New Landscaping at City Library

Jaret Wilson

The Tooele City Library got a new look with the help of a local scout. Jaret Wilson moved to Tooele in August of 2005. When he went to sign up for a library card, he noticed that the library did not have much landscaping. Jaret decided this would be a good Eagle Scout project. Jaret researched different types of plants on the internet, books and catalogs until he found plants that were drought tolerant and able to live without much sunlight. After the plants were selected, Jaret presented his plan to the City and the Master Gardener. Karen Emery, Tooele City Librarian, said “Jaret did his homework and did an excellent job planning and carrying out his project.” After the City installed the sprinkler system, Jaret organized volunteers to help do the planting. There were about 30 people that showed up to help, which made the work go quickly. The Librarian was happy to have the landscaping done. She said, “It is long overdue. I think it is wonderful that the citizens of Tooele and the patrons of the library care enough to make a difference.”

As you are visiting the library, check out the beautiful new landscaping!

Thanks Jaret, for a job well done!

Basic Turfgrass Care

This information provided by Kelly Kopp, Assistant Professor and Extension Water Conservation and Turfgrass Specialist.

Mowing is the most basic cultural practice for managing your lawn and is one of the easiest things you can do to improve the grass’s appearance. Proper mowing controls most weeds, increases the density and uniformity of the turf, and helps maintain healthy plants.

It’s easy to mow properly, but there are a few things to consider. Different turfgrass species require different mowing heights, however, the commonly used turfgrass species for lawns in Utah, can all be mowed at a height of 2-4 inches. This may be higher than you currently mow your lawn, but there are good reasons for raising your mowing height.

- Taller grass usually means deeper roots. This is important in our cool-arid climate because it allows the grass to use water that is deeper in the soil. In a drought, deeper roots can mean the difference between an attractive, healthy lawn and a thin, weak one. Consider

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Basic Fertilization for Your Lawn

To answer the question of how much fertilizer to put onto your lawn, first consider your level of maintenance and use of the lawn. In general, cool-season grasses require from 2-5 lbs. of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. per year. Rates at the higher end (4-5 lbs.) are for only the most intensively used and managed turfgrasses. The higher rates may also be appropriate for play areas where the grass needs to repair itself due to traffic. A moderate level of maintenance (for a typical home lawn) requires only 2-3 lbs. of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. per year. The timing of fertilizer application is dictated by the growth pattern of the grass and it’s best to fertilize when the plants can take up the nutrients most effectively. The following table illustrates proper scheduling and amounts of fertilization (all amounts are in pounds of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft.):

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mowing grass in shaded areas higher than in sunny areas because the higher mowing height allows more leaf area to collect available sunlight.

How often should you mow? Just remember the “1/3 Rule.” Ideally, you should never mow more than 1/3 of the total length of the grass blades off at a time. For example, if your lawn is a little more than 4 inches high, mow no lower than 3 inches. If your lawn is VERY long, it’s best to gradually lower the mowing height over several mowings, down to your desired mowing height.

We have all cut an overgrown lawn down all at once and it grows fine. The key is not to repeat that practice over and over. Turfgrass is forgiving, but only a few times.

Finally, return or mulch the clippings whenever possible. These clippings return nitrogen to the soil and help decrease evaporation. Why bag and/or landfill your clippings when they can save you money and be such a benefit to your lawn?

No Tobacco Use Is Permitted by Students, Teachers, Staff, Parents or Visitors On School Property at Any Time.

School District Defines Tobacco Policy

How familiar are you with the school district tobacco free policy?

In a nutshell, the policy states, “The Tooele County School District and property shall be tobacco free 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. This includes all days when school is not in session and during functions taking place on school grounds, such as athletic functions and other activities not associated with or sponsored by the school.”

Smoking is not allowed during summer months, city or county sporting events or during non-school hours. All school district property is tobacco free.

This policy pertains to students as well as adults who may be visiting school property.

If you would like more information or have questions concerning the policy, contact Rachael Cowan or Melanie Castagno at the Tobacco Prevention Office with the Tooele County School District at 833-1900.

Tooele Pioneer Day Children’s Parade

Pioneer Day celebrates Utah’s heritage and is a time to remember pioneers who founded Utah. The Tooele Pioneer Day Children’s Parade is for everyone of all denominations to enjoy.

Children ages 12 and under are invited to be in the parade. Pioneer costumes are encouraged. Decorated bikes and floats are always welcome.

The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 22nd.

Because of safety reasons, there is a new parade route this year. The parade will begin at the high school and end at the high school. Maps of the exact parade route are posted at local businesses. Remember to look for these maps as you do your shopping.

Bring a picnic for your family to enjoy at the City Park after the parade. There will be food and drink vendors, live performances and pioneer games to enjoy at the park.

If you have questions about the parade, please call Samm Seals at 882-1483.

New Site for RV Dump Station

The City’s RV Dump station has been moved. The facility at 600 North is now permanently closed. We invite you to use the new station located off of SR-36 and 900 South on the west side of the fueling station property.

The RV Dump Station is for personal recreational vehicles only. There is NO commercial dumping allowed of any kind.

If you have any questions about the RV dump, please call the Public Works Department at 843-2137.

Happy camping!

Community Events

- July 4 City Offices closed in observance of Independence Day. See back page for full schedule of events.
- July 5 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 7 Fridays on Vine 7:00 pm- performer to be announced.
- July 11 Tooele Downtown Development Alliance Meeting at Pioneer Museum 7:00 pm
- July 12 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 14 Fridays on Vine 7:00 pm-The Dugway Old-Fashioned Fiddlers
- July 19 City Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 21 Fridays on Vine 7:00 pm- performer to be announced.
- July 22 Tooele Pioneer Day Parade 10:00 am
- July 24 City Offices closed in observance of Pioneer Day.
- July 26 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- July 28 Fridays on Vine 7:00 pm-performer to be announced.

New location for RV Dump Station: SR-36 and 900 South on the west side of the fueling station property.

Summer Activities:
- Swimming Lessons - Pratt Aquatic Center—July 17th and July 31st sessions. Call 882-3247.
- Tooele Railroad Museum open Tues. through Sat. 1-4 pm. Train rides for children on Sat.
- Summer Craze Day Camps Sponsored by 4H Extension Office & Tooele City Parks & Rec. Department, call 843-2142.
FOURTH OF JULY
Tooele City Celebration

Independence Day Theme: “Soaring on the Wings of Freedom”

7:00—8:30 a.m. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST at Veterans’ Memorial Park

8:45 a.m. 5K RUN, begins on Skyline. Registration at 7:15 a.m. or register at Dave’s Drugs or on line at www.tooelecity.org. St. George Marathon entry will be awarded.

9:00 a.m. FLY OVER—Jets from Hill Air Force Base

PARADE, begins at 2nd South & 2nd East, ends at Tooele City Park, 2nd West & Vine St.

After Parade PARK ACTIVITIES at the Tooele City Park, 2nd West & Vine St.

4:00 p.m. BATTLE OF BANDS at the Tooele City Park, 2nd West & Vine St.

10:00 p.m. FIREWORKS at the Deseret Peak Complex

Tooele City encourages everyone to be careful while enjoying the parade. Parents please keep your children close by you during the parade so that they will be safe. Thank you.

RODEO
July 3rd and 4th

All Events at the Deseret Peak Complex

7:00 p.m. Muttin’ Bustin’
8:00 p.m. Bit & Spur Rodeo

Monday, July 3rd, is Family Night

Jay DeLaMare is Grand Marshall

Discount pre-sale tickets can be purchased at Deseret Peak Feed, La Hispana Market and 7-Eleven. Pre-sale tickets for the Rodeo on July 4th can also be purchased at the City Park during the 4th of July activities.