



# City of Hurricane

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

**January** –The Recreation Department Debbie Garrett does a great job filling in without being asked when short staffed. She has become a supervisor as a part time staff member and with that has come a greater demand to lead. She has embraced her new role 120% and has done an outstanding job!

**February** – The Justice Court Deanna Law has a great personality, attitude, and work ethic. She has contributed a lot to the Justice Court. She is very productive and continually learning tasks and asks for extra work.

**March** –The Planning Department Cindy Beteag has been in the middle of a huge rush of inquiries and applications for vacation rentals and residential hosting, in addition to all the other business license duties. She has processed them efficiently, scheduled inspections, updating the application and posting information on the website.

**April** – The Power Department Brian Anderson has been working hard to get all parties working on a project to come to an agreement and has done a great job. Brian's demeanor and fair-mindedness and 30+ years of power experience, and work ethic is a major reason the Power Department runs well. He has done a great job working with developers and get projects underway.

**May** – The Police Department Ian Atkinson while patrolling on Memorial Day responded to alarm at Family Pawn which led to an arrest. Officer Atkinson is an example of what police officers in Hurricane do to serve and protect the community.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Come celebrate our country's independence and freedom at the annual **Hurricane City 4th of July Celebration** on Monday, July 4. The festivities will start at 7 am at the Hurricane Community Center with the Lion's Club breakfast and will continue all day with a parade, carnival games and activities, free swimming, home run derby, softball game and of course FIREWORKS!! The awe-inspiring fireworks display will begin at 10 pm from the ball fields and can be viewed from all over the city. Please remember to only set off fireworks in the designated areas around town. Be safe and remember to be grateful for the so many freedoms we enjoy in our great country and community. More information can be found at [www.HurricaneRecreation.com](http://www.HurricaneRecreation.com)

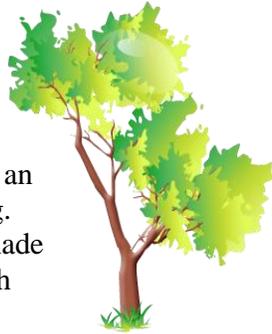


Hurricane Recreation is thrilled to bring back the **Hurricane Half Marathon** - bigger and better than ever before. New date, new course, new title sponsor and new race director. The Half Marathon and 5K will take place on **Saturday, September 17** at the Sand Hollow Resort. The new beautiful course takes in all the stunning views of Southern Utah as it winds its way around the Sand Hollow Championship Golf Course and around the Sand Hollow Reservoir. Finishers will receive a giant custom medal, tech shirt or racerback tank for women, and plenty of swag from our amazing sponsors. We are excited to have Altra Footwear as a title sponsor and will be giving away 10 new pair of Altra shoes. We are also excited to partner with Classic Sports and Brad Harr and Associates and others to bring an amazingly beautiful half marathon to Hurricane. Register today at: [www.HurricaneRecreation.com](http://www.HurricaneRecreation.com)

Sign-up today for Self Defense & Karate classes at the Hurricane Recreation Center. Build self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-control. Ages 8 to 100.  
2 classes per week, Monday & Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 pm \$35 per month. 1 class per week Monday or Wednesday (same time) \$25 per month.  
1 class per week, Thursday 5:00 pm \$25 per month.

## **TREE BOARD**

You know how nice it feels to stand under the shade of a tree in the heat of the day? The more shade trees we plant in the City of Hurricane, the happier and healthier we will be. Did you know that even in the hot summer, you can still plant shade trees? There are many types of shade trees you can plant-- flowering, edible, evergreen, cottonwood, ash, etc. Shade trees can serve multiple purposes. They can be an attractive addition to your landscaping. They can produce fruit or nuts. All shade trees provide environmental and health benefits for Hurricane's residents.



Remember with summer planting, frequent irrigation will be needed. The placement of the trees should be considered carefully. Where will wires, roadways, buildings, or homes be in the future? Will the roads be widened? Will this be a safe location? For example: I have four pecan trees in my yard. They are now 40 feet tall. The city has come by to cut my tree out of the wires. I also planted a sycamore tree on my front lawn about 10 feet from the house. It was hit by lightning and caught my house on fire. I had to cut that tree down. I take time to plan the placement of trees now. Everyone enjoys the shade of a beautiful tree.

There are several tree planning and planting resources available on the Tree Board webpage [www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/committees/tree-board](http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/committees/tree-board). Access a digital version of the [Southern Utah Guide to Trees](#) or use the interactive [i-Tree](#) tool. The i-Tree tool allows you to enter your address and view an aerial map of your property. You can experiment with where to place new trees on your property and even model the crown-growth of different tree species. For more tips on planting trees, go to the city's website, click on committees and then click on the Tree Board.

## **HURRICANE CITY POWER DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR RELIABLE ELECTRIC OPERATIONS**



Arlington, VA., April 4, 2016— Hurricane City Power Department has earned a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP<sub>3</sub>)<sup>1</sup> designation from the American Public Power Association for providing

reliable and safe electric service. Brent McKinney, Director of Electric Transmission and Distribution at City Utilities of Springfield, Mo., and chair of APPA's RP<sub>3</sub> Review Panel, presented the designees on April 4 during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference held in Minneapolis, Minn.

The RP<sub>3</sub> designation recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate proficiency in four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement. Criteria within each category are based on sound business practices and represent a utility-wide commitment to safe and reliable delivery of electricity. The RP<sub>3</sub> designation now lasts for three years. Hurricane City Power Department is one of 29 utilities that earned the designation this year. In total, 219 of the more than 2,000 public power utilities nation-wide hold the RP<sub>3</sub> designation.

"RP<sub>3</sub> utilities stand out as industry leaders, who dedicate themselves to providing safe and reliable electricity to their customers," said McKinney. "These designees demonstrate public power's commitment to constantly improving best practices and raising the bar for other service providers."

"We're honored to receive the RP<sub>3</sub> designation," said Dave Imlay, Power Director of Hurricane City Power "Our utility staff puts in a lot of hard work to serve this community. RP<sub>3</sub> represents a much appreciated recognition of this hard work."

This is the eleventh year that RP<sub>3</sub> recognition has been offered. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state-owned electric utilities. It is located in Arlington, VA.

Hurricane City Power Department recognized as a reliable public power provider.

Hurricane City Power Department is consistently striving to improve the power quality and reliability to its customers. Part of that effort is tracking all power outages, even small ones. Although Hurricane City Power has not experienced a full circuit outage in over a year, there have been several small, isolated outages; many of them for maintenance. Using industry standard accounting, Hurricane City Power's average outage time per customer is .44 of a minute for the past six months and just under 20 minutes for the past 12 months. Hurricane City Power's effort in reliability

and safety has been acknowledged with the American Public Power Association's RP3 designation.

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**



It is that time of year again when we need to pay attention to the time of day for outside watering. During the months of June, July, August and September there should be no outside watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm.

There is an exception for new sod and agricultural watering. It is important to conserve water in our desert community. We appreciate the efforts of many of our residents who conserve.

It is important for the public to know about Cross Connection. Any physical connection or arrangement of piping or fixtures which may allow nonpotable water or industrial fluids or other material of questionable quality to come into contact with potable water inside a distribution system is known as a cross connection. Any temporary or permanent connection including swing connections, removable sections, four-way plug valves, spools, dummy sections of pipe, swivel or changeover devices, sliding multiport tubes or other similar plumbing arrangements are prohibited.



Any outside watering system that is connected to the culinary water system is required to have a backflow device installed to prevent nonpotable water from coming back into the culinary system. These devices need to be tested on a yearly basis to make sure they are working. A backflow report needs to be submitted to the Hurricane City Water Department and a record will be kept. This is for the safety of your family and the families of your neighbors. Any questions about backflow can be directed to the Hurricane City Water Department at 435-635-9442. Have a safe and fun summer season.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **LEAVING CHILDREN/PETS IN HOT CARS**

Heatstroke is one of the leading causes of death among young children. As we enter in these hot months, please be aware of how hot it can get inside cars, when temperatures outside range from 80 degrees to 100 degrees, the temperature inside a car

parked in direct sunlight can quickly climb between 130 degrees to 172 degrees. Look in your back seats to make sure it is clear before leaving your car. Please do not leave your children and pets inside your vehicle, if you see a child that looks like it's in distress or if it has a red appearance, sweating, you need to call 911 immediately.

Things to do to help keep your children safe:

- Do not allow your child to play in a car.
- Lock all doors and the trunk after everyone is out of the car.
- Keep all keys out of the reach of your child.
- If a child goes missing, check the pool first if you have one. Then check the car, including the trunk.

### **RIGHT TURN ON RED LIGHTS**

We are seeing more and more people making right turns at an intersection on a red light without stopping. State Law requires that you must come to a complete stop at a red light, this includes those who are making right and left turns. We will be conducting specific traffic enforcements for this type of violation and would ask everyone to please obey all traffic laws.

### **RADIO STATION**

Did you know that Hurricane now has its own radio station? Station KHPD, 104.5 FM, broadcasts vital information in the event of an emergency in our area. You'll hear safety tips, plus messages from Homeland Security, FEMA, the Centers for Disease Control and other sources. You'll also get information on Hurricane community events throughout the year. Save 104.5 FM as button # 1 on your car radio, and tune in at least once a day. This station is brought to you by the City of Hurricane Emergency Services Division. We hope you take the time to listen in.

### **ANONYMOUS TIP LINE**

The Hurricane City Police Department has an Anonymous Tip line for non-emergencies, if you see something say something. The phone number is 435-635-7911, email is [policetips@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:policetips@cityofhurricane.com). If it is an emergency call Dispatch at 435-627-4999.

## **COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS FAIR**

In mid-September the City of Hurricane will hold its annual Community Awareness and Preparedness Fair event. This year the event will take place on two separate days. There will be a Community Awareness and Preparedness Fair held at the Community Center in September, additional details will be published. On Monday, Sept. 12, there will be a city-wide Community Emergency Preparedness exercise, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **WATER SAFETY**

We are headed into the summer season. This is always a great season because of the many opportunities to be outside and enjoy the warm weather. With this brings many activities that could cause potential hazards and safety issues that people need to pay attention to. Some of these activities that we do during the summer involve water, bicycling and walking, hiking, playing sports, and other fun outside events. Our children and the youth have a vast array of curiosity and do not realize the hazards or dangers involved in the many activities that they do. This is why it is so important that we always pay close attention when they are around water, whether it is standing water or a flowing river, a pool or a lake. It is imperative that we teach our family members and children the dangers associated with water and the difference between pools, rivers, and reservoirs. We need to enjoy the outdoors and all the activities it has to offer, but let's do it safely.

## **BIKE SAFETY**

This time of year we see an increase of people out riding bicycles and walking. We see several people following the rules and riding safely, but we also see several others that are not. The biggest concern that we see are people riding without helmets, especially the youth. It is so important that we take the steps to help prevent a serious injury. Another major concern is the location that children ride in. We see children riding around in the middle of the road and not paying attention to the cars on the road. It is important that you teach your children to ride on the right side of the road or on the sidewalk.



Here are some safety tips for riding bicycles:

- Avoid riding at night, if a must, wear bright color clothing and the law states you have a white illuminating light to the front that can be seen from 100 feet and a red light illuminating to the rear.
- Ride on the farthest right side of the road and not in the road or travel lanes.
- Make sure you cross the road at an intersection or in a crosswalk.
- Follow all the same traffic laws that pertain to operating a motor vehicle.
- Only one rider on the bicycle at a time, do not transport people on the handle bars or foot pegs.
- Always wear a helmet.

Let's all work together to increase the safety and keep our community safe.

## **DRUG TAKE BACK**

Do you have old Medication that you don't know what to do with? Hurricane City Police Department now has a Drug Drop off Bin that can take care of it for you.

## **ASH CREEK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

Over the next two to three months, Ash Creek Special Service personnel will be cleaning main sewer lines in your neighborhood. The vast majority of homes will experience no impact from this work. However, in some homes the pressure caused by the cleaning equipment may cause bubbles in the lines which in turn can lead to water bubbling out of toilets. To avoid this problem, please leave the lid down on all toilets in your home. In addition, the vacuum of the cleaning equipment may cause the p-traps to be vacuumed or siphoned dry, leading to a foul odor. If you notice such an odor after the work is done, adding water to all of the drains (including floor drains) will eliminate this problem.

Thank you for your patience while we perform this important work.

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