



# HYRUM CITY

## N E W S L E T T E R



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October 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
<u>Council Members</u>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Marin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miller	245-4405
Tom LaBau	245-3087

**October 7**  
City Council  
6:30 p.m.

**October 11**  
Columbus Day  
Office Closed

**October 14**  
Planning Commission  
7:30 p.m.

**October 21**  
City Council  
6:30 p.m.



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR** – Much has been said in recent months about the proposed county-wide library system. Some people hold strong feelings about Cache County’s lack of universal library service and urge government leaders to remedy the situation by implementing a program to provide library service to all residents regardless of where they live in the county or any of its several communities.

Many of those who live in communities currently offering library service feel a sense of attachment to their libraries, especially if they were built at considerable sacrifice, such as the one in Hyrum. Residents invested a lot of effort and money in our building and the library/museum service it enables us to provide and are reluctant to surrender control of this service to a county-wide system.

The problem is further complicated in Hyrum by the fact that we, the residents of the community, are responsible for the outstanding debt on our new building and must continue making payments over the next 20 years even if the library service within is provided by the county.

For the most part, our library meets the needs of patrons, not only within our community but also those of Wellsville and Nibley, whose residents use the library without additional cost beyond the annual amounts paid by their respective governments. Anyone else, whether a resident of another city or a resident living in Cache County, may use our library for an annual fee of \$30, which is less than the \$68 proposed by the county system.

I’m not sure at this point whether the county-wide system offers enough additional benefit to the residents of Hyrum to warrant strong support of the county proposal, especially considering the fact that we must continue to retire the debt and pay for maintenance of our building and operation of the museum. It appears that this is an opinion that you, the voters, will need to express in the polls. I only urge you to consider the matter carefully, talk with our library staff, and then make your wishes known in November.

And, of course, you are always welcome to discuss this or any other matter with me or any member of the City Council at any time.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

**ELK FESTIVAL** – Join us Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Hardware Ranch from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Paint a pumpkin, participate in an elk bugling contest, animal print stamping, and more – all for free.

**2011 HYRUM CITY YOUTH COUNCIL** – Hyrum City Youth in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to apply through October to be on the 2011 Hyrum City Youth Council. Applications are available at the South Cache and Mountain Crest School Offices, Hyrum City Office or on our city web-site [www.hyrumcity.com](http://www.hyrumcity.com). Interviews will be scheduled the first of November to select our new Youth Council.

**HYRUM HOLIDAY AT HARDWARE** – Hyrum residents are invited for a free sleigh ride, pictures with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Make this event a tradition as part of your Christmas Celebration.

## STORMWATER – 10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly



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

**LIBRARY NEWS** – What a great summer we have had at the library. This summer we broke all records with the highest number of check-outs for a day 2,763, a month 38,391, and the year 322,797. If you had any doubts that the library was being used, well it certainly is. More than 1,350 patrons signed up for our summer reading program "Make a Splash at Your Library." 23,134 hours were read by those who completed the six-week program and turned in their calendars. A great closing party was held at the Logan Aquatic Center with 476 attending. What a fun summer. Thanks to all those who helped with our craft day, author day and swim party.

Monthly story time is for all 3 to 5 year olds with sign-ups the first day of the month. You may call the library at 245-6411 or stop by.

Storytellers, a group of students from USU have started their story times also at the library. The purpose of Storytellers is to promote literacy in the community, focusing on pre-elementary and elementary age children. Each week they will present three or four different learning stations for the children to visit and rotate through. At each station, children's books will be read followed by a learning activity (craft, games, etc.) to tie into the theme of the book. Each station is about 15 minutes long, making the story time 45 minutes to an hour long. This program is an exciting way to open children's eyes to the joys of reading and hopefully start a habit of picking up and reading books for entertainment instead of the usual alternatives. Storytellers will present these programs every second Saturday of the month at 2:30 p.m.

Join us October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Author Carole Thayne Warburton will be at the library to share information about her new book.

**SENIOR NEWS** – Hyrum Seniors if you are over 55, come enjoy food, socializing and programs. This is YOUR center and we need your support. We are in need of a few items for our December Craft Fair. We welcome all hands to help and any of your ideas. Join us for crafts on Thursdays and receive a free light lunch. If you have any pint, half pint jars or buttons bring them to the center or call and we will pick them up.

October 6<sup>th</sup> – Healthy Fall Living

October 13<sup>th</sup> – Flu Shots & Health Fair 10:00-1:30 Please bring your Medicare card. All ages are invited to attend. There will be vendors, prizes, free testing and lunch will be available for \$2.00. Call 245-3570 if you have any questions.

October 14<sup>th</sup> – Red Hat Witches Gathering 10:30 All senior women are invited so put on your witch hat and join us for lunch, games, drawings and lots of fun. Please RSVP by October 12<sup>th</sup>.

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Odell Summers 12:30

October 27<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Costume Party 12:30

**MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Did you know that 65% of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms at all or no smoke alarms that work. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire. With October being Fire Prevention month here are some important safety tips to remember:



- Test smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. If an alarm chirps warning the battery is low, replace battery right away.

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement. Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home, so when one sounds they all sound.

- Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your home. Practice the plan at night and during the day, at least twice a year. Have an outside meeting place a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet. Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them. Don't forget to close all doors behind you as you leave.

- If the alarm sounds, get out and stay out. If you have to escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out. Feel the door knob and door before you opening a door. Call the fire department from outside your home.