



HYRUM CITY

NEWSLETTER



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April/May 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 Miller	245-4405
Tom LaBau	245-3087

April 1

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

April 8

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m.

April 15

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

May 6

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

May 13

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m.

May 20

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

May 31

Memorial Day – Office Closed



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - Cache Valley is a desirable place to live. Because of low crime, it's one of the safest areas in the nation. Recreational and cultural opportunities abound and the valley is served by excellent schools. Because of these and other factors, the valley continues to grow, attracting people to our communities until our combined population finally reached the threshold necessary to be designated a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) by the Federal Government. The Cache Valley SMSA reaches from Smithfield on the north to Wellsville on the south and includes Hyrum.

Being part of a SMSA brings responsibilities imposed by the EPA, including mandates to manage storm water collection and disposal. Several years ago, Hyrum and other SMSA communities qualified for Phase I state-issued storm water permits after developing individual storm water management plans. Like the others, Hyrum proceeded to implement its program, file annual reports, and generate revenue for the program through a monthly storm water fee.

Last June, at the end of the first phase of the storm water program, Hyrum was selected by the state's Department of Environmental Quality for an audit. Because we had invested considerable time and effort into the program, we weren't uncomfortable when faced with the prospect of an audit and hoped to glean from the experience ideas on how to improve our program even more. We were surprised to learn of the city's additional responsibilities for program management initially assumed by the state such as site inspections, etc.

As the state and SMSAs move towards Phase II of storm water regulations, people need to understand the financial burden these regulations impose on smaller communities. All of us want to be good citizens and help clean up the environment. That's one reason Hyrum invested over \$5.25 million in new wastewater treatment facilities.



But it seems somewhat unreasonable to apply the same standards to all communities regardless of size when cities like River Heights, Millville, Nibley, and even Hyrum have limited resources to comply with unfunded mandates that may not impose the same burden on Salt Lake City, Ogden, Logan and communities with larger staff and more resources.

Furthermore, Hyrum must comply because of its proximity to Logan while larger communities such as Brigham City, Price, Tooele, Vernal, and others are exempt because the total area population does not exceed the threshold. We feel this is unfair and join with others in suggesting storm water regulations should not be imposed simply because a community is close to a larger metropolitan city.

Hyrum will do its best to comply with these regulations even as we work to mitigate the financial impact they impose on us and other small cities. It's likely, however, our monthly storm water assessment will have to increase in order for us to conform to the regulations. Given our current economic situation, I am reluctant to increase any fees or rates regardless of reason, but under the circumstances, we may have no choice. I'll keep you informed.

Sincerely,
Dean Howard
Mayor

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION – Please join us on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mountain Crest Auditorium for our sesquicentennial celebration. Admission is free, and all current and past Hyrum citizens are invited to attend. The program will include guest speaker Hyrum W. Smith as well as a community and children's choir. Following the program, enjoy refreshments, displays, and a great opportunity to socialize. Purchase your raffle tickets for a beautiful sesquicentennial quilt, a replica of the one on display in our museum which will be raffled off that evening. Raffle tickets are available now at the city office, library, museum, senior center, or before the program at the high school. Ticket prices: single ticket \$2, three tickets \$5, and seven tickets \$10. You do not need to be present to win.

DO YOU REMEMBER – In 1983, hurricane-force winds gusting more than 100 miles per hour caused heavy damage throughout Cache Valley. The winds mixed with snow which made visibility zero at times, triggering several auto accidents. Widespread damage was caused including uprooting trees, damaging cars, overturning barns and widespread power outages. A total of 52 pine trees were uprooted as well as some headstones in the Hyrum City Cemetery. Following the storm many Hyrum residents volunteered to help clean up the toppled trees in our city cemetery.



HYRUM TREE COMMITTEE – The Hyrum City Tree Committee is looking for volunteers. This will include helping with the Arbor Day celebration in July. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Andy Beutler at 245-5535.

PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION – The irrigation companies will soon be busy cleaning the garbage and debris out of the ditches to provide us with irrigation water. Look for the irrigation water to arrive between the 1st and 15th of May.

HYRUM CITY QUEEN PAGEANT – The Hyrum City Queen Pageant was held March 5th. Congratulations to the following girls who were chosen to represent Hyrum City for 2010. Queen: Shalane Hobbs, 1st Attendant: Maggie James, 2nd Attendant: Pramudita Andaristi, 3rd Attendant: Virginia Shidler, 4th Attendant: Olivia Derr, 5th Attendant: Jacklyn Cheney.

SENIOR NEWS – We would like to acknowledge all those who worked so hard on completing the Hyrum City Sesquicentennial Quilts. Thanks to your help and commitment the quilts were completed ahead of our deadline. Marilyn Nye bound both quilts and did a great job. We are very thankful for the many hours she devotes on quilts at the center. We have a handful of ladies who never let us down when a project is before us. Thank you.

We have some fun and informative events planned for April. April 7: Program by the Summer Citizens, April 8: Red Hat, April 14: Singer Beck Kimball. We have many other upcoming programs and entertainment scheduled. Please come in and pick up a monthly newsletter which features the daily menus and schedules. Remember to call in before 10 a.m. the day you would like to eat with us; our suggested lunch donation is \$2.50. We appreciate all those who donate their time and hard work to the seniors here in Hyrum. Thank you and have a great spring!

LIBRARY NEWS – April story-time sign-ups begin on April 1st. The theme for April is "Things That Move." Story time is for all 3-5 year olds and will be held on April 27, 28, 29 and 30 at 1:00 p.m. May's story time theme is "Our Fine Feathered Friends." This will be the last regular story time until September. Story times include fun stories, music and song, puppet shows and craft activities as our budget allows. The librarians have a great time, and the kids do also!

Amy C. Maddocks, a local author, will be giving a presentation of her recently published book, *Too Precious For Earth*, at the Library on May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Amy grew up in Hyrum and is known by many. Her book is a true story of the lives changed by a miracle child. The author uses humor and personal insight to guide readers through a story of love, loss and healing, demonstrating what it means to live an inspired life. Through her own experiences, she inspires others to live each day beautifully and spiritually. Everyone is invited to attend, and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.



Mark your calendar, summer reading begins on June 14th. Our program's theme this year is "Make a Splash! Read!!" There are lots of fun activities planned and a really special closing activity for those completing the six-week program. Our craft day will be June 25th at 10:00 a.m. On July 29th we will have the renowned children/youth author, Gloria Skurzynski coming to speak. Mrs. Skurzynski is the author of the popular "*National Park Mysteries*" as well as numerous other well known novels for youth.

Thanks to everyone for all the support for our annual bake and book sale. More than \$1,100 was raised this year. These funds are used to improve the library and increase our collection. We appreciate everyone's help and especially our wonderful library board.

We are sad to see our computer technician and library aide Trulan Olsen leave. He will be going on an LDS mission in May to St. Louis, MO. We wish him the best.

The library recently received a donation of \$2,000 from Ridley's Family Markets. We appreciate all the support from Ridley's. Also, remember to sign up to donate your Ridley's Home Town Advantage points to the Hyrum Library. What a great way to earn extra money for the library. The more patrons we have signed up, the larger our donations are becoming. Thank you.

Bryce Nielsen, the son of Doug and Marlene Nielsen, recently built wonderful new cabinets in the library's storage room to earn his Eagle Scout Award. Thank you so much Bryce and congratulations, the cabinets are just what we needed.

STORMWATER/ILLEGAL DUMPING – Health Risks: Rodents, insects, and other vermin attracted to dump sites may pose health risks. Dump sites provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can multiply 100 times faster than normal in the warm, stagnant water entrapped in the dump material. Fire Hazard: The dump material may be subject to spontaneous combustion or arson, which can be causes of a fire hazard. Due to this there can also be forest fires and severe erosion, because fires burn away trees and undergrowth. This can also have a negative impact on plants and wildlife. Flooding: When the waste dumps block the ravines, creeks, culverts and drainage of stormwater runoff. Water Quality Impacts: Runoff from dump sites containing chemicals may contaminate groundwater wells and surface water used as sources of drinking water. Decrease of Property Value: Dump sites serve as magnets for additional dumping and other criminal activities. The community then becomes unattractive to commercial and residential developers. Rise in the maintenance costs: There are significant costs to the local government associated with continuous clearing of illegally dumped waste. These costs may be passed along to the residents in the form of higher service fees or property taxes.

Illicit Discharges: Non-stormwater discharges to storm sewers that come from a variety of sources that include illicit connections and cross connections from industrial, commercial, and sanitary sewage sources, leaking sanitary sewage systems, malfunctioning septic systems, improper disposal of wastes such as used oil, wastewater and litter, spills etc. These discharges are "illicit" because the City's storm sewer systems are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such wastes. Storm drainage systems are supposed to receive only the portion of precipitation, which drains from surfaces exposed to precipitation, and nothing else.

Hazards Associated with Illicit Discharges: Pathogenic and toxic pollutant sources from sanitary, commercial and industrial and other sources from residential areas could cause disease upon contact or consumption. This could also cause treatment problems to downstream receiving waters when contaminated with heavy metals and organic toxicants. Illicit discharges from landscaped irrigation runoff, construction site dewatering, automobile washing and laundry wastes could cause excessive algal growth and could be a threat to aquatic life.

Please help us to make sure that "only rain goes down the drain!" If you see anyone dumping into the storm drain (streets, gutters, and ditches), please call our hotline at (435) 245-6033.

SPRING CLEANUP – Dumpsters will be available for your use at East Park (700 East Main) beginning Saturday, April 24th thru Saturday, May 1st. Remember please DO NOT discard these items in the dumpsters: tires, automotive batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, chemicals, ashes, fireworks and paint. Metal recycling bins will be available for any metal (aluminum, steel, etc.) Please remember that refrigerators will be accepted only if freon is drained. Junk cars will also be accepted during spring cleanup. You must provide the City the title to the vehicle. If you have any questions or need assistance please call the City Office at 245-6033.



2010 YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Mayor: Riley Eldridge, Secretary: Kelsie Steinmetz, Historian: Kelcee Kendrick,
Council Members: Zachary Baird, Taylor Baxter, Ethan Fridal, Marci Nielson, Kiera Peck.

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