

# County Council Corner

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Wasatch County Council

The County has a new website. Don Wood, the County's I.T. Director, has launched the new site that has a great "look and feel" and is very user friendly. It lists Services, Departments, Contact Information, Meeting Schedules, and the County's Vision, Purpose, and Values Statement. This Statement was recently created and I encourage you to read through it and give us your feedback. [www.wasatch.utah.gov](http://www.wasatch.utah.gov)



Today, Wednesday, May 6, at 4 pm, we will hold a Regular County Council meeting where we will discuss the new Statement along with Citizens' Advisory Boards and cameras in meetings. Please take the time to attend at 25 North Main in Heber.

Another issue that has had a lot of attention is the Jordanelle Special Service District (JSSD). Recently an audit from the State Auditor's office was released covering the time period from 2008-2013.

As a new member of the County Council, starting in January, I don't know much about the past dealings of JSSD and have had many questions.

My intent is to inform you, the citizens, of what the District has done to improve its operations and to become more transparent. Also, to see that the mismanagement and abuse by the District, that the State Auditor implies in his report, doesn't happen while

I'm in office.

In January Mike Kohler became the Chairman of the District and I the Vice-Chair. We met with the State Auditor, John Dougall, and listened to his concerns and recommendations. We reassured him that the District was adopting stricter internal controls, policies, and procedures to protect against any problems that he pointed out in his report might happen. Some of the changes that the District have made are:

1. Adopted a complete comprehensive policies and procedures manual.
2. Hired a controller.
3. Adopted a new water reservation fee policy that requires uniformity and transparency.
4. Will continue to adopt improved internal controls and policies and procedures as needed.

The report implies mismanagement and abuse, but couldn't find evidence of fraud, abuse, or self-dealings. It also mentioned several areas where the District did act properly.

This being said, the District will take immediate action if any verified unlawful transactions are discovered. The District also remains ready and willing to fully enforce the law now and in the future.

Two weeks ago I met with John Dougall, this time with Danny Goode, and we invited him back in 6 months to do a review of the District. We look forward to his return.

If you have any questions or know of any inappropriate dealings in this, or any other district or department within the County, please email me at [mpetersen@wasatch.utah.gov](mailto:mpetersen@wasatch.utah.gov) You can do it anonymously by writing me at Mike Petersen, P. O. Box 326, Heber, Utah 84032.

## Gear Up for Safety at this year's Health and Safety Fair

The annual Kids Health and Safety Fair will be held Saturday, May 9th, from

includes games, activities, educational information, health screenings, and lots

Depot craft projects, finger-printing with the Sheriff's Office, a rock climbing

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### Shakespearean Club News

The April meeting of the Shakespearean club was held at the home of Jan Lythgoe.

Veralynn Porter reviewed Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown. Her enthusiasm and ability to convey her enjoyment of the book created a desire from the members to read and delve even deeper into the historic events she related.

The main character was a young man named Joe Rantz who came from a very difficult childhood of poverty and abandonment in Seattle, Washington. The author takes the reader through Joe's journey of overcoming his weaknesses and self doubt to become a member of the rowing crew who ultimately won a gold medal in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin Germany. Brown helps the reader come to know each of the crew and their efforts. Of particular mention was Thomas Bolles, the freshman coach, who offered kindness and reassurance to the young men and gave them to courage to do their best. Another important influence for good was George Yeomans Pocock, a master boat builder, who through his influence, promoted the philosophy of rowing and inspired countless oarsmen and coaches of rowing.

The story is set against the backdrop the depression, politics, militarism, Nazi propaganda, and sports and although the