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## What Is Happening In Hooper?

### Trails

A portion of the sales tax that we pay in Weber County creates a fund pool for community development in the areas of Recreation, Arts, Museum and Parks (RAMP). These funds are divided into two groups: Large projects and small projects. Hooper City has been awarded \$227,587 from large project funds to complete the trail from 5350 South along 5500 West to the Weber/Davis County line. Our city has previously been awarded \$84,615 from Utah Division of Parks and Recreation Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding for this section of our trails. Combining the RAMP grant and the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation Federal Recreational Trails Program Funding grant, the two sections of trail remaining along 5500 West can be completed with very little cost to Hooper. Davis County has plans to bring their trail system to the county line connecting to this trail project. This will be a safer place to walk, bike or jog along our narrow roads, while enjoying the rural ambiance of our city.

### Arena Bleachers

The old wooden bleachers that have been used at Hooper Park are being replaced with new, safer and better aluminum bleachers. Last year this was partially accomplished. The Hooper Farm Bureau has \$20,000 remaining from their past involvement in Tomato Days and has offered that money to go towards the bleacher replacement project. Using the Farm Bureau's money as matching funds, we applied for a small project RAMP grant to add more of the safer aluminum bleachers at the arena. The RAMP committee agreed with our project and awarded Hooper \$27,000 for the bleachers. Again combining the two funds together, the bleacher project can be accomplished with very little cost to the City. This not only provides a safer place to enjoy arena events, but it accommodates more spectators increasing the financial success of events.

### Law Enforcement

You may have heard or read in the newspaper that the manner in which Weber County Sheriff's department will be collecting funds will be changing. The motivation for this change, according to the county, is that municipalities that have their own police departments are paying the same property tax as cities that use the sheriff for law

enforcement but they don't receive equal services. There are 7 other cities that contract with the sheriff for their law enforcement and we all pay extra for that service. In the case of Hooper we pay in addition to the county property tax approximately \$280,000 per year, an amount Sheriff Thompson tells us is insufficient for the service provided. The County is proposing reducing all county property tax by an amount (one amount proposed is \$12.00 per \$100,000 of taxed value) and then charging serviced cities "a more fair rate." In the case of Hooper the proposed new rate is \$487,148. An amount we cannot afford.

When Hooper City was created in 2000, we inherited two small existing special service district property taxes. One for Parks and one for the Cemetery. Other than those we do not have a city property tax. Even if we create a city tax to claim the \$12.00 reduced by the county that would only provide Hooper about \$34,000. That is far short of covering the \$207,000 increase.

In the first proposal by Sheriff Thompson and other county officials, we were given until March 31<sup>st</sup> to make a decision as to what we're going to

#### HOOPER TRIVA

1. The largest Weber County city is Ogden with 27.09 sq. miles the smallest is Unita with just 1 sq. mile. How big is Hooper geographically?
2. Hooper's population as of the 2000 census was 3926. What is it as of the 2010 census?
3. The most population dense Weber County city is Roy with 4659 people per square mile. How densely populated is Hooper?
4. The Highest Weber County city property tax rate is Ogden City's at \$176 per \$100,000. Where does Hooper Rank?

Law Enforcement Continued; do for law enforcement with implementation by the end of this year. Because of much outcry from the cities involved, the decision date has been changed to August 31<sup>st</sup> with an implementation date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

We as a city will consider and are exploring many options. These options include contracting with another agency, combining our funds with other cities and creating a police department, and even paying the sheriff's increase amount is in the debate. An entertaining thought would be to hire a Andy Taylor and a Barney Fife. We will keep information coming as it is available.

**Marcia's**

**Chicken and Artichoke Soup**

Ingredients: 4 chicken breasts, 1 onion, chopped, 2 cans cream of chicken soup, 2 cans cream of celery soup, 8 oz jar of artichoke hearts (chop finely), 1 can diced green chilies, 1 quart half and half, 1 pound pepper jack cheese (grated), salt and pepper to taste.

Preparation: Poach chicken, then shred or cube it. In your stock pot, saute onion in a little olive oil. Add chicken and remaining ingredients except cheese. When hot stir in cheese until melted. Enjoy. Serves 8-10

**Sewer**

You also may be aware of the \$140,000 bond that Central Weber Sewer Improvement District has for the plant expansion. They are now paying on that bond and passing those cost to it's users. To Hooper City that means an increase of \$25,804 per quarter. There have been much smaller increases from CWSID in the past few years and through better efficiency Hooper has been able to absorb them without an increase to our sewer users. With this increase we are not going to be able to find it in just better management. Watch for more information on this issue.

Hooper's sewer staff is challenged with having to frequently disassemble pumps to remove items that should not be in the sewer system. As areminder, the following are items should not be flushed or otherwise do not belong in the sewer system;

Disposable diapers, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, cotton balls, wood, large amounts

of grains, grease, fats, oils, fibrous materials, Q-tips, sucker sticks, paints, thinners, paper towels, clothing of any kind, metal, live seeds, hazardous chemicals, sponges, scouring pads, feminine napkins, tampons, plastic, auto fluids, sand, toys, or household trash.

A product may indicate that it is flushable but it may not be pumpable.

**West Davis Corridor**

Comments from Wasatch Front Regional Council

We are continuing to study both Alternatives A and B as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). At this time, there is not a preferred alternative and no final decisions have been made. Over the next few months, we will perform a detailed impact analysis to compare these alternatives further. The results of this in-depth analysis will be reflected in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which will be presented for public comment at a series of opening houses in late summer 2012.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with a project team member to discuss the alternatives and potential impacts in further detail, please feel free to contact us at 877-298-1991 or [westdavis@utah.gov](mailto:westdavis@utah.gov)



**Hooper City's Easter Egg Hunt At Hooper Park**

6100 West 5600 South  
Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM  
Ages 1 to 12

3 and under - Meet at the East Gate  
4 to 6 - Meet at the South Gate  
7 to 9 - Meet at the Northeast Gate  
10 to 12 Meet at the Northwest Gate  
Bring your camera and have your picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rabbit

**Night Time Hunt - 9:00 PM**

Ages 13 to 18 - Meet at the South Gate or the East Gate

**BRING YOUR FLASHLIGHTS!**



**Citizen Spotlight  
Happy 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Hooper's Oldest Citizen**

Lorell Widdison was born on March 12, 1914 in Ogden Utah. She was the first of 6 children of Charles James and Teresa Malan Hobbs. She graduated from Ogden High School.

After graduating, she worked at Intermountain Knitting Mills where she sewed made-to-order dresses. She met Howard Widdison at a MIA Music Festival. After his mission, they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on September 16, 1938. They made their home in Hooper where Howard farmed and Lorell helped him.

They were blessed with seven children, Jim, Ann, Dale, Garth, Dan, Kent, and Connie. Five of her children still live in Hooper.

In 1966 she went to work at Utah Tailoring Mills where she sewed custom made dresses. She retired in 1980, and she and Howard served a mission in the Rapid City South Dakota Mission.

Howard passed away in 1997, but Lorell is still going strong. She still lives in the same home she has lived in for more than 72 years. She enjoys visiting with her family, going to the senior's lunch every Thursday, reading and singing in the ward choir.

**CALENDAR**

City Council Meetings  
1st and 3rd Thursdays 7:00 PM  
at the Hooper Civic Center

Planning Commission Meetings  
2nd Thursdays 7:00 PM  
at the Hooper Civic Center

Easter in the Park  
April 7th  
Hooper Park 9:00 AM

City Office Hours  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Monday thru Thursday

Answers to Hooper Trivia

1. We are 2nd largest with 26.9 square miles which includes Fremont Island - Roy is 3rd with 7.9 square miles
2. 7218 - Which is 184% growth in 10 years
3. We are 2nd to the least dense with 268 people per sq. mile. Marriott-Slaterville is the least dense at 226 ppsm.
4. 4th to the lowest at \$45 per \$100,000 of taxed value.

Observation: Hooper does a lot with a little.