

The Garden Spot

Providence City Newsletter



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From the Mayor: Randy Simmons

Twenty-five years ago we built our home in a worn out fruit orchard on the south bench. The road was dirt and Melvin Bitters' orchard was across the street. Floyd Newbold still picked pears from an orchard down the road. The Theurer family raised hay on part of their property and nothing on a really rocky part. The Calls were beginning to work their land they called Weedworks Estate. Morris Mathews and George Everton raised hay in their fields. During the winters we cross-country skied on the fields and in the orchards. The rest of the year we ate Melvin's apples, the kids played in the orchards and fields, and we walked the dog down the road.

Then, "terrible" things happened. "Our" road was paved. Melvin sold his orchard. Floyd stopped selling pears. We got neighbors! These new neighbors' houses blocked "our" wide open views. Their cars used "our" road. A subdivision was built on "our" cross-country ski field. Other people walked their dogs where we walked our dog. How unfair.

No, how wonderful! Instead of apples and alfalfa, the land around us now grows children and lawns and night games and baseball and football and laughter. The neighbor across the street owns several "man toys" and insists I use them. Another neighbor organizes all of us to help when a roof needs shingled; sod needs laid; a parent is sick; someone's relative dies; or a child leaves to college, war, or a mission. We have parties in the street, share recipes, trade garden produce, cry and laugh with each other, and care. We are a neighborhood sharing the American Dream in this garden spot called Providence. Growth elsewhere in Providence has been good to me since my daughter, son in law, and grandchild are able to live in Providence on what was, just a couple years ago, a field. [Many of our children's friends who grew up in Providence now live on Providence's former fields that are now vibrant neighborhoods -- Amy Davis, Curtis Nixon, Dustin Singleton, Haifin Painter, BJ Smith, Cam Wright and many, many more.]

I know that these other neighborhoods are just as good as ours. For example, one of the new neighborhoods in the southwest corner of Providence organized themselves for Christmas and, instead of giving neighborhood Christmas gifts, they gave to Sub-for-Santa. They provided Christmas for more than fifty children! I, for one, am grateful that such people now call Providence their home. I am glad they are my neighbors. I hope I can live up to their dedication to making this corner of the world a better place.

Have any newsletter comments or suggestions? Please send them to allylamb@cc.usu.edu.

From the Providence City Utility Billing Department...

Please be aware that the City has changed their notification process for delinquent accounts. If your account becomes delinquent to the point where your water service is in jeopardy of being discontinued, you will receive only one notice sent to you in the mail in a bright pink envelope notifying you of the shut off date. This will be your only notification. If there is no payment made or you do not contact the City prior to the shut off date, your water service will be discontinued. Once your water service is discontinued, payment in full and an additional \$25.00 for a water turn on fee will be required before your water service will be restored.

If the City deems that there is a possibility for damage to the City water system during the colder months, we will send notification of this with your shut off notice. However, when the City deems it safe for the system to shut water off, we will do so with proper shut off notification and there will be no leniency for those who did not make any monthly payments on their accounts.

On a related note, within the next month, you will be able to pay your utility bill by either credit or debit card.

If you have any questions concerning your account or any changes to the utility billing policies, please contact Tara at 753-0313, ext. 10.



Library News - March 2006

- Preschool story time will be held at the Library, Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10:30am and 2:00pm.
- The Library is hosting Eric Herman, Tuesday, March 28th at 10:30am to introduce the Summer Reading Program, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales.
- March is National Music in the School Month and National Craft Month. Enjoy our new Usborne books including First Book of the Recorder, Music Guide - Guitar, Piano Course, Hair Braiding, Magic Tricks, and Collecting Things

Softball and Baseball Registration

Come join Providence Baseball (ages 5 to 14) & Providence Softball (ages 6 to 14). Registration will be from March 1st to March 31st. Forms are available at the Providence City Office Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Also, Providence City is looking for snack stand workers/score keepers for summer baseball. Come into or call the Providence City Office.

Cache Valley Figure Skaters Place at Regionals

Just four years since opening of the George S. Eccles Ice Center, three Cache Valley skaters placed in the top four at the 2006 Central Pacific Regionals Figure Skating Competition. Montana Judd, Emma Goetze, and Ginger Jensen (picture above) all placed in the preliminary division. Congratulations, girls!



Choosing the Right Tree

As spring approaches our thoughts often turn to projects in our yards. Perhaps one of your projects is planting some new trees. Before you do, spend some time and make sure that you choose properly.

Determine the space requirements for the tree as it matures. Is there enough room for crown or roots? Will it be along the street, or in the lawn or planting bed? Develop a list of trees that meet your criteria. Choose species or cultivars (a cultivated variety) that do well locally. Talk to local experts- arborists, nurseries, or USU Extension. The Providence City office has a nice tree list. Consider the ultimate size of the mature tree- can it outgrow its planting area? No tree is perfect, and all will drop something, whether it is leaves, needles, fruit, or flowers. Some trees are higher maintenance than others, decide what you can live with and choose accordingly. Often people tell me that they don't have the money for new trees and I tell them to plant smaller less expensive trees. They not only cost less but they are easier to plant. Just like kids they will grow- often faster than you think. Their benefits start the day they are planted. When you purchase trees buy

from a reputable source. Generally local nurseries will have a knowledgeable sales staff and high quality trees that are adapted to local conditions. Select trees that have strong well attached branches evenly spaced along the trunk, a dominant single leader, and good trunk/root flare. Never buy trees with circling roots. There are a lot of trees for sale out there, don't buy junk or it will haunt you in years to come. I will drop off some tree brochures at the city office or you can look on the web at www.isa-arbor.com.

Mark Malmstrom,
Certified Arborist



Providence Elementary Starts a New Tradition

Providence Elementary will be hosting its 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Panda Family Fun Run on April 28th and 29th. The race will include both a 1 mile and 5k run. Registration forms for the races will be available after March 1st at Tanaka's Specialty, Providence Elementary, and Al's Sporting Goods. Volunteers and Sponsors are needed. This is Providence Elementary's only fundraiser so they need lots of support. Please contact Theo Anderson @ 881-0408 or Alean Hunt @ 750-0191 if you would like to help with these events. More information on times and prices will be available in the March newsletter.



Check out the City Website at:
www.providencecity.org

