



# Sugar City

## JULY 2020

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### CALENDAR

- July 2 - Planning and Zoning 7:00 pm by ZOOM
- July 3 – City Hall Closed
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 9 – City Council 6:30 pm by ZOOM
- July 16 - Planning and Zoning 7:00 pm by ZOOM
- July 23 - City Council 6:30 pm by ZOOM

### Dates to Remember:

- August 6 - Planning & Zoning 7:00 pm by ZOOM
- \*\*\*All city meetings are subject to change - see city website for meeting schedules\*\*\*

### PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

#### ANNUAL CITY WATER QUALITY REPORT:

Citizens can find the report on our website, view or pick up a copy at city hall or see it posted in the post office.

#### TREE TRIMMING:

The city will be trimming trees on the roads and in the alleys to make access easier for emergency and city vehicles to pass through. Please do not have any items or waste in the alleys. If you do not want the city trimming any of your trees or bushes, please have them trimmed back from the alleys and roads beforehand. Tree branches must be trimmed up from the ground to a height of 12 feet. Bushes along roads must be trimmed down to a height of no more than 3 feet.

**SPRINKLER SYSTEMS:** If you didn't have a test on your sprinkler system backflow preventer done last year, please have one done this year and mail your report to City Hall. This is necessary to ensure that contamination of the water supply will not happen in the event of a pressure loss to the water system. Thank you to those that have already brought in test results.

**SEWAGE PROBLEMS:** Our city insurance provider has asked us to remind all citizens, "... of the importance of NOT flushing flushable wipes, sanitizer wipes, paper towels or anything else that isn't toilet paper." Please help us prevent sewer backups by disposing of these items in some other way.

## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!

**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST & SUGAR DAYS CELEBRATION:** We are sorry to inform you that the events have been cancelled due to council's COVID 19 concerns. We look forward to a great event next year.



**HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICKUP:** Because Independence Day is on Saturday this year; garbage pickup will **not** be affected. Pickup will remain on Friday.

**CITY CLEANUP SURVEYS:** Thanks to those that participated in the City Cleanup Survey. City Council will be deciding how to move forward concerning city cleanup in the near future. We had 138 surveys returned. Approximately three-fourths of survey replies wanted at least one cleanup and at least one dumpster. (If only 1 cleanup, the majority preferred cleanup in the fall.) Results:

1. No cleanup – 24%, 1 cleanup – 34%, 2 cleanups – 42%
2. No dumpster – 25%, 1 dumpster – 55%, 2 dumpsters – 20%

**NO DUMPING OF YARD WASTE OR ITEMS IN CITY:** Dumping at the end of streets or in alleys is not allowed. **City Code 3-1-8:** "Responsibility for Disposal: A: Owners: No person shall deposit refuse on or below the surface of the ground other than in a manner prescribed in this chapter. No person shall deposit or bury any refuse in or upon a public alley, street, other public area or upon the premises of another person, whether or not the refuse is in an approved container. No refuse of any kind shall be thrown, swept or pushed into the street in front of any premises. The owner of the premises shall be responsible for the disposal of all such refuse." Please remove any items or waste from public alleys to avoid health and safety hazards and possible citations.

**BURNING WITHIN THE CITY:** County guidelines must be followed. You can register and read regulations for burning at the following website: <http://fdmadison.org/>.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE YOUR WATER BILL, HERE IS A SUGGESTED WATERING TIP:** According to research from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, lawns don't require as much water as many of us are giving them. Lawns should receive ½ inch of water every 3 to 4 days. Place water cans or buckets around the yard when you water. As soon as you get ½ inch of water in can, stop watering and remember how much time it took the sprinkler to put that much water out. Set your timer to only give that much water every 3-4 days. You will have to water more frequently as it gets hotter in July or August (every 2-3 days). Increasing the amount of water only washes through the soil. There are also many water savings tips out online.

Water Usage Facts from <https://www.networx.com/article/water-conservation-tips>:

1. The average North American uses 50-70 gallons of water daily. That amount can double in summer, with lawn and garden care, swimming pools, etc.
2. Three-quarters of all indoor water usage is in the bathroom.
3. In a typical North American home, the toilet accounts for about one-quarter of total water use.
4. Running a sprinkler for two hours can consume as much as 500 gallons of water.
5. Washing your driveway or sidewalk with a hose gobbles about 10 gallons per minute.

**\*\*BILLING & PAYMENT CHANGES\*\*:** We are requesting those that have computers and internet access create an account at <https://www.info.paymentservicenetwork.com/> (PSN) to receive bills electronically. You may also go to <https://www.sugarcityidaho.gov/> under "PAY BILLS & FEES" tab & click on "PAY UTILITY BILL" to create an account. Creating this account for e-billing does not require

you to pay through this website. Thank you for your cooperation. For utility payments you may (listed in preference):

1. Pay online at PSN (PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK); you may set up for paperless billing here and auto pay if desired.
- \*\*If you set up auto-pay here at PSN, a convenience fee of \$1.00 will be applied to checking and savings payments. A convenience fee of 2.75% will be applied to credit card payments. An additional 50¢ is applied for payments below \$100.
2. Pay at [sugarcityidaho.gov](https://www.sugarcityidaho.gov/) under "PAY BILLS & FEES" tab and you may "PAY WATER BILL DIRECTLY" from checking or savings account with no fees.
3. Set up bill pay through your own financial institution, which sends a check (allow at least 5 days for city to receive check).
4. Mail check or money order to: SUGAR CITY HALL, P.O. BOX 56, SUGAR CITY, ID 83448.
5. Leave check or money order payment in secure drop box at city hall entrance. **(No cash or in-office payments please to lessen contact due to COVID.)**