Hometown ‘To Do’ List

Kayscreek Trail
Vietnam Wall
Layton Castle
Parades
Adams Falls
“Bucket lists” are fairly common these days. They offer a chance for exploration, discovery, focus and goals. But what should be on a bucket list for Layton?

Here are 25 possibilities, not in any particular order, but all are located in Layton City boundaries, or at least begin there:

- Hike Adams Canyon to the upper waterfall.
- Hike to the lower falls at the mouth of Adams Canyon.
- Visit Andy Adams Reservoir.
- Walk through the Layton Hills Mall.
- Experience nature at the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve.
- Attend a concert or event in the Ed Kenley Amphitheater.
- Visit SeaQuest in the Layton Hills Mall.
- Picnic and stroll through Commons Park.
- Walk the Bonneville Shoreline Trail on Layton’s east side.
- Explore the Kays Creek Trail.
- Glimpse the history of Layton at the Layton Heritage Museum.
- Swim at Layton’s Surf ‘n Swim.
- Visit the historic Layton train station (now Café Sabor Restaurant) and watch FrontRunner trains come and go.
- Walk the Rail Trail in West Layton.
- Hike to the highest Layton and Davis County high point, Thurston Peak, east of Layton, at 7,706 feet above sea level.
- Learn to locate and identify the “Snow Horse,” a seasonal landmark.
- Visit Layton’s Veterans Park and appreciate the sacrifice of World War I soldiers.
- Stroll through Layton’s extensive Christmas lights, located at the northeast end of Commons Park each holiday season.
- Stake out an early spot and enjoy the Layton Liberty Days Parade.
- Picnic at Fernwood Park, see the nearby “Castle” and enjoy the sunset.
- Savor the Taste of the Town event on Pioneer Day.
- Watch a Hill Air Force Base air show, or at least watch jet aircraft takeoff and zoom over Utah Highway 193.
- Play golf at Valley View Golf Course.
- Visit and ponder at Layton’s Vietnam Memorial Wall Replica Walkway.

Letter from the Publisher

Dear Layton residents…

For the past 12 months, we’ve had the pleasure of publishing Layton Today and sending it to virtually all residents of the city. Our goal was to provide Layton with its own newspaper – completely focused on local businesses, schools, governmental issues, city services and, most importantly, the people who make up the community. We’ve enjoyed doing it, and based on numerous emails and phone calls we’ve received, many of you liked it as well. So it is with saddened hearts that I have to announce this is our final issue. Newspapers depend on advertising support to be sustained, especially when those papers are sent for free to all residents. Despite the amazing support of the city, its mayor and council members, and others in the community, advertising revenues have not materialized.

So we will be leaving this wonderful, beautiful place and cease publication. We will be covering events in Layton in our weekly publication, the Davis Clipper, so look for them there. We thank the City of Layton for its support the past 12 months. We’ve enjoyed being involved and wish all of you well going forward. Thanks for reading!

— R. Gail Stahle
Publisher
Wasatch Integrated plans fee increase, new waste sorting system

Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District has announced plans to construct the new Davis Materials Recovery Facility and Transfer Station at the site of the former Davis Energy Recovery Facility (burn plant) which closed in May 2017. The site is located just east of Hill Air Force Base, at 650 East 3404 North, in Layton.

Rich said Wasatch Integrated will also increase the monthly household fee for each garbage can in the District by $2, effective July 1, 2019. Layton City will pass that $2 per can monthly increase directly to residents starting in their July utility bills.

Nathan Rich, Executive Director of Wasatch Integrated, said that fee increase is expected to support construction and operation of the new facilities. No additional fee increase is currently planned.

Rich stressed that the last increase in the household use fee was in 1995 when the fee was set at $10. It has subsequently been reduced several times. The new facility will cost $4.7 million and will include a state-of-the-art solid waste processing system and transfer station to serve the waste disposal and recycling needs of Davis and Morgan Counties, for the foreseeable future. It is expected to open in early 2020.

Rich said the entire project, including the mixed waste processing facility, is approximately $20 million. The project will also extend the life of the current landfill by more than 15 years, to approximately 35 total years. Without this project, the landfill will be full in less than 20 years.

He said the other benefits provided to Wasatch customers include: reduced odor and traffic at the Davis landfill; increased recycling; increased use of other valuable material recovered from the waste; a reduction in the cost of curbside recycling programs, and a delay in the time that all of the District’s waste will need to be transferred.

Rich said Wasatch Integrated serves 300,000 residents. About 1,100 tons per day or 290,000 tons per year are added to the landfill.

Layton City will be conducting an election for Mayor and three City Council positions. The positions are “at large,” meaning they are open to candidates citywide. The Mayor’s position will be a two-year term. The City Council positions have a four-year term. Interested residents of Layton City may become candidates by filing a Declaration of Candidacy at the City Recorder’s Office between June 3 – June 7, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. A $25 filing fee is required to file.

Candidates must be:
1. A United States citizen at the time of filing;
2. A registered voter;
3. A resident of Layton City for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election date; and
4. Not be a convicted felon, unless the right to hold elective office has been restored as stipulated by U.C.A. 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5

Candidate packets will be available beginning Monday, May 20, 2019 in the City Recorder’s Office, 437 North Wasatch Drive, Layton. For other election questions, call the Layton City Recorder at 801-336-3810.

Regular Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. Council Members are expected to attend other meetings and functions as part of their duties and assignments. Candidates should be willing and able to spend the time required to represent the citizens of the City.

• The Primary Election, if needed, will be Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019
• The General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019

How and when to return your ballot:
• By mail: Return your ballot by the Friday before the election. No postage necessary.
• Drop Box: Secure Ballot Drop Boxes will be available during business hours at Layton City through Friday before the election.
• Vote Centers – Election Day: Bring your completed, signed ballot, sealed in the return envelope, and use as a “fast pass” to avoid lines. Layton City’s polling location is Layton High School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Layton City registered voters can also vote at any of the Davis County Vote Centers on Election Day.

For questions regarding voter registration, call the Davis County Clerk’s Office at 801-451-3217 or visit www.vote.utah.gov.

Construction on the UTOPIA fiber network continues to progress in Layton City. Officials at UTOPIA Fiber are finishing up the build out within the city and expect it to be completed by the end of 2019.

“We are excited to be a part of this project, bringing service to Layton,” said Kim McKinley, marketing director for UTOPIA Fiber. “The amount of Layton residents who’ve signed on is incredible. We’re adding about 200 customers a month.”

She said residents can monitor the build out, and timelines and areas of availability on the network’s website at utopiafiber.com, under the city tab.

“We also want residents to know that if they have any issues with damage to their yards or lawns as construction progresses, they can call us at 801-613-3880 and we’ll take care of it,” McKinley said.

Are you interested in knowing when to register your children for a certain sport? Do you like knowing when road closures are happening throughout the City? Is keeping up to date on all the fun activities in the City important to you? All of this information and more is posted daily on Layton City’s social media accounts. Like and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. #LaytonLife
City welcomes new Community & Economic Development director

by Becky GINOS
Layton Today

LAYTON—There’s a new face in Layton City administration. Chad Wilkinson has taken over as Community & Economic Development director for the city.

“I was the Bountiful City planner for five years,” he said. “My job here is very similar to what I was doing in Bountiful, just on a different scale. The position covers a variety of things. I’m over planning, building inspectors, business licenses for the city, economic development for the city and attracting new businesses and growing existing businesses.”

Wilkinson comes with a solid background. “I graduated from Weber State University and have a master’s in community development from Kansas State,” he said. “I worked as a planner in Oregon for five years then moved to Reno, Nev. where I did private planning consulting. Then I worked for six years as a planner for Murray City, three of those years I was planning manager.”

From a young age, Wilkinson was interested in community development. “My father was a builder so I was interested in how buildings were built, lots, etc.,” he said. “I knew I wanted to go into a field where I could make a difference. This was a good way to guide and develop a city and have a positive influence. I’ve lived in Kaysville for almost 20 years and I have a strong interest in seeing Davis County develop in a positive way. I also love looking at maps and I do a lot of that in my job.”

Wilkinson is proud of the projects he worked on for Bountiful. “We made major changes to the downtown development plan and had good public participation,” he said. “They’re creating an exciting downtown plaza and I’m excited to have had a part in that. It will be a benefit to all of Davis County, something the whole region can enjoy.”

He’s enthusiastic about what this new chapter will bring with Layton City too. “It’s a great opportunity to come to Layton,” said Wilkinson. “I grew up in Morgan and we would come to Layton to shop. I’m excited about planning here. There’s the FrontRunner development that was done really well and it’s appealing to me to come here and continue with some of the positive things they’ve done.”

The whole Wasatch Front is growing, he said. “I want to continue the great things I’ve seen going on here in Layton.”

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CHAD WILKINSON is excited to continue the great things that are already going on in Layton City.

abtility so that people can live in this great community. I want to continue the great things I’ve seen going on here in Layton.”
High tech in grocery stores doesn’t bother me

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There are many things I don’t worry about. For instance, I don’t fret over the price of gasoline since, not being an oil sheik or a Maverik executive, I really cannot do anything about it. Neither do I get upset with the idea that people will be able to change their gender on their driver’s license. I don’t care if the driver identifies as a Martian as long as they stay in their own lane, use a turn signal, and refrain from texting while driving. Likewise, when I see an adult smoking or vaping in an outdoor space – it’s their money being wasted, not mine.

However, many of you are concerned about the loss of privacy due to technology. I’m sorry, but that doesn’t bother me one bit either.

A recent Associated Press report noted that several large chain stores – Kroger (Smith’s) and Walgreens, for instance – are toying with the idea of placing cameras along customer aisles to “draft” the person’s age, gender, appearance, mood, etc. Video screens could then entice the customer to purchase a certain product nearby (razors for a bearded man, a diet product for an overweight person, popsicles for a mother shopping with small children).

A privacy advocate for the non-profit World Privacy Forum responded to the story by claiming that “the creepy factor is definitely a 10 out of 10” and others worried about the invasion of privacy.

Maybe I’m naïve, but I don’t lose sleep over my neighbors, big business, or even the big, bad government knowing some of my daily and weekly preferences.

I don’t care if anyone knows the type of breakfast cereal I purchase. (Chex or Oatmeal Crisp)...or the novels I pick up from the library...or whether I prefer green beans to broccoli...or what music I listen to on the car stereo.

Let’s face it – most of our choices capable of being tracked are fairly mundane. I figure if you are worried about a religious leader seeking out the books or magazines you read, you probably shouldn’t be part of that organization. And if a retail store wants to view me walking down an aisle and decide that a 70-year-old man would rather see a price on dress slacks instead of cargo pants, that’s their right.

We shouldn’t get into a frenzy over keeping secrets, and most of us don’t really care what you are doing either. Call me crazy, but I think the government has more important things to do than contract with Walmart to find out who drinks Diet Coke and who drinks Snapple.

So let’s go back to the grocery store. It’s a grocery store in Utah...its cameras notice a female buying carrots...it then flashes a video suggesting that the woman might also get a good deal on marshmallows and green Jello.

An invasion of privacy? I say, no harm, no foul!

It’s a jungle out there

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Sitting in the petri dish of a playground at a nearby fast food chain, I watch my grandkids jump around like just-released-into-the-wild baboons. Like every other adult in the room, I hoped this stop would be a fun diversion, a place the adult in the room, I hoped this stop the-wild baboons. Like every other jump around like just-released-into-

There’s a hierarchy to the madness, with the older kids sitting at the top of the pyramid. They push toddlers out of the way and block slides until little kids cry.

The next level down are kids between the ages of 4 and 8. Not quite ready to be the bullies on the playground, they tail after the leaders hoping to be included in any dastardly plan.

Toddlers make up the lowest level of the playground food chain. These cute little kids are a pain in the asset as they try to establish a presence without being trampled by oblivious 10-year-old boys. I’ve witnessed several toddler smack-downs, including my granddaughter who started a fistfight with a little boy over a pretend steering wheel.

The fast food playground smells like a mildewed diaper pail. It also has a fine layer of mucous coating every possible surface. Everything is sticky. Bacteria gleefully thrives.

There’s a logjam of kids at the bottom of the slide, backing up traffic and causing overall mayhem. Older siblings shepherd brothers and sisters through the throng of screaming and thrashing little bodies, in search of fun and excitement, while being screamed at by their mothers.

I watch kids scramble through the maze of colorful gerbil tubes, listening for the sound of my granddaughter’s screech as she fights her way to the slide, where she refuses to go down, triggering an uproar in the playground ecosystem. Her brother finally convinces her the slide is fun and they both tumble to the bottom. They run back up and do it again.

I hear snippets of conversations. “That boy is taking off his clothes.” “She put ketchup in my ear.” “Look! I can fly!” But when the Lord of the Flies Preschool bus pulls up in front of the building, that’s my signal to skedaddle.

Easier said than done.

As soon as I announce it’s time to leave, my granddaughter scrambles up the tunnel, refusing to come down and throwing poo at anyone who approaches. I send her brother up to get her and hear his bloodcurdling scream as she kicks him in the head, and climbs higher into the hamster maze. He finally drags her down, both of them crying, before she steals someone’s shoes, and runs toward the rest room.

Security tackles her and wrangles her back to the playground. She’s covered with either BBQ sauce or blood and tries to scuttle away as soon as I put her down. Chaos has erupted. We duck tranquilizer darts as we run serpentine to the exit.

I finally wrestle them into the car, wearing the wrong jackets and without socks. I spray them down with Lysol and have them take a big swig of hand sanitizer. I just survived a primate attack. Jane Goodall would be so proud.
Spring runoff is underway

by Jaclyn APPLONIE
Layton City Public Works

With warm weather arriving, it is easy to forget Layton had a heavier than average snowfall this winter. At this time of year, snowpack levels usually sit around 53.0 inches. This year, however, it is currently at 95.0 inches. Rivers and streams are already running high, and it’s expected for them to increase.

Fortunately, Layton City has three large reservoirs that mitigate flooding: Hobbs, Holmes Creek, and Andy Adams. The City also utilizes Adams Canyon Creek, Snow Creek and the three forks of Kays Creek (North, Middle, and South) to help manage water overflow. Multiple organizations work together to manage flooding including Layton City Public Works, Davis County Public Works, Kays Creek Irrigation, and Holmes Creek Irrigation.

“We are confident our coordinated efforts will mitigate any problems and Layton residents will not be negatively impacted by the spring runoff,” said Tyler Webster, Street Supervisor for Layton City. Nevertheless, residents should exercise caution and keep children and pets away from all waterways.

Layton City Public Works has sandbags and sand available for residents to fill if they are in need. If volunteer organizations would like to get involved to help fill and distribute sandbags, interested readers should call 801-336-3720.

Layton City turns 100 next year

by Jaclyn APPLONIE
Layton Today

Next year is the centennial anniversary of Layton City. Who would have imagined the small town, founded in 1920, would one day grow into the most populated city in Davis County? The City will be celebrating all year long with fun activities, and in June 2020, there will be a big celebratory event. All residents are invited to join in the festivities. The City hopes to involve as many people as possible and are requesting volunteers to help out. If you are interested, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (801) 336-3900. Layton City is looking forward to celebrating its 100th birthday next year.

Baby Animal Days May 10 - 11

Baby Animal Days will be Friday, May 10, 3-8 p.m., and Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. at the Utah State University Botanical Center, 875 South 50 West, Kaysville. In addition to bunnies, chicks, and other baby animals, there will also be reptiles, sheep shearing demos, earth wing shows, goat milking, pony rides, train rides and food vendors. Proceeds from the event support Davis County 4-H programs and the botanical gardens.

Tickets are now on sale for $7 a person, age 3 and up, or $35 for families up to six persons. For more information, go to: www.babyanimal-days.org

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Safeguard your mail and home

Some Layton City residents have reported being the victim of mail theft recently, primarily in the neighborhoods around Hillfield Road/Antelope Drive, and Gentile/King Street. The suspects are looking for things with personal information, bank statements, pay stubs, loan papers, tax information, credit card statements, or anything else they can use to commit fraud. Consider the accompanying tips to keep your mail safe and avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Also, spring and summer are traditionally the time for family vacations and a time of relaxation and enjoyment. However, it can also be a busy time for criminals to take advantage of vacationers, if appropriate crime prevention measures are not followed.

The following crime prevention tips are designed to allow Layton residents to enjoy their vacation and return to a safe and secure residence:

• Have locks on all doors and windows and use them.
  • Make sure your home looks lived in and not empty.
  • Plug in timers to turn lights, radio or television on and off at appropriate times.
  • The “lived in” look is a critical part of your home security strategy.
  • Ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home while you are away. Leave contact information so you can be reached in case of an emergency.
  • Ask a neighbor to occasionally park in your driveway. Vehicles parked outside should be moved occasionally to appear that they are being used.
  • Stop all deliveries and/or have a neighbor pick up the mail and newspapers.
  • Close and lock garage doors and windows.

• If you have an alarm, make sure you set it before leaving. Also, make sure your alarm company has a list of at least three people who can respond to meet police in the event your alarm goes off while you are away.
  • Avoid posting news of an upcoming trip, or of a vacation in progress on Facebook, Twitter, or other publicly accessible websites – wait until after you return home to do so.
  • If anyone has information regarding burglaries or any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, please report it to the police.

   (Call 911 if it is an emergency, or 801-497-8300 for non-emergencies.)

Do not park semi trucks on city streets

It is illegal to park semi trucks on Layton City streets. Only moving trucks or construction vehicles (in use) can be parked on City streets. This is primarily because semi trucks are large enough to be both a sight hazard, as well as an oversized obstruction – particularly on subdivision streets.

It is prohibited by the City’s Code to park a truck or trailer registered for 13,000 pounds gross weight or more in residential areas. It is also prohibited to park an un-laden tractor truck in a residential area. This includes personal driveways. These vehicles are restricted to specific roads unless they are crossing a street, servicing or refueling.

Exceptions are in place to get to and from job sites, deliveries, etc. when travel on an approved road will not get to that location. In these cases, the shortest route from an approved road must be used.

Parking a trailer unattached to a tractor truck is prohibited on any public roadway or public property.

Note that on state roads inside Layton, such as Main Street, UDOT does allow semi truck parking.

Keep in mind that all other parking laws must be adhered to. Some examples include red curbs, no parking signs, proper distances from fire hydrants, intersections, crosswalks, mail delivery, etc. Be cognizant of clear-view and ensure truck/trailer are legally parked completely out of the roadway.

Many of the state roadways in Layton do not have shoulders wide enough to legally park and all of them have areas where parking is not legal or feasible.
In case of an emergency, a few extra minutes can mean the difference between life and death. Emergency personnel are equipped with many tools to help improve their arrival time. However, the most useful tool is visible and accurate house numbers. House numbers are the simplest thing a homeowner can do to aid in a quick response. In an effort to better serve the citizens in our community, Layton Police and Layton Fire Departments want each resident to ensure they have visible and accurate address numbers posted on their home. Remember, if house numbers are missing or hard to locate, it may take public safety personnel longer to respond to an emergency.

Here are some guidelines to follow when assessing or putting up house numbers:

- Numbers should be easy to read from the street. On the side of a garage door, or near the front door of the home are good locations. House numbers should be at least four to five inches tall.
- Place numbers against a contrasting background. Place a reflective coating on the numbers for easy visibility at night and during bad weather.
- Repair or replace aging address numbers on your house or mailbox.
- Prune bushes, trees, or other growth that may obstruct the house numbers.

Layton City Code 16.10.010 (403.6) indicates all buildings must have address markers posted that are visible and legible from the road on which the address is located. If the markers are not posted on the building, the address must be placed at the driveway entrance.
Be polite – observe ‘quiet hours’ in Layton

With the warm weather season here, what are the standard “quiet hours” in Layton City, when residents need to refrain from noisy activities/behavior? The quiet hours are between 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to City Ordinances.

What activities are unlawful during the quiet hours?

According to Layton City’s ordinance, it is unlawful for any person to disturb the peace and the good order of the City, or any lawful assembly by clamor or noise during that 8.5-hour span. This would include any loud machinery (lawn mower, trimmer, edger, etc.). It is also unlawful for any person to use or operate, or permit the use or operation of any radio receiver, disc player, television, musical instrument, or other machine, instrument, or device for the production or reproduction of sound in a way that is plainly audible at the immediate property boundary or the exterior wall or structure which constitutes the boundary of a premises.

How does a person know if they are being too loud?

If someone is playing loud music, they can walk outside, to the edge of their property, or space and listen to see if the sound is going beyond their borders. “Quiet hours” are primarily about courtesy, common sense and being aware of how noises a person may produce can affect their neighbors and area.

How should offenses against the quiet hours ordinance be reported?

Call the non-emergency line of the Layton Police Department, 801-497-8300.

Applications being taken for Liberty Day

Layton City’s Liberty Day celebration will be held on July 4, and the Parks and Recreation Department has begun taking applications for the Liberty Day Parade and vendor booths. Parade registration will continue until space is filled. Cost is $25 per entry. Applications are available online at www.laytoncity.org or in the Parks and Recreation office, 465 N. Wasatch Drive. Submit applications in person at the Parks and Recreation office or by email to mhoward@laytoncity.org.

Vendor booth applications cost $85 for booths without electricity or $110 for booths with electricity. Register online at www.laytoncity.org or apply in person and the Parks and Recreation office.
The most common code enforcement violations

Here is a reminder of some of the most common Code Enforcement violations in Layton City:

- Inoperable/Unlicensed Vehicles – All vehicles on the property must be licensed and operable. Any inoperable or unlicensed vehicles must be removed from your property, or stored in a completely enclosed structure. If vehicles are being restored, a Restoration Permit is required and can be obtained from the Community Development Department.
- Soft Surface Parking – All vehicles and trailers must be parked on a hard surface. All parking areas must be permanently maintained with an all-weather surface such as concrete, asphalt, or gravel and must be kept free of all vegetation.
- Weed Violations – All weeds on the property must be maintained so they do not exceed 12-inches in height. This includes the parking strip. All trimmings must be removed from the property.
- Outdoor Storage Violations – All solid waste, litter, and discarded/unused items, such as building materials, construction equipment and vehicle parts must be removed from the property or stored in a completely enclosed structure.
- Street/Sidewalk Obstructions – Trees and bushes must be cut and maintained 7-feet above the sidewalk and 13 feet 6 inches above the street. This includes all trees and/or bushes in the parking strip.
- Parking Violations – Vehicles parked too far from the curb or facing traffic; vehicles parked across the sidewalk; vehicles parked on the street that are mechanically inoperable or that cannot legally be operated on public streets; recreational vehicles parked on the street for more than 24 hours; semi tractors – with trailers or without – parked in residential areas.

Do not put signs or notices on street poles

The public is reminded not to put any signs, posters or notices on any street poles within Layton City. That would include missing pet signs and notices about yard sales.

According to Layton City’s Municipal Code: “No sign, handbill or poster, advertisement, or notice of any kind or sort, whether political or otherwise, shall be fastened, placed, posted, painted, or attached in any way in or upon any curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, telegraph pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, rock, sidewalk, or street, except when the sign is owned and erected by a public agency or erected by permission of an authorized public agency or required by law.”

Besides being illegal, some such signs could be advertising scams. Also, some government entities, like UDOT, have a $300 penalty per day for illegally placed signs in their right of way. Posters, especially old ones, can be unsightly. Glue and tape residue from posters may deface metal poles.

Nails, screws or staples, leftover on wooden poles from posters can be a hazard to workers who must climb poles.
NEW LAYTON CITY BUSINESSES

**Ascendant Behavioral Health**
1133 South Main Street, Suite 128 & 130
801-872-5516
Director: Susan Mitchell
Business Type: Outpatient Therapy
Website: https://ascendantclinics.com/
Business Description: Ascendant Behavioral Health is an outpatient therapy office that offers medication management and therapy sessions. Their clinicians are professionals who possess the education, certifications and real-world experience needed to customize care for each client. The clinic provides the newest in proven therapy methods and offers specialties such as EMDR for trauma, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Gottman Couples Therapy and Family Functional Therapy.

**Busy Bee Co.**
94 North Fort Lane
801-499-0787
Owners: April Stettler and Margie Peterson
Business Type: Cooking, Sewing and Art School
Website: http://www.thebusybeeco.com/
Business Description: Busy Bee Co. specializes in teaching kids and adults cooking, sewing, and art skills. The company was created because the owners wanted a place to teach kids and adults basic life skills, some of which are becoming a lost art. Their goal is to create a fun, positive environment that embraces creativity, builds confidence and teaches life skills. The staff at Busy Bee believes it’s important to have a place to gather, have fun, and learn together as well.

**Eyemart Express**
1986 North Hill Field Road, Suite 5
801-478-5914
Business Type: Prescription Eyewear Retailer
Website: https://www.eyemartexpress.com/get-glasses/Layton/84041
Business Description: The Eyemart Express family of brands ranks as the nation’s 8th largest optical retailer, with each having helped achieve the goal of being able to provide affordable prescription eyewear.

**Ferguson Enterprises**
1435 West Hill Field Road
801-393-5333
Branch Manager: Justin Gerritsen
Business Type: Wholesale distributor of hydronic systems, plumbing, pumps and well supplies
Website: https://www.ferguson.com/branch/layton-ut-plumbing
Business Description: Ferguson is the largest distributor of residential and commercial plumbing products. The company offers water heaters, pumps, pipe, valves, fittings, equipment, faucets, fixtures and accessories. With over 1,300 locations, they have what you need. Ferguson plumbing locations provide the right products and services for your plumbing project, from plumbing fixtures for a home or commercial pipe valves and fittings.

**Club Pilates Layton**
210 South Fort Lane, Suite 5
801-556-6111
Owner: Scott Badger
Business Type: Fitness Center
Website: https://www.clubpilates.com/location/layton/
Business Description: Club Pilates Layton offers more than just low-impact, full-body workouts. With a range of class offerings that challenge your mind as well as your body, Club Pilates provides a path to a richer, more-fulfilling life. A consistent Pilates practice can help almost everyone. Whether you’re an experienced athlete looking to step up your training or you’re simply looking to start a new fitness routine, Pilates creates a strong foundation of balance, strength, mobility and flexibility.

**Miracle Midwifery**
360 South Fort Lane, Suite 1B
801-923-8806
Owner: Krista Miracle
Business Type: Midwifery Services
Website: https://www.miraclemidwifery.com/
Business Description: Miracle Midwifery believes every family has the right to a positive birth experience. When individuals can move through birth in the freedom of supportive, loving, and honored care a foundation is set for strong families. The business offers fam...
Do not give money to panhandlers

Layton City officials are strongly advising residents to avoid giving panhandlers money.

While that may seem hard-hearted, please read on for this reasoned advice. Panhandling per se may not be against Layton City Ordinances, however, no person can legally obstruct any sidewalk or street in the City. Panhandlers are also not allowed to distract drivers, or to walk onto a city street to accept money from motorists. Motorists can be issued a ticket for giving money to panhandlers – it is a safety issue. Panhandlers can also be legally asked to leave private property, if the landowner so chooses.

Giving money to panhandlers is simply an unwise practice, though. Some panhandlers will just use any money received for drugs or alcohol. Others do not really need the money and make a profession out of the practice. Still others may sadly falsify stories of cancer, or veteran status, to play on emotions. Thus, residents should not confuse panhandling with homelessness, or other neediness.

Residents should also exercise caution around panhandlers who loiter at busy street corners. Again, handing out money to panhandlers from a vehicle window may create traffic safety issues, or congestion.

Yes, some panhandlers may have a legitimate need for charity.

However, since it is difficult to truly know a panhandler’s economic situation, it is wisest to simply give funds directly to reputable local charity organizations in Layton, like the Family Connection Center. That way, it is a guarantee that needy individuals and families will be helped by your donation. And feel free to let a panhandler know that you prefer to give money to those organizations to better meet the needs of those struggling.

Non-perishable food items can also be donated to the Connection Center, which partners with Safe Harbor, the Utah Food Bank, the United Way and other organizations.

The goal of the Family Connection Center is not to supplant individual responsibility, but to provide supportive programs designed to strengthen families and promote self-sufficiency among the most vulnerable families in the community. The Family Connection Center is located at 875 East Highway 193, Layton.

Back to the strong advice – by following it you can rest assured that your contributions to known entities are actually going to and giving hope to those with challenges. In giving money directly to panhandlers, you are giving money in “hopes” that it helps. For more information on the Family Connection Center, call 801-771-4642.

BUSINESSES

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ily planning, prenatal, homebirth and extended postpartum services in Davis, Weber and Salt Lake County.

Space Solutions Utah
382 North Marshall Way, Suite B
303-910-7777
Owner: Doug Stewart
Business Type: Woodworking
Business Description: Space Solutions Utah is a custom woodworking business and can custom make just about anything out of wood. Past unique projects have included an apple box set, a bench for ski boot fitting, conference tables, corn hole games, bike racks, vanity and desks.

Sound Sleep Medical
365 West 1550 North
801-446-6380
Manager: Kiaya Watson
Business Type: Medical Devices
Website: https://www.soundsleepmedical.com/
Business Description: The mission at Sound Sleep Medical is to provide the highest quality of service and product for the treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea. Sound Sleep Medical offers over 25 years of experience helping patients get treatment for snoring, sleep apnea, and other sleep disordered breathing. They offer help for you and your loved ones to obtain better and more restful sleep.

Teriyaki Grill
210 South Fort Lane, Suite 6 & 7
385-515-4121
Owner: Chaz Bernson
Business Type: Restaurant
Website: http://t-grill.com/?fullsite=true
Business Description: Teriyaki Grill offers a fresh, healthy menu that leaves you satisfied and happy. Their menu features fresh, grilled chicken, steak and shrimp marinated in their special Teriyaki Sauce, then char-broiled and served hot off the grill with your choice of steamed rice or noodles. Your Teriyaki rice bowl, salad or Teriyaki noodle bowl is made fresh to order.
Understanding and dealing with the hoarding disorder

People with the psychological condition known as hoarding disorder may feel imprisoned in their cluttered homes or apartments. And, this disorder can create some serious health and safety problems.

According to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America (ADAA), a non-profit group, hoarding is a form of anxiety and is the persistent difficulty discarding possessions, regardless of their actual value.

Commonly hoarded items may include newspapers, magazines, paper/plastic bags, cardboard boxes, household supplies, food, a high number of pets or animals and even old clothing.

Hoarding is not like collecting, where collectors are organized, selective and have pride in usually a specific group of items. Between two to 5 percent of the U.S. population may suffer from some form of hoarding.

According to www.mayoclinic.org hoarding ranges from mild to severe. The severe cases can affect life on a daily basis. People with hoarding disorder often don't recognize it as a problem, but treatment can lead to a higher quality of life.

According to the ADAA, a person who hoards may exhibit the following:

- Inability to throw away possessions.
- Severe anxiety when attempting to discard items.
- Great difficulty categorizing or organizing possessions.
- Indecision about what to keep or where to put things.
- Distress, such as feeling overwhelmed or embarrassed by possessions.
- Suspicion of other people touching items.
- Obsessive thoughts and actions: fear of running out of an item or of needing it in the future; checking the trash for accidentally discarded objects.
- Functional impairments, including loss of living space, social isolation, family or marital discord, financial difficulties, health hazards.

For example:
- There is often a higher potential in such living areas for rodent or insect infestation, as well as mold growth. Proper sanitation may be impossible with all the clutter present.
- There are increased odds for a possible fall, from tripping over things.
- If pets are present, animal waste may be hidden and can create unsanitary situations.
- There can be increased fire danger not from just all the clutter, but if occupants use portable cooking or heating devices.
- The occupant may not be able to evacuate the home in time in the event of a fire due to the amount of hoarded items. (When a fire starts a person needs to evacuate within 2-3 minutes. Even less if the hoarded items are combustible.) Fire and EMS personnel may have difficulty in getting inside to fight a fire or to take a person out of the home to transport them to a hospital.

The Mayo Clinic suggests getting affected family members or friends to talk to a doctor or mental health professional about their hoarding. In extreme cases where health and safety risks are present; police, fire or animal control may need to be notified. Some companies also specialize in hoarding cleanup and removal.

More information is available at: www.adaa.org, www.mayoclinic.org or www.hoardersanonymous.org

A LOOK BACK: When U-turns first became legal in Layton City

“Ordinance passed. Layton U-turn OK at intersections, if ...” was a Nov. 17, 1972 headline in the Ogden Standard-Examiner.

At that time, the Layton City Council revised its ordinance so that U-turns were now legal “at most intersections, if they can be made without interfering with or endangering traffic.”

U-turns were only illegal then if there was signage at the intersection stating so. However, it was also left to a police officer’s judgment as to whether or not the U-turn was made at a time when it was considered dangerous.

Ironically, U-turns were only legal 43 years to 2015, when the Thru-U turns were introduced on Hill Field Road and Main Street. Though somewhat confusing at first, this new traffic configuration mandates making U-turns, for drivers going a specific direction and has reduced wait time at major intersections in the heart of the City.

A different kind of U-turn, these Thru-U turns have outlawed left turns at specific locations to improve traffic flow.

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Family recreation fun

A Family Golf Night will be held on Monday, May 20 from 4-8 p.m. at Swan Lake Golf Course, 850 N. 2200 West. Cost ranges from $2-8. Families can participate in activities such as 9-hole golf, miniature golf, and an 18-hole putting course at a discounted rate.

On June 1, join us for Go N Play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ellison Park. This FREE event includes a variety of fun-filled activities and games. The Mudz, Sudz and Fludz hill will return along with a water slide that ends in a foam pit.

The Liberty Days 5K Fun Run will be held on July 4, with registration open until July 3 for $15 or same-day registration for $25. The races begin at 7:15 a.m. for the walk and 7:30 a.m. for the run.

Swimming lessons offered at Surf ‘n Swim

Registration is open for swimming lessons to be held at Surf ‘n Swim this summer.

Monday-Thursday morning classes will be held June 3-13 (session 24) and June 17-27 (session 25). Cost is $26-31. Classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings are set for June 4-27 (session 30). Cost is $26-31. Classes on Saturdays will be held June 1-29 (session 33), with costs $26-31.

There are two Surf ‘n Swim special events as well.

Mother’s Day Swim will be held on Saturday, May 11 from noon to 6:45 p.m. Mom receives free pool entry with a family member’s paid admission. Tubes are not included.

On June 1 from 7 to 10 p.m., the pre-summer bash will be held. Cost is only $1 and includes pool admission but not tubes. Prize drawings will be held throughout the evening.

Preparations for summer rec programs underway

Layton City is ready to say goodbye to winter and hello to summer. The Surf ‘n Swim facility will be closed May 12-19 for facility maintenance and to take down the bubble. Summer hours will begin June 1 and run through Aug. 17. Visit www.laytoncity.org for hours and program schedules at the pool.

The Ellison Park’s splash pad will open for the season starting May 27, Memorial Day, and running through Labor Day on Sept. 2. The pad will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Keep in mind that water does not run continuously at the splash pad. We’ve made sensors on the ground, so locate those and press the button to turn on the water.

Layton City offers many parks throughout the city that are open to the public each day from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Each of these parks has something different to offer residents, from basketball, pickleball and tennis courts to open field space, playgrounds, pavilion rentals and more. Pavilion rentals are available from May 1 to Sept. 30. Visit www.laytoncity.org for more information on parks, locations, and amenities offered by the city.

Registration dates for Parks and Rec programs

Arts in the Park registration is now open through June 30, with programs planned in June and July for kids grades 1st-6th. Cost is $20. The program will run on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays at various locations in the city.

Babysitting training classes will help for those ages 9-15 in three sessions: June 3, June 24 and Aug. 5, in the Layton City Parks and Recreation training room, 465 N. Wasatch Drive. Cost is $40 and registration is now open.

Registration is also open now for Spock’s Skate Camp, to be held on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Ellison Park Skate Park for ages 6-14. Cost is $70 for June sessions, and $80 for July and August sessions.

You can also register year round for beginning gymnastics classes, held on Saturdays for kids ages 5 and up. Cost is $45. Register at the Parks and Recreation office at 465 North Wasatch Drive, or get info online at www.laytoncity.org.
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ACOUSTIC NIGHT - with Maddie Wilson on Friday Night
RODEO - Friday and Saturday Night
Carnival Rides present by Weber State Credit Union.
Combating the appeal of hazardous Internet challenges

The Internet is a fascinating place and puts the world at one’s fingertips. However, for still mentally developing teenagers – and even young adults – it can open the door to various potential dangers and even bizarre behaviors.

For example, there are trendy “challenges” promoted on the Web and while some may be innocent fun, others are outright dangerous.

A blindfolded Layton teenager, age 17, crashed a pickup truck into another vehicle and a pole on Jan. 7, 2019 while doing the “Bird Box” challenge and driving on Gentile Street. This challenge, which originated from a Netflix movie named “Bird Box,” involves people moving around while wearing blindfolds.

The Layton Police Department tweeted after the accident:
“The Bird Box Challenge while driving...predictable result. This happened on Monday (Jan. 7) as a result of the driver covering her eyes while driving on Layton Parkway. Luckily no injuries.”

And, there have been other dangerous challenges promoted on the Web and by social media, like the Tide pod challenge, the cinnamon challenge, the choking game and the salt and ice challenge.

SOME INTERNET CHALLENGES can cause harm to others. Teens are often drawn to online games hoping for recognition on social media.

Why do young people do such risky things? According to Healthychildren.org, a site by the American Academy of Pediatrics, such Internet challenges are simply fascinating to teens, “who can be both impulsive and drawn to behavior that draws attention, especially in social media.”

The site stressed that an understanding on why these challenges lure teens is critically important for all parents to know.

“Teens’ brains are still developing. The part of the brain that handles rational thought, the prefrontal cortex, is not fully developed until the mid-20s. This means teens are naturally more impulsive and likely to act before thinking through all of the ramifications,” Healthychildren.org stated.

The website also explained how social media serves as a reward for such outrageous behavior, and the bigger the better. For example, some teenagers won’t hesitate to consider that being blindfolded can lead to a crash; or that laundry detergent is a poison.

“What they will focus on is that a popular kid in class did this and got hundreds of likes and comments,” Healthychildren.org stated.

According to www.healthline.com, it is not that teens don’t realize there is a risk to some challenges, but that the sensible part of their brain can be overridden in such emotional and exciting circumstances.

So, what are parents to do? They need to help build their teen’s “intellectual muscles.”

Here’s how: To start a conversation, ask your teens about the biggest challenges they’ve heard about in their circle of friends. Encourage them to see if they can surprise you. Ask them (calmly and without judgment) what they think about the challenge.

You can still exercise your parental options such as limiting contact with certain kids or making specific activities off limits.

The website also stressed being “friends” on social media:

“Staying in touch on their preferred communication platforms can help you keep in touch with what goes on in their day-to-day lives. Watch their stories for clues about what is going on in school and with their friends. Let your children know that if you pay for the device and the wireless network, they have to friend you in exchange.”

“Sometimes kids are more willing to talk about their peers than themselves. Asking questions about school trends, friends and fads may yield more answers than direct questions about their own activities. No matter what, it is important to keep the lines of communication open and avoid passing judgment. Instead, calmly discuss the dangers in those choices.”

While teens continue to grow, learn more about life, friends, and their place in the world, remember that their brains are still rapidly developing. As a parent, you can help nurture that growth and help your teens develop thoughtful, rational thinking – skills that will continue to be important for years to come.”

Healthyline.com advises that parents need to be aware of what their children are doing on-line and foster open discussions on why dangerous web challenges may seem so enticing.

For more information, go to: www.healthychildren.org/English/family-life/Media/Pages/Dangerous-Internet-
Do you remember the Bamberger Railroad?
Bill and Harris Do!

by Jordyn APPLONIE
For Layton Today

The Bamberger Railroad, owned by Simon Bamberger, began in 1891 as the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs Railway and expanded northward. By 1895, the line reached Farmington. At this time, Bamberger bought the swampy land North of Farmington, drained it, and built the Lagoon Resort for Salt Lake City residents who desired entertainment outside of the city.

Bamberger wanted to extend the Great Salt Lake & Hot Springs line to Ogden. This service was necessary because neither the Union Pacific nor Rio Grande railroads offered convenient rail service for passengers between Ogden and Salt Lake City. In 1896, the company became the Salt Lake & Ogden Railway. The track reached Layton on Sept. 4, 1906. The finished line reached Ogden in July 1908. The station was located at 31st Street and Lincoln Avenue.

The Salt Lake & Ogden Railway utilized large steam locomotives, but it was still known as “the Dummy Line” because of the dummy streetcars used in the 1890s. A dummy was a steam locomotive enclosed in a wooden box that resembled a railroad passenger coach; they were also known as noiseless steam street motors. In 1912, Bamberger modernized the interurban railroad by replacing the steam locomotives with electric power. Electrification required stringing overhead trolley wire, purchasing new equipment, and constructing electrical substations along the line. As Bamberger also owned multiple coal mines, he constructed a coal-fired power plant in Farmington that furnished all the electricity needed for the railroad.

For many years, the Salt Lake & Ogden Railway was known as “The Bamberger.” In August 1917, the company changed their name to the Bamberger Electric Railroad, embracing their nickname. Business began to decline in the 1920s due to the expansion of publicly-funded highways. Bamberger Electric Railroad declared bankruptcy in 1933, but returned as Bamberger Railroad, removing “Electric” from its name, in 1939. The company purchased five high-speed streamlined cars that could travel 75 miles per hour to better compete for local passengers.

Bamberger Railroad benefited by the movement of freight and passengers during World War II, but success began to decline after the war; to make matters worse, a devastating fire destroyed the Bamberger North Salt Lake maintenance shop in 1952. Due to the decline in business, Bamberger attempted to convert its passenger business from rail cars to buses. Eventually, the company had enough buses traveling between Salt Lake City and Ogden they were able to halt operation of its passenger trains. Until Dec. 31, 1958, Bamberger Railroad continued as a freight-only company. The historical line is still evident in Layton, with the spur between Ogden and Hill Air Force Base, purchased by Union Pacific, still operating regularly today. Today the railroad tracks have been removed, and the Bamberger Railroad has been converted into a walking trail many residents enjoy.

Sources: Utah Rails

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Shopping cart theft costs grocery stores thousands every year

It might be tempting for some to take or “borrow” a shopping cart from the property of a retail store, but don’t do it – this is simply retail theft.

Whether it be for a prank, convenience or whatever, shopping carts can cost a store anywhere from $75 to $150 each and stores will pass replacement costs onto customers with higher prices.

The Food Marketing Institute has estimated that approximately 2 million shopping carts are stolen each year in the United States. This equals a loss of $10,000 a year for each grocery store in the nation.

While some homeless persons may use stolen shopping carts to transport their belongings, other uses range from portable barbecue grills, to accessory carts to even shelters.

Shopping carts were first invented in 1937 and now some stores abroad require users to pay a deposit, insert a coin, or credit card, to use a shopping cart and help curb theft. Despite any such advances in technology, it remains theft to take a cart beyond a store’s property.

Occasionally, shopping carts may be seen abandoned in Layton City neighborhoods, along sidewalks or curbs. If the store’s name is on the cart, then residents can contact the Layton City Police non-emergency business line, 801-497-8300, for help in getting a cart returned.
Proper planning can avoid wildfire losses

Rapid growth of brush and grass in the spring creates a fire hazard in the summer as the sun dries the new growth. Grass fires are especially dangerous for those who live in brushy or wooded areas. Residents need to plan and prepare now to avoid loss of life or property.

A residential protection plan for grass and brush fires has three phases.

The first phase is to Get Ready!

This means that you should have at least two alternate escape routes preplanned. You should also prepare your property by systematically removing some of the brush and grasses (fuel for the fire) to develop a firebreak around your home. It is important that the fire department can find your home for wildfire or any emergency. This means that you should have clearly visible address numbers placed where firefighters can easily see them from the street in front of your house. These are made from non-combustible materials.

The second phase is to Get Set!

This means that once you have properly completed everything in the first phase, then you can prepare to leave if needed in an evacuation. It also means that once you are ready to leave, as small fires start on your property from flying embers, that you can extinguish them before they grow into big fires. The most important part of this phase is to get ready to leave. So that when you get the word to evacuate or once you decide to get out that you can leave immediately.

The third phase is to Go!

Once an evacuation has been announced leave immediately. Follow the most appropriate preplanned escape route and get out. It is important to follow designated escape routes to allow incoming firefighters access to get in.

Escape routes:

When preplanning your escape routes keep in mind that escape routes are only valuable if they take you away from danger. This means at least two alternate routes, ideally downhill away from the fire. Natural cover fire spreads most rapidly uphill, preheating the fuel ahead of it. Escape routes should be at least 20 feet wide and clear of flash fuels such as dry grasses, pine trees and scrub oak for at least 10 feet on each side. Low ground cover or bark dust is ideal for minimizing fire exposure hazard along driveways and other access roads.

Property protection:

On level ground, fire must have relatively continuous fuel to spread. Breaks in the fuel can slow or even stop fire spread. People in brushy areas should consider the use of lawns and gravel to provide open space, especially on downhill exposures. Fifty to 75-foot openings between heavy brush and valuable property provide the ideal protection. This is called "hardening your home" from wildfire.

One good idea is to minimize shrubs and lower branches under trees. Once natural cover fires climb into trees, the fire can grow explosively and burn over long distances. By eliminating shrubs and lower branches, you can limit the ladder the fire can easily climb to leaves and needles.

Obviously, green shrubs and grass are less hazardous fuel than dry materials. Frequent watering can keep decorative shrubbery less flammable. Some types of plants are more fire-resistant than others. Most nurseries can assist with selection of more fire-resistant shrubs. The USDA Soil Conservation Service has also developed an excellent plant list for fire prone areas for the state.

A major cause of fire spread is the wood-shake or shingle roof. Such roofs ignite and burn rapidly, throwing sparks and burning shingles into the wind. Residents with such roofs should be aware of the increased hazard.

If fire occurs nearby, a sprinkler and garden hose on the roof can reduce the exposure hazard. When roof replacement time comes, less flammable roofing materials make good sense in wooded or brushy areas.

Preparing to leave:

When you evacuate you need to remember what to take with you. We call these the "Taking the Ps with you," The Ps consist of People, Pets, Photos, Phone, Prescriptions and other medications, and Papers.

Be sure that you take all of the people in your home. Sometimes when we are hurried and panicked, we might forget someone. Be sure everyone is accounted for before you leave. Pets should be taken with you and if you do have to go to a shelter, accommodations will be provided for your pets.

Take all of your photos. These are things that you cannot replace if they get destroyed. If your photos are stored on your computer, take your storage device such as the external hard drive or your main computer tower. You will not need your keyboard or monitor at this time. Take your cell phone and charger so that you can call family or others who might be concerned for your welfare.

Be sure you take all of your prescriptions and other medications. It will be difficult to get these without your prescription. We all have important papers that we keep. Be sure to take these with you as well. These may include passports, homeowners insurance papers, household inventory paper and others.

Those citizens that live in the Wildland Urban Interface (see map link listed below) and would like a hazard assessment of your property and/or more information on how to protect your home and property this fire season, please contact Fire Marshal Doug Bitton at 801-336-3940.

To access the map:

http://www.wildlandfiresrg.org/Resident
One of the most significant changes ever in Layton City happened on Nov. 23, 1966, when I-15 opened. Initially going from the south end of Layton to Ogden, this section of freeway meant that Main Street (Highway 91) would no longer be so clogged with congestion during Hill Air Force Base shift changes. Some 15,000 workers were employed at Hill AFB back then.

Work on I-15 from Ogden to Layton began in 1964 and required three years. The six-mile segment of I-15 through Layton to Sunset alone cost $2.13 million. Besides clearing up traffic congestion, the presence of the freeway meant another big change: suburban development was now encouraged by a shortened travel time to Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah’s largest cities at the time.


North of Layton, the freeway also followed the abandoned Bamberger Railroad line, meaning there was less impact of existing development.

Layton City also experienced other changes because of the new interstate highway. Some homes had to be moved or demolished to make room for the six-lane highway. Gordon Avenue was particularly changed forever, by being disconnected by I-15 and split in an eastern and a western section.

In addition, Layton City itself seemed forever split by the busy interstate slicing through town. There was now the west side of I-15 and the east side of I-15 in the city.

The final section of I-15, located from the south end of Layton to Lagoon, would not be completed until 11 years after the rest, however.

This $10 million project expanded the old Highway 91. With this route open through Davis County, motorists could then travel on an uninterrupted freeway from Box Elder to Juab counties.

The freeway’s presence also eventually spurred economic growth in Layton, including the addition of the Layton Hills Mall in 1980, boasting convenient I-15 access.

I-15 from Farmington to Ogden almost went a different route – Highway 89, instead of today’s western route, near Highway 91. The Ogden Chamber of Commerce had pushed hard for the Highway 89 freeway option. After all, that offered the most direct access to Ogden City and Weber State College. However, an independent study revealed that it would be far more costly to build I-15 along the Highway 89 corridor. Also, the western route option offered more direct access to the military installations in the Top of Utah. Leonard’s book states that increased traffic between Salt Lake City and Ogden is why the Utah State Road Commission chose a six-mile section in south Davis County to be Utah’s first highway built to interstate standards.

Sources: “A History of Davis County,” by Glen M. Leonard; Ogden Standard-Examiner Archives; Davis County Clipper Archives.

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**Layton City’s mayoral history**

Here’s a listing of Layton City’s mayors:

15. Scott Freitag***, 2019

* Layton City had its first mayoral position in 1950, when it became a third-class city. Formerly, it had a chair position instead.

** Mayor Steve Curtis died in office. Councilman Jory Francis, the mayor pro-tem, served as mayor for just over one month, until Bob Stevenson’s term started.

*** Mayor Scott Freitag was appointed by the City Council to fill the vacancy when Mayor Bob Stevenson resigned to become a Davis County Commissioner.
Healthy Mealtime Inspiration in Your Pantry

One of the secrets to ordering less takeout and serving more nutritious homemade meals may be as simple as keeping a well-stocked pantry of canned foods. By cooking with canned foods, you can cut down prep time, meaning less time in the kitchen and more time with family.

Canned fruits, vegetables, proteins, and soups can help you get through the week with creative meals you can feel good about serving your family, like Panzanella Salad and Slow Cooker Coconut Curry Chili. In addition, according to a study published in “Nutrients,” kids and adults who use six or more canned foods per week are more likely to have diets higher in 17 essential nutrients, including potassium, calcium, and fiber.

Canned foods can also help reduce the amount of perishable fruits and vegetables purchased then thrown away. Consider how many times you’ve opened the fridge only to find the fresh produce you purchased only days ago has already spoiled. Because fresh fruits and vegetables are harvested at the peak of ripeness and canned within four hours, sealing in their nutrition and flavor, your family can have access to seasonal, ready-to-use fruits and vegetables year-round. Simply reach in your pantry—or your “canny”—and get cooking.

For more information about the benefits of cooking with canned foods and to find more flavorful recipes, visit CanCookYourCooking.com.

Panzanella Salad
Prep time: 10 minutes
Serving: 4

Dressing:
1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh black pepper

Salad:
1 pound day-old Italian bread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
8 ounces romaine lettuce, chopped
2 cans (16 ounces each) tomato wedges
1 can (15 1/2 ounces) garbanzo beans
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) artichoke hearts
1 can (13 8 ounces) olives
1 can (1 1/2 ounces) sliced radishes

To make dressing: In a small bowl, stir together olive oil, white wine vinegar, salt and pepper. Set aside.

To assemble salad: In a large bowl, toss bread cubes, lettuce, tomato wedges, beans, artichoke hearts, olives and radishes. Drizzle with dressing.

Slow Cooker Coconut Curry Chili
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 4-8 hours
Serving: 6-8

Nonstick cooking spray
1 small yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 cans (12 1/2 ounces each) white premium chunk chicken breast, drained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with green chilies, drained
3 tablespoons red curry paste, plus additional, to taste
1/4 cup all-natural peanut butter
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 can (13 1/2 ounces) coconut milk
1 tablespoon fish sauce
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas, drained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) whole potatoes, drained and cubed
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) sliced carrots, drained
3 tablespoons lime juice, plus additional, to taste
salt, to taste
brown rice, cooked according to package instructions (optional)
chili, for garnish
salted peanuts, for garnish

Grease slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Add onion, garlic, chicken, tomatoes, red curry paste, peanut butter, brown sugar, ginger, coconut milk, fish sauce and soy sauce to slow cooker. Stir to combine. Cover and cook on high 4 hours or low 8 hours.

Uncover and stir in chickpeas, potatoes, carrots and lime juice. Taste and add lime juice and salt, to taste, if necessary.

Serve on top of brown rice, if desired, and garnish with chili and peanuts.