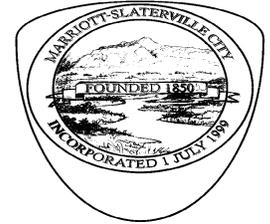


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## The Right Tree in the Right Place

Trees benefit us all by moderating climate extremes, conserving energy, cleansing the air, reducing noise pollution, supporting wildlife, creating beauty, and softening the landscape. Unfortunately, some homeowners plant wonderful trees in the wrong place. The results of wrong tree planting can be disastrous and expensive. The most common tree planning problems is when people plant the wrong trees in the park strip between the sidewalk and road.

Wrong trees in the park strip will create liability for property owners as tree roots lift and damage the sidewalk, curb, gutter or a drive approach. Further, tall trees along streets may interfere with overhead power lines in some locations. The following are some trees that may be appropriate for park strip planting:

- ▶ Flowering Cherry.
- ▶ Flowering Plum.
- ▶ Globe Norway Maple.
- ▶ Paperback Maple.
- ▶ Sentinel Crabapple.

Remember the law states that if trees in the park strip along your property damage the sidewalk, curb, gutter, or drive approach then you are responsible for the cost of the tree removal and repair. Be smart before you plant. Check with the USU Extension Service or an arborist for the most appropriate trees for your yard.

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## Weber Fire District

Some residents have been asking about backyard fires. Here is some information on bonfires and recreational fires right out of the 2012 *International Fire Code*, adopted by the State of Utah, and effective July 1, 2013:

- Bonfire – An outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.
- Recreational Fire – An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, barbeque grill or barbeque pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet or less in diameter and 2 feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes.

307.4.1 – Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet of a structure shall be eliminated.

307.4.3 – Recreational Fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

307.5 – Attendance. Open burning, bonfires, recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire –extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

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## West Davis Corridor

In June, UDOT held a series of open houses and public hearings for the public to review the Draft EIS information and submit comments. More than 800 people were in attendance. The official public comment period is currently in progress and will close on August 23rd. During the public comment period, the public is encouraged to review the contents of the Draft EIS and submit their formal comments to the study team for consideration. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available electronically for review on the Documentation page of the study website: [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis).

A hard copy of the Draft EIS is also available at various city buildings and libraries throughout Davis and Weber counties. The Draft EIS is a large report, documenting all the data, information, input and analysis the team has collected and studied for the past three years of the study. The Draft EIS also identifies UDOT's locally preferred alternative, which is a recommendation based on all the data reported thus far.

All public comments will be reviewed and formally responded to in the Final EIS document, which is expected to be released in winter 2013. This will be followed by a Record of Decision from Federal Highway Administration in spring 2014. For questions or concerns, please contact the study team at 877-298-1991 or [westdavis@utah.gov](mailto:westdavis@utah.gov).

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### PLANNING COMMISSION

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and Minutes.
2. Settlement on John Hansen Salvage on 1700 South.

This agenda is tentative. Items can and will change.

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order and Minutes.
2. Review of Business Licenses.
3. Motion for Reconsideration: on Ordinance amending the manufacturing zoning for limited auto recycling in the Central Business District.
4. Discussion/action on review of the Fourth of July.
5. Officer report and legislative oversight.
6. Closed Executive Session.
7. Adjourn until September 19, 2013.

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