

**FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK:**

***Mayor Brent K. Marshall***

**February 2013**

The Grand Marshals for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will be Veterans from the Middle East Conflicts (those serving from 1990 – present). We will be honoring those who have served in the Middle East Theaters beginning with Desert Shield. We wish to honor those that were activated while living in Grantsville City as well as people that currently live in our community that are veterans from the Middle East Conflicts. Please submit your name or a person's name that you know fits this criteria to the City Office (884-3411). We thank you for your help in putting together this important list.

We are looking for volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. If you can give some of your time to help make this a celebration to remember, please contact Sherrie or Kristy at City Hall at 884-3411.

Ordinance 2013-04 was approved by the City Council at the January 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. This is an ordinance creating the policy and procedures to allow Grantsville City to conclude the financial business day at 4:00 p.m. This will allow for Grantsville City clerks to be able to close out their accounts during normal hours of operation and prevent the accrual of overtime. All financial transactions with Grantsville City occurring after 4:00 p.m. but before 5:00 p.m. shall be credited to its associated account the following business day without penalty to the payee so long as the payment is not already past due. Any payments made after 4:00 p.m. but before 5:00 p.m. shall be stamped with the date of actual acceptance when payment is received by Grantsville City.

History was made at the opening session of the Utah State Legislature with Representative Merrill Nelson taking his Oath of Office at the State Capital. He took the oath in the House of Representatives. We have not had a representative that resided in our community since 1992 at the state level. Congratulations to Representative Nelson. We are excited to have a representative reside in our community. Representative Nelson has introduced a couple of bills which will affect our community. We look forward to important issues affecting our area being addressed. We believe he will be an exceptional representative.

The co-chairs for the 129<sup>th</sup> Old Folks Sociable are Merrill Nelson and Debbie Allred. The theme for this year is "Moments to Remember" and will be in celebration of 100 years of Grantsville High School. Please invite your friends and family to join us for an unforgettable event on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an honored guest reception, two fascinating programs, dancing, fine dining and a hospitality room. All current and former residents are invited to attend the 129<sup>th</sup> Old Folks Sociable at the Grantsville High School.

The F-401 (Grantsville, Stansbury Bus) is in jeopardy of losing its mid-day service due to low ridership. As citizens we can utilize this service and do everything in our power to prove to UTA we need this service. The F-401 is a bus route that provides local service and connects to other UTA services. The service is unique because residents can use the set course or they can call to schedule the bus to pick them up or drop them off up to ¾ mile from the fixed route. The fare for the standard service at designated bus stops is the same as other local bus or TRAX service and an additional \$1.00 for stops up to ¾ mile off route. Schedules and routes are available at City Hall, Soelberg's and the Grantsville Senior Citizen's Center.

The Recycling Program at the Miller Motorsports Park has been shut down because they do not have the proper permits for this operation. They have been notified and ask that you **do not take your green waste to the drop off location on Sheep Lane.** It will have to be taken to the county landfill at the Bauer Facility.

Interest has been shown in the Yellow Dot Program. The Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens during emergencies when they might not be able to communicate for themselves. It is a simple process. Three items are needed: a photo, an Emergency Medical Information form and a Yellow Dot. A photo can be attached to the completed information form containing the name, emergency contacts and medical information which is then placed in the participant's glove box. A Yellow Dot is placed in the lower left corner of the rear window of the participant's automobile. Information, forms and Yellow Dot can be picked up at City Hall.

All businesses operating in Grantsville City are required to have a current business license. Business license renewals were due January 31<sup>st</sup>. We would like to remind all business owners that have not renewed their business license to please come in and renew their license.

Congratulations to Grantsville businesses Soelberg's Market and Jumping Jack Splash. Soelberg's Market was awarded as one of the businesses of the year by the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce. Jumping Jack Splash was awarded the Come Together Award. The Grantsville City Police Department received a community service award. They will receive their awards Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Chamber Banquet being held at the Community Learning Center.

The Tooele Small Business Development Center is offering a six (6) week course designed to give you the tools you need to be more successful with your business. Classes are held every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., February 6<sup>th</sup> to March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Utah State University Tooele Regional Campus, 1021 West Vine Street, Tooele. This course is free to residents and businesses of Tooele County. Contact Ryan Murray, Director of Tooele Small Business Development Center at (435) 882-6611 ext. 3178 to register or for questions.

Congratulations to the Grantsville City Library Board of Directors. The following were approved by the City Council for the library board at the January 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting: Sylvan Jacobson, Marilyn Grua, Marla Atkinson, Margene Dudley and Charlyn Warner. We look forward to working with them in bringing the library into operation for our community.

An inspection was completed on the library. They continue to work on items not finished, some of which are on back order. We have not received substantial completion but expect the construction to be finished in the next few weeks with the opening pending.

With winter upon us, please be mindful of neighbors who need help clearing sidewalks or other tasks. We encourage you to form neighborhood groups to accomplish these undertakings and lighten the load of those in need of assistance, making them feel special as well as sharing your talents with others.

If you have any suggestions to make our community a better place, please feel free to contact me at City Hall (435) 884-3411.