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MERRY CHRISTMAS PROVO,

VOLUME FOUR

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

We've had so much fun and reaped so much joy from producing a unique and creative Christmas CD that we're doing it again! We've gathered some of Provo's most gifted artists together to create a fourth-holiday album that not only celebrates the abundance of talent in our community but helps us raise money for United Way's Sub for Santa.

Each CD is being sold for \$10 and thanks to the generosity of donors and the musicians all of the money we raise will help fund Christmas for children and families identified on United Way's list as needing some gifts, food, and cheer. If you're looking for the perfect Christmas gift or a way to give back to the community, this is a win-win!

Starting Monday, November 20 you can purchase a digital download of the songs at merrychristmasprovo.com or you can pick up a copy at the Provo City Center, Provo Recreation Center, and participating local businesses.

And that's not all! If you purchase a CD before December 1st, we'll throw in our entire 2014, 2015 & 2016 collection for free (while supplies last). So mark your calendars, bookmark merrychristmasprovo.com and buy one for everybody on your Christmas list.

It's truly a gift that lasts with classics like "What Child is This?" by Jenn Blossil, "Deck the Halls" by Penguin Mofex, "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" by The Solarists, "The First Noel" by Peach Dream, and "Jingle Bells" by Braden Wilcox.

The only thing more incredible than the amazing music scene in Provo is the kindness of its residents.

Enjoy! Thank you and Merry Christmas!

READ MORE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR | PROVOMAYOR.COM

MARKET Christmas

LIGHTS ON CEREMONY

DECEMBER 2, 4 - 8 PM | FREE EVENT | 351 W CENTER ST

Kick off the Christmas season with Provo's annual Christmas Market. Get your Christmas shopping done early as you browse the local food and craft vendors. There will be fireworks, reindeer, dog sled teams, free pictures with Santa and enough Christmas spirit to go around.

A Lights On Ceremony will take place at 6PM in front of the City Center. There will be fireworks as the Mayor and Santa turn on all the lights of Provo.

Interested market vendors can find the application at provocityevents.com



A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

QUESTIONS (801) 852-6793

The most common cause of sewer backups is grease buildup. Don't let foods such as gravies, frostings, and dressings ruin the season. Help keep pipes clear by disposing of fats and oils in the trash and not the drain.

You can avoid backups by following a few basic guidelines:

- Oil or grease residue should be poured, wiped, or scraped from plates, pots, and pans and disposed of with household solid waste or garbage.
- Garbage disposals should be used wisely and sparingly, and never for the disposal of household generated oils, greases, or grease bearing food.

COUNTDOWN IN PROVO

DECEMBER 30, 7:30PM - MIDNIGHT | \$10 ADULTS | \$8 YOUTH | @ PROVO RECREATION CENTER

Celebrate 2017 at Provo's annual New Year's Eve celebration. This year's theme is Countdown in NEW YORK. The event includes two firework shows at 10:00PM and 12:00AM along with the following entertainment:

Coney Island Inflatables
Radio City Karaoke
Cirque Du Soleil Face Paint
Godfather Laser Tag
Paparazzi Photo Booth

Madison Square Garden Stage
Statue of Liberty Boat Cruise
Casino Tables at the Club
Comedy Club
Hypno Hick

Animal Shows
Street Performers
Fireworks
Dinosaurs
And More!

Tickets available starting December 1 at Provo Recreation Center. Tickets are limited, purchase in advance so you don't miss out on the party of the year.

For more details and updates visit provocityevents.com

'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE OR VOLUNTEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

UNITED WAY OF UTAH COUNTY

Make Christmas possible for low-income families. Sub for Santa matches families in need with volunteer sponsors from the community. Sponsors are asked to provide two new toys, two new clothing items and a book for each child. Sign up online at unitedwayuc.org

COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICES & FOOD BANK

Help supply low-income families with food by donating food items to the food bank, volunteer to help unload, sort, and restock donated items in the pantry, or compile specialty kits. Walk-ins welcome. Sign up at communityactionprovo.org or call (801) 373-8200

THE FOOD & CARE COALITION

Sign up to serve hot meals, play a musical instrument during meal time, donate hygiene items, or conduct a food drive. For a complete list of service opportunities visit their website. Sign up at foodandcare.org or call (801) 373-1825



CALENDAR | DECEMBER

- 1 | DOWNTOWN ART STROLL | Covey Center @ 6-9PM*
RYAN SHUPE AND THE RUBBER BAND | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 2 | CHRISTMAS MARKET | Center Street @ 4-8pm
A COVEY CENTER CHRISTMAS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 4 | UTAH VALLEY HANDBELL RINGERS | Library @ 6:30 & 7:30 PM*
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 7 | FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 8 | FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 9 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 2:00 & 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 11 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
ONE MAN SHOW: A CHRISTMAS CAROL | Library @ 7:00 PM*
- 13 | PLANNING COMMISSION | Council Chambers @ 5:30PM
- 14 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 2:00 & 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 15 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 2:00 & 7:30PM**
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- 16 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 2:00 & 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 18 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
REBEKAH DUNFORD: A LIGHT IN WINTER | Library @ 7:00 PM*
- 19 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 20 | NUTCRACKER | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 21 | A JOSHUA CREEK CHRISTMAS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT | Council Chambers @ 5PM
- 22 | FREQUENCY/VOICELINE/SPARK A CAPPELLA | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 23 | FOREVER PLAID: PLAID TIDINGS | Covey Center @ 7:30PM**
- 25 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | City Offices Closed
GARBAGE PICKUP ONE DAY LATE ALL WEEK
- 26 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY | City Office Closed
- 30 | COUNTDOWN | Recreation Center @ 7:30PM**

WINTER ENERGY SAVINGS TIPS

Simple and inexpensive actions can help you save energy and money during the cold winter months. Some of the following tips and strategies are free and can be used on a daily basis to increase your savings; others are simple and inexpensive actions you can take to ensure maximum savings through the winter.

If you haven't already, conduct an energy audit to find out where you can save the most, and consider making a larger investment for long-term energy savings. Provo Power offers a low-cost Home Energy Audit which can help homeowners understand where energy is being wasted and what to do about it. Go to switchitprovo.com for more information.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HEAT FROM THE SUN

- Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

COVER DRAFTY WINDOWS

- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.
- Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.

ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature. If you have a heat pump, maintain a moderate setting or use a programmable thermostat specially designed for use with heat pumps.

FIND AND SEAL LEAKS

- Seal the air leaks around utility access points, for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.

MAINTAIN YOUR HEATING SYSTEMS

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Furnaces: Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.

REDUCE HEAT LOSS FROM THE FIREPLACE

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.
- When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly--approximately 1 inch--and close doors leading into the room. Lower the thermostat setting to between 50° and 55°F.
- If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.
- If you do use the fireplace, install tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.
- Check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make it as snug as possible.
- Purchase grates made of C-shaped metal tubes to draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room.
- Add caulking around the fireplace hearth.

LOWER YOUR WATER HEATING COSTS

- Water heating accounts for about 18% of the energy consumed in your home.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.

LOWER YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTING COSTS

- Use light-emitting diode -- or "LED" -- holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.

*TIPS AND INFORMATION COURTESY OF ENERGY.GOV.

For more detailed information go to switchitprovo.com or energy.gov/energysaver/energy-saver