



# HYRUM CITY

## NEWSLETTER



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Animal Control	245-9060
City Office	245-6033
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Fire Station	245-7634
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Mayor Howard	245-5501
<u>Council Members</u>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Martin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
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**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR** – Eighty-two years ago (November, 1929), the Federal Power Commission issued a license to Hyrum City for a power plant to be built on the Blacksmith Fork River east of Hyrum. The city initially entered the electric utility business in late 1908 when the City Council voted to purchase a small plant and distribution system from Union Electric Light & Power Co. near the mouth of the canyon. Despite upgrades, the plant failed to meet the growing demand for electricity, so city officials contracted with Utah Power & Light to supply peak load energy to users in Hyrum on an as-needed basis.

In 1926, the city purchased the site of our present power plant and, after financing the project and receiving a Federal license in 1929, built the plant you see today next to the highway. Initially, energy from the 400 kW generator more than met the needs of residents and the surplus was sold to Utah Power & Light. Today, the plant produces less than three percent of all electricity consumed by users in Hyrum City.

We don't know the exact price of that first Federal Power Commission license, but we do know a renewal begun in the late 1970s cost the city approximately \$15,000 and involved only three or four government agencies. By contrast, our most recent license renewal (2010) totaled over \$240,000 and involved more than 40 agencies.

While the electric utility has proven to be one of the city's most valuable assets, the cost to license and operate the plant under the growing burden of federal and state regulations will render continued power production economically unfeasible at some point in the future.

Meanwhile, the plant has been a blessing to the community, not only from the standpoint of the clean, hydroelectric energy it produces, but also by helping keep electric rates low while offering nearby recreational facilities in a beautiful canyon setting.

So, when you travel past or visit our hydroelectric plant and its parks in November, wish it a happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

**LOST AND FOUND** – All items that are currently in our lost and found, if left unclaimed will be donated on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS** – Winter parking restrictions began November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, even when there is no snow.

November 3  
City Council  
6:30 p.m.

November 8  
Election Day

November 10  
Planning Commission  
7:30 p.m.

November 11  
Veterans Day  
City Office's Closed

November 17  
City Council  
6:30 p.m.

November 24 & 25  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
City Office's Closed

**HELP WANTED** – We are currently looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to help with the restoration of cabins from the original fort. We plan on creating a pioneer display around the location next to the museum/library on Main Street. If you are interested please contact the City Office, or City Council Member Stephanie Miller.

**HYRUM HOLIDAY AT HARDWARE** – Hyrum residents are invited to enjoy a free sleigh ride, pictures with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Make this event a traditional part of your Christmas Celebration.

**ELK FESTIVAL** – This year, the Hardware Ranch Elk Festival is moving from early October to the middle of December. It is scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. There will be many fun and free family activities in addition to the regular sleigh rides and visitor center (open from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). Activities will focus on winter wildlife-watching opportunities and safety. Some activities will include balloon elk antlers, fish printing, animal track stamping, wildlife Christmas decorations and more. Sleigh rides will be at the regular price: \$5 for adults (ages 9 and above), \$3 for kids (ages 4-8), and free for toddlers and infants (ages 3 and younger). The visitor center and activities/crafts will be free while supplies last.



**LIBRARY NEWS** – The library will be closed on November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day and November 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All items will be extended for the days the library is closed.

November story time sign-ups began November 1<sup>st</sup>. Story time is for all 3-5 year olds. The theme for November is "Show Me Your Smile" (dental care). Because of Thanksgiving story time will be a week earlier than usual, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We would like to ask parents to arrive at least 10 minutes early, so we can begin on time. Some parents need to leave to pick up older children and are on a tight schedule. Thanks for your help in this matter.

In December story time will only be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We have found in the past families are pretty busy getting ready for the holidays and have had to cancel at the last minute.

Be sure and stop by the library and see the displays that we currently are spot lighting. If you like moose, then you will love our moose display - courtesy of Sheryl and Collin Barfus. Also, for those who love tea parties and tea sets you won't want to miss our other display from Cathie Wilkes. Her collection of tea sets is remarkable. If you have a unique collection you would like to share with the public, give the library a call. We are always looking for fun things to display.

The library has recently received hundreds of new items. There are lots of titles for children, young adult, and adult. New audio, playaways, and DVD's have been added to the collection.

Planning ahead... our annual Bake & Book Sale will be held in February. You don't want to miss this great event. Be watching for further announcements.

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS** – The senior center has enjoyed some great programs this summer and we are looking forward to more this fall and winter. There is so much talent in our valley, we invite all to come in and participate, have a yummy lunch and meet new friends. We are in our busy mode as we prepare for our upcoming craft fair. All hands are welcome to make items, quilt, tie quilts, or donate items you have made including baked foods. Please keep in mind these items can not be included in our bake sale: cream pies, or foods using custard or cream cheese. The dates of our fundraiser are December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch is at noon with a suggested \$2.50 donation. Please call 245-3570 by 10:00 a.m. to get your name on the lunch list.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Mondays – Fit Over 60 Health & Nutrition Class, 10:00 a.m. ~ Very informative and a lot of fun!

Tuesdays – Easy & Relaxing Chair Yoga, 10:30 a.m. ~ Cards and Bunco, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday's programs:

November 2 – Pianist Linda Wentz will be honoring our veterans at 12:30 p.m.

November 9 – Thanksgiving Feast with Westernaires, 12:00 p.m.

November 16 – Mr. Entertainer Russel Price, 12:30 p.m.

November 30 – We are trying something new.... Come in and find out what it is.

Thursdays - Chair Yoga & Craft Day ~ Free lunch to those who help us work on projects 10:30 a.m. From 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. a massage therapist will be giving twenty minute massages, tips are appreciated. Please call or come in to sign up.

Fridays – Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Health Fair. It was a big day and we had a great turnout. We appreciate our very supportive board of directors, they do a super job. Our senior center always smells good with good cooking from Cindy and cleaning from Marci – thanks ladies.

**STORMWATER** – A storm water questionnaire was mailed to all residents in August, we appreciate all of those who returned them in order for Hyrum City to better understand your knowledge of storm water related issues. Storm water or water quality educational materials are included in your monthly city newsletter and additional information is also available on our web-site [www.hyrumcity.com](http://www.hyrumcity.com).

Here is what you can do at home to help –

- Minimize impervious areas on your property.
- Minimize the amount of phosphorus and pesticides used on lawns. Ensure healthy lawns by aerating and setting the mower at 3.5 inches or higher.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces. Use rain gardens to help water soak in, or use rain barrels to collect rain water and use it to water lawns and gardens.
- Compost yard waste.
- Clean up pet waste.
- Don't empty anything into storm drains.
- Maintain vehicles to prevent leaks, and recycle motor oil.

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.



# FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

For Parents and Guardians

Fires are dangerous and destructive, but there are some easy steps you can take to reduce the chance that anyone will be injured in a fire in your home. Use this fire safety checklist below to help keep your home free of fire hazards.

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and near each bedroom (inside if you sleep with the bedroom door closed). Have your children help you test them each month. Replace the batteries twice a year.
- Buy fire extinguishers and place them upstairs and in the vicinity of the kitchen, garage, laundry room, and fireplace.
- Keep matches and lighters hidden and out of children's reach, and teach children not to play with them.
- Post emergency numbers near each phone. Show your children how to dial the correct emergency numbers in case of an emergency.
- Teach children to stay away from hot things on the kitchen stove or outside grill. Turn pot handles inward.
- Replace frayed, cracked, or broken electrical cords.
- Do not overload outlets. Use ground-fault circuit-interrupters in outlets near sink areas and outdoors.
- Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Turn them off when you leave a room or go to bed.



- Have a fire escape plan for your home. Make sure everyone knows two ways out of every room. Designate a place outside where everyone can meet in case of a fire. Practice this plan often.
- Make sure all exits from rooms are clear of obstructions.
- If you smoke, use non-tipping ashtrays—and never smoke in bed. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America.