As I write this article, I’m looking out my window, watching a steady downpour of rain – finally. After a very warm winter, with little moisture, the recent rain has been a blessing, but it’s still not enough. April showers won’t even come close to meeting the short-term and long-term water needs. For that reason, I want to mention small conservation efforts that can make a big difference.

First, there are municipal level conservation efforts, which include outdoor watering restrictions. Second, there are tips that can help residents change their water habits.

In American Fork, we have specific watering restrictions:

- Residents who live in a property ending in an even number (like 1852), are asked to water on “even” days (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays);
- Residents who live in a property ending in an odd number are asked to water on “odd” days (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays);
- All residents can “spot water” on Sundays.
- Our automatic sprinkler residents are asked to water before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m.
- Our manual sprinkler residents are asked to water during the day, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. (along with industrial and small commercial businesses to offset peak watering times).
- Also, water on fewer days a week, for less time.

You can also conserve water by installing drip irrigation. (Drip systems allow you to get moisture to plants with less water.)

They shared a three-pronged strategy to secure Utah’s water future: 1. Protect water by replacing aging water infrastructures; 2. Conserve; and 3. Identify projects that grow and capture Utah water shares. Numbers 1 and 3 sound daunting, but conservation is easily done. Some ideas to conserve are as follows:

- Don’t leave water running while brushing your teeth.
- Cut shower time or shower one day less each week.
- Keep water in the fridge to chill, instead of running water in the sink, waiting for it to get cold.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Check faucets, pipes, toilets and sinks for leaks, if any, fix them, and install low-flow fixtures.

An employee at the City keeps a printed Tanzanian proverb at her desk. It says, “Little by little, a little becomes a lot.” I always find it a profound reminder that every effort by every one of us matters.

For information about water conservation, I recommend: www.prep60.org www.waterusewisely.com

To sign up for paperless billing or auto-pay, or to receive your newsletter online simply create an account with Xpress Bill Pay at www.xpressbillpay.com. You will need to create an account using your utility account number and e-mail address.
**WISE WOMEN**

If you are a woman between ages 50 to 64, the Utah County Health Department’s BeWise program could help.

It offers a free blood pressure check, cholesterol, sugar/glucose screenings, a voucher for a free mammogram, breast exam, pap test, and if treatment necessary, a first visit to medical provider will be paid.

BeWise also offers qualifying participants a Lifestyle Coach who will review screenings and assist women in setting personal goals.

Regardless of income or age, the BeWise program also offers regular classes on health topics such as diabetes and blood pressure maintenance, healthy cooking, weight loss, and even Zumba exercise classes.

To learn more, or to see if you qualify, please go to www.UtahCountyHealth.org/BeWise or call (801) 851-7031.

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**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES to be voted on in the American Fork City Municipal General Election on November 3, 2015**

(If a Primary Election is needed it will be on August 11, 2015)

Three (3) City Council Members - 4 year term each

The Candidate Filing Period will be Monday, June 1 – Monday, June 8, 2015

Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petition must be filed in person with the City Recorder at 51 East Main, American Fork, Utah between the hours of 8 a.m and 5 p.m.

Candidate Filing Deadline Ends Monday, June 8 at 5 pm.

For further information on the Declaration of Candidacy, please contact the Recorder’s Office at 801-763-3000.

20A-9-203 Declarations of candidacy -- Municipal general elections.

1) A person may become a candidate for any municipal office if:

(i) the person is a registered voter; and

(ii) the person has resided within the municipality in which that person seeks to hold elective office for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election; or

(ii) if the territory in which the person resides was annexed into the municipality, the person has resided within the annexed territory or the municipality the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

For purposes of determining whether a person meets the residency requirement of Subsection (1)(a)(B)(I) in a municipality that was incorporated less than 12 months before the election, the municipality shall be considered to have been incorporated 12 months before the date of the election.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (1)(a), each candidate for a municipal council position shall, if elected from a district, be a resident of the council district from which elected.

(c) In accordance with Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to hold elective office is restored under Section 20A-2-101.3 or 20A-2-101.5.

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**AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL BAND HOSTS “FLY ME TO THE MOON” FUNDRAISER**

**WHEN: MAY 15 AND 16**

**WHERE: AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRICE: $25 PER PERSON**

The event will feature dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

You can purchase tickets until May 14 at Fresh Market in American Fork, or you can buy tickets online at americanforkband.com.

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**PANCAKES ARE THE HOT THING**

**Veterans Breakfast to help Operation Teddy Bear**

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4918 is putting on a pancake breakfast, Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Veteran’s Hall, 53 N. Center St. The price for adults is $5, teens $3, and children 10 and under $1. Proceeds will go toward Operation Teddy Bear.

Right now there are more than 100 children in Utah who have a mom or dad overseas in harm’s way. Comfort bears help kids deal with the separation anxiety.

**Fire Department to host Annual Memorial Day Breakfast**

Monday, May 25, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the American Fork Fire Department to host Annual Memorial Day Breakfast. It’s summer, and often, a time when the dog’s gone wild.

If you are a dog owner, make sure you properly care for them, have them licensed, and ensure they are not loose in your neighborhood.

If you have questions, call animal control at (801) 763-3020.

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**NOTICE**

**The City of American Fork, as part of its routine budget process, is anticipating approving an overhead allocation from the water/sewer fund to the general fund. This allocation is to cover expenditures incurred by the general fund on behalf of the water/sewer fund.**

We are also anticipating a transfer from the water/sewer fund to the general fund to cover the cost of culinary water, sewer, storm and secondary irrigation used by the buildings and properties of the general government.

The transfers and overhead allocations consist of the following:

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**Hearings on the tentative budget will be held May 12th at the Old City Hall, 31 North Church Street at the following times:**

- Building Authority: 7 p.m.
- RDA (Redevelopment Agency): 7:10 p.m.
- General operating budget: 7:30 p.m.

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