



Hyrum City Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

– Hyrum City is a great place to live, and it's a great place to live because of the people who reside here, for what is a community other than its citizens? Sometimes, however, all of us become a little

careless in our habits, a little less considerate of our neighbors, and a little more complacent in our duties as citizens.

Take our driving habits, for example. We know we're supposed to obey the speed limits and other traffic laws, but some of us know a particular stretch of road where there are few houses and little traffic and we all consider ourselves above average drivers, so we exceed the speed limit and tell ourselves it doesn't hurt anything. And it probably doesn't. Nevertheless, after driving faster than the limit for months or years, we're surprised by an officer one day and receive a ticket. It angers us, and we begin to rationalize. The limit really ought to be higher. The cop ought to be using his time to catch real criminals. Most everyone else drives even faster than I do on this stretch of road. And the list of excuses goes on and on.

After hearing complaints about parking ordinance violations for months on end, especially about derelict or unlicensed vehicles parked on the roadsides, as well as RV's, snowmobiles, and farm equipment parked on city property, the Mayor and City Council asked law enforcement officers to write parking tickets where appropriate and impound abandoned or unused vehicles from city property.

In our last newsletter, we published a notice of our intentions, including this statement: "With the coming of winter, 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. Please be aware that unregistered vehicles may be removed from city property without notice."

Recently, a few people reacted with anger when law officers began to more vigorously enforce our parking ordinances. Some people said the regulations didn't make sense to them, and others said they have been parking in violation of the law for many years and no one bothered them before. My response to that is if we don't like our parking regulations or they don't make any sense, then let's change them. But until they are changed, we should abide by the restrictions regardless of whether anyone complains.

Another point you should understand. Despite what some people think, enforcement of parking regulations has nothing to do with budget or revenue. The amount of revenue generated by parking tickets isn't enough to even register in our budget. At \$10 per ticket (if paid within the first five days), it would take a lot of citations to make a significant impact on city finances. And, contrary to at least one opinion, parking tickets do not appear on one's driving record.

The recent brisk enforcement of parking regulations is merely the result of many people asking us to take a more proactive approach to parking violations as well as countless instances of people ignoring requests by city

employees and others to remove unused or improperly parked vehicles from roadsides.

To those who asked for us to be more aggressive in correcting parking violations, we appreciate your patience and we pledge to continue working with law officers to uniformly and equitably enforce our parking regulations.

To those who disagree with the regulations and enforcement thereof, please contact me or a member of the City Council with suggestions for improvements. Keep in mind, however, that these regulations must be reasonable and enforceable across the entire community.

It is your community. These are your ordinances and regulations. If you don't like them or desire alterations, then submit your requests. We'll be happy to consider them. Remember, however, that most of these regulations are a result of citizen-input and the majority agrees with them.

Thanks to those of you who took time to share your comments and thoughts.

Sincerely,

Dean Howard
Mayor

GREEN WASTE – Please be aware that the Green Waste collection programs (curbside and city drop-sites) will be ending for the winter months. Curbside services will end starting the week of November 16 with the last pick-up being on your regular waste collection day. The city dropsite roll-off containers will be pulled November 23 & 24.

The Green Waste facility located at the Logan Landfill does not close for the winter. Green waste material includes: grass, leaves, hay, branches, straw, non-invasive weeds and garden produce such as pumpkins. Manure should not be placed in any collection container but rather brought to the Green Waste Facility. For questions or concerns please call the Environmental Department at 716-9755.

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.



When you are winterizing your vehicles, make sure to check for and fix fluid leaks. Even a small amount of oil that drips on the pavement can pollute thousands of gallons of water. Also make sure to properly dispose of antifreeze, and never dump it on the ground or down a storm drain.

Winter is also the time for slippery sidewalks and driveways. Try to minimize the amount of salt used for melting snow and ice by using a salt alternative, such as calcium magnesium, which has fewer adverse environmental impacts than salt.

For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, please call Hyrum City at 245-6033.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS –



Winter parking regulations began November 1st. Parking is not allowed on city streets or within ten feet of roadway pavement in any municipal right-of-way unless such vehicle is in a driveway approach or otherwise parked behind the curb where curb exists, between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m. This law allows for snow removal and is in effect between November 1st and April 1st, even when there is no snow.

If you do receive a parking ticket, the best thing to do is pay it right away. The cost of a ticket paid within five business days is \$10.00. If paid within 10 days, it will be \$20.00. After ten days the fine is \$35.00.

HYRUM LIONS CLUB – The Lions Club is a service organization that was founded in 1917. Their goal is to provide service to the community, especially the blind and vision impaired. The Hyrum Lions Club was formed more than 80 years ago and was the first Lions Club in Cache County. Over the years, the Lions have been involved in many projects, including the restrooms at AJ's Park, the fireplace on the City Square, the statue of Hyrum Smith located on the City Square; the Hyrum City entrance sign on Highway 165; and many others.



Some of the activities the Lions are involved with include the annual Hyrum Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Breakfast, Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, and a dinner for the singles at the Hyrum Senior Center. The Hyrum Lions Club is always looking for new members. The club meets the fourth Thursday of every month for a dinner/planning meeting. If you are interested in becoming a Lions Club member, please contact Michael Larsen at 764-7667, Jim Vanderbeek at 245-4244, or James Graham at 245-3942.

HYRUM HOLIDAY AT HARDWARE

Saturday, December 12, 2009

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hyrum Residents are invited to come for a **sleigh ride** (or wagon ride if there is no snow) through the elk herd and enjoy **hot chocolate & cookies**. Get your picture taken with **Santa** at the visitor's center. All for free!



DOG LICENSE/RABIES CLINIC –

Hyrum City will **not** be holding a dog license rabies clinic this year.

Any dog(s) six (6) months old or older is required to be licensed with Hyrum City. Dogs are required to be licensed even if they stay inside your home or never leave your yard. The license fees are as follows:



- Neutered male/spayed female dogs - \$ 8.00
- Male dogs - \$12.00
- Female dogs - \$15.00

A veterinarian certificate is required to verify rabies vaccination and the dog being neutered or spayed.

All dogs must be licensed by Monday, March 1st. After March 1st a \$10 late fee will be assessed in addition to the regular license fee. Owners may be issued a citation for failure to have his/her dog properly licensed if it is found to be unlicensed after the 1st day of March.

Also please remember that City ordinance permits a maximum of two dogs per household.

Ted Calcara & New Deal Swing At the Elite Hall Rescheduled for February 20, 2010

Dance lessons 7 – 8 p.m.
Concert & Dance 8 p.m.
\$10 per person
\$5 for students & seniors

**Come enjoy the music & dance, or
enjoy the music and watch others
dance, along with the USU Swing
Dance Club.**

This event is sponsored by Excellence in the Community, Hyrum City, & the USU Swing Dance Club.

WATER QUALITY REPORT – Hyrum City’s Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at http://hyrumcity.org/culinary_water.php. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of our drinking water and the services we deliver to you everyday.

The City’s goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of culinary water and we want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water supplies.

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY – Snow removal from driveway and sidewalks: Section 12.04.010 of the Hyrum City Code requires property owners or occupants to remove snow from sidewalks abutting their properties within a “reasonable time” after the snow stops falling—the code stipulates 9 a.m. for snow accumulating during the night. This is especially critical for sidewalks used by school children and other pedestrians.

Section 10.20.095 prohibits the practice of depositing, blowing, or pushing snow removed from parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks onto the roadway. This includes pushing it across roadways to neighboring park strips, borrow pits, or vacant properties in such manner as to leave a residue or otherwise increase the amount of snow on the roadway.

We ask that you place the snow on your side of the property line behind the sidewalks, allowing us to push the snow from the roads onto the park strips or borrow pits.

Priorities for snow removal: Snow removal priority is based upon the amount of traffic and the number of homes, businesses, and schools serviced by a particular road. Please keep in mind that the length and intensity of the storm influences plow routes and frequency of plowing.

Major storms require us to remain on primary roadways until the storm subsides.

Vehicle and garbage cans in the road: Section 10.20.090 prohibits parking within 10 feet of roadway pavement between November 1 and April 1 between midnight and 8 a.m. This is to reduce the risk of damage to motor vehicles and snowplows alike. Owners and operators of vehicles in violation are subject to citation whether or not snow is in the forecast.

We also ask that you put your garbage and recycle cans out the morning of collection day and remove them as soon as possible following the collection. These containers do not need to be placed on the asphalt portion of the roadway but rather set back several feet from the asphalt to reduce chances of damage by plows and flying snow.

Be aware of our equipment: A loaded snowplow weighs as much as 14 tons. The drivers need room to stop, especially while plowing. Even if you have the right-of-way, let the plow come to a stop before pulling out in front of it. We also ask that you remain more than 50 feet away from the plows so your vehicle is not damaged by flying snow or ice removal materials.

Please do not allow your children to play near the street while snow plows are out. Also do not allow them to build snow forts near the street because a snow plow may cause the fort to collapse.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BURNING PERMITS – For those of you desiring to burn weeds, limbs, etc., please call the City Office for a burn permit 245-6033.



All fires must be out by dark and must not be left unattended. Also, please keep a running hose nearby in order to help control the fire. You may be held liable if the fire gets away from you and damages other property.

Citations will be issued to those who don’t get a burn permit prior to burning.

LIBRARY NEWS – Story time for October was loads of fun. Pirates, princesses, witches, and more overran the library searching for hidden treasure. Be sure and check our web site at the end of each month for pictures from each story time. November's theme covers Thanksgiving and Nutrition, December we are talking about Christmas and music. Other themes to come are Teddy Bears, Field and Forest, and Things That Move. Story time is for all 3-5 year olds. Sign-up are always the first day of each month.

Having a hard time thinking of a great Christmas gift for your loved ones??? Our second donor wall has bricks still available. For \$100 you can inscribe your brick with the perfect saying for a gift that will be a lasting legacy. We are hoping to place an order in the very near future. Call the library for more information.

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 \$535. These donated funds help us purchase more items for the library. All of us working together, can accomplish much. Thanks for your support.

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

There are still lots of Summer Reading Bags that need to be picked up. If your family participated, you will have a bag with your name on it. Please come to the library and see what you have waiting for you and your family.

Before you bring in all the new books, DVD's, etc. for Christmas presents, please take the time to look for any overdue items that you may have lost at your home.

SENIOR NEWS – We would like to send a special thank you to all of our volunteers, board members, and those who contribute so heavily to our program; and Ridley's, Reed's Pharmacy, The Hair Station, Curves, and other Hyrum businesses that so readily help us here at the Senior Center. Americans are social creatures for the most part; good food and good company go hand in hand. Food memories are a vital part of who we are. Fresh baked bread, hot chocolate on a cold winter day, church pot lucks, and big holiday meals are a huge part of our lifestyle. Volunteers are always needed here or at nursing or assisted living centers. Sharing a meal with someone who resides in a care facility builds and enhances relationships and provides a senior with love and acceptance, which could help them cope better with health problems, etc. "It is not work that kills men, it is worry. Work is healthy: you can hardly put more on a man than he can bare. But worry is rust upon the blade. It is not movement that destroys the machine, but friction." Henry Ward Beecher. We have several large upcoming events and we rely heavily on volunteers to help us execute them successfully.

We are heading swiftly towards the holidays; bring in items you would like to donate for our Christmas Boutique and fundraiser. The annual Bazaar will be held December 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and December 5, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We appreciate you and your support.

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

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.

HYRUM'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Hyrum will be 150 years old next year! On April 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m., in the Mountain Crest High School Auditorium, we will have a program to honor our great community. Hyrum W. Smith, co-founder of Franklin Covey, and descendant of Hyrum Smith, who our city is named after, will be our guest speaker. We invite members of the community to participate in a community choir for this event. Contact the city office if you are interested in participating. Following the program there will be refreshments, historical pictures, a raffle for a quilt with historic pictures, pamphlets for a self-guided historical tour, and time to visit with friends from our community.

On July 5, 2010, we will continue this celebration along with our regular patriotic celebration. The first part of the parade will be dedicated to Hyrum's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The second half of the parade will be patriotic. We invite any who would like to participate in either part of the parade to fill out an application, which will be available on the city website, www.hyrumcity.com, after January 1, 2010. We will have the usual booths on the square that day, plus free old time activities such as a candy cannon, pioneer games and demonstrations, and entertainment. Get free watermelon on the square following the parade. Dutch oven meals will be available during the afternoon. A historical Hyrum cookbook can be purchased. Fireworks will take place at the soccer fields that evening, followed by a teen dance at the Elite Hall.

Please let your family and past residents of Hyrum know of these important dates. We would like to have them join us in celebrating 150 years of a great community!

HYRUM MUSEUM - 2010 marks the sesquicentennial birth year (1860) of Hyrum. In commemoration, the Hyrum Museum is creating fifteen exhibits that represent each of the decades over one hundred fifty years. Space in the Museum will be dedicated for this celebration the entire 2010 year. Our hope is to involve work groups including individuals, families, neighborhoods, and friends in developing a display for each decade. This is a great opportunity for our community to connect with the rich heritage of our past, the importance of today, and our hopes for the future. Under general guidelines each decade will display historical information using photographs, artifacts, and other expressions to capture the unique stories of each ten year period. The success of this project relies on the involvement of the community. We invite your input and participation.



Photograph Courtesy Hyrum Museum
Seated Left to Right Magnus Monson, Hyrum; Cliff Rodgers, Logan; Henry Monson, Hyrum;
Standing L-R Marland Thompson, Providence; Emory Nielsen, Paradise; Mayor Ivan Miller, Hyrum;
Marvin Poppleton, Wellsville; Bob Harris, Nibley.

Beard Raising Contest

Were men 50 years ago more manly than today?

For more information call the Museum at 245-0208 or Jeff at 512-4447, or visit our new website museum@hyrumcity.org, or in person at 50 West Main.

These contestants in the "Beard Raising Contest" 1960 July 24th Centennial Celebration invite all real men of today to participate in the 2010 Sesquicentennial Beard Raising Contest. Contest rules and regulations (Rogaine prohibited) will be forthcoming.

HISTORICAL HYRUM COOKBOOK – If you are interested in submitting a recipe for Hyrum's Historical Cookbook that will be available for purchase at Hyrum's Sesquicentennial Celebration on July 5, 2010, please e-mail recipes to cookbook@hyrumcity.com or contact Eileen James at 245-4695.

WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE - Hyrum City provides winter electric utility assistance to low-income households targeting those who are truly vulnerable - the lowest-income households with the highest heating costs, the disabled, elderly, and families with preschool-age children.

Electric utility customers that qualify for the HEAT Program through BRAG are eligible to apply for additional assistance from Hyrum City. For more information you may contact Hyrum City at 245-6033 or, for the HEAT Program, 752-7242.

HYRUM'S 2010 STAR SPANGLED CELEBRATION -



- June 25 & 26 – Star Spangled Rodeo
- July 3 – Youth Parade & Water Fight with firemen
- July 4 – Patriotic Program
- July 5 – Freedom Run, Parade at noon, Booths, Entertainment, Sesquicentennial activities, Dutch oven food, Fireworks, Youth Dance

HYRUM CITY ELECTION RESULTS -

Hyrum City's Board of Canvassers conducted the official canvass of the municipal general election returns on November 12, 2009. The following are the results:

Mayor – 1 seat - 4 year term

W. Dean Howard 491

Bryan Larsen 151

City Council -2 seats – 4 year term

Cynthia Forbush 214

Paul C. James 491

Craig Rasmussen 450

City Council – 1 seat – 2 year term

Kenneth Allsop 291

Tom LaBau 358

HYRUM CITY CEMETERY RECORDS NOW ONLINE – People frequently ask office personnel where someone is buried or if they can search our records for genealogy clues. A recently acquired program, NAMES IN STONE now enables us to provide up-to-date information to the public.

NAMES IN STONE enables 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.

Now anyone can access our cemetery records on <http://hyrumcity.org/cemetery.php> or at www.namesinstone.com.

BUSINESS LICENSES DUE – All current business licenses expire December 31, 2009. If renewal is not made by January 30, 2010, a late fee will be assessed. Applications and information are available at the City Offices. If you own or operate a business in Hyrum you must obtain a business license.



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