

# Harrisville Happenings

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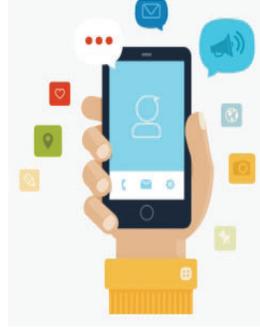
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## Mayor's Message

I had a wonderful conversation over the phone a few weeks ago. A resident had some questions about having a Big Box store within Harrisville City and the sales tax associated with it and why we weren't flush with money coming from the sales tax revenue as had been promised when the store was opening to do business here over 20 years ago.



This may have been more of a reality when Walmart first came into Harrisville. But, as often happens, outside factors have changed and there are some challenges to consider. One item to consider is the number of resources the city expends with local businesses. Although we are happy to provide services and help with the needs of all our businesses, there is a lot of time and effort, along with extra patrol officers to help cover those needs.

Another item of discussion was the change in the disbursement of sales tax coming from the state legislators. In around 2008 or so, sales tax stopped being distributed exclusively to the physical location of these stores. The reasoning behind this is not only does the local community shop in those retail stores, but surrounding communities lacking access to shopping where they live, come to shop in those stores. To make things more equitable, 50 percent of the sales tax was distributed to the city where the store was located, and another 50 percent was distributed throughout the state to other communities based on population. This distribution is governed by the State Finance Commissions. This law was amended in approximately 2016 and is being considered again this upcoming legislative season.

How can you help our community? By using Harrisville as your address on all household bills so the sales tax collected can be distributed appropriately. This is especially important right now as online shopping for Christmas is in full force. Be mindful and double check before checking out, particularly when some websites auto-fill your address information.

Again, I want to thank anyone who reaches out to understand the workings of the city and encourage more to do the same.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season and Merry Christmas!

Michelle Tait  
Mayor



## Weber CTC Article



The holidays provide many opportunities for families to spend quality time together. Having conversations and listening are truly important in making your kids feel that what they share is important, and a crucial way to establish strong family bonds. Research has shown that when children feel bonded to their family, it enhances their mental well-being, and they are less likely to engage in risky behaviors like using substances underage. In the science of prevention, family bonds are referred to as a "protective factor" for children.

We hope you can all spend time building protective factors as a family this holiday. This can be as simple as sharing family traditions, telling your favorite holiday stories while driving in the car and looking at Christmas lights, eating dinner together and talking about your day, or attending one of the many events that happens in Weber County this holiday season. Consider volunteering together, baking, and decorating cookies, or playing a board/card game. By doing these things, memories will be made that will be cherished and loved by all.

Weber CTC wants to be a resource for you this holiday season, please follow us on social media to stay up to date on family bonding opportunities happening in your community. We appreciate your help and support this past year.

Instagram: @WeberCTC

FB: /WeberCTC

Website: <https://www.weberctc.org/>



## Harrisville City Giving Tree Information



### 2022 Harrisville City Giving Trees

The City Giving Trees are up this Holiday Season! We are excited to help several families in need throughout our community. Here are some instructions on how to “give” with our trees:

1. Select a “**Gift Tag**” from a tree located at Harrisville City Office, Harrisville Walmart, or Harrisville Chili’s.
2. Purchase the item on the Gift Tag.
3. Return the item to Harrisville City Offices wrapped **WITH** the Gift Tag attached by **December 21st at 5:00 p.m.**

Please feel free to reach out to Harrisville City Offices at (801) 782-4100 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

## Resident Reminders

The City has received several complaints of late about unrestrained animals in the city parks. According to HCMC §9.04.050 - Leash Law, dogs are to be restrained on a proper leash at all times on the public-right-of-way and in public places. HCMC §9.04.070 - Right-a-way, states animals walked on the public right-of-way or designated public property shall be handled in a leash at all times. Harrisville City contracts with Weber County Animal Servicesto handle any animal violations to the city code. Please contact them directly at 801-399-8244 for further assistance.

Curtesy reminder: HCMC §06.07.030 - Winter Parking Restrictions are now in affect. No vehicle, trailer, or other object shall park on any road from November 1 to April 1 each year. Any vehicle, trailer, or object so parked or placed, is hereby declared a public nuisance and is subject to immediate abatement.

## City Event Schedule

All City Meetings / Events for the month of December will be as follows unless otherwise posted:

**THURSDAY**  
DEC 8 **Project Management Meeting**  
Meeting begins at 9 AM

**TUESDAY**  
DEC 13 **City Council Meeting**  
Meeting begins at 7 PM

**WEDNESDAY**  
DEC 14 **Planning Commission Meeting**  
Meeting begins at 7 PM

**THURSDAY**  
DEC 15 **Santa Parade 5PM - Majestic Elementary**  
**Santa Meet & Greet 7PM - City Cabin**

**SANTA** *at the* **CABIN**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**  
(725 W Harrisville Road, Harrisville)

**SANTA**  
PARADE  
begins at 5 PM

**SANTA**  
MEET & GREET  
at the Cabin  
7 - 8:30 PM

The Santa Parade will begin at Majestic Elementary and end at the armory parking lot on West Harrisville Road. Route posted on city website at [www.cityofharrisville.com](http://www.cityofharrisville.com). The Santa Meet & Greet will begin at 7 PM at the cabin.

**DEC 23**  
to **JAN 3**

### Holiday Break

City Offices will be closed Dec 23 at noon and will reopen on Jan 3 at 8 AM.

Access to agendas and meeting information may be found on the city website within 24 hours of the scheduled meeting at [www.cityofharrisville.com](http://www.cityofharrisville.com) or the Public Notice Website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>. All meetings will be held at the Harrisville City Offices located at: 363 W Independence Blvd, Harrisville, UT 84404. For questions or special accommodations contact the city offices at least 24 hours before any meeting at (801)782-4100. All meetings are noticed and recorded according to the Utah Open Meetings Act (UCA §52-4).