



# HYRUM CITY

## NEWSLETTER



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July 2010

Animal Control	245-9060
City Office	245-6033
City Shop	245-6481
Court	245-0114
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Fire Station	245-7634
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<b>Mayor Howard</b> 245-5501	
<b>Council Members</b>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Martin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miller	245-4405
Tom LaBau	245-3087



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR** – These past few weeks during the cooler mornings, I spent a lot of time in my garden. The frost took some of the fruit blossoms, but that’s part of life in Cache Valley—we never know for sure what surprises the weather will “spring” on us this time of year. As I work, most of my thoughts are filled with matters of importance to the city. Let me share a few of them with you.

This year our community is 150 years old. In April we held a special program in the Mountain Crest auditorium with more events planned during our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. All of these activities require time and the efforts of many, many people, all coordinated by members of the City Council, especially Stephanie Miller. I want to publicly thank her for all she does to make life better in our community. Her tireless efforts and unselfish service are exemplary to all of us.

As part of our heritage celebration, Councilman Craig Rasmussen has made it possible for us to obtain a cabin taken from the original fort, and we plan to create a pioneer display around it in its new location next to the museum/library on Main Street. Also, Councilman Paul James, along with his wife and others, prepared a cookbook that will soon be for sale at the city office and other places in town. I am anxious to try some of the recipes and suggest you buy your copy early (\$15) as supplies are limited.

And speaking of July 4<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank all of you who help with this effort. There are too many to name in this brief space but know that we couldn’t do this without you. We also appreciate Associated Foods who is donating our watermelon again this year and Kris Miller who provides the refrigerated storage trailer.

We recently completed the last phase of our 300 North sidewalk project, linking High Valley Subdivision with 400 West, in order to provide pedestrians with a safe place to walk along State Road 101. Presently we are working with UDOT on a plan to install curb, gutter, and paving along part of this road to help resolve some drainage problems.

Unfortunately, our sidewalk budget is limited this coming fiscal year and it worries me we are not able to keep up with the need for sidewalk construction and maintenance. Pedestrian safety is a big concern to me, but the economy will force us to require more participation from private property owners in future sidewalk projects.

In cooperation with irrigation officials, we introduced water into the secondary system earlier this year than in the past and then nature provided us with so much rain we used only a little of the water. The wastewater effluent recycling project we hope to construct later this year will give us more control over our piped irrigation system in the future, including the potential for earlier startup.

<b>July 1</b> City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
<b>July 5</b> City Office – Closed
<b>July 8</b> Planning Commission 7:30 p.m.
<b>July 15</b> City Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.
<b>July 23</b> City Office – Closed

The wet spring will likely result in a bumper crop of mosquitoes this year but Councilman Tom LaBau assures us our abatement dollars have been hard at work as the district treats standing water for larva as well as fogging throughout the summer.

Councilman Martin Felix indicates Hyrum’s response to the Census has been encouraging. Everyone needs to be counted since some of our revenue and grant monies are based in part on population.

Hyrum City will lose the services of Jack Stevens this summer. Jack has served several years as our justice court judge and we will certainly miss him but wish him well as his life takes a new direction. The process to select a replacement was recently changed by the Legislature and a committee will interview and recommend qualified candidates to the Mayor and Council.

I am currently working with Zions Bank to refinance our library debt. Lower interest rates may enable us to save at least \$240,000 over the remaining life of the bond. Our goal is to retire this debt as soon as possible.

We are excited about our new park projects. Many have asked what we plan for the pile of dirt at Salt Hollow Park (100 North 300 West). It's going to be a sleigh riding hill, and other features of that particular park include a sprinkler playground, picnic bowery, basketball court, walking trails, nature area, multi-use play fields, pond, parking, rest rooms, etc. Of course park development occurs in phases and takes many years to complete. We're hoping to utilize community volunteers for much of the work where possible.

As you can see, it's going to be a busy summer for us at Hyrum City. If any of you have any questions or thoughts about these or any other issues you wish to discuss, please contact me at any time. I am in the office daily and you may contact anyone there for an appointment or call me on my special phone line at 245-5501. Thank you for your support, your thoughts, suggestions, and ideas. Have a safe and pleasant summer.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

**GREEN WASTE SITE** - The fate of our green waste site is in your hands.

So much illicit material is being dumped into the bins the city may be forced to either eliminate the site completely or locate the containers behind locked gates that are open only certain hours of the day.

Logan City transferred responsibility for the service to a department that more vigorously enforces regulations for use of the bins. Logan employees simply do not have time to sort and dispose of trash before processing the material into a saleable product.

This includes plastic of all kinds, especially bags tossed into the bins with the grass or leaves still in them. These items must be dumped and the bags removed from the site.

The landfill cannot accept any contaminated wood products or material using laminate in manufacture such as plywood, wafer board, particle board, etc. Lumber with hardware attached no larger than a common nail is acceptable.

Over the years we've found discarded couches and other furniture, carpet, metal, household garbage, and other debris in the bins. This creates unnecessary expense for all of us and it cannot continue if we are to maintain the site for your convenience.

Because of the inappropriate actions of a few, the city has installed a video system that records all activity at the site. Those who violate the regulations or otherwise abuse the service will be prosecuted, and, in addition to the camera, the city offers a \$750 reward for information leading to the arrest of persons depositing illicit or inappropriate materials in the bins or otherwise abusing the site. If this doesn't solve the problem, the city will either close the site or allow access only at certain hours.

Please help us retain this valuable and convenient service for our community. If you see unlawful activity or dumping, please contact the city office at 245-6033 or Cache County Sheriff at 716-9400. Thank you for your cooperation.

**MESSAGE FROM CENSUS** - Over the past year, we demonstrated our partnership and commitment as most of our residents (73% in the state of Utah) mailed back their 2010 Census form. Today, we thank everyone that participated and encourage ongoing support in the Non-Response Follow-up stage where countless Census Takers visit homes that may not have received the form or simply had not returned it.

In the quest for a complete and accurate count of everyone residing in Utah, a local resident – Census Taker – employed by the Census Bureau may visit your home to follow-up on the survey or gather data from the neighborhood. Please cooperate with them! Effective June 1, if you still have your form or have yet to have a Census Taker visit, you can call the Ogden Local Census Office at (801) 917-3710 to arrange for a visit from a representative of the US Census Bureau.

Again, thank you for helping our community with 2010 Census!

**PORTABLE BASKETBALL STANDARDS** – City employees are seeing a proliferation of portable basketball standards appearing in the roadways of our community. Not only so these items illegal they create a problem for city workers trying to sweep streets or plow snow. They also present a terrible risk to children playing ball in the streets. If such device occupies space on public property in front of your home, please remove the standard onto private property. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.