Holiday commemorations

Crews from the North Davis Fire District and Layton City Fire Department attach a flag to create an arch over the Veterans Day parade route. A ceremony honoring veterans followed at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall replica in Layton Commons Park Nov. 10.

PHOTO BY BECKY GINOS

Layton’s colorful ‘Lights Before Christmas’ is on display at Layton Commons Park. Choirs from East Layton and Mountain View Elementaries performed on opening night Nov. 19. After the lights were switched on, participants wandered the roads and aisles, taking in a wide variety of colorful animals and more – from elephants to dinosaurs, Christmas trees to holiday trains, and dragon flies to nutcrackers. The displays will be open through Dec. 31 at the park.

PHOTO BY LOUISE R. SHAW

‘Tis the season...

It’s that magical time of year for celebrating and counting our blessings. Layton City has a long list of things you can do with your family this holiday season. See the city newsletter on page 8 of this edition to choose your activities. All of us at Layton Today wish all of you Happy Holidays, and best wishes for the start of the new year on Jan. 1, 2019. We hope you’re enjoying Layton Today.

If you have a story idea or want to share your feedback, contact managing editor Tom Haraldsen at tharaldsen@davisclipper.com.
**Winter driving tips and Layton snow ordinances**

The following are tips to keep drivers safe during the winter driving season:

- Prepare your vehicle for winter driving. Make sure you have good snow tires that are properly inflated. Ensure the defrost is in working condition.
- Do you drive a 4x4? Remember 4-wheel drive may help you get going, but it won’t help you stop quicker. In fact, larger trucks and SUV’s weigh more and take longer to come to a stop.
- Clean all snow and frost from your windows before driving.
- If the weather is bad, postpone or cancel unnecessary travel.
- Wear your seat belt.
- Drive with lights on.
- Reduce speed. Make slow and deliberate adjustments. Quick turns, braking, and acceleration may cause sliding.
- Increase your following distance.
- Make room for snowplows. Remember the road ahead of them is worse. If you must pass a snowplow, pass on the left only.
- Be patient.

**SNOW REMOVAL:**

With winter approaching, the Layton Police Department would like to remind residents about parking restrictions and snow removal responsibilities.

- Parking on the street between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 1 through the end of February is prohibited.
- In addition to the above restriction, parking on the street is prohibited any time the need to remove snow from the streets is apparent or imminent. (10.62.010)
- All snow, sleet, hail, or other precipitation impairing the safe access and use of the sidewalks that abut property, must be removed within 12 hours from the end of the depositing storm. (12.4.50)
- It is unlawful to push snow or other material from any driveway or sidewalk into a street that is plowed for the purpose of snow removal by the City. (12.04.060)

For questions, contact the Layton Police Department at 801-497-8300.

There are a few ordinances Layton City residents need to follow, in order to improve the snow removal efforts of Public Works. Parking on city streets is not permissible from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. during winter months, or anytime there is snow fall. This makes the roadways clear for city trucks to plow free of obstacles. Maintaining trees to be at least 13 feet, 6 inches above the street ensures city plow trucks are able to access the full roadway as well.

As it is the responsibility of Layton City residents to clear sidewalks within 12 hours of the snowfall ending, do not deposit snow onto the city roadways.

While clearing sidewalks, also pay attention to where fire hydrants are and keep them clear of snow for emergency responders.

When the City team is not out plowing, they are keeping busy maintaining and repairing water lines, sewer lines, storm drains and land drains, streets, street lighting, and traffic controls. With all of that to keep working up to standard, there is never a quiet moment in the Public Works Department.

For questions, or concerns, please utilize the snow plow hotline: 801-336-3571. This line is routinely monitored.

Please drive safely this winter season!
Junior high named, preliminary boundaries approved

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

FARMINGTON—Junior High School #17 has a name. After an extensive selection process that included a public vote, the new school under construction in Layton on the corner of Westside Drive and Weaver Lane will be called Shoreline. The name came from the top three vote getters, Lakeview, Shoreline and West Layton.

“I like the name,” said Board of Education member Gordon Eckersley at a recent meeting where it was presented. “It’s different and it is very close to the shoreline of the Great Salt Lake and Bonneville.”

“I love the name also,” added Board member Brigit Gerrard. “There’s a lot of excitement for the new school.”

The board unanimously approved the name and then discussed the boundaries. “We’re nearing the end of a lengthy process for naming the boundaries for Shoreline,” Dr. Darrell White a member of the boundary committee said. “I have great, great people to work with when I’m doing anything in Davis District. They don’t always agree with you but that’s OK.”

Drawing boundaries is a difficult job, he said. “It impacts people’s lives. We’ve spent months reviewing and collecting data, driving the area, reviewing maps and receiving public input,” said White. “For this committee and board we haven’t just gone through the motions. Every comment has been considered. Some of those put miles on my car as I drove those neighborhoods.”

White said most of the public doesn’t realize that the process started years ago as the district projected growth, bought land and planned for a new school. “We held open houses and had public hearings,” he said. “We got emails and every one was read and considered but we had to keep the focus on the students and their welfare and what was best for the majority.”

He shared the top four concerns with the board that his committee considered from those families living in the area. “There were some who currently attend Legacy Jr. who have been assigned to Shoreline,” White said.

“They expressed a desire to stay (at Legacy). We looked very seriously at that but we’re not able to take enough students out to accommodate growth and it also causes elementary feeder pattern problems.”

Another group that attends Fairfield Jr. but are closer to Shoreline wanted to be assigned to the new school. “In proximity it made sense,” continued White. “But we’d be reducing enrollment at Fairfield and adding enrollment to the new junior high. That’s a high growth area – they’d soon be over capacity. It also created feeder pattern problems with the elementary.”

A small group in the Spanish immersion program at Farmington Junior High wanted to continue there. “They can receive a variance,” he said. “But the concern is transportation. They’ll look at it on a space available...
Have a Heart Home Foundation breaks ground in Layton

Members of the Northern Wasatch Association of Realtors and the Northern Wasatch Homebuilders Association gathered in Layton on Nov. 19 to break ground on the foundation’s 26th home.

Addressing the critical need for affordable housing, the two associations joined forces in the late 1990s to build homes for families who may otherwise not be able to enjoy the American dream of home ownership.

Brenda Nelson, president of the REALTOR association led the groundbreaking festivities and revved up the front loader for the first load of dirt.

“We know that there are people out there who are hurting and by pooling the combined resources of REALTORS and Homebuilders we have been able to greatly reduce the cost of these homes to help a deserving family,” Nelson, a REALTOR with Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate said in a release.

Layton Mayor Bob Stevenson was also on hand and welcomed those assembled. “This is a good thing for our city,” he said.

HELPING WITH THE CEREMONIES were, from left, Brenda Nelson, president of the Northern Wasatch Assn. of Realtors, Rep. Paul Ray and Mayor Bob Stevenson. The lot is located at 1728 N. Alfred Drive in Layton.

The lot, located at 1728 N. Alfred Drive in Layton, has never had a structure. It was purchased by Layton City from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and donated to the Have a Heart Home Foundation.

Lon Crowell, Layton City’s Economic Development Director, remarked that it’s a good use of the funds. “This new home will improve the neighborhood overall and bring a new family to our city, we love doing this.”

The home will be built by Stuart Smith of Mainline Construction who has previously constructed six homes with Have a Heart Home including an adjacent home that was completed earlier this year. “It’s really the subs who make this happen,” said Smith, “they discount their prices and we all chip in to build an attractive, affordable home.”

Also attending the groundbreaking were members of the Northern Wasatch Association of Realtors Community Outreach Committee who work throughout the year to identify qualified home buyers and raise funds to provide discounts on closing costs and find the best mortgage rates possible.

Smith estimates that it will take about six months to complete the home.

Individuals interested in making application for this home, especially those with special needs, should call the REALTOR association at 801-476-4216 for more information. A brief video may be viewed at www.nwaor.com. An application form for downloading is also available.

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Holiday decoration safety tips

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has this advice for safe holiday decorations:

**Trees:**
Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection. A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember: A fresh tree is green. Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches. When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.

When the trunk of a tree is bouncy on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that the tree is too dry. Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards. Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption.

Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

**‘Snow’:**
Artificial snow sprays can irritate lungs if inhaled. To avoid injury, read container labels, follow directions carefully.

**Lights:**
Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using.

Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire. Keep “bubbling” lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders. Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper. Place candles where they cannot be knocked down or blown over.

**Trimmings:**
Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials. Wear gloves while decorating with spun glass “angel hair” to avoid irritation to eyes and skin. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles or plastic or nonleaded metals. Lead materials are hazardous if ingested by children. In homes with small children, take special care to: Avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable. Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Pieces could be swallowed or inhaled. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food. A child could eat them.

**Fires:**
Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that flue is open. Keep a screen before the fireplace all the time a fire is burning.

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SOURCE: wwwcpsc.gov
Keep pets safe in cold weather

Winter temperatures have arrived, and here are some tips to keep your pets safe during cold weather, from the American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMA):

• Make sure your pet has had at least one veterinary examination in the past year, so they are as healthy as possible for cold weather.

• Know your pet’s limits: Just like people, pets’ cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health. Consider shortening dog walks in very cold weather. Remember that short-haired dogs are less resistant to cold. Also, short or small dogs may also get cold faster as their bodies are closer to the ground and will thus come in contact with more snow and ice. Older pets may also have less efficient circulation and may also get cold faster.

• Do not take pets on trips to the store or errands, if they are to be left in the vehicle. Cars can get cold fast in winter and taking pets along can become a bad habit in hot weather too, when temperatures soar.

• Pets are best kept inside during really cold weather. If you can’t bring pets inside, consider letting them sleep in a garage or at least some dry, elevated enclosure, with shelter from the wind.

• Pets need a fresh source of unfrozen water.

• Be aware that a warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.

• Check the paws: Check your dog’s paws frequently for signs of cold-weather injury or damage, such as cracked paw pads or bleeding.

• Play dress-up: If your dog has a short coat or seems bothered by the cold weather, consider a sweater or dog coat. But remember that a wet sweater will be colder than none at all.

• Wipe down: During walks, your dog’s feet, legs and belly may pick up deicers, antifreeze, or other chemicals that could be toxic.

• Collar and chip: Many pets become lost in winter because snow and ice can hide recognizable scents that might normally help your pet find his/her way back home. Make sure your pet has a well-fitting collar with up-to-date identification and contact information. A microchip is a more permanent means of identification, but it’s critical that you keep the registration up to date.

• Prevent poisoning: Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly.

For more information, go to: www.avma.org/public/PetCare/Pages/Cold-weather-pet-safety.aspx

How to winterize your water system

Here are the steps to winterize a secondary water system:
1. Shut off your main valve.
2. Open each station valve to drain the water out of each line.
3. Ensure your electronic control is turned off.
4. Make sure to remove all hoses attached to the outdoor hose bibs.

Here are the steps to winterize a culinary water system:
1. Locate and shut off your stop and waste valve. (Make sure this is completely turned to the off position to prevent leaking.)
2. Winterize the backflow preventer by opening each test port and draining the water.
3. The shut off valves need to be left open a quarter turn.
4. Open each station valve to drain the water out of each line.
5. Confirm your electronic station control is turned off.
6. Make sure to remove all hoses attached to the outdoor hose bibs.

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Reserved Seating $25 • General Admission $20

Reserved seats available online at: bountifulutah.gov

General Admission tickets available at:
Bountiful City Offices
801-298-6100

Intermountain UCIT Hospital
801-298-6100
Congratulations to Mayor Stevenson – Commissioner-elect. Now what?

It is old news that Layton Mayor Bob Stevenson has been elected to the Davis County Commission. In addition to congratulating him on that success, the next question is what happens to the Layton City mayor position?

The process to replace a mayor in the middle of a term has been well established and is provided for in our state's laws. According to those laws it falls to the City Council to appoint a replacement. That replacement must be a registered voter and must reside within Layton City. However, this process cannot begin until Mayor Stevenson has resigned from his position.

In selecting that replacement the City Council is to give the public notice of the vacancy and that notice must be given at least two weeks before the Council meets to fill the vacancy. That notice will explain that any person interested in the position can submit their name to the City Recorder. The notice will also provide a deadline by which names must be submitted and will have the date, time, and location of the meeting referenced above.

At that meeting, which is open to the public, those interested persons who meet the qualifications for office will be interviewed. The City Council must select an individual within 30 days of the vacancy. If it is not filled within that time period, the Council is required to appoint someone from among the qualified applicants. If the voting results in a tie, the selection will be by lot.

It should be noted that the person selected will not fill the remaining portion of the Mayor’s term, since more than two years remain in that term. Any person named to replace the Mayor will need to run for that office in the fall of 2019 if they want to retain that office.

And there is more – the election in the fall will only be for a two-year term, which will be the actual end of the Mayor’s current term. At that time there will again be an election for the office of Mayor, and that term will then return to the four-year cycle.

If a member of the Council is selected to fill the Mayor’s vacancy, that person will be subject to the same process. Then that position on the Council would be considered vacant and the same procedure for selecting that replacement would begin.

To review that process, please visit section 20A-1-510 of the Utah State Code. And with what has happened in this last set of elections, every vote counts. So, every resident needs to remain involved.

Introducing the new Layton City mobile app

Layton City is making it easier than ever to manage and pay your utility bill, see what is happening around the City and even be kept up to date with live alerts and notifications.

No more worrying about when your utility bill is due or when the next summer concert is. Game cancelled due to lightning – you will know before anyone else.

With the Utility Bill section, managing your bill couldn’t be easier. With just a few quick clicks, you can pay your bill, view previous bills, and even add multiple accounts for one user. All transactions are secure and encrypted, making it safer to pay. Simply use your online account to access these features.

With the City’s Community Calendar feature, viewing events around the City is quick and easy. You can browse month by month and see all that is happening. Just click on the event to see more details. This feature is especially useful when the Davis Arts Council holds events and seasonal series.

The notification feature will notify in four main categories: Utility bill will notify you days before your bill is due, taking the worry away if it will be late. City news will give you important updates from the Mayor and City Council.

CERT notifications will keep you up to date of any future CERT classes or emergency events in the city. Finally, our Recreation notifications will keep you informed of any cancelled games due to weather as well as any upcoming registrations, so you can get in early to sign up.

Layton City Mobile is available for free on Google Play Store and Apple App Store. The City is constantly working on improving the features.
Each year the Layton City hosts thousands of families at the “Lights Before Christmas” holiday light display. Several evenings throughout the season have special activities taking place during the night. Here is a list of the events and details about the Layton City holiday light display. For questions or additional information visit the Layton City website (www.laytoncity.org) or call the Parks and Recreation Department, 801-336-3900.

‘LIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS’
Hours: 5 p.m.-11 p.m.
Days: Daily
Dates: Nov. 19, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018
The Layton City holiday light display offers a unique holiday light experience with drive through and pedestrian walking access.

EVENTS

Hot Cocoa House
Hours: 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Days: Monday, Friday, and Saturday
Dates: Nov. 19, 2018 – Dec. 22, 2018
Cost: $1 - $3
The Layton Rotary operates the hot cocoa house at the “Lights Before Christmas” display on Monday, Friday, and Saturday evenings 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Burger Stop Hayrides in the Park
Hours: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Days: Friday and Saturday
Dates: Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
Dec. 7 & 8
Dec. 14 & 15
Cost: $2/Adults, $1/Kids, 5 & under are free
Place: All hayrides leave from Burger Stop, 323 E. Gentile St.
The Hayrides are sponsored by Burger Stop, Wasatch Rods and Customs, and Layton City.

Hide 'n Seek Elf
Hours: 5 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
Days: Daily
Dates: Nov. 19, 2018 – Dec. 23, 2018
Families visiting the “Lights Before Christmas” display are invited to search for the Layton City Hide 'n Seek Elf who will be hiding among the lights somewhere along the walking paths. Anybody who finds the elf can notify the Hot Cocoa House and receive a holiday treat.

Layton City Family Recreation Holiday Hayrides
Hours: 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018
Place: Layton Commons Park
465 N Wasatch Drive
Cost: Free
Families are invited to the annual Layton City Family Recreation Holiday Hayrides. Santa will be out to visit with the kids, and Family Recreation will be providing cookies and hot chocolate. All activities will be in the small parking lot located just north of Surf n’ Swim.

Wreath Decorating
Hours: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Date: Dec. 12, 2018
Place: Central Davis Jr. High Armory
Cost: FREE
Join Family Recreation in decorating a holiday wreath to help spread holiday cheer to families in need. Wreaths will be provided by Layton City through reservation only. Families are asked to provide decorations for their wreaths which will then be donated. Call the Parks and Recreation Office to reserve wreaths.

Surf’s Up With Santa
Hours: 6 to 7 p.m.
Date: Dec. 17
Cost: Admission is $1, tube rental is $2.
Place: Surf N Swim
A fun night of waves and pictures with everyone’s friend from the North!
BUSINESSES & EVENTS

NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES

Tasty 888
270 N. Main
801-544-8103
Owner: Kit Yan Wong
Website: http://www.tasty888.com/
Tasty 888 restaurant offers a wide variety of delicious sushi dishes. Customers can dine in, order takeout, choose delivery, or catering services.

Dent Removers
928 E. Highway 193
801-970-3686
Owner: James Butler
Website: https://dentremovers.com/
Dent Removers specializes in Paintless Dent Repair, an industry recognized repair process that involves the removal of hail dents or other types of damage from your vehicle’s exterior surface panels without disturbing the finish.

Crumbl Layton
448 W. Antelope Drive, Ste. 4
801-668-1399
Owner: Chandler Farr
Website: https://crumblicoookies.com/
Freshly baked handmade style cookies delivered warm to your home. The perfect late night snack you order late so you don’t have to share with your kids or roommates. Also offers catering services.

Locals – Home Holiday & Gift
1201 N. Hill Field Road, Space 1058 (Grayton Hills Mall)
Owners: Darren and Liz Dunford
Website: http://localsgifts.com/
A home décor boutique that provides an outlet for local vendors to offer unique, handmade gifts and home décor. Also offers carefully designed store displays and Wood Creations unfinished wood crafts.

Mountainside Flooring Installations
893 North Marshall Way
801-200-1686
Owner: Leonardo Rodriguez Jr.
Website: https://www.facebook.com/Mountainsideflooringinstallations/
Mountainside Flooring Installations specializes in providing and installing a wide assortment of residential carpet, tile and other affordable flooring materials.

Rise Academy of Dance
606 North Marshall Way, Ste. 104
801-628-7378
Owner: Melissa Cleverly
Website: https://riseacademydance.com/
Rise Academy of Dance is a studio focused on achieving exceptional standards of dance. Technique and the love of dancing are cultivated. Rise Academy offers a warm and positive environment to foster growth that all dancers strive for and need.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Layton City finances in good condition

The audited financial report for Layton City was accepted by the City Council on Nov. 15, 2018, for the year ending June 30, 2018. The City ended the year in good financial condition. The independent auditors issued a clean opinion without findings on the financial report.

The General Fund of the City, which is the fund that tracks most tax revenues, had total revenues including transfers of $36,397,139. This was $681,987 higher than the prior year. Expenditures and transfers to other funds were $35,894,785. This was $1,833,868 higher than the prior year. Total revenues were $567,494 greater than expenditures.

The City has four major utility funds: for water, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and refuse. The City also accounts for the activities of the Emergency Medical fund separately. Each fund accounts for the user fee revenues and expenses of that service.

Income before contributions and transfers for each fund was as follows: Water Fund $994,554; Storm Sewer Fund $593,752; Sewer Fund $678,526; Refuse Fund $74,147 and Emergency Medical $189,697.

The complete report titled the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is available for review in the Finance Department offices and on the Layton City web page at: http://www.laytoncity.org/LC/Finance

SAFE TRADING AREA

Layton City has a “Safe Trading Area,” located in the City’s parking lot at 437 North Wasatch Drive. This is a place where people can meet to buy/sell something from a stranger and have a little piece of mind that the police are close and there is a camera if something goes wrong. These types of transactions have been known to end with robberies or assaults. This gives the citizens a place to feel safe to do that.

WINTER LANDFILL SCHEDULE

The winter hours at the landfill of the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District, 1997 East 3500 North, Layton, are Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The facility is closed on Sundays.

The cost is $5 for small loads, including a car, standard pickup or single axle trailer. This cost is doubled for uncovered or unsecured loads. Separate fees apply for green waste, tires, demolition materials and other waste.

The landfill also has a Green Waste Recycling Facility and a Household Hazardous Waste Facility. For more information, go to: www.wiwmd.org
Garbage collection services will be delayed by one day following the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

- Christmas: Those regularly scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday pick-up that week will be delayed by one day.
- New Year’s: Those regularly scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday pick-up that week will be delayed by one day.

During these weeks if your normal garbage pick-up is Thursday, it will be picked up on Friday.

Natural Christmas trees will be picked up on the regular collection day from Dec. 27 through mid-January. As the schedule for 2019 becomes available, Layton City will post it on its social media sites and on the monthly utility bill.

### Q&A

**Avoid parking on the street overnight**

It is “no parking season” on the streets overnight in Layton City until March 1. Here’s a question and answer session on this seasonal ordinance:

**Q**: Why can’t I park on the street overnight?

**A**: Layton’s municipal code states that it is illegal for vehicles to be parked on the roadway from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m. during the months of December, January, and February – or anytime that snow removal is apparent or imminent.

Vehicles parked on the street are a hindrance to snow removal and in white out conditions, could jeopardize the safety of snowplow drivers.

Also, not being able to fully clear the snow off streets, due to a parked vehicle, may affect the safety of other drivers, who drive the street and have to swerve to avoid icy spots, or drive in slick areas.

**Q**: Will I receive a ticket if I do park on the street overnight during December, January and February?

**A**: Layton Police Officers patrol City streets overnight and may issue citations to the owners of vehicles that have been parked on the street during the prohibited times. The police department is asking for the public’s cooperation with this effort.

**Q**: Why can’t I park on the street overnight during the prohibited months when there’s no chance of snow being forecast?

**A**: Weather forecasts are not always accurate. Plus, developing the habit of parking on the street will be hard to break and you may forget to move your vehicle on a night when it does snow. In addition, vehicles parked on the street during any season are more vulnerable to vandalism and burglary.

**Q**: Why don’t other cities have on-street parking bans in the winter too?

**A**: Most neighboring cities do have similar ordinances.

**Q**: What if my apartment complex, or my driveway doesn’t have enough room to hold all my vehicles?

**A**: You must be able to park all of your vehicles off the street. You will have to find other locations in which to park your vehicles if they do not all fit in your driveway. You could ask neighbors if they have extra parking space available.

**Q**: Who can I contact for more information on Layton’s overnight parking ordinance, or concerns about it?

**A**: The Layton City Police Code Enforcement Unit or any police officer should be able to answer questions concerning this ordinance. The phone number is 801-497-8300.
A WREATH PLACED at a veterans memorial in Woods Cross City as part of last year’s National Wreaths Across America Day. Two ceremonies are planned for Dec. 10 to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the military.

Layton–Snowbasin ski bus service begins Dec. 15

The Layton to Snowbasin ski service bus (Route No. 677 by Utah Transit Authority) will tentatively begin operation on Saturday, Dec. 15 and will then continue running a limited schedule through March 31, 2019 (excluding some holidays). This bus has stops at Layton Station, Layton Hills Mall, Davis Conference Center, Antelope Drive Park and Ride lot, South Weber Park and Ride lot; and Snowbasin. Adult and youth fares are $2.50 one-way and $5 roundtrip. The senior rate is half price. Monthly and punch ride passes are also available.

On some anticipated peak service days, UTA will operate two buses on the schedule to meet ridership demand. Actual operation of the bus depends on snow conditions.

For more information, go to: https://www.rideuta.com/Services/Ski-Bus/UTA-Ski-Service

Johnny Gallegos:
Public Works Storm Drain Lead

Johnny Gallegos has been a part of the Layton City Public Works Department since 1984. He hasn’t missed a single snowstorm in plowing the city streets in 34 years. Johnny has a genuine heart and sensitive demeanor. He sees the best in people and puts his best self out there in return.

When asked to do a job, he’s quick to respond with a, “You got it!” And does so, without complaint. When Johnny is not in his plow truck, you can find him working to maintain Layton’s streets, storm drains and land drain – with an occasional kitty or duck rescue!

Johnny is a life-long Layton resident, graduating from Layton High School in 1978. He is proud of the Layton community, stating he feels safe in the City. He feels he knows how the city runs and operates and isn’t planning on going anywhere.

“It is an awesome place to work,” he said.

In his spare time, Johnny enjoys the fresh air of outdoors; whether that is camping, ice fishing, grilling, providing meticulous care to his yard, tinkering in the garage, or on an afternoon cruise through the canyon. He enjoys almost anything, as long as it includes hanging out with his wife and son.

When asked about Layton City and the changes in the past 34 years, Johnny stated, “The biggest change I have seen in Layton City is the population increase and growth. There is a lot more to plow and maintain.” He also included that the technology used on a day-to-day basis has changed dramatically over the years.

“The best part about my job is serving the community and my team. I always wanted to provide service and help people. I do that every day here,” he said.

JOHNNY GALLEGOS HAS been with the Layton City Public Works Department for 34 years. During that time he hasn’t missed a single snowstorm in plowing the city streets.

Terry Coburn, Director of Public Works for 44 years, had great praise for Johnny: “He is a great man and has been a very dependable employee. Everyone knows that Johnny is genuine and kind. He is quick to volunteer for difficult assignments and has worked hard every day to make the Public Works Department successful and help make life better for Layton City residents. He truly is an asset to the City.”
Preventing CO poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) can come from many sources such as wood, propane, natural gas, charcoal, gasoline, and anything else that burns. High concentrations of CO can be toxic, but you can avoid CO poisoning with simple preventive measures and common sense:

- Have your heating systems serviced by a qualified technician every year. (This helps ensure that your system is operating safely and that combustion byproducts vent to the outside.)
- Install a battery-operated, Underwriters Laboratory-approved CO monitor on each level of your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Installing a CO monitor should never be a substitute for a professional inspection of home-heating and cooking equipment. Owners of boats and recreational vehicles with propane stoves or heaters should also install CO monitors.
- Do not use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or oil-burning device anywhere inside your home including your basement and garage, or outside near an open window.
- Do not run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- Do not burn anything in a stove or fireplace that is not vented.
- Do not heat your house with a gas oven.

If you are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseated and suspect CO poisoning, seek prompt medical attention by dialing 911 or calling your poison control center at 1-800-222-1222.

SOURCE: Dominionenergy.com

Two new employers moving to Layton

Two major employers are coming to Layton City in 2019. Both companies are projecting over 200 positions within five years and include significant investment into the City.

Calvary Logistics is a transportation logistics broker, connecting commercial transportation needs with transportation providers. Calvary Logistics is expanding to Layton from Tennessee to serve the Western United States and overseas and military depots in the United States and overseas.

Calvary Logistics has already held a job fair and is coming from Farmington, Utah, as their company continues to grow. WesTest Engineering Corporation broke ground in November to construct a new $4.7 million 28,700 square foot two-story office and research building on 2.4 acres at 2980 North Church Street in Layton.

The new building will also serve as their corporate headquarters. WesTest is a well-managed company currently employing 20 highly skilled professionals.

The upper floor of their new building will include space available for lease until the space over time. WesTest plans to be operational by fall 2019. More information about WesTest is available at: http://www.westest.com/.

‘No Hunger Zone’ will assist Layton High School families

by Ellie DOBB
Layton High Intern

LAYTON—This winter Layton High School, along with Fight2TheFinish, is working hard to raise enough money to be able to start a food pantry in their school, to help create a No Hunger Zone in the community, and to help families who have lost someone due to terminal illness.

The students and clubs have had a great time participating in many different fundraisers that have already happened and they look forward to the annual service assembly in a few weeks.

According to the Davis Education Foundation, one in five kids in Davis County face food insecurity. This means that they don’t know where their next meal is coming from. The Foundation has created a movement call the “No Hunger Zone” where they can install mini food pantries inside of schools that will be open to the community on certain days during each month. Throughout the week though, students in need will be able to get food from the Principal’s Pantry, a storage of food in the main office with nutritious snacks for children who consistently come to school hungry or get a snack from any of the teachers’ rooms that have the “No Hunger Zone” sign on their door.

“We’ve seen a need for it from kids who are basically homeless, to parents not being able to provide and kids not being sure where their next meal is coming from,” said Kevin Campbell, one of the teachers over the officers at Layton High. Campbell, and the rest of the staff at Layton, is very excited for this program to come to life so that they will be able to provide kids with the food they need to better their education and their lives. They will be able to give pantry packs out to kids that have free or reduced lunch to ensure they have meals at dinner and over the weekend.

The only worry is that the school won’t be able to raise the money needed to get this service up and running and keep it that way. To even start the program, the school needs $10,000, plus additional smaller funding during the years to come, to keep the pantry going. They are asking for your help. If you would like to donate, you can come to the service assembly on Dec. 19 at noon in the Layton High Auditorium; just make sure to check in at the office first, or donate at http://dsdhive.net/event/90.
‘Titanic’ opens this weekend at Layton High

by Ellie DOBB
Layton High Intern

“In every age mankind attempts to fabricate great works at once magnificent or impossible.” What poetic words to start a musical about the third deadliest maritime disaster in history. The story of the RMS Titanic is well known throughout the world as “the unsinkable ship” that sank. And now their story is being retold in a fun way through song and dance at Layton High School.

The actors in Layton High’s Musical Theatre Productions class have been diligently working both over the summer to learn all the music, and now every day during class and after school to learn the dances and put everything together for their production of Maury Yeston’s “Titanic.” This modern retelling of the fated maiden voyage across the Atlantic includes 32 musical numbers that really bring this historic story to life in today’s world.

“Titanic” will be playing from Nov. 30 to Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. “The dancing is so fun,” Macoll Miller, who plays Alice Beane in the show, said. “My character is a second class passenger who wants to be in first class and one of the dances is mainly for first class so I kinda sneak on to the dance and try to join in with everyone and I have an authority following me around the whole time. It’s so funny!” She is very enthusiastic about participating in “Titanic” and loves being able to see everyone’s characters portrayed in contrast to how each person usually acts in their everyday life.

These students are part of an all year Musical Theatre Company. They work very closely with one another to make the productions they do spectacular. Their director and teacher, Rachel Helwig, told students at the Company retreat they went to in August that, “These people will become your family” and as the year has progressed, that has definitely been true.

Carson DeMoux, who plays Captain E.J. Smith, said that it has been really cool to see how well everyone is connecting. And one way the students can connect is through singing together. “Learning the ensemble numbers is really fun because there are a lot of harmonies so when we get it, it sounds cool,” DeMoux said.

There are 31 musical numbers in the production all of which are coming along very nicely. Some of the students who are in different productions Layton High is doing this year got to sit in on one of the rehearsals for Titanic, and they loved the little part they heard. “They literally took my breath away,” Aubrey Eckersell said. “Every single one of them have such strong voices and they are all so talented. Every time they sang I got chills!” Aubrey and the other students who have seen part of the rehearsals, and even those who have just heard about the show can’t wait to see the finished production of “Titanic the Musical.”

Ticket information can be found by contacting the box office at www.hsproductions.com or by calling 801-402-4888.

Nathan Pacheco will headline 2018 DAC the Halls in Layton

The Davis Arts Council is excited to announce the return of Nathan Pacheco for the 2018 DAC the Halls concert. This show will be in the Layton High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15. The high school is located at 440 N. Wasatch Drive in Layton.

Prices are as follows:
$49 Main Floor Center (First two rows)
$39 Main Floor Center
$29 Main Floor Sides and Front Balcony
$19 Rear Balcony

Nathan Pacheco is a classically trained tenor who has a passion for reaching out and uplifting people through music. He has been featured globally in live performances, including touring the United States, Canada, and Mexico with Yanni; performing with Latin singing sensation Olga Tañon; touring England, Scotland, and Wales with Katherine Jenkins and the National Symphony Orchestra; performing for Prince Charles in conjunction with the British Forces Foundation and the USO; and performing with the San Diego and Miami Symphonies.

Introducing Nathan Pacheco and Christmas with Nathan Pacheco began airing on PBS in 2012. Nathan has also been featured prominently in broadcasts with The Mormon Tabernacle Choir, Katherine Jenkins, and Yanni. He has been featured on multiple Yanni recordings, including the latest album Inspirato, where Nathan was featured alongside Plácido Domingo, Renée Fleming, and other opera stars.

Nathan’s debut album was released in 2012 by Disney Pearl, an affiliate of Disney Music Group. His second album, Nathan Pacheco II, was released on Valentine’s Day 2015. Nathan collaborated with David Archuleta in November 2015 to release “The Prayer,” which quickly climbed to #3 on the holiday charts on iTunes. And in 2016, David and Nathan performed together for a largely sold-out Christmas tour. Nathan produced and arranged his first sacred songs album, Higher, which was released in February 2017 and was ranked #1 on Billboard for best classical and classical/crossover album.

For more information, visit davisarts.org.
Layton High students are ‘far out’ at Utah Shakespeare Festival

by Ellie DOBB
Layton High Intern

Layton—Did you know that Shakespeare wrote an episode of the 70s hit show, The New Dating Game? The students in Layton High’s Actors Company all do. They even performed the scene at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City and had a blast doing it.

The company’s director, Rachel Helwig, along with their dramaturg, Dena Brady, proposed the idea of making Shakespeare’s “The Merchant of Venice” into an episode of The Dating Game for the class’s ensemble scene they would be performing at the festival. The students loved the concept and after watching a couple of episodes of The Dating Game, they were even more enthusiastic to put this plan into action.

After a day of cold reads and deliberation, parts were assigned, and work began.

Natalie Farnsworth and Jessica Adams offered the “Joan and Melissa Rivers” color commentary for the scene. “I loved that I got to judge all the past suitors and make fun of their personality,” Farnsworth said. Using the lines Shakespeare wrote, the girls introduced and gossiped about the past suitors who had failed at winning “fair Portia’s hand.”

Ryan Knapp was one of these suitors, the County Palatine, who “doth nothing but frown.” “I liked making something modern out of a Shakespeare character,” Knapp said.

There were many people at the Festival who took a modern spin on Shakespeare’s works. Northridge High students performed a compilation scene from multiple different plays to tell a beautiful story about cyber bullying and how it affects us all. It was amazing to see how incredibly relevant Shakespeare’s works still are today.

“I learned how one of the most important things about competing is doing it because you love it and enjoy it,” said Elise Wood, who performed a monologue as Julia from “Two Gentlemen of Verona.” Students who had the opportunity to participate certainly learned that as well.
‘Golden pups’ brighten seniors’ day

by Becky GINOS

Layton Today

LAYTON—There is a reason dogs are called “man’s best friend.” Those canine companions mean a lot to their owners but they’re not always practical for seniors. That’s why local caregivers have enlisted the help of robotic dogs called “Golden Pups” to provide the love and comfort of a pet without all the fuss.

“Our seniors are lonely in their homes,” said Tosha Martin, owner of the senior in-home care company Visiting Angels in Layton. “If they’ve had pets they had to care for them and walk them. But they pose fall risks. I’m excited about these (dogs), especially if they’ve lost an animal this is another form of comfort without worrying about all the care.”

Golden Pups have life-like movements such as moving their head, wagging their tail, and blinking their eyes. They also turn toward voices and respond with realistic noises like a cry or a bark and have a heartbeat effect that can be felt when their back is petted, according to material provided.

“It’s a great thing for seniors with dementia and Alzheimer’s,” said Martin. “It calms them and gives them something to do. It helps when they’re anxious or depressed. This type of pet therapy can cut down on pain medication and anti-depressants to have that comfort.”

Martin said research shows the robotic pets reduce loneliness in seniors living in post acute and long-term assisted living centers and nursing homes. “A joint study done by the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas found the dogs lowered the blood pressure and heart rate of Alzheimer’s patients,” she said.

“Brown University researchers are trying to see how they can expand the Golden Pups to give medication reminders and fetch glasses.”

The robotic dogs launched in 2015 and have received major accolades across the senior care industry, she said. “I’ve worked in this field for 29 years and this is a great program. I’m super excited to be a part of it.”

Visiting Angels will have a dog available for staff to take out on client visits, said Martin. “People can also buy them. We can take one out and demonstrate it to the client’s family and show how it helps calm them down and become engaged when they are depressed or anxious,” she said.

“They give peace of mind to families that their loved one has something there.”

Martin said Visiting Angels is always looking for new ideas and ways to help their clients and their families. “Anything we can do to help bring comfort, peace and give them something to look forward to we like to do that. We love what we do.”

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Don’t let “porch pirates” steal your holiday packages. Here are 10 ways to protect mail and packages this holiday season and beyond, courtesy of the U.S. Postal Service:

1. Avoid sending cash by mail. Checks and money orders are safer than cash and may be cancelled or reissued in the event of theft.

2. Don’t leave delivered mail and packages unattended.

3. Consider an alternate shipping address. Customers can arrange to have packages delivered to neighbors who are home during the day or get packages delivered at work, if permitted.

4. Change the package’s address – while it’s in transit! Customers who know they won’t be home when their package is delivered can try USPS Package Intercept. Prior to delivery, most domestic package shipments can be redirected back to the sender, to a new address or to the Post Office to be held for pickup.

5. Customize the delivery. If the package doesn’t fit in the mailbox and the customer can provide delivery instructions online and authorize the carrier to leave it in a specified location. Visit usps.com, enter the tracking number and select Delivery Instructions.


7. Going out of town? Hold mail at the local Post Office. Instead of risking leaving a package unattended for an extended period of time, customers planning on being away from home for a few days are encouraged to take advantage of the Request Hold Mail service. Letters and packages will be held securely at the local Post Office until the customers return.

8. Secure the shipment using USPS Signature Services. Signature Services help ensure the package ends up in the right hands by requiring a signature at the time of delivery.

9. Choose the most secure form of delivery. For the most valuable packages, customers can opt for Registered Mail service. Registered Mail receives special handling from the time it’s mailed until it’s delivered, documenting the chain of custody.

10. PO Boxes might be the answer. Customers concerned about the security of their mail can consider renting a Post Office Box at their local Post Office. The mail remains secure within the Post Office, accessible only when using the right key or combination. Many Post Office lobbies are open 24/7, allowing customers to retrieve mail on their schedule.

SOURCE: about.usps.com

Stopping ‘porch pirating’ – **Tips to safeguard mail and packages**