

# PLEASANT VIEW CITY NEWS

AUGUST 2021

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **August 5:** Planning Commission
  - **August 10:** City Council
  - **August 19:** Planning Commission
  - **August 24:** City Council
  - **August 25:** School Year Begins
- Please slow down and watch for children.*



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I promised I would push out a newsletter after the City Council had an opportunity to meet on the proposed tax increase.

This first item I hope to clarify is the area where most people make a mistake when calculating their tax. Pleasant View City's share of your overall tax bill is approximately 9%. Let's say your overall tax bill is \$3,000.

Pleasant View's share of that would be about \$270. If the City Council were to approve a 16% tax increase that would result in your tax bill increasing about \$43.20, a total of \$3,043.20. Many people see the 16% and assume their tax bill will go from \$3,000 to \$3,480 or an overall increase of 16%, which is not the case. If the City Council approves a more modest increase of 5%, the increase of your city share of the taxes would be \$13.50 or just under \$1.13 per month. Your total yearly tax would increase from the \$3,000 to \$3,013.50. A more modest increase is what is being considered by the Council and is explained in the next paragraph.

Let me address the process associated with the proposal that was released by the Standard Examiner.

The proposal by the Council was to KEEP the tax rate the same as the 2020 rate. In order to KEEP the same tax rate as 2020 we are required by the state to hold a truth in taxation hearing. The Council approved a final budget in June which included a new Police Officer position. This position was approved after a recommendation by the Police Chief which I fully supported and continue to support. The addition of this officer would allow us to have 2 officers on at any given time. The Chief informed the Council of the ever-increasing case load as well as the hostility of people that our police are dealing with, and it has become an officer safety issue. It seems that every bad guy wants to challenge our officers and they feel emboldened to carry on the hostile treatment that we have seen across the nation. Yes, it affects us right here in Pleasant View. After the City Council approved the budget, it was presented by staff that this might be a good year to advertise to KEEP our tax rate the same as 2020. This would allow the City the opportunity to capture some of the inflationary increase that we are all experiencing. Asphalt, cement pipe, cement for sidewalk repairs, etc. have all gone up a lot. The City Council thought it would be a good idea to keep the tax rate the same. My philosophy has been that we should examine our budget every year. If a small increase is needed, then we should look at a very minor tax adjustment, thus, avoiding a large tax increase after say 10 years. So what went wrong? The problem is that property values have gone sky high, and the County Assessor has revalued the property this past year in Pleasant View to reflect that increase. So, when we received the average home value from the County and what that would mean from last year to this year while keeping the same tax rate, we quickly found that keeping the same rate would result in a big increase. Unfortunately, we received the information the same day as the paper received the information. In fact, as I was out of town for the holiday weekend the first that I personally saw the information was in the newspaper. Because the tax system as set by the State does not consider inflation and only reflects changes in property values, the concept of just maintaining the tax rate from year to year normally provides a very modest increase. But the home values have gone up so dramatically and it appears that multiple years of increased values were all adjusted this past year so many properties are showing a 25% increase in value. A great problem to have if you are selling your home, but not if you are buying or paying taxes on a home.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

At our first Council meeting after the news article came out, the Council had staff put together a presentation explaining some of the complexities of the tax system and agreed that we would present other options. One such option would include a much lower rate based on inflation of the products and services that the city uses as described above. We have one more council meeting prior to the August 10th tax hearing, where I hope that the Council can come to an agreement in a much more reasonable approach. It is obvious that keeping the tax rate the same as last year is way too big of an increase given the nature of the property values that the County Assessor has revalued. If you are curious what has happened to each of your own values, go to the Weber County Parcel Search; find your property using their search and then pick the tax history tab to compare your last year's value to this year's value. This does not necessarily mean your value increased that much in one year. It could have been several years since the County revalued your property and so it might be multiple years of increase. Be sure to use the taxable value not the market value. On your primary residence, your property tax is based on 55% of your market value. This is what is known as your taxable value.

We have a great City Council, and while I do not get a vote, I want to make it clear that I will support whatever decision that they ultimately make. I believe that they will do what is best and I believe that they have a clear understanding of why the figures are so skewed this year. Please feel free to reach out to me and especially the Council, we need to make sure we all understand this convoluted tax process. Once again, thanks for caring, thanks for all you do, and thanks for being good neighbors. I am committed to doing whatever it takes to ensure that we remain the best place to not only grow up, but the best place to grow old.

Mayor Leonard Call

### GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

GIRLS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION GOING ON NOW.

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

[WWW.PLEASANTVIEWCITY.COM](http://WWW.PLEASANTVIEWCITY.COM)



Pleasant View City  
**FOOD TRUCK**  
*giddy-up*

YEE-HAW

FOOD TRUCK

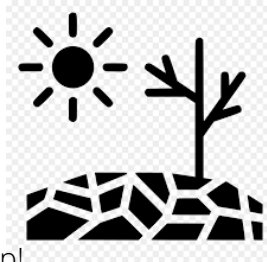
**BARKER PARK**  
520 W Elberta Drive  
**5:30PM - 8:30PM**

June 14th | July 12th | July 26th  
August 9th | August 23rd  
September 13th | September 27th

*Family friendly fun and food trucks!*

### OUR WATER AS IT RELATES TO EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS

URGENT



IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION

We need your help!

The extreme drought conditions and low reservoir levels we are experiencing will probably lead to secondary water being turned off early this year.

We can't jeopardize our drinking water for irrigation purposes and ask for your help in not using your culinary water for irrigation; even after secondary water is not available.

Although we already have an ordinance that prohibits culinary water for irrigation use, we have created a water proclamation to address this specific situation. This proclamation will take effect when secondary water is no longer available. Non-compliance can lead to fines and other penalties. Please read the water proclamation on our website for all the details, or stop by City Hall for more information. Thank you!

Visit [www.pleasantviewcity.com](http://www.pleasantviewcity.com) for all the details.



Join us September 9th, 10th, & 11th for a series of collaborative events commemorating the happenings of September 11, 2001 and the ongoing impact they have on our community and state.

Visit [www.majorbrenttaylor.com](http://www.majorbrenttaylor.com) for locations and more details.