



April 2016

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Residents quite often tell me they don't believe Bluffdale is what it used to be. My first reaction to this is, Bluffdale is what you make it to be. However, I realize this isn't the answer people want. Many remember when there were fewer houses in Bluffdale and all the property around them used to be open space. These comments are very prevalent when residents don't want anything built on the property next to them.

Every piece of property in Bluffdale is owned by someone and each of these property owners have the right to build what is allowed by ordinance on their piece of property. Just because an owner hasn't built something on their vacant property doesn't mean their rights disappear. Zoning laws exist to protect the rights of property owners as well as adjacent property owners. For example, if you live next to a vacant piece of property that is allowed to build multi-family units then the owner of the property has a right to build multi-family units on the property.

Zoning changes from time to time for various reasons. Usually the zoning is changed to match the General Plan. The General Plan is used to help guide development and to keep certain types of developments away from other types and to group similar types of developments together.

Anytime a zoning changes on a piece of property it is a very public process. In about two months we are going to roll out the City's new web site and we are going to implement some new ways to notify the public about information in our city.

There are also requirements set by the State of Utah where certain developments are allowed in any zone. The most prevalent of these are Residential Treatment Facilities and Public Schools. Usually when these types of developments are built, the city can require certain things but generally the State Legislature believes these types of developments solve more problems than they create so they mandate acceptance.

If you would like more information about zoning or have other questions, you may have feel free to drop in and talk at my "Meet the Mayor" meeting that is held the third Wednesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. There is no appointment required and if you come in a suit you will be the only one in a suit.

Bluffdale has changed. More and more people want to live in Bluffdale. The change that comes as people exercise their property rights doesn't need to be negative. I believe everyone has something to add to our great city no matter how long they have lived here. Please help our city remain a great place to live by allowing us to benefit from your talents. There are many ways to be involved in our city.

Mayor Timothy



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Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Dates to Remember:

April

- 6 Planning Commission
- 13 City Council
- 20 Meet the Mayor
- 20 Planning Commission
- 27 City Council

May

- 4 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



Towne Storage recently opened its 16th location, this is our 13th location in Utah and 1st in Bluffdale. We are located at 15403 South Camp Williams Rd. To celebrate the opening of this location, we are going to have an open house Saturday, April 30th between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. This will be a free, fun event for the whole family. We have asked The Matterhorn food truck to make wonderful french-toast for all our guests. We will also have two Towne Storage race cars

available for you to sit in and have your picture taken. Other race cars will also be on display that day. For entertainment, we will have bouncy houses and slides for the kids and a professional race simulator will be on hand, as well as other activities.

This new location features the latest in high tech security and customer convenience features. There are also special units designed for handicap accessibility.

We are excited to be in Bluffdale and serve the community. We hope it will make Bluffdale resident's lives a bit better.



Bluffdale City Shake Out Drill Saturday, April 23, 2016



9:00 AM EVERYONE IN THE CITY DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON.

9:02 AM Gather your family and check on each other. Walk through the house assessing the damage inside and outside. Show your family the water shut-off, electrical shut off, and gas (ONLY if you can smell gas leaking). What else could be affected in your home from the earthquake?

9:20 AM Meet outside in your neighborhood group meeting area where your ready box is stored. See what group members are missing and check on them or text them to make sure they are okay and accounted for.

9:30 AM Report (by cell, text, radio or message form) to your section leader the status of your group. Report any damage or missing neighbors. Send a representative to your section meeting area to see what help is needed in other groups within your section.

11:00 – 1:00 PM Shake Out PARTY at the Bluffdale City Park!

DRESS WARM - IT WILL BE WORTH IT!

Shake House - Come experience what a 7.0 earthquake might feel like!

- Bring an empty jug to fill with water from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. In an emergency, this is where we will meet for distribution of supplies.
- Stuffed Animal First Aid Station for any child's animal that got "injured" in the earthquake
- Hot dogs, CERT, HAM, Police and Fire trucks,
- Games, prizes and much more!
- Email nhall@bluffdale.com or call 801-633-6833 with any questions

Make sure to register your family at shakeout.org/utah/



MISS BLUFFDALE 2016

Miss Bluffdale 2016 - Kelsie Krahenbuhl

1st Runner-up - Kayley Ballard

2nd Runner-up - Lindsey Pike

Congratulations to everyone who participated.



Bluffdale has a new logo!
Thank you to all who gave your input by participating in the survey.