



HYRUM CITY

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November 2010

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| 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 |

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| Mayor Howard | 245-5501 |
| <u>Council Members</u> | |
| Craig Rasmussen | 245-7772 |
| Martin Felix | 245-3765 |
| Paul James | 245-4695 |
| Stephanie Miller | 245-4405 |
| Tom LaBau | 245-3087 |

November 4
City Council
6:30 p.m.

November 11
Veterans Day
Offices Closed

November 18
City Council
6:30 p.m.

November 25 & 26
Thanksgiving
Offices Closed



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – At this year’s Family Summit sponsored by the Cache County Attorney’s Office, a young man spoke frankly about his addiction to pornography and the herculean efforts necessary to reclaim his life from compulsory and addictive behaviors.

Our world offers so many advantages and benefits to modern living. Medical technologies extend and enhance the quality of our lives. Industrial products abate the drudgery of day-to-day living with a level of ease and saving of time unknown to all but those who have lived the past few decades. And communication systems erase time, putting us in touch with everyone in our lives in an instant.

Yet all of these wonders of our modern world come with a price. The availability of technology for unproductive and harmful purposes seems to increase exponentially with time and if we’re not careful both we and our youth can fall victim to the dark side of modern society.

Recently the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the use of synthetic cannabinoids commonly called “Spice”. Like other substances harmful to the human body, Spice impairs judgment and imposes the expense of medical treatment and hospitalization upon insurance companies and taxpayers.

People increasingly worry about the high cost of government and its intrusion into personal lives with the resultant reduction of traditional liberties, but we need to recognize these burdens are often the results of mismanaged personal freedoms.

All of us need to set the best example we can for the youth of our community. This sounds clichéd, but they are the leaders of tomorrow and will be dealing with ecologic and economic issues far more challenging than those we face in our generation.

Let’s teach them to care for their property, to watch out for their neighbors, to exercise self control, and live lives worthy of the stewardship passed on to us by previous generations.

Let’s give them reason to take pride in their community and appreciate the foresight of their predecessors.

And finally let’s instill in them values of vision, sacrifice, and commitment so that the community they leave to the next generation will be one worth preserving.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Howard

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



DRUG DROP BOX – A drop box is now available where residents can safely discard unused and expired prescription drugs safely. This program will help reduce crime related to prescription drug abuse, burglary, and drug misuse by children. A steel box has been installed in the lobby of the city office building where residents from around the valley can for no charge deposit tablets and other non-liquid pharmaceuticals in a secure container during regular office hours.

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

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.

Garbage cans in the road: 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.



MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – The fire department has responded to a high number of carbon monoxide alarms in homes over the last few months. It is the time of year where our houses get closed off tighter with no or little incoming air, which tends to set off false alarms in your homes. As a fire department we ask when you change the batteries in your detectors to clean them also. A can of compressed air, the same as you would use to blow a computer keyboard works great to remove dust from detectors also.



If you ever suspect fire or your alarm sounds don't hesitate to call the fire department. We are available 24-7 to respond to any call. Nothing is better for us to hear that "all are safely out of the house," it lifts a lot of stress for everyone. We advise you to not open any windows or doors as this will dilute the readings of the gas. Generally we use 2 meters to be sure of the concentrations in your home. Information from the State Fire Marshals Office indicates the life of a CO or smoke detector is about 7 years which then it may begin to fail.

Common false alarms we commonly respond to are due to food cooking, steam for showers, some air fresheners, low batteries, dirty or dusty detectors. Enjoy the upcoming holidays and we hope you have a safe new year.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN HYRUM CITY? – If you are interested in serving in the community contact the City Office, Mayor Howard, or a member of the City Council. There are a number of places where citizens can serve on boards, committees, and other areas. Here are some examples:

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| Planning Commission | July 4 th Celebration Committee |
| Library Board | Night Out Against Crime |
| Hyrum City Library | Senior Citizen Center |
| Hyrum City Museum | Youth Council |
| Public Safety Committee/Neighborhood Watch | CERT |
| County Fair Booth Committee | Fire Department |
| Tree Committee | Parks and Recreation Committee |
| Hyrum Royalty Pageant | Others |

BE PREPARED ~ WATER STORAGE - It is recommended you purchase food-grade water storage containers from surplus or camping supply stores to use for water storage. You may also use two-liter plastic soft drink bottles, not plastic jugs or cardboard containers that have had milk or fruit juice in them. Milk protein and fruit sugars cannot be adequately removed from these containers and provide an environment for bacterial growth when water is stored in them. Also do not use glass containers, because they can break and are heavy. Whatever containers you use, before filling with water, thoroughly clean the containers with dishwashing soap and water, and rinse completely so there is no residual soap. With plastic soda bottles you will also want to add a solution of 1 teaspoon of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to a quart of water. Swish the sanitizing solution in the bottle so that it touches all surfaces. After sanitizing the bottle, thoroughly rinse out the sanitizing solution with clean water.

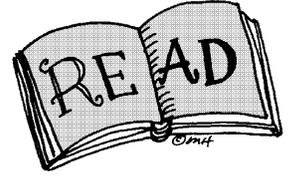
Fill the bottle to the top with regular tap water. If the tap water has been commercially treated from a water utility with chlorine, you do not need to add anything else to the water to keep it clean. If the water you are using comes from a well or water source that is not treated with chlorine, add two drops of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach to the water. Tightly close the container using the original cap, being careful not to contaminate the cap by touching the inside of it with your finger. Place a date on the outside of the container so that you know when you filled it. Store in a cool, dark place. Replace the water every six months if not using commercially bottled water. According to fema.gov, you should store at least one gallon of water per person per day.



LIBRARY NEWS – November's story time theme is "All about me." Sign-ups begin the first day of the month - call the library at 245-6411 or come in. Story time is for all 3-5 year olds.

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.



New child's shelving and adult fiction shelving has been added this month to our library. We were able to pay for this shelving through our CLEF (Community Library Enhancement Fund) Grant we received from the state. More than 250 new items have been added to our collection in the last few months. Lots of really great fiction for teens and adults, picture and board books, great reference, and audio has arrived. Watch our website for a new list of arrivals and also for new EAudio Books to download from the catalog each month.

Dr. Jared C. Shippee, D.P.M. will be giving a seminar at the library on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Shippee will be discussing weight loss and exercise, giving those in attendance many good ideas to become more fit and healthy. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our shipment of bricks has arrived and will be installed in the next few weeks. With Christmas coming this is a unique gift to give someone, plus the \$100 is tax deductible. Call the library for more information.

Don't forget to sign up for our Ridley's Hometown Advantage Program. Each quarter the library receives a donation from Ridley's for the points donated to us by our patrons. We have been able to add new blinds, purchase books, and improve the library with these extra funds. We need to submit a new list at the beginning of the year, so please let the librarians know if you are willing to donate your points.

SENIOR NEWS – Important dates in November to remember:

3 – Thanksgiving Feast & Program by Westernaires 12:00 noon Cost is \$4.00 Please RSVP by the 1st.

10 – Singer Laura Berg performance 12:30 p.m.

11 – Closed ~ Veteran's Day

17 – Health Presentation

18 – Red Hat

24 – Reminisce the Good Old Days

25 & 26 – Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events: December 3rd & 4th Craft Fair ~ Open to the public.

December 8th Christmas Dinner and Program by the Bel Canto Choir.

STORMWATER – This fall, let your leaves work for you. Leaving your yard waste on your lawn is:

- Good for your landscape. Grass clippings and fallen leaves are truly a valuable natural resource. Grass clippings left on the lawn can provide up to 25% of your lawn's total fertilizer needs and leaves contain 50 to 80% of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. To keep these nutrients where they can nourish your lawn, mulch grass clippings and leaves and leave them on the lawn, or compost them.

- Good for your wallet. By leaving grass clippings and leaves on your lawn, you are supplying it with natural fertilizers, which means you spend less money on store-bought fertilizers. To keep your yard waste from clogging storm drains and being washed into waterways: Remove yard waste from streets, sidewalks and driveways. Use your leaf blower or broom or sweep grass clippings or leaves back into the yard. Don't bag grass clippings and fallen leaves; use it as mulch.

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.

