



CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS

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NEWS REPORTS ABOUT WATER QUALITY

Many residents saw recent news reports about concerns over the safety of the City's drinking water. These reports identified that the City had five stillborn infant deaths in 2005. These reports caused a great deal of alarm, particularly since there is not a water quality problem in our city. On this issue, the City published the following press release on February 2, 2006:

"Recently, the City of Saratoga Springs was contacted by the news media regarding the number of infant deaths or stillborns in the Harvest Hills neighborhood. In an effort to be certain that the City's drinking water system was not related to the cause of these incidents, the City has reviewed its files and records related to all testing that we have performed on the water system. We find that over the last seven years of operating our system, the City has tested for many carcinogens as required by the State of Utah Division of Drinking Water. In all cases, we have never exceeded any State limits for any tested substance. We affirm that the City's culinary water is free of harmful substances that might cause illness or long-term or serious health problems for our residents. We also reaffirm that it is the City's highest priority to provide safe drinking water to our residents."

The City is working with the Utah County Health Department and providing them with all tests and data related to the water system. Both the City and the Health Department have ruled out water-borne environmental causes as the root of these unfortunate deaths. Residents may also review our test results at the City's website: www.saratoga-springs.net. You may view a link to our test results by clicking on the "press release" item on the left side of the home page.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CULINARY WATER PROJECTS

The City is holding public hearings on the financing and construction of several culinary water facilities. The first hearing will be conducted on February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the City offices (1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200). You may view project details on the City's website.

The purpose of the hearings is to inform the public and receive public comment on a proposal to construct a

three million gallon culinary water tank to service development in the Zone 1 culinary water service area and the lines associated with that tank. Also, the City is proposing to construct a new water line that connects two of the City's wells in the vicinity of 9550 West and 7350 North. The estimated cost for these projects is approximately \$3.5 million dollars. The payment source for this debt will be new connection fees collected on the issuance of new building permits. The City is not intending to adjust monthly water rates to service this debt and estimates that new growth will provide sufficient coverage for this obligation.

The completion of these projects will mean that the City will have sufficient physical facilities to service approximately 12,000 connections with culinary water. We are not expecting to construct additional culinary water facilities for many years. These projects also assist the City today in better meeting fire flow demands and providing redundancy or "back-up" systems so that service interruptions to residents are minimal.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCIES

The City Planning Commission has several vacancies. These positions are Mayoral appointments and commissioners serve a four year term. The Planning Commission is a formal body that reviews all development requests in the City. The Planning Commissioners are not employees of the City, but do receive a small stipend that is intended to cover any expenses incurred. The Commission makes formal recommendations to the City Council regarding zoning changes, land use plan amendments, conditional uses, master development plans, subdivisions, home occupations and annexations. The Planning Commission meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

This is a great opportunity to make a civic contribution and have an impact on the type and quality of development that the City approves. Serving on the Planning Commission is a great way to become more informed, receive training on City government and development policies, learn about City ordinances and have an impact on the way our neighborhoods are planned and organized.

If you are interested in this terrific opportunity, please send a cover letter and an employment application to the Planning Director, City of Saratoga Springs, 1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, UT 84043. You may obtain an employment application at the City offices or online at www.saratoga-springs.net.