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What Is Happening In Hooper?

JULY 4th 2012 CELEBRATION &

FREEDOMMEMORIALDEDICATION

At Hooper Park

Flag Raising 7:00 AM

Hooper City Parade 10:30

Parade entry forms are available at the city office or by calling Lori Brinkerhoff 801-985-0947

FREEDOMMEMORIALDEDICATION

6:00 PM

Ceremony Includes:

Honoring 1,053 veterans who have lived in Hooper. Their names are on the memorial

Freedom Memorial Dedication
Presentations

Music by a Special Choir

More voices are needed. Would you like to sing in the choir? We practice every Wednesday at the Hooper Civic Center at 8:00 pm

Greg Simpson Band 7:30 PM

Food & Drink Vendors
Starting at 4:00 PM

FIREWORKS AT DARK

**Donations for the 4th of July
Fireworks are gladly being
accepted at the City Office**

On June 21st our City Council will Discuss the following items:

Acceptance and Approval of the 2012/2013 Budget

Although there are very limited anticipated revenues, through the efforts of our treasurer, staff and the council, the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year is balanced. There are some desirable projects that remain unfunded and city services are at the basics, but over all it meets the needs of the city. The council has tentatively approved the proposed budget and it will be presented for acceptance and formal approval at the June 21st meeting. Our thanks go to the hard work and long hours spent by those that made a balanced budget possible.

Sewer Fee Increase

The Central Weber Sewer Improvement District's expansion project is now complete. It is a very nice facility and they tell us it has capacity for many years to come. Now we have to pay for that expansion. CWSID has had four fee increases in four years. Fortunately, through efficiency and management, the first three were able to be absorbed by the city. Unfortunately, Hooper's share of the 4th increase is \$103,216 per year,

much too large for the city to absorb. Discussion as to how to pay that increase will be part of our City Council meeting on June 21st.

Hooper Park to be Renamed

The City Council, in the June 21st council meeting, will be voting on a resolution to rename Hooper Park the Hooper Reagan Park in honor of Ronald Reagan's 1982 visit to Hooper.

Have comments or opinions on these issues? You may share them at the council meeting or if you are unable to attend by contacting a council member and/or by e-mail to info@hoopercity.com.

Welcome

New Planning Commissioners

New to our Planning Commission are: Jeff Plane, Cindy Cox, Ryan Hill and Marcia Sutton. We are very grateful they are willing to serve.

Arena Bleachers

The next phase of the bleacher replacement project is now complete. There is a nice feature cast in the concrete protective wall. It reads;

HOOPER CITY ARENA

Home of Hooper Tomato Days Rodeo

Again this was paid for by RAMP Grant funds & donations from the Farm Bureau members. Thanks goes to them. The project was constructed by city employees. Great job guys!

TOMATO DAYS

Hooper Tomato Days is just a few weeks away. Please consider the following.

2012 Logo Design Contest

We need help creating the new 2012 Tomato Days Logo!! The winning design will be displayed on the 2012 Tomato Days T-shirt, advertising signage, and website. For Entry form, contest rules and other info see HooperCity.com.

Advance entry sign-ups for the following events may be made using the forms found at HooperCity.com. Click on Hooper Tomato Days

Miss Junior Queen Contest will be Saturday August 4th and Queen Contest Tuesday & Wednesday August 14th & 15th.

5K Run Monday September 3rd

Hooper Tomato Days Rodeo will be Saturday & Monday September 1st & 3rd. Rodeo Sign-Ups will begin Wednesday August 22nd at 5:00 PM at the Hooper Park Bowery..

Tomato Days celebration is a volunteer event. Many, many volunteers are needed for it's success. Let us know of your willingness to help by a call to Lisa Stringham 801-985-1057 or Bonnie Call 801-985-6149.

Did You Know?

Homemade ice cream was a popular summertime treat in Hooper over 90 years ago. But how is that possible when Hooper didn't have electricity then?

A few ice cream desiring families got together and built a "Icehouse" near a pond at 5000 South 7500 West. According to Jewel Widdison in her book Just in Hooper, the icehouse was about 15 feet square and was dug out much like a cellar. When the ice in the pond had frozen solid, a special ice saw was used to saw the ice into two foot square blocks. The blocks of ice were stack in the center of the ice house, leaving a space around the edge to fill with straw. Straw was also spread out between the layers of blocked ice. The top was completely covered over with straw and then dirt was mounded over that. When relief from the summer's heat was desired, a block of ice would be retrieved from the icehouse, placed in a gunny sack and smashed with the side of an axe. The crushed ice was used in a hand churned ice cream freezer creating the refreshing treat.

DUTCH OVEN SMOTHERED CHICKEN

6 chicken breasts - 1 quart chicken stock - 1 cup cream - ½ cup flour
2 small cans sliced mushrooms - 1 cup slivered almonds - 1 tablespoon lemon juice - cayenne pepper - paprika - salt
4 cups rice, cooked - oil

In 14" Dutch oven, cover bottom with oil. Fry chicken until almost done. Remove and set aside. Make sauce in the Dutch oven using chicken stock, cream and flour. Pour liquid from mushrooms into the sauce. Mix in mushrooms, almonds, seasonings and lemon juice. Add rice and chicken into sauce. Add salt and spices to taste. Cook for 45 minutes.

Utah Shake Out

On April 17 we participated in the Great Utah ShakeOut. City Staff and Emergency Preparedness Volunteers, County Leaders and others joined together in a discussion as to how prepared we are as a city to handle a wide spread disaster such as the proposed earthquake. Communication equipment and procedures were tested. It was an enlightening experience. Possible scenarios were discussed such as impassable roads, collapsed public buildings, trapped people, communication failures and non-serviceable utilities.

Probably the most important issue discussed is that in the event of a wide spread disaster Hooper, because of our geographical location, would be isolated from outside aid for perhaps several days. It was realized that personal and family preparedness was critical in an event such as this. A 72 hour kit would be good, but water, food, heat and sanitation preparations for a few weeks would be prudent. It is possible that the only help Hooper will get is the help we give ourselves. Two words to the wise, Be Prepared.

Citizen Spotlight

Hooper's Truly Oldest Citizen

Last issue we declared Lorell Widdison as Hooper's oldest citizen. It turns out Leonard Rumsey was born 69 days before her. Unless there is someone else we are unaware of, that makes Leonard our oldest citizen.

Leonard Rumsey was born to David and Lillie Rumsey in La Jara, Colorado on January 2, 1914. He grew up on a farm and loved riding horses. He also learned to love baseball and became catcher on the town team. He later moved to Kansas. While in Kansas he married Mildred Deines and they combined two families. During World War II he worked at Beech Aircraft and became an expert drop-hammer operator. After the war he moved his family back to Colorado for a time and then on to Utah. He was hired at HAFB because of his skill as a drop-hammer operator. He lived in Sunset until I-15 got underway. At that point the magnetism of farming drew him to the fertile soil of Hooper in 1962. He has been a devoted Hooperite ever since. While living here he has held numerous callings in the LDS church. He raised most of his family in Hooper. He and Mildred served together in the Arizona Tempe Mission and later as ordinance workers in the Ogden Temple. Through the years he has always valiantly defended the proper pronunciation of "Hooper". He loves Hooper, and has always been proud to call it home. He also loves to brag about Hooper tomatoes.

Info From The West Davis Corridor Folks

We are continuing to study both Alternatives A and B as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). Currently, we are drafting chapters of the Draft EIS document and conducting a detailed analysis on impacts such as noise, water quality, and air quality. The result of this in-depth analysis will be reflected in the Draft EIS and available for public comment and at public hearings this fall 2012. A final decision is not expected until 2013.