



March Calendar

- 1 - 31 Dow James Bldg. open for walking
438 W. 400N.,
Mondays—Thursdays
7:30 am - 9:30 am
Fridays 7 am - 9 am
- 3 City Council Meeting at City Hall 7 pm
- 10 Leprechaun Traps—
A free family activity. Must pre-register.
- 10 Planning Commission Mtg. at City Hall 7 pm
- 11 Kids Craft Pick-Up at City Hall 4 - 5 pm. Must be pre-registered.
- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins—Move Clocks Forward 1 Hour
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day—Don't forget to wear your green.
- 17 City Council Meeting at City Hall 7 pm
- 18 Disabled American Veterans (DAV) meeting at Tooele Pioneer Museum at 7 pm. Call 801-644-6002 or 435-840-0547 for more info.
- 20 Spring Begins
- 22 Cemetery Clean Up begins
- 24 Planning Commission Mtg. at City Hall 7 pm
- 26—31 Hunt for Danny



Mayor Winn's State of the City Address

- Presented at the Tooele City Council Meeting on February 17, 2021 -



Mayor
Debbie Winn

Tooele City Council, department heads, staff and residents of Tooele City; I am grateful for the opportunity to address you this evening and present to you the state of the city.

The year 2020 has proven to be one of the most challenging that many of us have ever experienced. Although we continue to see the negative impact of the COVID-19 virus that caused the worldwide pandemic, we are encouraged by the recent distribution of a vaccine in hopes of finally ending this worldwide pandemic. I wish to express my deepest sympathy to all of the families who lost loved ones to this horrible virus.

I am so grateful to the healthcare workers who work tirelessly while putting their own lives at risk to provide comfort and care to those suffering from this deadly disease. I appreciate all of our first responders for their dedication and service to our residents.

Although city hall was closed to the public from March 24th through May 31st, just over two months, we still offered all of our services online, by phone, or by mail. We provided ways for contactless transactions for those who still needed to do business in person. Since reopening city hall on June 1st, we have continued to serve the public in a safe manner. We have installed glass partitions between staff and the public, and we continue to wear masks and adhere to the social distancing guidelines. We have been a leader in the community by showing that we can continue to provide excellent customer service while maintaining a safe environment for our staff and the public.

I would like to share with you some of the great things that took place during the past 12 months, despite the many challenges we have faced.

During the week following the earthquake, our police department personnel were able to move into their new building. Our dedicated officers are now able to work much more effectively. Following a disturbing homicide in 2020, we needed and utilized our new facility to its fullest capability. This included, improved

evidence handling, officer briefing spaces, suspect interview rooms and even parking for the many officers from other agencies who came to assist. We absolutely could not have met the investigative demands from this shocking event without our new state-of-the-art police facility. We are planning an open house to be held sometime in May for the public to finally tour the facility.

I am so very grateful for how well our police officers met the challenges of sudden and dramatic cries for police reform. Our police officers already have a reputation for treating all people with dignity and respect and we can be proud of their professionalism. All members of the Police Department weathered the storms of protest and national outrage surrounding events taking place far from our city. Our dedicated police officers and support staff were already situated so that little change was needed to meet these challenges.

Tooele City is proud of our exceptional volunteer fire department. During 2020, they responded to nearly 500 calls. This number increased over 100 calls compared to 2019. It is my hope that the residents recognize the great service these men provide and the millions of taxpayer dollars saved by providing this professional service as volunteers.

Our Human Resources Department stepped up to the plate as always, as they put a plan in place in response to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. They were able to implement a workforce safety program including COVID testing options for staff, a remote work program and web-based training program; all while ensuring that our employees were paid on time and were taken care of as they dealt with the ever-changing situations that the pandemic presented.

Tooele City quickly adapted to the COVID pandemic without laying off one employee. We delayed recall of seasonal workers and reassigned staff to assist with some of these tasks in the early days of the pandemic. Crossing guards, lifeguards and aquatic center staff worked in parks and helped with facility cleaning and renovation. Very few employees worked from home.

The I.T. department was instrumental in our efforts to allow employees to

work from home during COVID. They also made it possible for us to continue our efforts to be transparent during this time by live streaming all city council and planning commission meetings on Facebook and made it possible for us to accept public input.

Our Finance Department has done an excellent job in adapting to new ways to serve the public. We are now offering a new IVR system which allows our customers to call in and make a payment of their utility account by phone for those who do not have access or are unable to navigate the online payments function. We have also updated our online payment system which provides real time access to your account balances and history. We have also implemented a new system to accept business license payments and set up utility accounts online.

Our Finance Department was also a key player in the distribution of the CARES funding that the city received through the state. \$680,000 was distributed to small businesses through a grant program; \$75,000 was given to the Tooele Technical College and their Custom Fit Program to train employees of local businesses who were directly impacted by COVID; the Chamber of Commerce was granted \$7,000 to implement and maintain a website to help our local food vendors continue to do business as they were required to make major adjustments to the way they served the public; and \$300,000 was granted to the Tooele County School District to purchase Chromebooks for students' online learning.

Our Community Development Department has experienced a major increase in building permits. 2020 showed an increase of 188% from the previous year. This is the highest permit year since the late 1990's.

Community Development staff worked diligently with the Planning Commission, to bring to the council, a new comprehensive update of the city's general plan. Community Development is also responsible for our emergency preparedness program. When the earthquake struck last March, the Community



ATTENTION ALL TOOEELE CITY ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT CUSTOMERS!

Tooele City is switching our utility online payment/bill pay software. All online customers who are currently paying their utility bill through Xpress Bill Pay must switch their utility account to our new Municipal Online Payments system.

To setup your new account:

1. Go to <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/tooeleut>.
2. In the top, right hand corner select **Login/Register**.
3. On the Login screen select **Register**.
4. Enter in your Email, Password and Name. Phone Number is optional. Select **Register** when done.
5. An email will be sent to your email address to confirm that your address is correct. Check your email to find the "Thanks for registering!" email.
6. Click the link in the email to confirm your email address and activate your account. The link returns you to the login page for your online services website.
7. Login using your email address and password.
8. Click on the link to **Add to My Services**.
9. Click on the link for **Utility Billing**.
10. Click on **Add Account**. Note: You will be prompted to input your Account Number and Last Payment Amount.

You will also want to **disable autopay and remove your account from Xpress Bill Pay** (this is to ensure that you do not receive duplicate statements from both Municipal and Xpress Bill Pay during the transition. To do this, login in to your Xpress Bill Pay account and from the top menu select >>**Autopay** then select >>**Disable** (this is a toggle button to turn off autopay). Then from the top menu again select >> **Accounts** then select >> **Remove Account**. Logout of Xpress Bill Pay.

All online payment accounts must be switched over to the Municipal system by **March 31, 2021**.

If you pay your utility bill through your financial institution's Bill Pay option, you do not need to do anything. This change only impacts our current Xpress Bill Pay customers.

If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Department at 435-843-2150. Thank you!



Tooele City Cemetery

Weather permitting, the Tooele City Cemetery personnel will perform a complete clean-up of the Cemetery grounds beginning March 22, 2021. All decorations in the Cemetery will be discarded including items within the concrete border/lawnmower strip. At the discretion of the Cemetery staff, any decorations in vases that show weather damage will be removed and discarded. Beginning April 1, 2021 decorations may be placed on graves in accordance with Cemetery policy for summer months. You can find the policy on our website tooelecity.org or if you have any questions, please contact the Cemetery Records Office at 435-882-4241. Thank you for your help to keep our cemetery beautiful and clean!



SNOW EVENT PARKING:

City ordinance prohibits parking vehicles on city streets when snow is falling upon that vehicle or when snow or ice have accumulated in any amount on the right-of-way upon which that vehicle is parked. (Tooele City Code 10-3-6). Parks strips and sidewalks are part of the right-of-way, you may not park on them!

TRASH/DEBRIS ITEMS:

Any garbage/debris/unsightly objects must be properly disposed of within a timely manner. Section 8-4-4 1(b) and (e) of Tooele City code states these will be deemed a nuisance: (b) *the accumulation of garbage, refuse, or unsightly or deleterious objects or structures upon real property, unless contained in connection with an association lawfully situated and licensed for the same;* (e) *any other unsightly or deleterious condition that gives rise to a threat to human health or safety;*

INOPERABLE/ABANDONED VEHICLES:

Only two inoperable motor vehicles may be kept and must be placed behind a screened fence, or in an enclosed building. Vehicle coverings are not considered in compliance with this code. Section 8-4-4 1(c) and (d) of Tooele City code states such vehicles will be deemed a nuisance: (a) *junked, wrecked, or inoperable motor vehicles upon real property, for longer than 72 hours, except that up to 2 such vehicles or parts thereof may be stored within an enclosed building or completely screened by a sight-obscuring fence.* (d) *Abandoned motor vehicles.*

If you have any questions, please contact our Code Enforcement Officer at 435-843-2164 or visit tooelecity.org for the full city code.



Get Your Work Boots on and Join Tooele City Mayor Debbie Winn and the Tooele City Council for

#TakePrideTooele Day

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021
9 A.M.—12:00 NOON

Tooele City's 4th Annual #TakePrideTooele Spring Clean Up event! Projects, ideas, extra bulk waste days, and more information is available on our website tooelecity.org. Your family, business, or organization can sign up now by calling 435-843-2142.



Be sure to follow #TakePrideTooele Day on Facebook Live @tooelecity the day of the event!

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS:

For those who have not renewed their COMMERCIAL Business License: A penalty fee of 50% was assessed starting February 1st. Please be sure to renew your license! You have until March 15, 2021 to pay the licensing fee + the penalty fee. You can mail in your payment, drop your payment off in the Finance Department or in the drop box to the south of City Hall. **PLEASE indicate on the envelope for payment that it is a business license renewal AND please include your business license number.** Please note: The Finance Department is not able to take payments over the phone. If you are no longer in business please let us know in writing by e-mailing lisac@tooelecity.org and we will be happy to close your license. If you have questions, please contact our Business Licensing Specialist at (435) 843-2110.

Anyone offering a SERVICE from their home, for compensation, requires a Tooele City Business License. Call the Tooele City Business Licensing Office at 435-843-2110 for more information. Also, ALL door-to-door salespersons (Itinerant/Transient Merchants) must be licensed with Tooele City and must have a **2021 PINK Tooele City ID Badge** on and in plain sight. If a salesperson isn't wearing a badge, please call 435-843-2110 or Dispatch (after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends) at 435-882-5600. Please be sure to give a complete description of the individual & the direction they were headed.

COVID-19
VACCINE APPOINTMENTS
Now available to people 65+
Schedule appointments online at www.tooelehealth.org
or call 435-277-2484

KIDS CRAFT PICK UP
Let's Make Crafts!

March 11, April 8, May 13

Each month you will receive supplies to create two craft projects at home.
\$5.00 per month
Pick-up between 4:00 - 5:00 pm at Tooele City Hall (90 N. Main St.)

Register at tooelecity.org
Limited Space! Register today!
Questions call 435-843-2141.

POISON Help

Poison Prevention Week is March 21st-27th!
<http://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/>
To report a poisoning or possible poisoning, contact Tooele County Dispatch at 435-882-5600 or the Utah Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.

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HUNT FOR DANNY

Join us on the hunt for Danny the Digger on Facebook and Instagram to find clues for the Hunt for Danny.

The hunt begins March 26-31, 2021

Register to win an Easter Egg Hunt delivered to your home by visiting tooelecity.org.

Prizes will be delivered April 2, 2021

Questions? Call 435-843-2143

CONSERVATION GARDEN PARK

Would you like to learn more about landscaping in Utah's unique climate? The Conservation Garden Park and the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District are currently offering free online classes. More information at <https://conservationgardenpark.org/events>.

Library Events in March

- SPRING INTO STORYTIME:**
Every Wednesday in March at 10 a.m. Registration opens March 1st. Virtual preschool story time and weekly craft. Register here for your weekly craft and story time link >> <https://forms.gle/SsNDubBn5b1ZSxP8A>.
- TEEN TIME:** *Select Thursdays follow us on Instagram!*
[@tooelecitylibraryteens](http://tooelecitylibraryteens)
- **Take and Make DIY Kit: Mandala Rock Painting**
Google Meet event March 11 • 4 - 5 p.m.
 - **Teen Time Virtual Meet Up: Pringles Ring STEM Challenge**
Google Meet event March 25 • 4 - 6 p.m.

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LEPRECHAUN TRAPS!

Your family will be given the supplies to create a leprechaun trap!

Pre-register at tooelecity.org
Spots are limited!

Pick up will be at Tooele City Hall, 90 N. Main Street, Tooele—Room 101 on March 10, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Call 435-843-2143

Visit TOOELELIBRARY.ORG for information and to register for these SPECIAL EVENTS happening at the Library this month!

- **BLOOD DRIVE**
Monday, March 1 • 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- **THE MIDDLE PAGES: A TWEEN READERS AND WRITERS CLUB**
Google Meet for Readers: March 16 • 4 - 5 p.m.
Google Meet for Writers: March 30 • 4 - 5 p.m.
- **ADULT NIGHT: MINDFULNESS**
Friday, March 19 beginning at 5 p.m.
- **VIRTUAL FAMILY EVENT: MAGIC TRICKS**
Monday, March 22 beginning at 5 p.m.

128 W. Vine Street
435-882-2182
tooelelibrary.org

Development staff proved that we are prepared and ready for what Mother Nature brings our way.

The pandemic has taught us that we can adapt to problems and find new ways to provide services. Our library personnel implemented many new ways to serve over the phone and online. Books and other items were delivered safely to thousands of patrons through a vehicle pickup service. A new extended wi-fi service was installed to enable patrons to connect to the internet outside the library building and several blocks away. This allowed students to do their homework and some residents to work from home. The library staff was also instrumental in promoting the 2020 census count. Tooele City had a 75.6% self-response rate, the highest in our county.

Communities that Care (CTC) was able to offer Guiding Good Choices classes and QPR suicide prevention training by using a virtual format and socially distanced in person trainings. They also participated in many other activities in partnership with other community stakeholders including the Save the Family dinner event and other activities to bring families together.

CTC and the Parks and Recreation Department were able to partner with Parent's Empowered to implement a program for our youth, Danny's Summer Passport. Due to the pandemic, activities could be accessed virtually or could be picked up to do at home. We averaged about 80 participants each week. Over 2,600 passports were distributed and promoted through weekly emails to over 500 residents and through social media posts.

Twenty local families decorated Christmas trees in the downtown area and the lighting of the tree at Veterans Park was done through Facebook live.

We were still able to celebrate the 4th of July including fireworks, Miss Tooele City Pageant, decorating the downtown area, All American Dine Around to support local restaurants, Porch Decorating Contest, and Flag Raising Ceremony.

The "Seek On" statue has been placed in Veterans Memorial Park and we will officially dedicate it this year on Memorial Day. We are looking forward to that day when we can recognize and celebrate the service of our veterans.

This year Tooele City sponsored the first annual Haunted Historic Park at the Tooele Valley Museum and Historic Park. Over thirty local businesses and organizations helped to make the event a success through donations and volunteer hours. Even with COVID restrictions over 2,000 people were able to enjoy the displays and atmosphere at the Haunted Historic Park.

Oquirrh Hills Golf Course and the Pratt Aquatic Center have continued to provide recreation for our residents, despite the pandemic. Necessary steps to keep areas clean and sanitized have made it possible to keep the doors open as we adapted to rules set forth by the state.

Our parks department has been able to accomplish several projects during the past

year including: the installation of automated sprinklers at Tooele City Park which will help conserve water and no longer require a night waterer. This project was accomplished at a tenth of the budgeted contractor price, due to the knowledge and skill of our parks employees and with added equipment approved by the council.

We now have a beautiful fence surrounding our sacred cemetery. Our employees were able to remove the old fence, reducing the cost of labor, making this project a reality.

We saw the completion of the Elton Park walking path, which is providing additional safe places for community members to walk. Six additional pickleball courts will be completed as soon as the weather warms up and lighting has been installed on the complete court area to provide for residents to play during the cooler summer evening hours.

You may have noticed work being done on the outside of Tooele City Hall. We are in the process of cleaning the brick and then sealing it so that it will be restored to its original beauty.

Tooele City recently signed an interlocal agreement with the Tooele County School District that demonstrates a commitment to work together and share the use of public property and buildings. Partnerships like this show the public that we are using tax dollars in a sensible manner that benefits the entire community. I am grateful to Superintendent Rogers and the Tooele County Board of Education for their willingness to work together for our constituents.

The public works department continues to provide the necessary services for the residents. I appreciate the dedication and professionalism shown by these men and women.

The Water Department has implemented a plan to operate the wells more efficiently, resulting in a savings of 10% in energy costs. We have recently purchased property north of city limits for future water expansion.

2020 saw the completion of the drilling of the Berra and Park Wells. We are now ready for the construction of the well house buildings to be built this summer and then bring the wells online and into operation within the next 12 months.

A Water Conservation Plan is currently being designed so that we can help our residents better understand the importance of saving water. For the past few months, it looked as though we would not receive enough snowfall to provide the necessary water needed to get us through the summer. I am grateful for the snow fall we have received in the last few days. Although this will help with our water situation, we will still need to be cautious with this precious resource and conserve as much as possible.

We recently hired a new Water Reclamation Superintendent to help with improvements and expansion of the Water Reclamation Facility. This facility is currently installing needed updates to keep up with future growth. This year's budget of \$2,000,000 will allow us to begin expansion of the plant and stay ahead of the projected future capacity needs.

Our streets department has been working with limited budget funds to address the replacement of sidewalks throughout the city. Overgrown trees in park strips have caused a huge amount of damage to our sidewalks. Recently the city council approved additional funds to address the sidewalk repairs. In the next few months, we will announce a program that will allow residents to participate in a 50/50 grant program to help with sidewalk replacement. We have also recently completed the Tooele City Transportation Master Plan and the UTAH LTAP Road study which will help us plan for future road projects efficiently. I am appreciative of the efforts put forth by the streets crews as they maintain 147 miles of road with limited funds.

We were able to hire an Economic Development Administrator and grant writer to our staff this year. This has already proven to be a great decision. We were recently awarded a \$393,000 grant to replace much needed sidewalk, curb, and gutter along a section of Smelter Road east of 7th Street. We also secured a grant from UDOT through the safe routes to schools program, to install much needed sidewalk on a portion of West Vine Street near the high school. A grant through this same program, awarded last year, enabled us to complete a section of sidewalk along 7th Street, providing a safe sidewalk for students walking to Sterling Elementary.

Collaboration, partnerships, and working together as a team is the only way to accomplish great things. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with other elected officials in our county. We meet often to discuss the needs of our valley and how we can work together to solve difficult issues. Tooele City is also grateful for the collaboration we share with the Tooele Technical College and Utah State University Tooele Campus, who train and educate our workforce. I am grateful for the communication and support we receive from Tooele Army Depot and Dugway Proving Ground.

The council members and I are committed to being transparent and accountable. We will be proactive in water development and management of all water resources. We will manage future growth through our general plan and infrastructure studies. We are committed to making our community a place that residents can be proud of.

2020 was a most challenging year, but we proved to be resilient. I am honored to serve as your Mayor. May God continue to bless our beautiful city and the people who call Tooele City their home. Thank you.

~Mayor Debbie Winn



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