



HYRUM CITY

NEWSLETTER



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June 2010

Animal Control	245-9060
City Office	245-6033
City Shop	245-6481
Court	245-0114
Emergency	911
Fire Station	245-7634
Garbage	716-9755
Library	245-6411
Museum	245-0208
Post Office	245-6071
Senior Center	245-3570
Sewer Plant	245-3123
Sheriff Dispatch	716-9400
State Park	245-6866
Zoning	994-1180

Mayor Howard 245-5501

Council Members:

Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Martin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miler	245-4405
Tom LaBau	245-3087

June 3

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

June 10

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m.

June 17

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - "Is the recession over?"

"How far will the economy recover this year?"

These are the kinds of questions people are asking at present.

Government and business leaders alike are trying to anticipate where the economy is headed. As you have seen in the news recently, many cities and towns have experienced deficits this year. These fiscal challenges have been blamed on the drop in sales tax and other revenues and the challenges are very real. For example, Hyrum sales tax revenue is projected to drop 16 percent this year.

In spite of these problems, we have done our best to prepare a conservative budget for 2010-11 that will continue to provide the level of services that Hyrum residents have enjoyed in past years.

One of the major challenges we face is maintaining adequate emergency reserves in our utility funds. Expenses continue to increase while revenues either remain constant or else decrease. The sewer department has been particularly hard hit with escalating costs for chemicals necessary to meet our discharge permit limits and other EPA regulations. In response, we are presently designing a system to recycle our sewer effluent into the pressurized irrigation system to help curb sewer treatment costs and add to our water supply. We anticipate this project will enable us to start the irrigation system much earlier in the year when necessary.

The price of electricity has risen dramatically over the last two years, and finally this year the city had to implement a power rate increase.

Our storm water budget is much larger this coming year in order to meet EPA mandates regarding runoff control and management as well as public outreach and education.

Our budget for 2010-11 proposes a four percent reduction in our General Fund expenditures but all of our utilities, with the exception of irrigation water, will see increases, with the largest being storm water at 46 percent.

Truth in Taxation drives our property tax rate down each year and forces us to go through the process to adjust it every year or two in order to keep from falling behind in revenue. If we did nothing, the portion you pay on your annual property tax notice for Hyrum City would decline as it did for many years when we allowed it to do so. The city can no longer afford to permit property tax revenues to slide and so must go through the process to keep our revenue the same from year to year. While people may get the impression from the

notice requirements that we are raising property taxes, in actuality we're simply trying to preserve present tax rates. Our policy is to adjust the tax rate every two years and 2010-11 is the year of the adjustment to bring the rate back to the same as it was in 2008.

We successfully applied for a grant to install a solar panel system for our library. This system will produce about 25 percent of the energy required for the building.

We are also working to develop two new parks in the city; one at 350 West 100 North called Salt Hollow Park and one on 1300 East and 300 South called Blacksmith Park. A RAPZ grant will enable us to complete a portion of the construction of Salt Hollow Park this year.

A new department was added to the General Fund during 2010 to facilitate and update the city's emergency response plan. CERT classes have been held to reach our goal of certifying at least 90 residents over the next two years. This department was formed in part to meet federal National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements.

With our limited number of employees, we have an excellent workforce that is dedicated and efficient in their responsibilities. Limiting the number of employees helps reduce our personnel costs, which are a large part of the budget.

This year we are celebrating 150 years of growth, prosperity, and success as a community. Hyrum has succeeded because of strong community leaders and great citizens who are willing to work towards a better future.

In spite of a challenging economy, Hyrum continues to be a valley leader—one that surrounding areas look to for solutions to rising issues. We live in a wonderful community! Our leaders past and present have had the foresight to plan and implement advantageous programs that make Hyrum a great place to live. Our 2010-11 budget follows that pattern as we strive to make our city a vibrant, well-planned community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Dean Howard

MOSQUITOS - The mosquito season will soon be upon us. You as a resident of Hyrum can help minimize this nuisance and health risk in your neighborhood. Look first at your yard to eliminate sources of stagnant standing water. This may include old tires, tin cans, water troughs, boats, etc. Mosquito larvae can mature in small quantities of standing water. Next report any other areas of standing water where mosquitos are present. The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) and The Bear River Health Department (BRHD) are working together to kill mosquito's, both at the larvae stage (using fish, bird and wildlife friendly larvacide agents) and at the adult stage (using malathion or other spray materials. Information about mosquito control can be found on the CMAD website www.cachemosquito.com. Your Hyrum representative to CMAD is Tom LaBau 245-3087.



HAZARDOUS WASTE – Household hazardous waste is accepted for free (does not apply to businesses) Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 200 North 1400 West Logan. For more information visit www.environmental.loganutah.org or call 713-6686. A few examples of residential hazardous waste are: antifreeze, bleach, car batteries, computers & monitors, gasoline & unwanted fuels, household cleaners, insecticides/pesticides/fungicides, mercury items (e.g. fluorescent light bulbs) motor oil, paints, paint thinners, pool & spa chemicals, and propane cylinders. There is a fee to drop off refrigerators and tires.

WATER METERS – Water meters are now being read monthly. Please make sure that your meter lid is uncovered and free from grass, dirt, bushes, etc. This allows our meter reader easy access to your meter to get an accurate reading. Thanks for your help!

LIBRARY NEWS – Summer reading begins June 14th. Our theme this year is “Make a Splash! READ!” This program is for the entire family and goes on for six weeks. Lots of fun activities are planned, including a craft day and a special speaker. Plan on signing up for a summer of fun and reading.



The library and museum building has a new painting by Loretta Larsen Gale, a former Hyrum resident. This beautiful painting “The Last Rendezvous,” depicts the story of three old friends meeting perhaps for the first time in Cache Valley. The three mountain warriors were Jim Bridger, Joseph Walker, and Chief Washakie. Come and see this beautiful piece of art.

June 25th will be our craft day at the library. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. Fun for all ages.

On July 29th we will have the renowned children/youth author, Gloria Skurzynski coming to speak at the library. Mrs. Skurzynski is the author of the popular “National Park Mysteries” as well as numerous other well known novels for youth. She will speak at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Our second brick donor wall is still unfinished. Here is a great way to give a lasting gift to someone you love. The \$100 donation is tax deductible. Call the library for further information. We have just ordered the next batch of bricks but as soon as there are 25 more orders we will place another order.

The National Endowment for the Humanities has selected Hyrum Library as a recipient of the “We the People, A more Perfect Union” bookshelf. The library received seventeen hardcover books as well as a number of bonus selections, including “The Civil War: A Film by Ken Burns.”

Ridley's Advantage Points: It has become necessary to have those who have donated their Ridley's Advantage Points in the past, to re-sign up for this program. This is Ridley's policy so new signatures will be needed each January. If you wish to donate your points to the library, please return the enclosed form with your bill or to the library.



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: _____

Hyrum's Star Spangled Celebration 2010

June 25 & 26 Rodeo 7:30 p.m. Rodeo Grounds
Contact: Jeff Burnett 245-3704

July 3 Freedom Run/15K 7 a.m.
Contact: Heather Housley 563-3823
Register at www.topofutahmarathon.com/15/

Youth Parade 10:30 a.m. City Square
Contact: Riley Eldridge 245-3970 sign up at 10 a.m.

Water Fight with Firemen 11 a.m. East Park

July 4 Patriotic Program 7 p.m. City Square

July 5 Chuck Wagon Breakfast 7-10 a.m. City Square
Sponsored by: the Lion's Club

Main Street Mile 11:55 a.m. 700 East Main
(no registration necessary)

Parade noon Main Street
Contact: Curtiss Parkinson 245-3966
Registration forms available at www.hyrumcity.com

Free Watermelon after parade City Square

Booths & Entertainment 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. City Square

Fireworks & Entertainment 8 – 10:30 p.m. Soccer Fields
Entertainment provided by: Rough Stock

Teen Dance Following Fireworks until midnight Elite Hall
\$2.00