

DANIEL TOWN NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first edition of a newsletter that we hope will become a great way to find out what is happening in Daniel, answer questions, give contact information, and dispel rumors.

Did you know that Daniel has been a legal town since February 2006, and you are receiving this because you are a citizen? You can change your mailing address to Daniel, UT 84032, and your mail will still come right to your mailbox. It's official, and it looks like we are here to stay!

Your town officers are:
Mayor Michael Duggin
Councilmember Eric Bunker
Councilmember Jonathan Blotter
Councilmember Daniel Harvath
Councilmember Gary Walton

ELECTION TIME

Your original town officers were appointed by the Wasatch County Council as per Utah State Statute. On November 6, we will be officially electing 2 town council members for a 4 year term. Our candidates are Jon Blotter, Eric Bunker, and Lynn T. (Boots) Crisler, and you will vote for two. Daniel residents will also be voting on the Education Voucher issue, but we will not be allowed to vote on the "Big Box" issue. That will be decided strictly by the residents of Heber City. Our polling location is the New Library/Senior Citizens Center, 465 E. 1200 S. in Heber City and will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Please be sure that your ballot is the correct one for Daniel residents. Daniel has a reputation for turning out to vote in high numbers, and

since this is our first election as a town, let's make it a great one. If you need a ride to the polls, please contact Election Clerk Merry Duggin at 654-5062, and she will do her best to accommodate you. VOTE!

WEBSITE

From our website www.danielutah.org you **can** contact your town council and mayor by email to let them know what you're thinking. On the site, you'll see that we have plans to bring you as much information as possible concerning town meetings, agendas, minutes, etc. Our codes and ordinances are current, but the other categories are not up to date. If you are a webmaster or otherwise know what you are doing around a computer, and you'd like to volunteer to help us get up to speed, please contact us. We could use you! Hopefully newsletters, such as this one, will become obsolete once everyone gets accustomed to knowing where to go to get the facts and current information.

ITEMS OF INTEREST: Did you know....

...that there is a petition for incorporation (new town) of the area just to the south of Daniel? This is a huge area, and **if** the effort is successful, it could have a major impact on our traffic and on our water source. Be assured that we are watching this carefully.

...that some county residents are petitioning to annex into Daniel because they see what a positive experience being in our town is? We would welcome them. Daniel is absolutely **not**

considering annexing the Gun Range. This was a ridiculous rumor.

...the Council has been approached by an applicant who wants to open a girls' boarding school in Daniel? No location has been designated, and no decision has been made.

...Wheeler Park (Heber City subdivision on our northern border) recently installed a sewer line in the middle of Daniel Rd? We hope that the existing road repair is only temporary. We hold a bond and hope that they will resurface the road in the spring.

...Daniel Town has added nothing to your property taxes due on November 30? All the tax funds go to Wasatch County, and the increases are due to reassessments, increased property values, and increased bonding by the county.

...until Daniel became a town, UDOT considered 3000 South the most obvious choice for a southern bypass? Our leaders have made it clear that we will fight this vigorously.

...for 16 months our town operated with totally volunteer efforts and donations (no tax revenue). We still have only 4 paid positions: Mayor Duggin, Planning Eric Bunker, Treasurer Dan Harvath, and Recorder Marilou Hall. Everyone else volunteers their time.

SNOWPLOW

Boots Crisler is the go-to man for the winter season, and he tells us that the plow is ready for action. It's old and slow but does a good job. You are responsible for being able to get out of your own driveway, but if you have trouble on the road, you can reach Boots at 654-1654.

EDITORIAL

Unless you were involved in the incorporation process, you cannot imagine the labor required to bring this town into existence, but I believe it was the right thing to do. We have amazingly talented people working on our behalf, and I know of no financial or personal gain to any of them. The process has been and remains completely open and transparent. The overriding philosophy of your town government has been to maintain your quality of life at the least possible financial cost to you, its citizens. I hope that you have watched what is happening in the rest of the valley and agree that incorporation was our best option. If you now would like to be more involved, there are ample opportunities. You could start by coming to our town council meetings. We have two more in 2007 (Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 at 5:30 PM in the Wasatch County Services Bldg at 55 South 500 East, North Conference Room). The Council welcomes public comment at these open meetings. You will find that the issues facing us are complex, controversial, and life changing. Come and make your opinions known. You might find that you like what you see and hear—or not, but it would be good to be involved either way. The time for sitting back and doing nothing might have worked in the past, but the future is uncertain. Please become active. We need you! I welcome your comments and responses to this newsletter. **VOTE!**

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