keep our community safe.

Due to extensive research I have conducted recently regarding the appropriate time to declare a state of emergency, it was determined this situation was appropriate for the following reasons:

- To potentially qualify for funds from FEMA.
- To allow for immediate action to be taken to render aid and begin clean-up.
- To protect the community from immediate potentially life-threatening dangers.

Declaring the state of emergency unexpectedly raised interest from the media. Calls came in for news crews to come film, and I told each that if they wanted to have anything to film they needed to come right away; our citizens are so efficient that it would all be cleaned up in just a day or two.

Governor Herbert, and his entourage, stopped by for what was supposed to be a 5-10 minute quick assessment of the damages as he toured various hard-hit cities. What he saw, neighbor helping neighbor, was so touching he stayed for 1.5 hours, touring the city, visibly moved. Last week, in the weekly COVID update, to the entire state, he again made reference to our city. Not by name, but by deed, as he commended communities pitching in, cleaning up, and helping each other after the winds as a model for all citizens. I am grateful that, in times of duress, our community comes together. After months of oppressive worry about COVID, I agreed when my wife said "Centerville feels like Centerville, again." The winds caused damage to so many homes and many were without power for several days. Let's use the lessons learned to get even better prepared for the future. The City website has resources for emergency preparedness to help you and your family as you endeavor to be ready for the next time.

Centerville Cares was pleased to sponsor "Walktober," which encouraged our residents to improve mental and physical health by getting out and walking 20 minutes each day. How grateful we were to see many of you participating in this program, and to hear you express the impact Centerville Cares and the programs offered therein, is having on you personally and on your families! Watch for activities through this and many other Centerville programs, all designed to help our community live safer, healthier, happier lives. My thanks to all those who donate their time to make these activities so successful. It is a pleasure to serve with you!

Sincerely,
Mayor Clark Wilkinson



May the best things in life be yours, not only during the holiday seasons but throughout the coming year.



Fall Leaves and Winter Snow

With fall upon us and winter on its way, let's talk about cleaning up your yard. When you're raking up leaves or using a handy leaf blower, make sure to keep the leaves on your property. It is prohibited to place any non-stormwater material (this includes leaves and other yard debris) in the gutters or other stormwater conveyance systems as set forth in Municipal Code 16.04.050 Dumping.

When the weather turns, and it is time to shovel walks and driveways, the same rule applies. Snow blow/shovel snow onto your property and not into the street. This helps keep our streets clean and our gutters flowing properly.



Snow Plows and Cul-de-sacs

Just a reminder - Cul-de-sacs will NOT be plowed unless there has been four inches of snow fall. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends may be plowed the next business day.



Overnight Winter Parking

Overnight parking is restricted during the winter. This enables the Public Works department to clear streets of snow. In adherence to Centerville City code 14.06.010 "No person shall park a vehicle on any street within the jurisdiction of Centerville City during the period from December 1st through March 31st, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m."

Vehicles parked for more than one hour between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. on a public street may be issued citations. The term "vehicle" includes, but is not limited to cars, trucks, boats, motor homes or any type of trailer. Exceptions will be made for the reasons approved by the Police Chief.

Bountiful Food Pantry



The Bountiful Food Pantry is currently in great need of donations for The Pantry Packs initiative. The Bountiful Food Pantry in partnership with Davis School District and the individual schools provide our most at-risk children with food over the weekends when they are at increased risk of going hungry. Currently the Food Pantry supplies more than 2000 Pantry Packs to students at 47 schools throughout Davis County each week. We invite you and your family and associates to support this vital and very rewarding program. The directions on the preparation of the pantry packs can be accessed at JustServe.org or www.bountifulfoodpantry.org

Davis County WIC

EWIC is Here!

Shopping with WIC just became easier with EWIC! All clients at Davis County WIC will now be issued a smart card instead of paper checks to purchase WIC foods at the grocery store. It is used like a debit card which is much more discreet and simpler to use. Call 801-525-5010 or visit <https://www.daviscountyutah.gov/health>.

Tree Maintenance

In adherence with Centerville City code 11.02.070. Trees shall be pruned by the property owner as to have eight feet of clearance over the sidewalk and 13 feet of clearance over the street.

Greetings from The Whitaker - Centerville's Heritage Museum. We have missed visiting with our patrons at events and the museum these past months.

The museum and city staff are excited about a new tour that is in its development stages and will be offered at the Whitaker. This tour will be an on-site, outside tour that can be accessed by your own cellphone. The yard will host multiple stations that will tell stories of Centerville and its many stories. These tours will be accessible everyday of

the year allowing guests a tour whenever they visit.

- Watch the museum link on the City website and future newsletters for more information.
- “Keeping The Stories Alive” events will begin in April and run through October as Utah CDC guidelines allow.

We look forward to your visit.

THE WHITAKER

Centerville's Heritage Museum

“Keeping Our Stories Alive”

2021 Storytelling Event Calendar

Apr 13 7pm



Posters of The Great War Era:
Impressions of Order, Chaos,
and Renewal

Presenter: Stewart L. Karren
WWI enthusiast
Location: City Hall (free)

May 11 7pm



**Utah and the
Transcontinental Railroad**
The Project that United A Nation
A Mountain Man's Tale

Presenter: Karl Behling
Utah Storytelling Guild
Location: City Hall (free)

Jun 15 7pm



Weber/Echo Canyon Railroad
History of Marketing Imagery

Presenter: Beau Burgess
Director/Curator
Historical Museum and Collection
Fort Douglas
Location: City Hall (free)

Jul 13 7pm



Celebrating Heritage
Information to Come

Aug 10 7pm



**Motor Tales—Utah National
Parks by Automobile**
Celebrating National Parks Tourism
by Early Automobiles 1900's

Presenter: John Clark, author
Location: City Hall (free)

Sep 14 7pm



Lucin/Great Salt Lake Cutoff
A Story, Not to be Forgotten

Presenter: Beau Burgess
Director/Curator
Historical Museum and Collection
Fort Douglas
Location: City Hall (free)

Oct 12 7pm



Haunting at The Whitaker
Yarns and Tales from the Past
Perfect for the Season

Presenters: Local Story Tellers
Location: Whitaker Museum Yard
Free for all ages

Museum Board Members

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1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7 pm • City Hall

Planning Commission Meetings:

2nd & 4th Wednesdays • 7 pm • City Hall

Eagle Scout Projects



Centerville City would like to recognize brothers Luke and Blake Mendenhall for completing their Eagle Scout projects. Luke aided the community by painting 50 fire hydrants around the city. The project took 50.25 hours, and he had the help of 36 fellow troop members, friends and family.

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Blake from Troop 220 delivered almost 400 flyers to homes and businesses in Centerville's well-protection zones. The flyers gave information on how to keep well water free of contamination. He had the help of 29 people, and spent 49 hours to complete his project.

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