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TOGETHER WE CAN AVERT WILDFIRE DISASTER

Some good news! With a record-setting year for snowfall in Utah, we can expect fuller reservoirs this summer due to the runoff, which is providing at least temporary relief from the largely static drought conditions that have been in place for several years.

However, due to the increased precipitation this winter, our mountain landscape may also see higher growth of 'fine fuels' like grasses and small leaves or twigs which can dry up and act as fuel for wildfires during the later summer months. Park City and Summit County are located at the headwaters of the Weber River and are recognized as a world class recreation area, dependent on natural resources. As such, wildfires represent a dangerous and likely natural hazard with immediate disastrous effects to the economy, environment and millions of downstream water users in both the City and the County.

In this newsletter, we'll review actions the City is taking to mitigate the risk from wildfire and provide some recommendations for steps you can take locally.

Thank you for being part of the solution, and we hope you find the information in this newsletter helpful.
Be safe this summer!

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WHAT WE'RE DOING

Alongside several public and private partners, Park City Municipal is actively working to mitigate the wildfire risk associated with life in the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) in and around the City.

THESE ACTIONS INCLUDE:

- Maintaining the City's Firewise USA certification;
- Conducting defensible space work on Treasure Hill, Rossie Hill, Daly Canyon, and other areas;
- Working with contractors and partner agencies on controlled pile burns to reduce the fuel load;
- Co-hosting the Western Summit County Fuels Committee to collaborate and coordinate fuels reduction projects to achieve the best community protection possible;
- Completing a comprehensive Community Wildfire Risk Assessment;
- Finalizing the City's Forestry Plan; and
- Starting revisions and updates to the Land Management Code, Building Code, and WUI Codes with a focus on creating a more resilient landscape and structures.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Taking action in and around your residence, neighborhood, business, or HOA can significantly impact the community's wildfire risk.

SOME OF THE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE INCLUDE:

- Clear dead leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from gutters, decks, and under porches;
- Create defensible space zones around your home;
- Harden your home against wildfire;
- Create and test a family emergency plan that includes pets and animals;
- Create and test an emergency family communication plan;
- Create family emergency toolkits for each member of the family, with enough supplies to last each person and pet for up to 100 hours;
- If applicable, ensure your HOA contact is registered with Park City Municipal Corporation;
- If applicable, engage your HOA to implement defensible space measures within its boundaries; and
- If applicable, encourage your HOA to participate in the Western Summit County Fuels Committee. (Contact mike.mccomb@parkcity.org for more information)

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PARK CITY CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

CALL 9-1-1 FOR LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES

STAY INFORMED DURING AN EMERGENCY

- Visit BeReadyParkCity.org - this website will be updated regularly during an emergency;
- Call the City's community emergency hotline at 435-615-5999 to receive recorded emergency messages;
- Tune your radio to KPCW, 91.7FM, and Park City Highway Alerts Radio, 1700AM;
- Sign up for emergency alerts at ParkCityAlerts.org to receive emergency notifications by phone, text, or email; and
- Sign up for alerts at eNotify Me (parkcity.org/how-do-i/notify-me) to receive news and information about Park City Municipal.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS, MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

City Hall Front Desk: 435-615-5001
 Building Department: 435-615-5100
 Emergency Manager: 435-615-5185
 Public Works: 435-615-5301
 Public Utilities: 435-615-5335
 Public Safety Dispatch (Fire, EMS, Police): 435-615-5500

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS, OUTSIDE BUSINESS HOURS, NIGHTS, WEEKENDS, AND HOLIDAYS

Call Public Safety Dispatch at 435-615-5500
 Call the Community Emergency Hotline, 435-615-5999, for a recorded message in the event of a widespread major incident.

EMERGENCY KITS

Now is the time to ensure family or personal emergency kits are prepared and easy to access. Disasters can strike quickly and without warning. Waiting until the last minute to plan your evacuation or stock up on emergency supplies is not a good plan - as the saying goes, 'failing to plan is planning to fail.' In the event of a widespread disaster, there will likely not be enough emergency response resources available. In certain circumstances, help could take 3-7 days or even more to arrive, so now is the time to prepare to help your family, neighborhood, and business. Be prepared; build a kit!

100-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT SUGGESTED CONTENTS

Contents should address the following areas and contain sufficient quantities to sustain each member of your household, including pets, for up to 100 hours:

- Shelter, clothing, warmth
- Water – on average, plan for a gallon of water per person per day – don't forget sufficient water for cooking and for pets
- Food
- Hygiene, health, and sanitation
- Light and power
- First aid
- Communication
- Safety and security
- Tools and personal items
- Cooking
- Important documents and cash
- Transportation – don't forget to fuel vehicles in advance

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