

Our City

June 1st ought to bring stable weather patterns and a sense of summer, yet today is cooler and overcast and the long term forecast looks up and down too. Nonetheless, we had awesome weather for the past Memorial Day weekend; and while I noticed many out on the reservoir and on the golf course I hope folks chose to at least privately recognize the holiday for its true intent and purpose. Regardless of the weather school is out and summer is here and with it if you are like me at all a need to be outside doing something enjoyable.

I get a bit of criticism at times about the praise I give our City employees; frankly I take it as a compliment. So, I need to thank all of our employees for doing their very best by you this spring. I would specifically like to thank Cody Moldenhauer and Chris Fehringer for getting the golf course and city parks into such great shape. Our golf pro Denny Howell has prizes lined up for all our new summer golf events. Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to noon will be family days and times; and families will golf for free on those days and times. Also, a youth league has started to encourage kids to pick up the game of golf. The Youth League will be held Tuesdays through the start of school in August. The league includes a golf lesson from Denny beginning each Tuesday morning; those league members who golf three of the four weeks each month will have their names entered into a drawing for prizes such as a variety of clubs and other essential accessories. The league will be non-competitive and designed to be educational and fun. A Couples' Night will be offered on Fridays. Again this is a non-competitive offering where couples who sign up and participate regularly will have their names entered into a drawing for a "date-night package" each month. The last Friday of each month will also include a catered meal function to coincide with the drawing. It should be great fun! Please check with Denny, Jo, Chelsea or Vivian at the club house for more details on each of these new opportunities.

In regard to other outdoor opportunities, the new tennis courts are under construction. It may take a bit longer than originally thought as we try and piggyback loads of asphalt with other city projects to help keep pricing manageable. As I have mentioned early but could not confirm until now, Pickle Ball court lines will also be included on the new tennis courts to help maximize their use. So as we coordinate road repair and the tennis courts I ask once again for your patience; they will be done.

In further efforts to maximize our outdoor opportunities, I met last Tuesday with representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation, County, State Parks and our partners at JUB Engineering to once again begin work on a trail system to connect Seagull Bay to Massacre Rocks. Don't get too excited - any trail is a long way off yet. More stakeholder meetings will take place over the next year or so as we work with JUB to compile a Federal Lands Access grant that may make many things possible that were not possible a few years ago. If you have an interest either positively or negatively in some type of trail system connecting the two areas, please contact me at City Hall and I will be more than happy to speak with you about it.

As Sally and I enjoyed dinner on our deck last night, Tom and Linda Dieffenbach came by on their nightly walk and we invited them in for refreshments. Like the weather, the conversation was pleasant and comfortable. And, in small towns all over the country I would like to imagine that others were doing the same thing; neighbors and friends enjoying the pleasant things in

life. Does it really get any better than that? Whether you golf with your family, play court games or go for walks through the cityscape or countryside, it's what makes small town America so great; yet, unassuming. And, yes Linda, neighbors like you and Tom are indeed what make American Falls the best place to live.

Until next week...