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IT'S TIME FOR AN "INVERSION-VENTION"

In the last couple of years, I've issued a challenge, to myself and to you, my community neighbors. I wanted to start making a lasting difference in our air quality situation. As we live in a valley surrounded by beautiful mountains, we can expect inversions — particularly since we routinely use our cars to get from place to place.

The problem is that inversions are nearly inevitable and once the bad, murky air is in place over our city, it overstays its welcome. It's easy to become discouraged and to despair of ever being able to do much about it. I think we can do something about it.

We can make a difference, one person, one car, one day at a time. (We pollute the air one person and one trip at a time, after all! And, according to Envision Utah, we've cut the pollution total in half since the 1990s even though our population has grown.)

If everybody living along the Wasatch Front parked their cars one day per week, vehicle emissions could be cut 6,500 tons a year. If every driver in the county took one less trip a day, that would add up to hundreds of thousands fewer trips. That means every trip in the car or truck counts. Every task combined with another, every shorter route, every trip delayed until another day, pays us all back with cleaner, more breathable air.

Let's do this again. Let's focus on simple, small ways we can make a major difference. I'm issuing myself a

challenge and I'm inviting all of you to join with me county wide.

Here are some of my resolutions:

1. I will park and walk into the businesses I frequent instead of using drive-ups that encourage extended idling.
2. I will consolidate vehicle trips and reduce overall driving miles.
3. I will ride a bike, carpool, catch a bus, or find a friend and walk and talk on our way to the store, the ice cream shop, the office.
4. I will turn off the car engine instead of idling, even on cold mornings.
5. I will avoid burning wood in the fireplace and stove during inversions.
6. I will keep my sidewalks clear of snow and ice so it's safer and easier for walking.
7. I will celebrate being part of the solution.

These are simple, small things but if others will join me, thousands of small things will make a big difference. Are you willing to accept the challenge too?

CAUSES OF AIR POLLUTION



48%



39%



13%

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE IN GLOBAL WARMING TO WANT TO BREATHE CLEANER AIR. **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

SOURCE | UTAH DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY



IT'S TIME TO RE-THINK IDLING

FACTS ABOUT IDLING

2 MINUTES IDLING = 1 MILE OF DRIVING
DAILY AVERAGE IDLE TIME IS 16 MINUTES
8 ARE SPENT WAITING/WARMING UP A CAR.
112 MINUTES PER WEEK = 56 MILES OF DRIVING
CUTTING THAT OUT CAN MEAN BIG SAVINGS!

WHERE IDLING IS HAPPENING

- DRIVE-THRU
- DRIVEWAYS
- CAR WASH
- SCHOOLS
- TRAINS
- BANKS

PATRONIZE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ACCOMMODATE WALK IN TRAFFIC. TURN YOUR ENGINE OFF WHILE YOU WAIT FOR TRAINS, STUDENTS, ETC. HELP BY CUTTING BACK ON IDLING.

WARMING UP

Even in colder weather, engines only need 30 seconds to warm up

RESTARTING

10 seconds of idling wastes more fuel than restarting

DAMAGING

Turning your car off is better for the engine than leaving it running

POLLUTING

Idling emits much more pollution than when your car is rolling

Reducing your idling time will make an impact on your wallet, the environment and public health. Spread the word and tell others about idling!

2016 HOLIDAY | SPECIAL PICKUP SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	PICKUP SCHEDULE
NEW YEARS EVE	JAN 1	FRIDAY	REGULAR SCHEDULE
MARTIN L KING DAY	JAN 18	MONDAY	REGULAR SCHEDULE
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEB 15	MONDAY	REGULAR SCHEDULE
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 30	MONDAY	ONE DAY LATE ALL WEEK
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JUL 4	MONDAY	ONE DAY LATE ALL WEEK
PIONEER DAY	JUL 24	SUNDAY	REGULAR SCHEDULE
LABOR DAY	SEP 5	MONDAY	ONE DAY LATE ALL WEEK
THANKSGIVING	NOV 24	THURSDAY	THURS PICK UP ON FRIDAY
CHRISTMAS	DEC 25	SUNDAY	REGULAR SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, LABOR DAY, AND THANKSGIVING WILL BE THE ONLY HOLIDAYS THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED THIS YEAR



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

FROM JANUARY 4 - 28, 2016. RESIDENTS NEED TO PUT THE TREES OUTSIDE ON THE CURB IN ORDER FOR THEM TO BE PICKED UP. WE ARE UNABLE TO REMOVE TREES FROM INSIDE YOUR HOME.

JANUARY 2016 CALENDAR



CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY

4 | Excellence Concert @ 7:30PM

6 - 7 | Utah COPA @ 7:30PM

8 - 9 | Center Stage Perf Arts @ 7:30PM

13 | Lifehouse Dance Studio @ 7:30PM

15 - 16 | Dance Conservatory @ 7:30PM

18 | Timp School of Dance @ 7:30PM

19 | Dance La Vie @ 7:30PM

20 | Barlow Arts Academy @ 7:30PM

23 | Cirque Ziva: Golden Dragon Acrobats @ 7:30PM



FOR ADDITIONAL DIAL 311
OUTSIDE PROVO DIAL
(801) 852-6000

* FREE EVENTS
** NOT FREE EVENTS

- 1 | New Year's Day // City Offices Closed
- 2 | Jr Jazz Fun Shot // Rec Center @ 10AM*
- 4 | Sleeping Beauty // Library @7PM*
- 5 | City Council Meeting // Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 9 | Sundance Ski Program // Rec Center @ 9:30AM**
- 12 | Adaptive Young Athlete Program // Rec Center @ 5PM*
- 13 | Planning Commission // Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 16 | Try Skating for Free // Peaks Ice Arena*
- 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day // City Offices Closed
- 19 | City Council Meeting // Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 21 | Board of Adjustment // Council Chambers @ 5PM
- 27 | Planning Commission // Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 30 | Tour de Sports Clinic for Girls // Rec Center*

ENERGY RESOURCES & “CHANGE”

THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT POWER PROVIDERS NEEDING TO “CHANGE” THE WAY POWER IS GENERATED AND PROVIDED.

HOW DOES “CHANGE” BEGIN?

In reality, it has to come from you; the consumer. Power providers have to keep up with the power demand driven by consumers. Let’s paint a picture of an average household in Provo: Everyone is home in the evenings, the TV(s) are on, the lights are beaming in several rooms, the clothes are in the wash, the kids are playing video games or if you’re lucky, doing their homework on the computer, dinner is in the oven and life is just happening. Have you ever stopped to think that somewhere down the line that power is being generated to keep up with this expected demand? Now, multiply this by 30,000 homes in Provo.

WHERE DOES ALL OF THIS POWER COME FROM?

As your power providers, Provo Power and Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA) have to plan daily and even hourly for how much power needs to be available to all 35,000 customers in Provo alone. It’s a big task to make sure that power is available and ready at all times. Much of our power is provided by thermal resources driven by coal and natural gas, but did you know that about 25% of our power resources comes from renewable resources including hydro, wind and solar?

HOW DO WE (YOUR POWER PROVIDER) “CHANGE”?

Provo Power and UMPA are required to look at the countless options available for power generation,

in addition to keeping up with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and federal regulations.

Changing the overall power resource portfolio is not easy, because contracts and bonds are signed for 30+ years and renewable resources are intermittent (solar power can only be generated when the sun is shining, and wind power can only generate when the wind is blowing). Providing “power now” can’t be done with just a flip of a switch.

HOW CAN YOU HELP “CHANGE”?

Did you know that you can help alleviate some of the power demand? There are several options, one of which includes energy conservation. By making the choice to conserve energy, you can save money on your utility bills in addition to lightening the overall power demand. See more tips and information at SwitchItProvo.com.

Provo Power also offers a program where customers can purchase blocks of renewable energy. If you’d like to help with “change”, but don’t know where to begin, this is a great and inexpensive way to contribute change in the overall power resource portfolio for Provo. See more information at RenewChoice.com.

Where do you stand on Energy Resources & “Change”?



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