

On The Grapevine

Last February, my husband, Tim Merrell, announced to me and our three girls that we would be moving to Washington City, Utah. He was given the state of Utah to recruit dentists and doctors for the Ameriplan Health Network. At first, my oldest daughter and I had the reaction of disbelief. What - leave Vegas? I have no memories of living anywhere else. As we made the changes to sell the house, I started telling the children about our new adventure; how we could explore the area, meet new people, hike new areas, and learn about the history of Utah.

Here I was leaving the only home I'd known as a child, going to a new place with no roots. Even Tim had never lived in Utah. I knew his parents were married in the Manti Temple, but neither of us felt ties to Utah. However, those old genealogy papers I had packed were about to unfold Tim's true roots.

Just after we moved here, I took our children to see the statues in the Washington City Museum. As we looked at each name, I remembered the name Adair in those old genealogy papers. As we toured the museum, that name kept coming to mind. When I arrived home, I couldn't wait to find the genealogy papers. I discovered Tim's grandmother (on his mother's side) was indeed an Adair. Her Father was Jedediah Adair and his father was George Washington Adair, brother to Samuel Jefferson Adair. These were the pioneers on the first Cotton Mission that founded Washington City.

Even Tim was surprised to learn his ancestors were a part of the very city where we relocated. We love Washington City, our business is growing, and my children adore the Water Wheel Park (Nisson's Park).

By Gina Merrell



Tim Merrell with his three daughters.

Look Who's New In Washington

ALLEN CHIROPRACTIC CARE
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"True health is more than just feeling good, true health is the body's ability to function well. If all the body's systems are functioning optimally, then we truly have health." Troy Allen believes so deeply in this, he decided to get a doctorate in an area that would help him practice what he preached—Chiropractic Medicine.

Dr. Troy Allen comes from Dayton, a small town just three miles west of Preston, Idaho. "I grew up in a small town, so I like the small town mentality. People are a lot friendlier..." Dr. Allen graduated from Westside High School and then served a LDS mission in Little Rock, Ark. He completed his undergraduate work at both Ricks College and Utah State University. While attending Utah State he met his sweetheart, and they were married within the year.

Dr. Allen graduated from Logan College of Chiropractic and passed up offers in Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania with the hope of opening the first Chiropractic office in Washington, Utah. His dream came true one year after practicing in Hurricane. Dr. Allen opened his own office in the Staheli Catering complex (across Telegraph from Star Nursery) in January of 2006. He is excited to practice in Washington and is thrilled to work where he lives. His hobbies include hanging out with his wife and three children, woodworking, baking pies and cheesecakes, yard work, motorcycling, horseback riding, computer gaming, and learning new handyman trades. He will have an Open House to meet Washington residents March 25th from 10a.m. - 12 p.m.

If there is a new business you would like to spotlight in the newsletter, please submit your information to kruesch@washingtoncity.org

Motor Scooter Information

We have had numerous calls for information regarding the issue of mini-motorcycles and scooters being driven within the City of Washington. We are providing the following information to help educate the citizens of Washington City as to the ordinances that are in place that govern the use of these motorized devices. Our goal is to develop a team with the community to provide a safe place for all citizens to live and play.

10-381. Definitions. For purposes of this Washington City ordinance, the following terms are defined as follows:

1. "Mini-motorcycle," also known as a "pocket bike," means a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, that has a seat or saddle that is less than 24 inches from the ground as measured on a level surface with properly inflated tires. "Mini-motorcycle" does not include a moped or a motor assisted scooter. "Mini-motorcycle" does not include a motorcycle that is designed for off-highway use and is registered as an off-highway vehicle under Utah Code 41-22-3.

2. "Motor assisted scooter" means every motor scooter, moped, electric assisted bicycle, and every motorized bicycle having an engine with less than 150 cubic centimeters displacement, or motor which produces not more than five horse power.

3. "Personal motorized mobility device" means a self-propelled device with two (2) non-tandem wheels in contact with the ground, a system capable of steering and stopping the unit under typical operating conditions, a motor not exceeding one horse power or 750 watts, and a deck designed for a person to stand while operating the device. "Personal motorized mobility device" does not include a wheelchair.

4. "Direct supervision" means oversight at a distance within which visual contact is maintained, and advice and assistance can be verbally given and received.

5. "Go-cart" means a small traditionally low set vehicle consisting of: a frame, motor, wheels, and steering mechanism, and is traditionally designed or built to be operated by children.

10-382. Restrictions.

A. Mini-motorcycles:

1. A person may not operate a mini-motorcycle on any public property, highway, or path, unless:
a. the mini-motorcycle is registered for highway use in accordance with Utah Code, Title 41, Chapter 1a Motor Vehicle Act, and

b. the operator is licensed to operate a motorcycle in accordance with Utah Code, Title 53, Chapter 3, Uniform Driver License Act.

2. A person may not operate a mini-motorcycle on any public sidewalk.

3. An owner may not authorize or knowingly permit a person to operate a mini-motorcycle in violation of this section.

B. Motor assisted scooters:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a motor assisted scooter is subject to the provisions and restrictions under Utah Code 41-6a-1115 regarding a bicycle, moped, or motor-driven cycle.

2. For a person operating a motor assisted scooter, the following provisions do not apply:

a. seating positions under Utah Code 41-6a-1501;

b. required lights, horns, and mirrors under Utah Code 41-6a-1506;

c. entitlement to full use of a lane under Utah Code 41-6a-1502(1); and

d. driver licensing requirements under Utah Code 53-3-202.

3. A person under 16 years of age may not operate a motor assisted scooter using the motor unless the person is under the direct supervision of the person's parent or guardian.

4. A person under eight years of age may not operate a motor assisted scooter with the motor running on any public property, highway, path, or sidewalk.

5. A person may not operate a motor assisted scooter:

a. in a public parking structure or in a public park;

b. on a public sidewalk with the motor running;

c. on public property posted as an area prohibiting skateboards

d. on a highway consisting of a total of four or more lanes designated for regular vehicular traffic

e. on a highway with a posted speed limit greater than 25 miles per hour;

f. while carrying more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed; or

g. that has been structurally or mechanically altered from the original manufacturer's design.

A motor assisted scooter is considered a non-motorized vehicle if it is being used with the motor turned off.



Make Payments Online!

Are you tired of waiting in line to make your payments at City Hall? Now you can take care of business without every leaving the comfort of your home or office! Effective March 1, 2006 Washington City will be able to process utility payments, court fines, and business license renewals online. Visit the Washington City website at www.washingtoncity.org and click on the PAY NOW link. There is no cost for this service, but payment must be made with a Visa or Mastercard. There are many additional features on the Washington City website including WashQA and an event calendar. Log on today to discover the many benefits of the Washington City website.

Welcome Firefighter Furley

The Washington City Fire Department has recently hired its third full-time firefighter, Kohl Furley. Firefighter Furley comes from our very own volunteer ranks. There were many qualified applicants and the competition was very strong. Firefighter Furley has about five years of firefighting experience and is an Intermediate EMT. He will make a welcomed addition to the department, working daytime shifts with some pager call in. He joined us in February. Congratulations Firefighter Furley!

Box Tops for Education

Have you ever wondered how you could help our local schools? Well, here's an easy way.....clip Box Tops for Education from your favorite General Mills and Betty Crocker products and donate them to your favorite elementary school. Each Box Top is worth a dime and they add up fast. General Mills will send a check to the school to be spent on whatever the school needs like playground equipment, books for the library, or supplies for the classroom. Everyone can clip Box Tops and donate them whether you have a student or not in your home. Give your Box Tops to a child in your neighborhood to take to school, or simply drop them off to the school office. You can also support your favorite school by registering on the website: www.BoxTops4Education.com

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March Calendar of Events

March 1st – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

March 7th – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

March 8th – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

March 9th – Parks & Trails Open House – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

March 11th – Cotton City Quilters – 1:00 P.M. – City Museum (Old Rock School)

March 13th – Daughter's Of Utah Pioneers – 1:00 P.M. – Historic Relief Society Hall

March 17th – Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

March 15th – Planning Commission Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

March 16th – Historical Society Education Series – 7:00 P.M. – Washington City Museum (Old Rock School House)

March 21st – Big Fix for dogs and cats. Dog spay - \$50, dog neuter - \$40, cat spay - \$30, cat neuter - \$30. Shots and micro chips will be available. Pre-register and prepay at the Washington Shelter to reserve a spot.

March 21st – City Council Workshop Session – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Conf. Room

March 22nd – City Council Meeting – 5:30 P.M. – City Hall – Council Room

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

One question that many citizens have asked over the recent past has been whether Washington City is on a schedule to have a library. This is an issue on which the Washington City elected officials has been working. We have had numerous meetings concerning this subject, and in fact, I met today with our city manager and two county officials to discuss again this very topic.

Several years ago a bond election was held and successfully passed to provide the funds to build libraries in the cities and towns of Washington County. So far libraries have been constructed in New Harmony and Santa Clara. New libraries are currently being constructed in Springdale and St. George. Washington City is also on the schedule, but the problem has been locating property that would meet the needs and desires of the County Officials. Several locations have been discussed, but the strong feeling has been that the library be located in the current downtown area of Washington City. Currently discussions are taking place on a desired piece of property in this location and when things are finalized, we will see a library in our city.

This library will be a great asset to all of us. We will all need to work towards this goal. Other cities have contributed property, time, materials or money to get their libraries started and finished. We may have to do the same in order to have our library become a reality.

We continue to work on making Washington City the most desirable place in which to live. We appreciate the support of all citizens and want you to know that you do make a difference. You will be updated as things progress towards our very own library for Washington City.

Chamber Awards and Installation

by Emily Hudson

Washington, Utah – Community leaders and their families gathered Friday evening February the 3rd at Cottontown Village to install new board members for the city's Chamber of Commerce and proffer awards and accolade to those who've exhibited exemplary service to the community during 2005.

Receiving awards for Exceptional Community Service were Don and Lavell Smith collectively for their tireless near single-handed efforts to keep east Telegraph clean and presentable, and to the one and only George Staheli for his tireless (forgive the redundant use of the word, but there is no other capable of describing the energy commitment of these folks) in providing a pulse to community activities in Washington City – from the Cottonfest, to the Chamber, to the Historical Society, and more. "No one we know of dedicates the time and money George Staheli does Washington", says Michael Denning, Chamber President for 2006.

Yet another individual was singled out for exceptional service for 2005 - this time in the category of "Outstanding Volunteer". Margo Jackson took these honors hands down. "No one in recent history has made themselves so available and flexible - using an impressive array of skills and talents – to keep the Chamber 'right side up'. Her efforts involved many many hours each and every week over the past year. She has herself to thank for her nomination and subsequent installation as a board member for 2006-2007", commented Denning further.

"These individual don't do what they do for the award at Chamber each year. No, there's something else in them that drives them to service – often thankless – but paramount to the health of our community nonetheless", added Denning.

"Additional thanks should be directed to those outgoing board members of the Chamber who have spent their valuable time this past year at Chamber. LeAnn Terry, Craig Leavitt, Brandon Condie, Ben Linguist, and Rob Shuput deserve our gratitude for their work", continued Denning.

New Board members were sworn in by the ageless politician and friend to the chamber - Royce Jones. New board members sworn in at the festivities Friday evening last, were as follows: Sherrie Reeder, (Shaheli Family Farm), Randy Hunt, (Developer), Margo Jackson, Walter Hammon, (ACAD Washington City), and Mark Truman (Zions Bank – Washington Branch).

Worthy of note are 4 other quiet, behind the scenes individuals. George Ventura, Esq. was recognized for his significant contribution in the area of legal and other wise council for the Chamber. Strategic support from Paul Blanchard (Niblick Development) was applauded as well as that from Roger Carter, city manager and Mayor Terrill Clove.

After speeches from both Roger Carter and Mayor Terrill Clove, the evening was rounded out by entertainment from the "Final Four" barbershop quarter.