



# HYRUM CITY

## NEWSLETTER



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<u>Council Members</u>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Martin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miller	363-7113
Aaron Woolstenhulme	245-3651



**MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR** – Welcome to Aaron Woolstenhulme who will be joining our City Council in January. Aaron won a seat in November's election and in behalf of the Council and staff I want to thank him for his willingness to serve and hope that his experience will be rewarding to him.

It's with sadness that we note the death of retired city employee, Derle Nielsen, who served the residents of Hyrum for over 40 years, most of that time as director of public works. Derle was involved with countless improvement projects in the community and worked for many years on irrigation boards and committees, always with an eye towards making life better for individuals as well as the city as a whole. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and sympathy to his family.

Also, we express appreciation to Richard Thompson of city staff who recently retired from his position as power plant operator. We wish him well and happiness in his retirement.

Chris Haramoto, manager of Hyrum State Park, met with the governing body last month to explain some exciting changes scheduled for the coming year, beginning with a winter festival in January entitled "Fantasy Skate Lights." The creator of the light show at Willard Bay (as well as the animated features of Hyrum City's Christmas decorations) will provide an impressive display of lights and the scheduled activities include ice skating, snow volleyball, a kids' play land, live music, concessions, and a barbeque dinner. The display and events begin January 20<sup>th</sup> and run through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call Hyrum State Park for more information (245-6866) and please be sure to support this worthwhile event.

I want to thank Hardware Ranch for hosting another successful Hyrum Holiday at Hardware in December. Over 1,200 people enjoyed rides among the elk (who were a little timid this year), refreshments, as well as a visit with Santa. Thanks also to all who support this annual event and a special thank you to Councilmember Stephanie Miller, the Hyrum Youth Council, the Hyrum Lions Club, and the staff of Hardware Ranch.

A recent incident resulting in a serious injury to a child from a dog bite prompts me to caution dog owners to ensure the safety of passersby through adequate restraint of their animals. Many dogs instinctively protect their owner's premises but don't understand where the property line ends and private property begins. Regardless of whether the injury is sustained on private or public property, dog owners can be held liable for injury or damage to other persons or property. Please be careful with your pets and considerate of others. A reminder, too, that city ordinance requires pet owners to clean up after their animals whenever they walk them away their own yards. Please carry plastic gloves and a suitable container for pet wastes. Thank you.

As Cache County officials struggle with a plan to improve air quality in the valley, I remind everyone to consider their own personal activities that might contribute to pollution. Exercise caution about unnecessary driving, burning, or use of internal combustion equipment and

### January 2

New Year's Holiday  
City Office's Closed

### January 5

City Council  
6:30 p.m.

### January 12

Planning Commission  
7:30 p.m.

### January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
City Office's Closed

### January 19

City Council  
6:30 p.m.

devices. The valley is a natural trap for smog that partially originates elsewhere, but all of us must work to minimize local contribution to the problem.

Volunteers continue making good progress on Salt Hollow Park. Sturdy individuals recently spent several chilly days applying metal roofing to the restrooms and bowery. Weather permitting, the playground equipment will be completed this winter. Thanks to everyone who is making this dream a reality.

Happy New Year to all of you as we hope for improved economic conditions this coming year.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Dean Howard

**WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS** – 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. No warnings will be issued, consider this your warning notice.

**DOG LICENSES** – Any dog(s) six (6) months or older is required to be licensed with Hyrum City. Dogs are required to be licensed even if they stay inside your home or never leave your yard. The license fees are as follows:

Neutered/Spayed dogs - \$8.00

Male dogs - \$12.00

Female dogs - \$15.00

A veterinarian certificate is required to verify rabies vaccination and the dog being neutered or spayed.



**All dogs must be licensed by Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.** After February 29<sup>th</sup> a \$10 late fee will be assessed in addition to the regular license fee. Owners will be issued a citation for failure to have his/her dog properly licensed.

Also, please remember that City ordinance permits a maximum of **two dogs per household.**

**BUSINESS LICENSES** – All business licenses expired on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and need to be renewed in January. If renewal is not made by January 31<sup>st</sup> a late fee will be assessed. If you are starting a new business, please come into the Hyrum City Office at 83 West Main and pick up an application form. There is a \$10 application fee plus the following: home occupation business \$20; contractors \$25; and commercial business \$75. Doing business without a business license is considered a Class B Misdemeanor. If you have any questions, please contact the Hyrum City Offices at 245-6033.

**2012 YOUTH COUNCIL** – Congratulations to the following individuals who were selected as Hyrum's Youth Council for 2012: Celeste Adams, Missy Broadbent, Anya Burtis, Braylee Daniels, Emily Fielding, Ethan Fridal, Gentry Green, Audrey Hardcastle, Morgan Haslam, Kelcee Kendrick, Janessa Mackay, Amanda Nelson, Emily Newhall, Marci Nielsen, Marina Petersen, Samantha Petersen, Brianne Rasmussen, Derek Rasmussen, Dillon Raymond, Mitch Richman, Kara Shidler, Brylee Smith, and Chelsea Winn.

**HOLIDAY TREECYCLING** – Trees can be recycled at East Park (675 East 50 North) beginning December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please NO lights, tinsel, ornaments, or metal stands.

**LIBRARY NEWS** – "Let It Snow" will be the theme for January's story time. Call or stop by the library beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> to sign up your 3-5 year old. Also, USU holds monthly story time every second Saturday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend for fun stories and crafts.



Don't miss the excellent display of cross-stitch, now on display at the library courtesy of Lynn Coulam. There are several beautiful examples of this difficult handwork that requires hours and hours to complete.

Mark your calendars now for February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for our annual "Bake and Book Sale." One of our newest librarians, Katie Johnson received a new kidney transplant in December. We will be raffling off a quilt to help her with medical expenses. There will be lots of goodies to buy, as well as books, videos, cassettes and various other items. You may call the library for further information, 245-6411. The library is open: Monday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Don't forget each year your Ridley's Home Town Advantage Points must be re-submitted for those who are willing to donate their points to the library. This is a great way for the library to earn some extra funds, so please let the library know if you would like to donate your points. Thanks to all who have participated in this program.

There are still bricks to be purchased to complete our second donor wall. You may contact the library if you are interested in purchasing a brick.

**SENIOR CENTER NEWS** – 2011 has been a wonderful year for the Senior Center. A giant thank you to all who donated time, money, baked items, quilted, made crafts or helped the Senior Center over the last year in any way. We had such a great year! Also, thank you to the public for the generous support, our craft fair was a huge success. We appreciate our board of directors and their spouses: Sharon Long, Del Nielsen, Sherma Petersen, Marilyn Nye, and Ramona Lemon. We would also like to recognize Cindy Lauritzen for all the great meals, ideas, and everything she does for the center. We are grateful for the many new faces that have come in and we invite ALL seniors to come in and join the fun. Quilts are available to work on daily. We would like to extend an invitation to all pool players to come to the center; we are hoping to have a tournament this year.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Mondays – Fit Over 60, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays – Game Day, 12:30 p.m.

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

Wednesdays – Programs, 12:30 p.m.

Please check the marquee or come in and get a newsletter for January.

Fridays – Bingo at 12:30 p.m.

Lunch is served at noon Monday thru Friday.



**STORMWATER** – Winter brings with it lots of fun outdoor activities, like sledding, ice skating and skiing. But winter also means mounds of snow to shovel and layers of slippery ice to remove from our sidewalks and driveways.

We often attempt to make the job easier by using various products to melt the snow and ice. Salt and sand have traditionally been perceived as the cheapest and most effective materials for de-icing surfaces such as highways, walkways, and parking lots. However, many people do not realize that many of these products have hidden impacts. When the ice melts, the salt and chemicals dissolve and flow into street drains that lead directly to a lake or stream. Depending on the product used, these impacts can range from reducing oxygen levels in our lakes and streams, to "burning" or killing vegetation along sidewalks and roadsides, to damaging concrete and carpets, to increasing sediment and phosphorus levels and introducing toxic chemicals such as cyanide, chlorine or ammonia in our lakes and streams.

The most important step in deicing is to physically remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying salt. Use a shovel to break up the ice before you add another layer of salt to your sidewalk. Adding more salt without removing what has melted can result in over-application, meaning more salt and chemicals end up in the river.

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.

