



City of Hurricane

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Happy
4th of July



ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is getting an increasing number of complaints regarding snakes. Please be aware that not all snakes in our area are not poisonous and some are quite beneficial. King snakes can be identified by the black and white or red and white rings or bands around their bodies. Bull snakes are similar in color to rattle snakes but are missing the distinctive rattles and triangular head. Both the King and Bull snakes help reduce the rodent and gopher populations that plague our area. Sightings are becoming more common due to the increased development of their natural habitat. Any snake will strike and bite as a means of self-defense. Please instruct your children not to try and handle or antagonize any snake.

Bats have been making their annual migration through our area. Many residents have found them roosting during the day under front entrance overhangs. If left undisturbed, they will leave at dusk to feed on mosquitos and insects. It is possible to discourage them from returning by placing aluminum foil or cellophane along areas where they like to “hang” out. Bats can carry a strain of the Rabies Virus. Please make sure your dogs and cats are current on Rabies vaccination. Do not handle any bat found on the ground or otherwise. Contact Animal Control to report any suspicions or unusual behavior in wild animals or bites that you may have received.



Baby It's Hot Out There!!

Don't forget to provide extra fresh, cool water and shade for your pets during the coming months. Placing a

tarp or plywood over Rover's doghouse will help keep that area a little cooler for him if no other

shade is available. Pets left in parked cars can be easily overcome with heat stroke in just a matter of minutes even with the windows cracked. For your pets' safety, and to avoid receiving a citation, leave them home.

Summer thunderstorms and fireworks often send pets fleeing in an attempt to escape the noise. Be mindful of their fears and insure that they are securely enclosed to prevent escape. Turning up music or the TV may help muffle the noise. License tags are your pets' ticket home if lost during one of these events. If you have not yet obtained a tag, please contact Animal Control as soon as possible. If you are traveling with your pet, have an ID tag with a phone number where you can be reached at your location.

A big thank you to Dr. Powell and staff at Zion Dental for selecting Hurricane Animal Shelter as the recipient of their annual contribution to a charitable organization. Your generous donation provides spays and neuters, vaccinations, as well as medical attention for our animals awaiting adoption.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Come celebrate our country's independence and freedom at the annual **Hurricane City 4th of July Celebration** on Tuesday, 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 at the ball fields and can be viewed from all over the city. 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

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NOTICE

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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Up Coming Events:

July 19th - The Police Department will be hosting a Community Partner Program at the Community Center from 7-9 PM. We will present a quarterly crime report and different divisions within the department will make presentations on current trends. After presentations department representatives will be available for questions or comments. Watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch is an important program which benefits the citizens and the Police Department. It provides citizens with tools to help themselves, their neighborhood and the police department. If you would like to start or re-start a neighborhood watch program contact Officer Ken Thompson 635-9663 ext. 106.

V.I.P.S

The Police Department is seeking anyone who would like to be a part of the VIPS (volunteers in police service) program. The VIPS assist officers in various duties including VIN inspections, parking problems, traffic control and vacation checks. If you would like more information on the VIPS program or if you would like to apply please contact Officer Ken Thompson 635-9663 ext. 106.

Leaving Children and 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.

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.

We Play Unplugged

The Police Department is participating in the Play Unplugged program. This program encourages kids to put down their electronics to get outside and be active. The police department has sponsored two badges which kids can earn. The badges are available at the police department.

This is a free program, kids can register and find what “Brag Badges” are available, where they are available and what they have to complete to earn them.

<https://www.weplayunplugged.com/>

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.

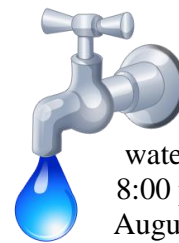


Here are some safety tips for riding bicycles:

- 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.

WATER DEPARTMENT



As summer is now in full swing, it is important to observe the Time of Day watering restrictions. As per City Ordinance there should be no outside watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm during the months of June, July, August and September. Agricultural lots and new grass plantings are excluded.

Keep in mind that if you are using your culinary water to irrigate any outside landscape, it is important to have a backflow device installed to prevent contamination from entering the main water system. Remember, your family would be affected first if backflow occurs. These devices need to be tested annually to make sure they are working properly. If you would like to be added to our reminder list or if you have any questions about backflow, please contact Connie at 435-635-9442.

It is important to keep a two foot clearance area around the water meters for easy access in case of leaks or manual meter reading. We thank the residents of Hurricane for their diligence in conserving water in our desert community. Have a great summer!

HURRICANE POWER DEPARTMENT

RECOGNIZED FOR RELIABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Hurricane Power Department has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2016. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association (www.PublicPower.org), a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.



The Association helps members track outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service and then compares the data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.

“This recognition helps demonstrate public power’s commitment to reliable electric service,” said the Association’s Senior Vice President of Engineering Services, Michael Hyland.

Public power has a strong track record of reliability, said Hyland. Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the time, compared to other types of utilities.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament of diligent planning by the Power Staff and Power Board, strong support by the City Council and continued commitment by the Power Department crews to ensure that the lights stay on for all our customers,” said Dave Imlay, Power Director at Hurricane Power Department.



According to the APPA 2016 Reliability Report, Hurricane Power Department’s Average Service Availability Index (ASAI) was 99.9997%. The ASAI benchmark measures the percentage of time service was available to the customer. Hurricane Power Department is above the average ASAI of 99.9724% for utilities within our region

For more information on Hurricane Power Department and its commitment to reliability, visit <http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/power/> Please visit our website and Facebook page to check out Hurricane Power Department’s Cool Cash Rebate Program.

PEACH DAYS NEEDS YOU!



Peach days could not exist without the help of many volunteers and the participation of the community. One of the ways our citizens can contribute is to enter the various contests – especially the display items. There are Fine Arts, Home Arts, and Garden Canning and Baking displays held inside the community center at Peach Days. These displays are only as successful as the participation of the community allows.

The Peach Days Committee is putting out a call for more displays this year. There is plenty of time this summer to get a few items together to enter. The committee is encouraging families to set aside their best as the summer progresses, so we can all enjoy the amazing talents of the Hurricane Valley. The Home Arts have crafts, sewing, woodworking, quilts and handiwork displays. Fine Arts show photography, painting and sculptures. Garden canning and baking shows off our home canned produce, the garden bounty, or home baked items. Each of these displays are judged and all entries will receive a ribbon, with the top sweepstakes and reserve sweepstakes getting cash prizes.

So often our citizens think their item is “not good enough”, or that “there are enough entries”. But this is not so! We need the participation of as many folks as we can to make our display areas more rewarding. We hope more people will join in this year to showcase their many talents – so that we can all enjoy them and be inspired to try something new ourselves. Please plan to enter something in the display section of Peach Days this year – and help make our small town celebration the best ever!

Entry info is available online at <http://cityofhurricane.com/uploads/fb/events/PeachDays-2017-EntryInfo.pdf> or in flyers and the Peach Days Book later in the summer