

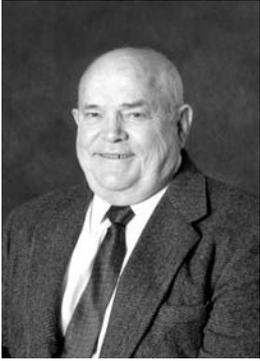


Hyrum City Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

– Each year the Utah League of Cities and Towns sponsors a contest among fourth and seventh graders throughout the state to write the best essay about their communities or neighborhoods and what living in those communities means to them.

This year, Jill Nunn, a fourth grader from Lincoln Elementary in Hyrum, won first place. She was awarded \$100 for her efforts and the school received \$1,000. Congratulations, Jill, and thank you! Jill will read her essay to government leaders from all over the state assembled for the annual conference this fall.

I'm going to yield my space in the newsletter this month in order to print her essay in its entirety.

Before doing so, however, I want to express appreciation to Councilmember Stephanie Miller and all of those who assist with our 4th of July celebration. This is a huge effort requiring the help of countless people throughout the community. Thank you one and all.

The agenda for our celebration follows in this newsletter. Please participate in as many events as you like and remember to drive carefully and be safe over the holiday and throughout the summer.

Sincerely,
Mayor Dean Howard

A Place to Grow By Jill Nunn

Hi! I live in Hyrum, Utah and I love it!

The people here are the nicest people on earth. Everyone tries to pitch in and work together. We try not to leave anyone out.

On the 4th of July, Hyrum has a big parade. Everybody in Hyrum goes and you get tons of candy. Days before, people put their chairs out. I laugh walking down the street. Even if you go the day before, you're very lucky to find a place! Sometimes you are literally sitting on the street!

A couple of years ago, Hyrum got a big, new library. It's really big for our little town. Many people in our community use the library. It has a big wall of bricks where people donated \$100 for the library's books and computers. Other companies donated over \$1,000! It feels great to look and think so many people care that our library isn't in a basement.

We also have concerts in the park. In the city square, there's a place where you can just sit and listen. If the younger kids don't want to listen, they can go over to the playground. In the summer, there are a lot of them. School choirs, school orchestra, and all kinds of groups like that perform.

Hyrum's uniqueness is that everybody is different. People often times have different opinions, but they have to settle for the facts.

In Hyrum, we have a dam. In the winter, we host some thing called the Polar Plunge! Some people chain saw the ice so that people can jump in and get out. They have a ramp so you don't have to swim out. Slightly crazy people jump in to raise money for Special Olympics. In the summer, lots of people go fishing. People also go to have some fun.

There are two elementary schools, one junior high, and one high school. We also have one senior citizen center.

Hyrum is a sweet life for a kid who likes to play sports. You can play basketball, soccer, softball, baseball, football, tennis and wrestle.

Blacksmith Fork Canyon is in Hyrum. There's a park in the canyon that has a river flowing right in the park. It has a playground, volleyball net, and basketball hoops. You can tube down a little waterfall and go under a bridge. You can eat a picnic and watch a moose walk right down the middle of the river. It's so much fun!

Hyrum also has a mountain men rendezvous every year. Elementary schools from around the valley take third graders. I had a blast!

Hyrum is the most fantastic place on earth, and if anyone is looking for a place to live, Hyrum is the place for sure!

HYRUM CITY QUEEN PAGEANT –

The Hyrum City Queen Pageant was held on April 17th. Congratulations to the following girls who were chosen to represent Hyrum City for 2009:

- Queen – Montanna Morgan
- 1st Attendant – Juliene Bailey
- 2nd Attendant – Meghan Woolstenhulme
- 3rd Attendant – Christina Bolduc
- 4th Attendant – Chelise Clawson



NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME – Hyrum City is partnering with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Smart Energy initiative to sponsor City Night Out Against Crime, which will take place August 4th.

Hyrum is a member of UAMPS, a joint action agency that provides comprehensive wholesale electric energy, on a nonprofit basis, to community owned power systems throughout the Intermountain West.

The UAMPS Smart Energy initiative is part of a comprehensive energy management plan that emphasizes energy conservation and wise energy development. Smart Energy gives utilities and their customers tools to save energy, save money, and help the environment.

“Hyrum is proud to partner with UAMPS Smart Energy to support this community event,” said Mayor Dean Howard. “Today, it is more important than ever that we make smart choices when it comes to energy use and consumption.

Working together, we can ensure Hyrum continues to have access to affordable, reliable power so that businesses and consumers alike can enjoy the quality of life they deserve.”

WHY SOCCER FIELDS & BASEBALL DIAMONDS GET CLOSED

– As most of you are already aware, Hyrum City's soccer fields and baseball diamonds are some of the best in the state. Our Parks Department takes pride in ensuring that its fields are well maintained with thick turf to provide high standards in field performance and a soft level playing surface to avoid injuries to the athletes.

The field demands of soccer and baseball require careful maintenance and control to keep the fields in pristine playing condition. When there is steady rain for many days in a row or a heavy rainstorm, the ground gets very soft and the mud goes deep. It becomes very easy to tear the turf out of the ground in patches because the ground is so soft. Even if the thin top layer of dirt seems dry from the sun, the inch or so of dirt below it will still be soft. Then it becomes very easy to tear the turf up. Once that layer of turf is gone, it takes a lot of time for it to fill back in, especially when the fields are in almost constant use.

Lawns generally receive little traffic and most football fields receive heavy use maybe once per weekend for about three months out of the year. In comparison, soccer fields and baseball diamonds are used anywhere from two to eight times per week for about seven months every year. This causes problems because the grass does not have the chance to grow and repair itself.



So we appreciate everyone's concern about cancelled games and missed practices. But a few cancelled games and missed practices now can mean plusher, greener turf later in the season and in the fall. Hyrum City has a Field Hotline number you can call to find out if the fields are closed (435) 245-6481.

Thank You,

Brad Call
Parks Superintendent

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Hyrum City is looking for volunteers for the following community events:

*Hyrum City's 2010 Queen Pageant

*Hyrum City's Fair Booth (Cache County Fair)

If you are interested or for more information please e-mail Councilmember Stephanie Miller smiller@hyrumcity.com.

ROAD REPAIR – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will be resurfacing State Road 101 through Hyrum (300 North from west city limits to 400 West; 400 West from 300 North to Main Street; and Main Street from 400 West to 800 East) and repairing curb and gutter along Main Street during July or August this summer. A construction schedule is not yet available but UDOT officials assured us that people living along SR101 will have continual access to their driveways and homes. More information on this project should be available after the first of July.

CHILDREN SAFETY – For the sake of our youth, we urge all parents to restrain their children from playing in streets, especially throughout the subdivisions. Please encourage them to play in private yards or in one of the city's park facilities. We want children everywhere to enjoy a safe and accident-free summer.



ELECTION INFORMATION – If you are interested in running for Mayor or City Council, you will need to file a declaration of candidacy between July 1 and July 15 at the City Recorder's Office, 83 West Main, Hyrum. There are two City Councilmember seats with four year terms, one City Councilmember seat with a two year term; and Mayor with a four year term, up for election.

To file for office you must meet all of the following requirements; a citizen of the United States who has been a Hyrum resident for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of election; a registered voter of Hyrum City; and will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next election. If you would like more information on becoming a candidate, please contact City Recorder Stephanie Fricke at 245-6033.

SENIOR NEWS – Lunch is served every day at 12:00 noon. Please call for a reservation by 10:00 a.m. the day you will be eating. Cost \$2.00.

June

- 10 – All About Nuts! 12:30 p.m.
- 16 – Foot Clinic (call for an appointment)
- 17 – Curtis Wardle 12:30 p.m.
- 24 – Gordon Johnson 12:30 p.m.
- 25 – Cooking Class 10:00 a.m.

July

- 1 – Summer Skin Care 12:30 p.m.
- 2 & 3 – CLOSED
- 8 – Oldies But Goodies 12:30 p.m.
- 9 – Red Hat Chic's Beach Party 10:30 a.m.
- 15 – Back Roads To America 12:30 p.m.
- 16 – Cooking Class 10:00 a.m.
- 21 – Foot Clinic (call for an appointment)
- 22 – Wiegman Kids 12:30 p.m.
- 24 – CLOSED
- 29 – Blaine & Duane Olsen 12:30 p.m.

Bunko every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
Bingo every Friday at 12:30 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS – It's time for summer reading at the library! The theme this year is "Be Creative at Your Library." Sign-ups are going on now. The six-week program begins June 15th. Our reading program is for the entire family. Everyone can win great prizes and, if you finish the six weeks, you are invited to our closing party on the square where we have a bounce house, climbing wall, giant slide, popcorn, cotton candy.....the works! All you have to do is read 20 minutes a day (or more if you want) and you can earn an award each week. At the end of the program we will award prizes to those reading the most hours in each age category, from infants to adults. Listed is a time frame of activities.



June 15th – Summer reading begins

June 15th – Summer Reading Book of the Week begins – Each day of the summer we will be featuring a few special books that go with the theme, or that the librarians especially like. **BE AWARE: THE BOOK OF THE WEEK IS THE SAME EVERY DAY FOR THAT WEEK!! WE WILL CHANGE TITLES ON MONDAY.** It will be geared mostly for elementary age children and younger, but everyone is invited. Each day

we will read at 2:00 p.m. and reading time will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

July 10th – Craft day at the library – 10:00 a.m. for all children and youth who wish to participate – A few fun crafts will be available for the children to choose from.

July 19th – End of summer reading – turn calendars in by August 3rd.

August 10th – Closing activity on the city square for those who finish the program and turn in their calendar.

Regular story time will begin again in September. This story time is all for 3-5 year olds. In the past we held story time Tuesday thru Friday for one week of the month at 1:00 p.m. We are thinking of having two sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday at 11:00 and 1:00 instead of the four days. If you have a preference and feel this might be a good option for your child, please let one of the librarians know. We are open to any suggestion that will make it possible for more children to be able to attend.

Saturday story times presented by Utah State University students will be continuing through the summer months on Saturdays at the library. These fun activities are for all children, toddler to middle school age. They begin at 2:30 p.m. and go for one hour on the following Saturdays: June 13th, June 27th, July 11th, August 8th and August 22nd. For all English and Spanish speaking children.



Our second brick donor wall now has 75 new bricks. There is still space for 200 more bricks to complete the wall. Here's a great opportunity to have a brick to honor that special person or family in your life. \$100 tax deductible contribution. We will order again when we have 75 more orders. Call the library or come in for more information. Hopes are high that we can complete the wall for Christmas. What a great gift for that person who is hard to buy for.

Thanks for all the compliments about our beautiful landscaping this spring. The library and museum grounds look just beautiful. The tulips and daffodils and the beautiful flowering shrubs made the building beautiful to look at. Thanks to our great grounds crew and all their hard work to keep things looking so great! Thanks guys.



Through the Home Town Advantage Program at Ridley's Market in Hyrum, we have been receiving several hundred dollars from our patrons who have donated their Advantage Card points to the library. We invite any others who would like to donate their points to us to fill out the attached form and return it to the library or with your city utility bill. You may also sign up online at www.shopridleys.com. Just register your Advantage card and then sign up to donate your points to the Hyrum Library through their Home Town Advantage program. All of these donated funds go to help improve our library, so thanks so much. The library can earn as much as \$8,000 in a year from our patron's points, so keep up the good work.

Ridley's Home Town Advantage Program Sign-up

I would like to donate the points I earn on my Ridley's Advantage Card to the Hyrum Library!

Name: _____ Advantage Card No. _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Signature: _____

FREE ENTERTAINMENT – Hyrum State Park is providing free entertainment during the summer at it's amphitheater, located at the group area on the northwest corner at 400 West 300 South in Hyrum. Presentations will take place most Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Topics range from information on tourism, recreation in Cache Valley, to The Legend of Old Ephraim. Come and enjoy a fun filled evening. For more information please call 245-6866.

STORMWATER – What is urban runoff? Urban runoff occurs when excessive water from irrigation, car washing and other sources carries litter, lawn clippings, motor oil, pet waste, and other pollutants into the storm drain. Unlike water that enters the sewer (from sinks and toilets); water that enters the storm drain is not treated before entering our waterways.

Over watering our lawns is a common source of urban runoff. When lawn is over-saturated, excess water flows off the landscape into streets, where it may enter the storm drain and our water ways. Please do your part to prevent over watering to avoid water pollution.



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