

Clinton City Newsletter



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WHY DO I NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

(Revisited)

By Steve Hamblin, Building Official

The most common reason we hear at the city for not getting a permit to finish a basement, add an addition or remodel a home is; "We know what we're doing and we don't need "THE CITY" telling us how to do it.

The Community Development staff doesn't look at it as telling you what to do, but rather to be a source of up-to-date information that will help you complete your project the right way. Our goal is to provide homeowners with construction handouts and plan review information which will help ensure that the electrical, plumbing, mechanical and framing techniques used are compliant with the latest safety and model code requirements adopted by the State of Utah.

The building inspectors goal is not to "catch you" making a mistake, but to provide a second set of eyes to ensure that your project is both safe and code compliant. Obtaining a permit also protects the homeowner when having to make an insurance claim regarding any addition/remodel to their home. By not obtaining a building permit, you may very well provide your insurance company with the justification they need to deny a claim on damage to any portion of your home completed without a building permit. The fact that you obtained a permit for work done on your home will also be a benefit at the time of resale when your potential buyer is trying to obtain financing.

So, when you're ready to start your home improvement project, call or stop in to see the Community Development desk at Clinton City Hall. We want to assist you in completing your project in a safe and efficient manner.

Clinton City Community Arts Board News

- Please join us for the Clinton Community Ice Festival on Saturday January 22, 10:00 am -1:00 pm at Civic Center Park. There will be an ice and snow sculpture contest. Contact the Recreation Dept at 801-614-0780 to reserve an ice block.
- We invite all who love to sing to join the Clinton/Syracuse community choir. The choir rehearses @7:30 every Thursday in the Syracuse High School Choir Room
- The Arts Board is seeking dance instructors to teach social dance classes for our community and volunteers to help with the Choir. If you are interested in helping with either the Choir or the Dance classes, contact Laretta Beesley by January 15. 801-825-6354 or clintonartsboard@gmail.com

Register now to be the first to know about upcoming arts board events. Simply email clintonartsboard@gmail.com and we'll put you on the mailing list!

Business License Renewal

Business licenses for the 2010 business year expired on December 31, 2010. For your convenience renewal applications were mailed out in November. If for any reason you did not receive a renewal, please contact the Community Development Department at (801) 614-0740, and we will be happy to mail you one. (Business license fees for renewal businesses shall be due and payable on or before January 1 of each year and shall be delinquent if not paid prior to February 1 of each year.)

**If you are no longer operating a business please contact our office so we can remove your information from our active files.

WEST DAVIS CORRIDOR UPDATE

The Level 1 Screening process has narrowed down the number of alternatives from 46 to 14. The results of the Level 1 Screening process can be found on the maps page of the website: www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/maps

The 14 alternatives are now going through the Level 2 Screening process and being evaluated to assess their potential community and environmental impacts. The results of the Level 2 Screening process will be shared online and at a series of public open houses in early 2011. Your participation and comments are encouraged and we hope you will join us at our upcoming events. We will post the dates and locations for the next round of open houses on the events page of the study website (http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/get_involved#events).

For more information or to comment on the study:

Web: www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis

Phone: 877-298-1991

E-mail: westdavis@utah.gov (send us an email to sign up for monthly e-mail updates)

Mail: 466 North 900 West, Kaysville UT 84037

Community Enhancement Program

Clinton Recreation 1651 W 2300 N

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 7:00 PM

"Applied Self-Defense Class"

Presented by Kerry Gallegos and Kirtis Schneider.

Kerry Gallegos is a second degree black belt.

Learn the basics to protect yourself; how to get out of the victim mode; and defensive tactics.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 7:00 PM

"Valentine Cake Decorating Class"

Presented by Anna Stanton

Looking forward in 2011...

March - Faux Painting

April - Mexican Cooking

May - Gardening

June - Home Made Ice Cream

July - Annual Quilt Show

Please contact Suzanne Pearson at 801-776-3558; Suzanne Phillips at 801-773-6310; Cheri Reed at 801-825-0238; or Danielle Merritt at 801-825-1883 for more info.

CLINTON CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT

~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~

Jazz Player Appearance

A Utah Jazz player will be putting on a youth clinic for all Jr. Jazz participants on Thursday, Feb. 10th at The Gym (2805 South 2025 West in West Haven). The clinic will begin at 6:00 pm; doors will open at 5:45 pm. Players should wear their jazz jersey and please do NOT bring a basketball. This is an exciting opportunity to see a Jazz player up close and personal. The Recreation Department does not find out the identity of the player until they arrive at the gym. For other player appearances or related questions please call 801-614-0780.

Participants will attend the Utah Jazz Game on January 31; Additional tickets can be purchased for family and friends beginning January 10 for \$11.

Youth Soccer Sign-Ups

Registration for the youth soccer program will be held February 1st through February 18th. The soccer program is for children Pre-school age (year before they enter kindergarten) through 6th grade. The fee is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents and includes; jersey, shorts, socks, practices and games. Practices are tentatively set to begin the week of March 15th and games the week of April 5th. For more information and game days contact the Recreation Department at 801-614-0780.

Soccer Referees Needed

Job applications are currently being taken through the Recreation Department for spring and summer positions. Immediate openings are available for soccer referees. Applicants should have general knowledge of and experience with the sport of soccer. Applications may be picked up Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Recreation Department.

Reserving a Park Bowery or Rental Room

We will begin taking registrations for 2011 rentals on January 3rd at 8:00 am.

Clinton City currently has boweries at 5 parks that may be reserved for various activities throughout the year. Veterans Park (1000 W 1800 N), Meadows Park (575 W 2300 N), West Clinton Park (2750 W 1800 N), Heritage Park (1000 W 1300 N) and Civic Center City Park (1500 W 2300 N). Reservations for these facilities are taken at the Recreation Department beginning the first working day of the new calendar year. You must reserve facilities in person, fill out a contract and provide a payment. Bowery's can be reserved from April 15th through October 15th. Park Bowery Fees are: \$30 for 5 hours.

Community Rental Room

The Community Rental Room is available for public use. Reservations for all rentals are taken at the Clinton Recreation Administration Building 1651 W 2300 N. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and must be made in person. Rental fee is paid at the time of reservation and deposit is paid on the last working day prior to the rental when the key is picked up. The rental room is 25' X 38' and has a kitchen attached to it as well as an outdoor patio area. The rental rate is \$40 per hour plus a \$250 refundable deposit. The rental fee includes tables and chairs for up to 75 people. In addition, the Recreation Department has a training room connected to the rental area. On weekends (Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday) when the training room is not in use, it can also be used for rentals. The Community Room with the Training Room measures 25' X 66'. The rental rate for both rooms is \$60 per hour plus a \$250 refundable deposit. Rental fee includes chairs and tables for up to 130 people. Rental rooms will NOT be available on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve or New Years Day. For more information call 801-614-0780.

Join Club 55 - Our Club 55 program is for all residents 55 years of age and older, and includes monthly luncheons and occasional trips to Utah areas of interest. If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive information on all of our activities please contact the Recreation Department at 801-614-0780. The following is a list of upcoming activities:

- **January Luncheon** - Wednesday, January 19th –12 Noon in the Recreation Admin. Bldg. 1651 W 2300 N \$2 optional donation for lunch.

Christmas Tree Collection

Please have your Christmas tree out for pick-up by **JAN 5** at 7:00 a.m. Crews will only make one pass through the city so please be patient as it may take a few days to complete.

- ✓ Place trees near the sidewalk
- ✓ Please cut in half any trees taller than 8 feet.
- ✓ Remove tree stands

Also, if it snows before your tree is collected; it is your responsibility to unbury it so crews can see it to pick it up.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Please remember City Ordinance states that ALL Clinton City property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks along their property or business clear of snow and ice and prohibits anyone from depositing snow into public roads. Snow removed from sidewalks and driveways should be placed in the park strip area or on private property and NOT in the public roads. Snow removal of the driveway approaches is the resident's responsibility as well.

No Overnight Parking

The Winter Parking Ordinance is also in effect Nov 15 to Mar 15. NO OVERNIGHT PARKING is allowed from midnight to 7 am. Call 801-614-0800 with questions.

Thank you for supporting our local business through the Holiday Season and all through out the year.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Available:

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low-to-moderate income (generally \$49,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers receive training to prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. To locate the closest VITA site to you, please call 2-1-1. VITA sites offer free electronic filing (e-filing.) Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time of returns filed on paper.