



# HYRUM CITY

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



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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
Mayor Howard	245-5501
<u>Council Members</u>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Martin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miller	363-7113
Tom LaBau	245-3087



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR** – Members of the City Council recently participated in a “blade-signing” ceremony for the Horse Butte Wind Project near Idaho Falls. Officials from participating power systems inspected the installation and signed their names on some of the blades with felt-tipped pens. (Many of them wrote very large, hoping to see their signatures from the highway! They’d need really good eyes!) Hyrum City subscribed to a portion of the energy that will be produced by this project, which bears an estimated completion date of early 2012. The maximum production capability totals 57.6 megawatts, however wind generators typically don’t exceed 30 to 35 percent efficiency, so average production likely won’t exceed 20 megawatts.

We appreciate the contractors who, through the competitive bidding process, enabled the city to initiate and complete several community projects this summer. All of them have been concerned about quality and cost and been very responsive to our needs.

Our new culinary water reservoir located at the mouth of Blacksmith Fork Canyon should be completed by summer’s end as workers pour the last of the concrete this month. The tank will be tested and made operational by fall, and new waterlines on 100 West will be in service by the time you read this.

Flooding prevented use of our canyon campgrounds and parks most of the summer but gave us time to build new restrooms in the campground that should be ready for use by mid- to late August.

Another project slated for completion early this fall is our recycling project at the wastewater treatment plant. Most of the pipe has been laid and workers are busy installing the pump station and necessary appurtenances. Although abundant winter snows brought plenty of irrigation water this year, the recycling project will benefit the community by supplementing our irrigation allotment as well as saving the cost of treating for phosphorus.

Thanks to all who supported our Fourth of July celebration. There are too many to name in this space but to all of you who helped in any way and to those who participated in the parade, fun on the Square, or fireworks, either as organizers, entrants, or spectators, thank you for honoring our flag and country.

Remember our annual Night-Out-Against-Crime on August 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the Square. Free hamburgers (provided by JBS of Hyrum) to all attendees along with opportunities to visit a variety of booths with a wide range of information and activities on security, emergency preparedness, or just plain fun.

Speaking of security, there have been a number of car thefts and auto burglaries recently and in many cases car keys were left in the ignition. Time was none of us needed to remove keys from our cars but those days are gone. Keep your cars and homes locked and valuables out of sight and please report anything suspicious to the Cache County Sheriff’s Office at 716-9400.

**August 4**

City Council  
6:30 p.m.

**August 11**

Planning Commission  
7:30 p.m.

**August 18**

City Council  
6:30 p.m.

Don't forget to patronize our Market on Main Street, a craft and produce bazaar held at the Senior Center, Thursday evenings, beginning August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. If you wish to sell produce or other items, contact Senior Director, Vicky McCombs at 245-3570.

Finally, thanks to all who filled sandbags or otherwise helped to protect property during high water flows this year. We appreciate your community spirit and concern for your neighbors.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

**GARAGE/YARD SALE SIGNS** – Just a reminder to anyone who hangs or posts signs to advertise an event such as a garage 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, as well as any fasteners. Remember your address is on the sign! Failure to do so may result in a citation.



**GREEN WASTE BINS** – Because of inappropriate actions of a few, the city records all activity (24 hours a day / seven days a week) at the green waste site. Those who violate regulations or otherwise abuse the service will be prosecuted, and, in addition to the video system, the city offers a \$750 reward for information leading to the arrest of persons depositing illicit or inappropriate materials in the bins or otherwise abusing the site. If you see unlawful activity or dumping, please contact the city office at 245-6033 or Cache County Sheriff at 716-9400. Thank you for your cooperation.

**BURN PERMITS** – The burning season is currently closed. The burning season for fall burning is tentatively scheduled to open on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember to call the city office to obtain a burning permit before you start a fire. Thanks!

**WATER METERS** – We have experienced problems with water meters being damaged or broken by homeowners and contractors. It is against the law to tamper with or access water meters (this includes turning water on & off). If you damage a meter or if your meter is broken, you will be charged to replace it.

**RACCOONS & SKUNKS** – Skunks and raccoons are pesky and potentially dangerous animals that can move into your basement, attic and yard. These animals have learned to live off the presence of humans by getting in trashcans, eating loose dog/cat food and building homes in areas where they have easy access to these things. They can also be dangerous to pets and make themselves extremely unwelcome. Although raccoons are cute and charming, they can be pests in your yard; please do not feed these animals.

**PARKING ON CITY PROPERTY** - Section 10.20.105 prohibits the parking of recreational vehicles, including motor homes, camp and travel trailers, campers, boats, snowmobiles, four-wheelers, and unlicensed motorcycles as well as utility, livestock, and construction trailers, or farm implements and machinery on municipal roadsides or other public property in excess of 48 hours. The code also prohibits parking unlicensed vehicles on public property as well. Please remove from city property any such vehicles, trailers and implements or they will be subject to impoundment and the owner will be cited and held responsible for all related charges. Thank you for your cooperation.

**VANDALISM** – If you ever witness any vandalism in Hyrum, please report it to the Hyrum City Office or the Cache County Sheriff's Office immediately. Rewards may be offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals. We appreciate your help.

**LIBRARY NEWS** – The library has finished up another busy summer. Our summer reading program was so much fun. We had a record number participate this year. A craft day was held and was attended by many children. Those completing the program were treated to a swim party at the Aquatic Center. Thanks to our great Library Board and all the help they gave us. We are already looking forward to next year's program.



All records were broken this summer at the library. We once again had our biggest day and month in June.

In one day 3,206 items were checked out and a whopping 38,429 were checked out during the month. For this fiscal year we exceeded our last statistics by more than 6,000 having checked out 329,224 for the year!

A new brick order will be sent by the middle of August, so if you have been waiting to buy your brick, now is the time. This is a great gift idea, plus the \$100 cost is tax deductible.

Our monthly story times will begin again in September. Remember these story times are for all 3-5 year olds and sign-ups begin on the 1st day of the month.

We think the landscaping around the library is just beautiful and we have many people to thank. Blake Savage planted lots of new flowers for his Eagle Scout Project. A new shade tree was planted by our amphitheater in the front of the building thanks to our tree committee, headed by Andrew Beutler. Brad Call and his grounds crew maintain the library and always have it looking so beautiful. The planters in the front were so beautifully created by Shari Miller. Thanks to all of these individuals for creating the beautiful landscape we enjoy.

Don't forget to donate your Ridley's Hometown Advantage Points to the library. This is a great way for the library to receive extra funds to buy needed items.

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS** – Everyday is quilting day and the pool room is open to all.

Mondays – Fit Over 60 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays - Game Day 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays – Chair Yoga 10:30 a.m.

Fridays – Bingo 12:30 p.m.

August 8 - Free breakfast buffet 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday's programs:

August 3 – Silver Willow Retirement Community Program

August 11 – Red Hat Night Picnic & Program

August 17 – Summer Social with the Westernaires (Luau theme) Please call early to reserve a place. Cost \$4.00

August 24 – Balance Program

August 25 & 26 – Idaho Temple Trip

August 31 – Performance by Bruce Olsen



A special thanks to Maurice Wiberg for the volunteer hours he contributed towards the senior center marquee sign. It looks wonderful.

We are still accepting all types of vendors for our Market on Main Street farmers/crafters market which begins on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Come into the center or call 245-3570 for more information.

We are starting a grief and loss support group on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This will be held at the Senior Center and is sponsored by Alpine Homecare and Hospice. We are pleased to offer this service to our community. For more information call the center.

Seniors, we would love to see more of you come in and join us. The building is beautiful, the atmosphere is warm and fun and we have some great programs and worthwhile activities. Come in, get a calendar and join in.

**STORMWATER** – Here's what you can do to help prevent stormwater runoff in the summer. Mow your lawn no shorter than 2 inches; root growth equals the height of the grass, so mowing too close shortens the roots. Leave grass clippings on the lawn because they are rich in nitrogen and hold moisture.

Wash your car only when necessary, on grass rather than the driveway. The soil will serve as a natural filter. 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.





## Camp Hollow

Special appreciation goes to the Hyrum Lions Club and city employees for restoring the Camp Hollow monument to its original site. For many years the monument occupied the northwest corner of East Park. Under the direction of Mayor Howard and the City Council, the monument was recently relocated to approximately 394 North 600 East. The site is available for residents, as well as scout and youth groups to enjoy and to reflect upon our pioneer heritage.

From the history book "Home in the Hills of Bridger Land," we learn that pioneers borrowed horses from settlers in Wellsville, and spent a few days scouting for a community site. They carefully explored the area and decided to settle several miles east of Wellsville. The site was located on a slope under a little hill with a spring nearby. They called the new site "Camp Hollow."

The settlers left Wellsville for their new home on April 8, 1860. The heads of families arriving at Camp are listed on the monument.

At first the settlers lived in wagon boxes or tents. Those who did not have these decided to create dugouts for their immediate homes. Excavation began and, when completed, logs were built up at the west end for a wall. Longer logs were placed lengthwise over the excavation for rafters and a thick covering of branches placed on these rafters. An eight-to ten-inch thickness of dirt completed the roof. An opening was left at the west entrance of each of the thirteen dugouts, with an old quilt or piece of canvas usually serving as a door. These dugouts were used for shelter and sleeping quarters.

Twenty-one families (a total of 77 people) were now living in the settlement in thirteen dugouts, one cabin, and several wagon boxes.

Many new families joined the group during the first month and it was soon evident they needed a new town-site with more water, and better drained land.

So, upon recommendation of, Ezra T. Bensen and Peter Maughan, the group moved a little south to present day Main Street and 200 East to construct a fort. By late fall of 1860, Camp Hollow was completely evacuated.