



HYRUM CITY

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May 2011

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	363-7113
Tom LaBau	245-3087

May 5

City Council
6:30 p.m.

May 12

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m.

May 19

City Council
6:30 p.m.

May 30

Memorial Day
City Offices Closed



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR – It's difficult, in fact almost amusing, to discuss flooding and water shortages in the same message. As we prepare this newsletter for distribution, officials are warning of potential flooding on both the Logan and Blacksmith Fork Rivers. Groups of volunteers from Hyrum have filled sandbags for use along the river should problems arise, but we may not know the outcome of flood potential for several weeks yet. Hopefully the damage can be kept to a minimum.

Flooding of a different type is troubling residents in parts of the community away from the river as well, and this challenge is caused by the unusually high subsurface water table. As a result of these unfortunate experiences, we encourage all people contemplating construction of a new home to carefully consider subsurface water conditions and take adequate precautions where necessary. Despite Hyrum's elevation compared with neighboring communities, high water tables appear throughout parts of town and surface indicators are not always present to warn a prospective builder. Money spent on a geo-tech study may prevent future headaches and expense. In areas of question, the city encourages elevation adjustments or elimination of basements altogether.

Even with several inches of snow still on the ground, people have begun asking when irrigation water will be available this year. Management of surface water supplies presents challenges dating back to the earliest settlers of Cache Valley. Down through the years since water first flowed in the open canals, tempers frequently flare when water is misappropriated or wasted and the convenience and potential efficiency of our modern piped system hasn't entirely eliminated disputes over water.

Accordingly, we are working closely with irrigation company officials to resolve measurement and management challenges to avoid waste and misappropriation of water and to avoid pumping water from the ground and its attendant expense wherever possible. Electronic measuring devices are being installed to better monitor allocation and more stringent enforcement policies will be enforced. Additionally, some users may be asked to follow a schedule this summer.

We will keep you apprised of these changes in coming weeks and ask you, regardless of availability or supply, to always use water wisely.

Sincerely,
Mayor Dean Howard

HYRUM HISTORY BOOK – A committee is working to put together a history book for Hyrum from the years 1970-2010. We would appreciate any pictures, family histories, journal entries, or memories that you might have pertaining to events in Hyrum during this time period. Information or pictures will be documented and returned. All information will be considered, but may or may not be used in the book. You can bring it to the city office, Monday thru Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION – Visit our web-site www.hyrumcity.com for a schedule of events, applications for a parade entry, and booth spaces.

WATER METERS – Water meters are now being read monthly. Please make sure that your meter lid is uncovered and free from grass, dirt, bushes, etc. This allows our meter reader access to your meter to get an accurate reading. Thanks for your help!

HYRUM CITY QUEEN PAGEANT – The Hyrum City Queen Pageant was held on March 25th. Congratulations to the following girls who were chosen to represent Hyrum City for 2011:

Queen –	Carlee Toone	3 rd Attendant	Jennifer Baxter
1 st Attendant –	Kaylee Paskett	4 th Attendant	Taylor Roe
2 nd Attendant –	Allisa Berry		

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Emergency Broadcasts: In the event of a disaster, there's a new radio station in Cache County that can provide residents with important emergency information. WQKP, 1610 AM, was established with funds from a 2008 Federal Homeland Security grant to broadcast emergency public information in a disaster. Cache County is currently broadcasting National Weather Service information on this station, but future programming will also include educational emergency preparedness information. Broadcasts will be made from this channel to keep residents updated around the clock during emergencies.

LIBRARY NEWS – May story time will be held on the 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th. "Spring Fling" is the theme for the month. Story time is for all 3-5 year-olds. Sign-ups begin May 1st. This will be the last monthly story time until September.

The library's summer reading program this year is "One World, Many Stories." Sign-ups begin a little early, so put May 16th on your calendar. Summer reading will run from June 6th until July 16th. Many fun activities are planned: a craft day, a magician will visit, and a great closing party. Sign up the entire family and enjoy a fun summer of reading at home and at the library.

Nibley author, Shaunda Kennedy Wenger, will be speaking at the library on May 9th at 7:00 p.m. Shaunda will speak on how to get a book published and answer questions from budding authors. Shaunda is the author of five children's books, co-author of a cookbook, and has been published in many magazines. Don't miss this fun evening at the library. Refreshments will be served.

Currently there are many fine works of art on display at the library. This exhibit was organized by Scott Bushman and highlights several of Cache Valley's renowned artists. The artists featured are Jerry Fuhrman, Trent Gudmundsen, Michael Bingham, Colleen Howe, Kristi Grussendorf, Robert Guy and our own Scott Bushman. Come to the library and enjoy the beautiful art.

Our two display cases also have some great items in them provided by Brad Call and Scott Bushman. The collection of small cowboy boots from Brad Call is extraordinary and Scott has provided many fine pieces of Russian folk art. We are always looking for great collections to display. Give the library a call if you have one and would like to share it with our patrons.

Please remember to donate your Ridley's Advantage Points to the library. This is a great way to raise money for the library. We appreciate all who participate in this program.

Bricks are still for sale to finish off our second donor wall. Contact the library for more information.

SENIOR NEWS – Seniors, please join us for our great activities—this is a great place to be with friends and have a few hours of fun. Everyone is welcome to attend any and all of the Center's activities. Calendars are available on the first of each month.

Mondays – Fit Over 60 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays is Chair Yoga and foot soaks at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays are also game day beginning after lunch (approximately 12:30 p.m.)

Fridays are for Bingo, also beginning after lunch.

We also now have Chuck-a-Rama cards for \$1.00, and the proceeds go to the Center.

May 4th – Jenny Alpine activity

May 11th – Mother/daughter lunch and program 11:00 a.m. Anna Whiteley will play the harp

May 12th – Red Hat 10:30 a.m., lunch at Chuck-a-Rama, wear your red and purple

May 18th – Jerry Jensen

May 25th – Music

STORMWATER – Everyone has felt the physical effects that littering can have on our public recreational areas that include streams, lakes, and parks, but did you know that household hazardous waste contaminants can have a greater effect on wildlife? Even small quantities of household chemicals like oil, paint thinner, paint, antifreeze, cleaners and soaps can have a large negative effect on fish and wildlife that live in the river environment and depend on it for survival. Even biodegradable wastes such as grass clippings, leaves, and garden waste, manure and fertilizers can hurt the river environment. As they decompose, these wastes use up a large amount of the dissolved oxygen in the water and can cause a shortage of oxygen which the native fish need to live.

Please help 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.

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.