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Council Corner

By Council Member Bryan Benard

The crisp fall air is upon us. The kids are back in school and we are all beginning to settle into the regular routine. Squirrels are collecting acorns and storing them for the winter. The beautiful fall leaves are beginning to turn vibrant colors. And the evening "fireworks" of thunder and lightning storms rolling in sure are entertaining. This is one of my favorite times of year because we have some perfect evenings for being outside and enjoying the beauty around us.

Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the outdoors and visit some of our wonderful parks in the City. Looking at the newly painted water towers with the outdoor and "leafy" theme fits fall well. Many days the weather is just perfect and walking or jogging in a park is a perfect refresher to our bodies and souls. There is something about breathing the crisp fresh fall air and feeling a cool breeze that is very therapeutic and refreshing. We have several beautiful parks and walking trails in the City that we can take advantage of. In fact, if you get over to the Nature Park and walk on its trails, you will be able to see the City's brand new amphitheater. It is an exciting new addition to the Nature Park and will serve generations that follow.

This is also a time of year where it is important for us to be good neighbors. As we clean up from the summer, and soon will be cleaning up the falling leaves, it is important for us to watch out for our neighbors who might need help with winter preparations. Falling leaves can be overwhelming for some of our neighbors who are unable to rake them up themselves, which can then cause them stress about not getting the leaves cleaned up before the first snow. I hope we can all pay attention to those neighbors around us who may need help cleaning up their yards and leaves. A little help goes a long ways. Also at this time, please keep an eye out for clogged gutters or drains and let the City know of any potential problems.

Every time of year, if not every day, provides us a chance to be a good neighbor and citizen. Our City is blessed with thousands of good neighbors and citizens-which makes South Ogden such a wonderful and pleasant place to live. Thanks for your help in making and keeping our City great.

Scams—A Word of Caution from the South Ogden Police Department

There are several ways people are trying to steal your money. Attempts are happening each day. Here are some examples to be aware of:

- 1) You get a phone call telling you your family member is in a jail in another country. They ask you to send money to make bail. Sometimes, they even put the "prisoner" on the phone so you can talk to them. **THIS IS A SCAM.** First, check with your other family members and find out if the family member has actually gone on vacation or left the USA. Second, gather as much information as you can from the caller; to include the date, time, arresting agency, contact number. Third, contact the police department PRIOR to sending any money, especially if they ask for certified funds to be wired or a pre-paid card to be purchased. There is no way to get your money back if this is a fraud.
- 2) You're told you have just won a large jackpot somewhere. In order to claim your prize, you must send money to the prize agency. **DON'T DO IT.**
- 3) You are sent a check in the mail for something you are selling on the internet. They send you **MORE** than you're asking for. They ask you to cash the check and send them any remaining amount after you take out shipping costs. These checks are fraudulent; you end up owing the bank for the full amount of the check.
- 4) You are sent a check in the mail (usually in a FedEx or UPS packaging) asking you to be a secret shopper. The check is usually several hundred dollars. The instructions included ask you to cash the check, keep a certain amount for your expenses, and then send the rest back to them. Again, the checks are fraudulent and you end up owing the bank.
- 5) You apply for a loan over the internet. They ask you to send money to show you can make the payments. **NEVER** send money to someone you are trying to get a loan from. Most legitimate institutions will put any fees into the loan you are receiving.
- 6) You are looking to rent a home or an apartment. You look on the internet and find one that is "cheaper and better" than other listings. You even get emails from the "owner" or "real estate broker" that look legitimate. They ask you to send money so you can get a key. You send money, you never get the key.

If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. Please contact us at the first sign of anything you feel is out of the ordinary or suspicious. We are here to help you. Please share this information with others. The more people who know, the harder it will be for scammers to take advantage of us.

2013 South Ogden Municipal Elections

Municipal elections in South Ogden City will be held **November 5, 2013**. Residents will be voting for a mayor and two open city council seats. All seats are at-large, four year term positions.

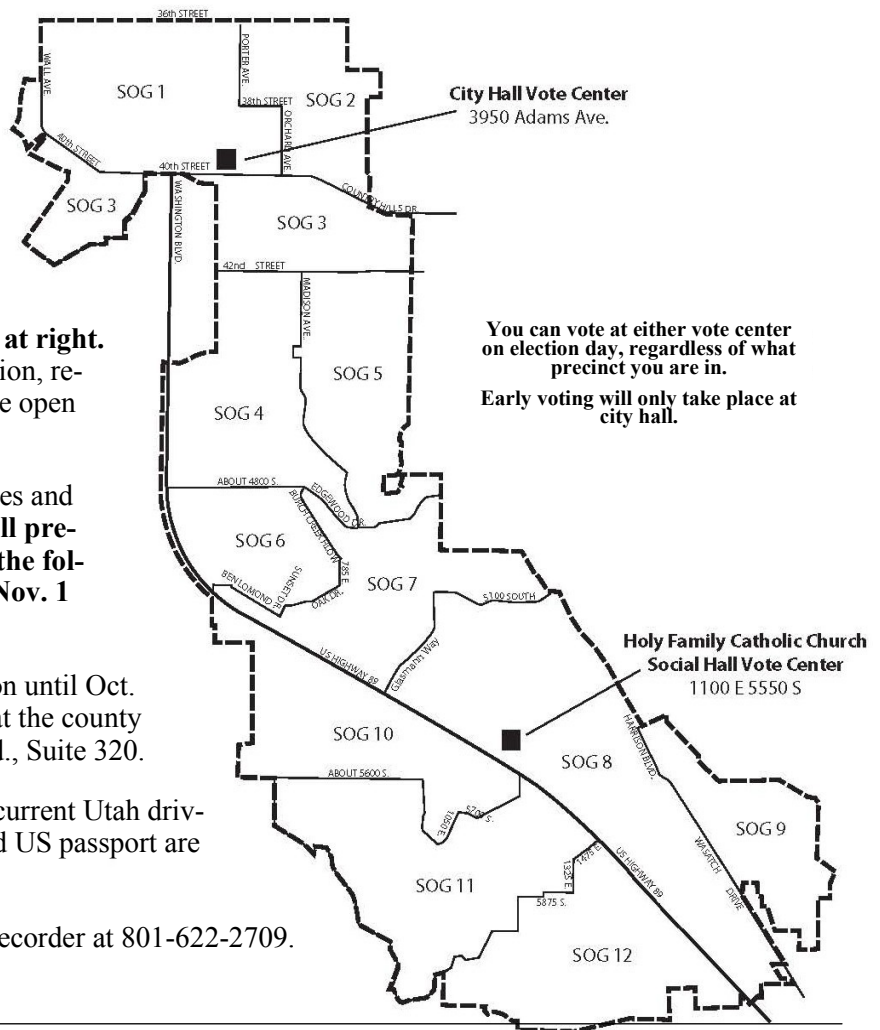
There will be two polling locations on election day: City Hall (3950 Adams Ave.) and Holy Family Catholic Church Social Hall (building to the south of the church, 1100 E 5550 S) **See map at right.** Unlike previous years, you can vote at either location, regardless of which precinct you are in. Polls will be open from 6 am to 8 pm on election day.

Early voting is a great way to beat election day lines and not get caught in bad weather. **Early voting for all precincts will be held at City Hall from 1-5 pm on the following dates: Oct. 22 - 25 (Tues-Fri.), Oct. 29-Nov. 1 (Tues-Fri.)**

You can still register to vote in the general election until Oct. 21st. You can register online at vote.utah.gov or at the county recorder's office located at 2380 Washington Blvd., Suite 320.

You are now required to show ID when voting; a current Utah drivers license or ID card issued by the state or a valid US passport are some forms of valid voter ID.

If you have further questions, please call the city recorder at 801-622-2709.



The following information was provided by the candidates and is for informational purposes only.
The candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

Mayoral Candidates



Wayne M. Smith

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I have been a resident of South Ogden City for 42 years. I am married to Sheila Smith and we have 4 children. I have been employed by the Weber County Sheriff's Office for the past 24 years. I am a supervisor and supervise various areas of law enforcement. I served as the President of the Utah Narcotics Officers Association and currently serve as the Utah Delegate for the National Narcotics Officers Association Coalition.

I currently serve as a member of the South Ogden City Council, Mayor Pro Tem, and as a Board Member for the Ogden Chamber of Commerce.

It is important to me to protect our quality way of life by investing in safety, strict housing standards to protect property values, upgrade and maintain city infrastructures, and seek new business to keep our economy vibrant.

With 24 years of law enforcement experience and my current position on City Council, I have learned to make decisions based on the appropriate choice for the situation not based on personal opinion, bias or agendas. This helps me make decisions that best represent city government, our community, and the employees of South Ogden City.

I love South Ogden and enjoy living here.

Achievements of the Mayor, City Council & Staff 2010 - 2013

- Early Retirement Buyout Program
- Changed from Department of Public Safety to separate Police & Fire Departments
- Brought in Young Subaru Car Dealership
- Brought in Northern Utah Rehabilitation Hospital
- Built a new South Ogden Animal Shelter
- Remodeled old City Council Chambers and created a new Community Room
- Bonded to repair some of our City Streets
- Traffic light and crosswalk at 4400 S. Washington Blvd.
- Painting of our South Ogden City Water Towers
- Amphitheater located at the Nature Park
- We are Fiscally Responsible

During the past twelve years I have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of South Ogden City. This is a great city to live in and one, that as a family, we are proud to call our home.

During the past four years, we as the City Council and Staff have seen new business growth, new citizens moving into our community and a struggling economy that's showing signs of improvement. As your Mayor, I am looking forward to serving you for another four years of growth and continued progress.

Thank you, for your support.



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City Council Candidates

I have been a South Ogden resident for all of my 44 years (except for 2 years serving an LDS mission in England). I love our city and know it well. My wife and four children love being in our community and have been highly involved in city activities and recreation programs for decades.

I am in my 20th year as a social studies teacher and currently teach many of our teen residents at Bonneville High School. I am finishing up my first term as a member of the city council. The current city council has managed our resources well and has created an impressive budget surplus. We have also brought new businesses into our city and have ramped up ordinance enforcement policy. Keeping South Ogden a great place to live and raise a family, will continue to be my top priority. Our city is on a great path and I hope to serve another term on the council to ensure that path leads to even greater things for our city.



Russell L. Porter

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My name is Lynn Mulhall. I am a husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. I earned my Associates Degree from Weber State University. I have three years of experience as a recycling specialist, ten years as a golf professional and five years in management. I have leadership abilities developed through volunteering and coaching.

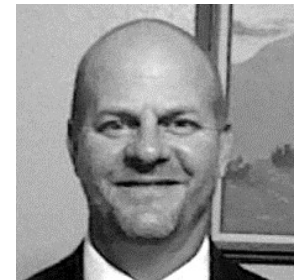
With all the corruption and abuse of power at the federal level, I have decided I want to serve our community from the grass-roots level to help future generations inherit a great country.

I believe we need to utilize our resources such as parks and trails for an inexpensive way to better our health and create affordable family time. I also believe that we need to be fiscally responsible so that our children have a future.

My platform is to help inform voters and encourage participation through blogs, social media and other electronic avenues, as well as an open-door policy to constituents.

My philosophy for economic development is to lift up current small businesses through well developed and maintained infrastructure.

I want to get people involved. We all need to understand what it takes to operate a government; in order to understand, we need to get involved!



Lynn E. Mulhall

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I am seeking re-election to keep moving our city's successes forward. I am thankful for the chance I have had to serve the city and work with so many of our great citizens. I am proud of our many accomplishments over the past four years--significantly improving the city's financial position during a recession, ending deficit spending, working to bring important new businesses, restructuring city departments making the city a lean machine without compromising services, completing and beginning road projects, improving, preserving and developing our parks, and leading the push to re-brand the city.

My professional and business-owner experience brings a critical and unique view from all other elected officials in South Ogden. My experience being on the management committee of the largest law firm in the Rocky Mountain region also gives me strong strategic and business savvy that will benefit our city. Being married for over 20 years to a South Ogden native (Monique Cypers Benard) and raising five adopted children in our great city also helps keep me grounded and abreast of issues facing our city--and they give me several reasons for wanting to keep our city special.

I would be honored to serve you again.



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South Ogden City Police Department Annual Trunk-or-Treat

Please join us for the South Ogden Police Department's Annual Trunk-or-Treat on Wednesday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. located at the South Ogden Junior High parking lot. Please be in costume and have cars parked before 5:30 p.m. The parking lot will be blocked off after that time due to safety considerations for the children. Bring goodies to hand out!

Urban Forestry/Planning Commission Vacant Seats

The City's Urban Forestry Commission and Planning Commission have vacant seats that need to be filled. The Urban Forestry Commission meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. There are two seats open for the Urban Forest Commission. The Planning Commission has one vacant seat; they meet the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm. Applicants must reside within the city. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and resumé to Mayor Minster at 3950 Adams Avenue, South Ogden City, UT 84403.

City Calendar October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 "B" Recycle Week	14 Columbus Day City Offices Closed	15 City Council 6:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19
20 "A" Recycle Week	21	22 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	23 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	24 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	25 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	26
27 "B" Recycle Week	28	29 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	30 Trunk-O-Treat South Ogden Jr. High 5:30 p.m. Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	31 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall		

November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"B" Recycle Week					1 Early Voting 1-5 pm @ City Hall	2
3 "A" Recycle Week	4	5 VOTE! Municipal Elections No city council meeting	6	7	8	9
10 "B" Recycle Week	11 Veterans Day City Offices Closed	12	13	14 Planning Commission 6:00 p.m. Urban Forestry 6:30 p.m.	15	16