

July 2013

North Salt Lake STAR

SPECIAL EDITION



2013 Water at Critical Levels!

Dear Residents,

Summer is now in full force, and with that comes an increase in water usage for our lawns. Although we should always be wise with our water usage, we are asking all citizens this year to take extra steps to conserve water. We have had lower than normal snow fall in our water sheds for a few years now. In addition, contamination in parts of our water aquifer has affected some wells that we have historically drawn our water from. As a city, we have worked hard to expand our water sources over the last few years. Many of these projects are still in process and won't be fully available for a few years. The hot dry summers and new growth in our city are putting stress on our resources. We need your help.

The majority of NSL residents use culinary water for outdoor watering, so during the summer months, culinary usage increases dramatically. Some residents' culinary water usage is **TWENTY (20) Times** more in the summer months than the winter months!

Your first step in conservation is finding out how much water you use. You may have paid a landscaper to set up your irrigation system originally, and then did not decrease the amount of watering once their lawn and vegetation had taken root. Some residents may be set up for automatic payment of their water bill and do not look at their bills to realize how much water they are using, or simply do not care. We have some extreme users of water in the city, who we plan to contact individually. However, if you believe you may be using more water than necessary and would like to know for sure, contact Weber Basin Water at www.weberbasin.com/conservation, or call 801-771-1677 for a **free water check**. You may also call the City Engineer's office at 801-335-8700.

There are some fairly simple things everyone can do to conserve water and stretch our resources to get us through the hottest periods of this irrigation season. Proper fertilization will enable our grass to go longer periods of time between watering while maintaining the lush green look we desire. **Many of us are watering our lawn more than it needs.** Try cutting out a day or two of watering each week, as well as reducing the water time to 30 minutes. More often than not, it will look the same as it did before. If it looks like it is drying up, increase the watering time incrementally until you reach an optimal point. Try cutting your grass one or two settings higher than normal. This will allow the grass to shade itself and will keep moisture in the soil for a longer period of time. If you or your neighbors end up with a few dry spots, consider it with gratitude, rather than scorn.

Automatic sprinklers make our lives much easier; we set them once at the beginning of the year and let them do their thing. Rain or shine, those sprinklers kick on when they are supposed to, but it is very disheartening to watch the levels in the reservoirs drop while it rains. We must use our automatic sprinklers responsibly. If it is raining outside, please shut your automatic sprinklers off.

Restrictions already in place include the "no watering time," which is between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. every day. A violation could result in a \$100 fine to be added to the resident's account. Fines will increase \$50 with each additional violation (Ordinance 01-04R). As of today, the City has been able to keep our water tanks full enough that we have not needed to impose additional restrictions on outdoor watering. However, we will need to continue to evaluate the situation to see if more restrictions are needed in order to stretch our water supply. If we all act responsibly, we should make it through this trying summer. This is a situation that affects all of us, and we need your help.

Sincerely,


Barry Edwards
City Manager


Len Afave
Mayor


Paul Ottoson
City Engineer

Fire Restrictions

- No fireworks east of Orchard Drive.
- Fireworks may only be discharged from July 1-7, and July 21-27, 11:00 am to 11:00 pm (midnight on the 4th and 24th).
- Campfires are only allowed in approved campgrounds where the fire pit has been installed by a governmental agency.
- These regulations will be strictly enforced this season. Violators will be charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

July Public Meetings

- City Council: July 16 (7:00 p.m.)
- Planning Comm: July 9, 23 (6:30 p.m.)
- Uniting Neighbors: July 10 (7:30 p.m.)
- Youth City Council: July 16 (5:00 p.m.)



Mark Your Calendars

- **July 2:** 5:30-Neighborhood Mtg. Re: Deer Hollow Basin
- **July 2:** 7:30-Festival of Speed at Eaglewood
- **July 3:** Celebration & Fireworks
- **July 10:** 11:00-Seniors Lunch Bunch
- **July 14:** Second Sunday Concert
- **Aug. 31:** NSL Family Golf Tourn.
- **Oct. 19:** Halloween 3K

Elections for Mayor and Two Council Members

Candidates running for elected positions beginning in 2014 are as follows:
For Mayor: Len Arave

(incumbent) and Ryan Macfarlane. For two City Council positions: Matt Jensen (incumbent),

James Emery Hill, and Ryan Mumford. The general election is November 5th.

Visit www.nslcity.org for more election information

City Directory

Mayor: Len Arave
Senate: Todd Weiler
House: Becky Edwards
Council Members:
 Stewart Harman
 Brian Horrocks
 Conrad Jacobson
 Matt Jensen
 Stan Porter
City Manager:
 Barry Edwards

Operator	(801) 335-8700	Utility Emergencies	(801) 560-3718
Mayor	(801) 335-8718	Burn Plant & Landfill	(801) 614-5600
City Manager	(801) 335-8707	Waste Management	(801) 280-8200
City Recorder	(801) 335-8709	Business Licensing	(801) 335-8701
Planning & Zoning	(801) 335-8729	Justice Court	(801) 335-8640
Utilities	(801) 335-8702	Code Enforcement	(801) 335-8677
Bldg. Inspections	(801) 335-8721	Police (non-emergency)	(801) 335-8651
Park Reservations	(801) 335-8721	Eaglewood Golf Course	(801) 299-0088
Animal Control	(801) 444-2200	Eaglewood Reception Ctr.	(801) 918-0600
EMERGENCY	9-1-1		



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