

Bluffdale Times



November 2016

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Growth



In the recent past, my messages have mainly dealt with growth-related issues. The City generally cannot prohibit growth resulting from individuals' right to develop and build on their own property. The City plans for and reacts to growth by building new infrastructure designed to support these increases in population and commerce.

The City plans for future growth by creating a General Plan which is publicly updated from time to time as needed. Based on our General Plan, the City creates a Capital Facilities Plan which outlines the infrastructure that the City will need to support the planned growth. The Capital Facilities Plan is publicly updated every one to two years. Our current Capital Facilities Plan includes an estimate that the build-out population of our city will be between 32,000 to 39,000 residents. The City currently is home to about 14,000 people, so as you can see, our population is expected to eventually more than double.

New infrastructure that is required because of growth is generally funded by collecting impact fees from those building the new developments. One problem with this model is that the infrastructure frequently needs to be built before the impact fees are collected.

The City has done a great job in planning, building, and maintaining our infrastructure. For example, our water system is second to none and with our current plan it will continue to be excellent. But staying on top of the growth is always challenging.

One infrastructure area that is particularly challenging is transportation. The City has done a tremendous job in repairing and maintaining our existing roads. The majority of these costs are paid using the gas taxes we pay at the pump. However, new roads that are needed due to growth are funded with impact fees. Unfortunately, the collection of transportation related impact fees generally lags behind the need for new roads created by growth.

It has been suggested by some to bond for infrastructure that is needed due to growth and then pay the bond payment using impact fees. Bonding for infrastructure is sometimes necessary but bonding for growth with the assumption that the bond will be paid through the collection of impact fees would be poor policy. If we have a downturn in the economy as we did in 2008 then the taxpayers in the City would be on the hook for the bond with no current impact fees to pay the debt.

I have only skimmed the surface on the subject of impact fees and the difficulties with growth. I hope I have covered enough in this article so that you have a better understanding of this important subject. If you have further questions feel free to contact me. The best way to contact me is to meet with me during my Meet the Mayor meeting on the third Wednesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Timothy



14350 S 2200 W

Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Dates to Remember:

November

- 9 Planning Commission
- 11 Veteran's Day
Offices Closed
- 16 Meet the Mayor
- 16 City Council
- 23 & 24 Thanksgiving
Offices Closed

December

- 7 Planning Commission

Public Meetings

City Council

6:30 pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday

Planning Commission

7:00 pm
1st & 3rd Wednesday

Meet the Mayor

5:00 - 6:30 pm
3rd Wednesday

Important Numbers:

- Emergency 911
- Police Dispatch 801-253-4899
- Animal Control..... 801-254-2200
- After hours..... 801-419-4494
- Public Works 801-254-2200
- After hours..... ext.7

RADON IN BLUFFDALE

Radon is naturally occurring and has been detected in many homes in this area. The only way to test your home is with a radon test kit. If you are a Bluffdale resident and are willing to release your test results to the City, then Bluffdale City is providing radon kits for you to use for only \$5.00 (one kit per household).



This includes the kit, the test AND the shipping!
Test results released to Bluffdale are for statistical purposes ONLY.
Your information will be kept private.

Steps for testing your home.

1. Pick up radon kit from Bluffdale City Fire Station 14350 S 2200 W
2. Pay \$5 to Bluffdale City and sign a release for tracking purposes.
3. Test your home.

Visit www.radon.com/radon/instructions.html for detailed instructions.

4. Mail kit to be tested. For best results, kit must arrive to lab within 3 days of sealing kit.

Questions?

Natalie Hall, Emergency Manager:

801-633-6833

nhall@bluffdale.com

<http://www.bluffdale.com/426/Radon>

www.radon.com

Radon Hotline: 800-458-0145

radon.utah.gov

The Bluffdale Youth Council was established on April 27, 2016. Over the past few months they have learned about leadership while making a difference in our community. They have helped with Old West Days and the Rodeo and have had more than 100 hours of service.

The Youth Council has a lot of fun things planned and would like to invite youth ages 14-18 to apply and join them. As a member of the Bluffdale Youth Council you will learn valuable life skills, have leadership opportunities for your college applications, make friends, have fun, and most importantly, make a positive change in the community.

Apply at <http://www.bluffdale.com> on the Youth Council page. Youth Council meetings are typically held bi-monthly on Mondays at 3:30 P.M. There are some Saturday morning meetings. Contact the Youth Mayor pro tem Cannon Law 801-835-5566 or Advisor Nancy Lord 801-688-4769 with any questions.

VETERANS
DAY



NOVEMBER 11, 2016

November

Green Waste Ending for the Year



Green waste service will end this month. The last pick up day will be **Saturday**, November 26th (one day late due to the holiday). Keep your can in your yard or garage. Service will resume the first Friday of April in 2017. There will be no charge on your bill for December through March.

Crossing Guards Needed!

Hey do you want to do a great service to your community and get paid for it?

Do you look good in High Viz Yellow or Orange?

Would you like to get a cool vest and new winter coat from the city?

Have you always wanted the ability to stop traffic as you walk by?

The City is looking for substitute crossing guards.



Contact:
Stephanie at Bluffdale City
801-254-2200

Save the Dates for 2017 Emergency Preparedness

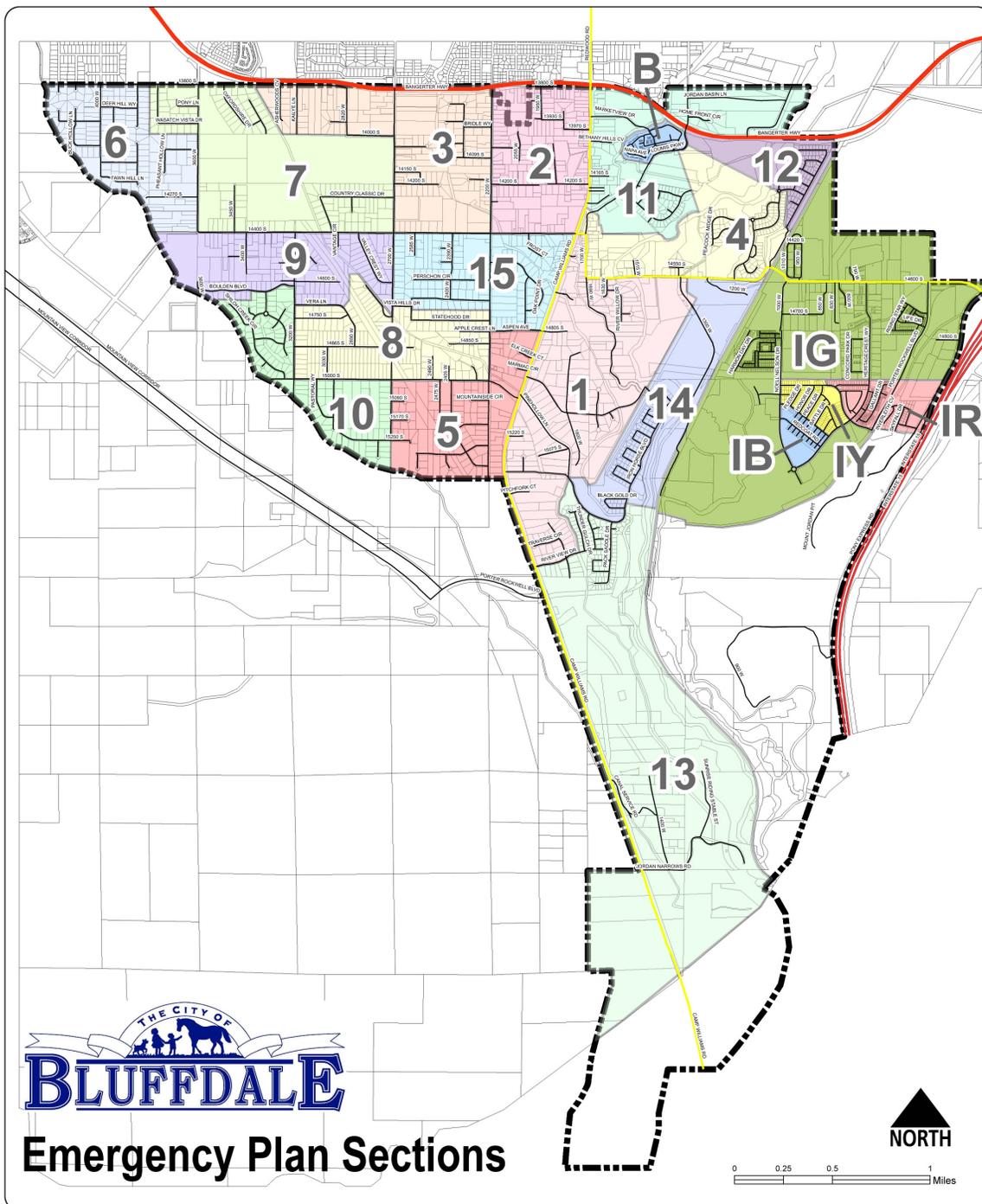
January 7 - City Wide Communications Drill 9:00 AM. Everyone report to your group leader.

March and April 2017 Spring CERT class. See www.Bluffdale.com for details.
Saturday, April 22 Bluffdale Shakeout Drill and Preparedness Fair. Free lunch for everyone in the city!

Are you new to Bluffdale? Do you know the emergency plan for the city? It is easy.

1. Take care of your family first.
2. Take care of your neighborhood group you have been assigned to.
3. Take care of your section.

If you need to know what section you are assigned and who your section leader is, email Natalie Hall nhall@bluffdale.com.



Emergency Plan Sections

Santa and the Lights

Saturday, November 28th 5:30pm

LIGHTS ON - COUNT DOWN

Lighted "Tractor" Parade - In the park!

Decorate your Tractor, Riding Mower, Trailer, or ATV with lights, Christmas décor, etc!

Parade Entries meet at 5:00- 5:15pm in west parking lot. Parade entries will receive a "Fast Pass" for the photo line!

Pictures with Santa in "Santa's Workshop"!

Musical Entertainment

**ENJOY THE WARMTH OF MORE HEATERS!
Bluffdale City Park - 2300 W. 14400 South**

BONFIRES - PICTURES - HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES

ALL FREE!



ALL FREE!

City Hall Construction Update

During the month of October the draining system for the parking lot has been installed along with the curb and gutter. The interior walls have been completed along with the HVAC rough-in. The roof has been completed and the window installation has been started.



In the month of November the brick and outside metal finishes will be completed. The insulation in the walls will be completed and the sheetrock installation will be started. The glass around the front door will be installed and some interior painting will also be started.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0GpyuqZXto>

Healthy Bluffdale

Happy Thanksgiving! This month I wanted to share a message of gratitude. I am so grateful to be able to represent the city of Bluffdale this year. It has been incredible to work with the community, meet new people, and share my love for health! I want to give a special thanks to Joy Poulsen for teaching our yoga class in the park this summer. She volunteered her time once a week for several months to help us find our inner peace. It is so important to keep yourself physically and mentally healthy! Taking even 10



minutes a day to meditate will help you relieve stress and anxiety (two negative states that take a toll on us mentally and physically.) Meditation doesn't have to be sitting cross-legged on the floor chanting; it can be taking a nice walk, sitting in your car, laying on your couch, practicing yoga, or just finding a quiet place to let go of your worries and really focus on the positive things in your life. I like to start by thinking about things I'm grateful for: my family, the mountains, music, and my health, just to name a few. I challenge you to meditate for a few minutes each day and see if you notice a difference in how you feel!

Follow @missbluffdale2016 on Instagram, email missbluffdale2016@gmail.com and check out the Miss Bluffdale Community Highlights page at www.bluffdale.com. Let me know any questions or ideas you have that could keep Bluffdale healthy!