



# Hyrum City Newsletter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

— It's hard to believe my first term of office is drawing to a close. The past four years have passed quickly, and I wonder if time flies just for me or if you feel it too.

The current economic condition of our nation worries all of us in local government. Though insulated in some respects because of Utah's economic strength and diversity, some residents of our community are suffering from the loss of jobs, reduction of wages, and shrinkage of buying power. Be mindful of those in need, especially if they are your neighbors—and remember, in a community the size of Hyrum, we're all neighbors. Provide whatever support, help, or encouragement you can to those individuals or families experiencing economic reversals or hardships.

Even before the economy dumped a load of fiscal challenges on our doorstep, people occasionally asked about our library debt and how the community plans to retire it. This has been a challenge for us, and we're doing the best we can to meet our obligations without imposing additional burden on our residents. We appreciate the on-going financial support from Nibley, Wellsville, and residents of the county who purchase cards or make donations to the library.

In its annual statistical report for 2008, the Utah State Library Division provided some very impressive data about our library compared with libraries serving populations of 10,000 to 25,000 people. Our library operating expenditures totaled \$220,977 compared with

a group average of \$455,667, yet we checked 300,145 items compared with a group average of 177,794. We do this with an equivalent of 3.4 fulltime employees compared with the group average of 6.73.

And not all of our children are glued to television sets or video games. Our library checked 159,077 items to children during 2008 compared with the 69,447 group average. As an investment in the minds of our youth, our library complements our parks and recreation programs in promoting the physical health of our young people. Is it expensive? Yes. Is it worth it? Every penny.

In conclusion, I appreciate the support, advice, and counsel offered by many of you over the past four years. Your suggestions generally hold much meaning for me, and I am so grateful for citizens who are concerned about their community and care for their neighbors. Thank you. You have made this job a pleasant one.

I am especially grateful to members of the current City Council and their tireless efforts to improve Hyrum and its services to the residents. These people truly have your interests at heart and strive to make decisions best for the entire town. I appreciate working with them.

All of us at Hyrum City are committed to reducing costs and improving services however possible. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. If there is something you don't understand or appears superfluous or wasteful, or if you have a comment or recommendation, please don't hesitate to call me or a member of the City Council with your thoughts.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

## GENERAL ELECTION –

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is General Election Day. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. All Hyrum residents will vote at the Civic Center, 83 West Main. The following individuals have filed for public office in Hyrum City:



Mayor: W. Dean Howard  
Bryan Larsen  
City Council 2 year term: (1 seat)  
Kenneth Allsop  
Tom LaBau  
City Council 4 year term: (2 seats)  
Cynthia Forbush  
Paul C. James  
Craig Rasmussen

Early voting will be conducted on October 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Hyrum City Office, 83 West Main.

Please do not forget to bring your photo identification to the election polls. A recent change in Utah law requires **ALL VOTERS TO SHOW PHOTO ID** (Utah Drivers License, United States Passport, Utah Identification Card, and Utah Concealed Weapons Permit) or two other forms of identification in order to vote.

**MAIN STREET RESURFACE** - The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) resurfaced portions of 300 North, 400 West, and Main Street through Hyrum this summer. In conjunction with this project, UDOT also hired a contractor to repair portions of deteriorated curbing on the north side of Main Street between 200 and 500 East. Unfortunately, budgetary constraints prevented more extensive repair and/or replacement of the curb and gutter on Main Street at this time.

While we appreciate UDOT's efforts to improve state roadways through Hyrum City, we were disappointed the crown on Main Street,

especially between 200 and 400 East, wasn't flattened appreciably as originally planned. Apparently, subsurface conditions prevented UDOT from reducing the surface curvature as intended.

**SIGNS** – This is a reminder to anyone who would like to hang or post signs to advertise an event such as a garage sale or yard sale. Hyrum City code permits one relatively small off premises sign to advertise the event. The off premises sign must be removed within 24 hours after the end of the event. If City Staff removes the sign, a sign removal fee may be charged.

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**Hyrum City &  
Big Band Swing Association  
presents**

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**Ted Calcara & New Deal Swing  
Elite Hall**

**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Dance Lessons 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dance 8:00 p.m.

\$10 per person

\$5 for students & seniors

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**SCHOOL ZONES** – School is now in session. Please make sure to observe all crosswalks and school zones. The minimum bail set by the state for speeding in a school zone is 0-9 mph over \$108 all other speeds is a mandatory court appearance. Our crossing guards do a great job protecting our children. Crossing guards are required to stay in the middle of the crosswalk until the children are on the curb on the opposite side of the street before they can return to their starting position. Please be patient and slow down when approaching school crosswalks.



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** - We want to thank everyone that attended and helped us make the Night Out Against Crime another great success. Around 600 citizens joined us for an evening of food, information and fun.

Thank You to all of the groups and businesses that contributed:

- Hyrum City Safety Committee
- Cache County Sheriff's Office
- Hyrum City Fire and EMS
- Life Flight
- JBS Swift/Millers
- Maceys
- LW's Convenience Stores
- Bridgerland Applied Technology College
- Bajio Grill
- Hyrum City Youth Council
- Coca-Cola of Logan
- Children's Justice Center
- Emergency 911 Dispatch Center
- CAPSA
- Child and Family Support Center
- Hyrum State Park

**CONCRETE RINSING** - Attention all homeowners, contractors, concrete suppliers, and anyone building a house, garage, or using concrete for any purpose on their property: It is illegal to rinse concrete delivery trucks or otherwise dump waste or unused concrete on roadsides, in borrow pits, or on any city or state right-of-way or public property within city limits. Under strict E.P.A. regulations, **the city will issue citations** to all who violate this prohibition. Please rinse concrete trucks and dispose of surplus concrete using approved methods. Thank you.

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## Elk Festival

**Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Hardware Ranch**

**FREE**

Activities include:

Balloon antlers, archery, free rides, fish printing, bug exploration & more.

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## HYRUM CITY CEMETERY RECORDS TO GO ONLINE

– People frequently ask office personnel where someone is buried or if they can search our records for genealogy clues. The current status of our records makes this cumbersome, so we have been searching for a better way to input and maintain our cemetery records. A recently acquired program, NAMES IN STONE will enable us to provide up-to-date information to the public.

NAMES IN STONE will enable you to access Hyrum City's burial records on a new website that allows cemetery record keepers to post both burial information and grave locations online. This is different from other cemetery websites because the public can easily search for a deceased person and then see the location of the grave on a map. It's almost like being there.

NAMES IN STONE helps families and researchers find information faster. Cemetery record keepers will soon be able to keep their online information current by updating the website as frequently as they choose. Visitors can add headstone photographs and additional information or comments about a deceased. Best of all, NAMES IN STONE is a free service to both the cemetery and to the public. NAMES IN STONE is a repository for multiple cemeteries, adding convenience and value to the research experience. This unique website combines burial information with a map showing each grave location. It's an excellent public service, especially on Memorial Day. Citizens can do much of their own research prior to coming to the cemetery. It also helps researchers build families by visualizing who is buried next to whom. Researchers can quickly find names that would be difficult to do otherwise.

Anyone will be able to access our cemetery records on <http://hyrumcity.org/cemetery.php> or at [www.namesinstone.com](http://www.namesinstone.com).

We are in the process of moving the records from our old system to the new program. We are hoping to have it online by the first of October. Keep checking the website for this great tool.

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**Hyrum's Holiday at Hardware  
Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Hyrum Residents are invited to come for a sleigh ride through the elk herd & enjoy hot chocolate & cookies. Get your picture taken with Santa at the visitor's center. All for free!

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**PARKING RESTRICTIONS** – City ordinance prohibits parking of vehicles on municipal property for more than 48 hours. The office frequently receives complaints about old, inoperative vehicles left standing on public property for days, weeks, or even months at a time. Occasionally residents leave operable vehicles parked on city property for long periods of time, and these vehicles sometimes annoy neighbors who ask the city to enforce its parking ordinances. Please be aware **the city intends to ticket or impound all such vehicles during the next few weeks.** If you have an inoperable or unused vehicle on city property, please dispose of it or remove it to an appropriate storage area as soon as possible in order to avoid a citation. Unregistered vehicles may be removed from city property without notice. Thank you for your cooperation.



**LINCOLN ELEMENTARY FALL FESTIVAL** – Don't miss the "Fall Festival" on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:30 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary. Bring your whole family to enjoy pizza, snow cones, cotton candy, rides and games. Tell your friends – EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**LIBRARY NEWS** – The library is happy to announce the opening of its new Copy Center. The awarding of an LSTA Grant has made it possible for the library to purchase a new Ricoh Color Copier. The Copy Center is equipped with all office supplies, making it easier to complete any and all of your school and home projects. A computer with internet access will soon be added to the room, as well. The Copy Center is for everyone's use. Ask for assistance from any of the librarians. Color copies will be \$.50 and black and white \$.10. (The price will be the same if you use our paper or yours.)

Just a reminder to library patrons of the Ridley's Home Town Advantage Card Program. We appreciate those patrons who donate their points to the library. The library can earn up to \$8,000 a year from this wonderful program. In the last quarter we received a check for \$543. These donated funds help us to purchase more items for the library. All of us working together can accomplish much. Thanks you.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> all items in our Lost and Found will either be thrown away or sent to the Deseret Industries. If you are missing coats, books, toys, keys, etc. check with us soon.

The theme for September's story time is "Down on the Farm." Call the library to register your 3-5 year old. Five year olds in kindergarten are still welcome to come if it fits into their school schedule. After an on-line survey, the majority of parents wanted story time held four times a week at 1:00 p.m. September's will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>. The themes for upcoming story times are: Treasure Hunt with Pirates, Nutritious Food, We Give Thanks For, Music at Christmas Time, and Teddy Bears Snuggle Tight.



Our second donor brick wall still needs completion. We have about fifteen bricks ordered. Once we have seventy, we can order again. This is a great idea for anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas, or just to be nice. \$100 tax deductible donation buys you a brick

inscribed with your favorite saying or sentiment. Give the library a call to order at 245-6411.

The Utah State Parks Pass is still available for reservation through the library. This is good for us to issue until the spring of 2010.

Summer reading bags may now be picked up at the library. Each family that turned in their calendars has a bag waiting for them. Thanks for helping make this one of the best summer reading programs ever. More than 18,263 hours were read by those who turned in calendars. Way to go!

**SENIOR NEWS** – Fall is here, school busses are up and running, leaves changing, crowds yelling at football games, preparing for the holidays are all things we experience as the days of September roll by. I am deeply thankful for the warm reception I have received here at the Senior Center. Eleanor Roosevelt once said: “No great leader can be too far ahead of his followers.” I have the best team here to remind, guide, and support me as I work hard to serve our community and the seniors here in Hyrum. Come in, eat our food, make friends, nurture old friendships and list one thing you are thankful for every day. Upward and Onward!

Your Friend,  
Leslie Fife  
Senior Director

We are heading swiftly towards the holidays; bring in items you would like to donate for our Christmas Boutique and fund raiser. We appreciate you and your support.

### September

Board Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month

16<sup>th</sup> – Health Fair & Flu Shots 10–2

17<sup>th</sup> – Red Hat Chic's 10:30

23<sup>rd</sup> – Odell Summers & Marimba 12:30

24<sup>th</sup> – Cooking Class 10:00

30<sup>th</sup> – Pirate Party 10:30

Play 'Curse of the Corset' 12:30

Rocky Mountain Health Care is now doing our Foot Clinic. It is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Please call for an appointment. Appointments start at 10:00 and go to 11:00.

Just for your information: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Lee's Market donates bread and goodies to the senior center – so stop by and pick up a loaf of bread or a goodie.

**STORMWATER** – Fall stormwater tips for your yard:

- Keep your leaves and grass clippings out of the streets and storm drains.
- Direct your down spouts away from hard surfaces.
- Fall is the best time for your lawn to be fertilized, seeded, aerated and thatched.





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