

City of Hurricane

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ELECTIONS

The November 8, 2016 General Election is quickly approaching! As a convenience to those who would like to register to vote and have yet to do so, below you will find a list of important registration date deadlines and locations where you may register to vote:

REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL DEADLINE

30 Days before the Election Day

Any eligible voter may mail in a completed Utah Mail in Voter Registration Form. Must be postmarked **NO LATER** than **October 10, 2016**

REGISTER TO VOTE DEADLINE AT THE DLD

(Driver's License Division)

30 Days before the Election Day

Any eligible voter who completes a Utah Voter Registration Form from the DLD must do so **IN PERSON** on or before **October 10, 2016**

REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DEADLINE

15 Days before the Election Day

Any person may deliver a completed Utah Voter Registration Form to our County Office on or before **October 24, 2016** Eligible to EARLY VOTE

REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE DEADLINE (CONTINUED)

7 Days before the Election Day

Any person may deliver a completed Utah Voter Registration Form to our County Office on or before **November 1, 2016** NOTE: If you register this way you will NOT be eligible to EARLY VOTE, but you will be able to Vote on Election Day, at your Poll Location.

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE DEADLINE

www.vote.utah.gov

7 Days before the Election Day

Any eligible voter may complete an online voter registration form at www.vote.utah.gov on or before **November 1, 2016** NOTE: If you register this way you will NOT be eligible to EARLY VOTE, but you will be able to Vote on Election Day, at your Poll Location.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL?

Any voter may register to receive a ballot by mail, called an absentee ballot, by going online on or before November 3, 2016 at www.vote.utah.gov or any voter may deliver, in person or by mail an absentee ballot application to the Washington County Clerk's Office on or before November 3, 2016. County office hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If you are unable to vote on Election Day because you will be out of town, have health issues or if you would just rather simply vote at home, registered voters may request an absentee ballot and may be allowed to vote by mail.

EARLY VOTING Registered voters may vote early prior to the November 8th Election Day. Please refer to the information below where Hurricane City registered voters may go to vote early.

HURRICANE COMMUNITY CENTER (OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

63 S 100 W, HURRICANE, UT

Tuesday, October 25	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, October 26	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Thursday, October 27	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, October 28	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Monday, October 31	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday, November 1	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, November 2	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thursday, November 3	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Friday, November 4	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

SALES TAX VOTE

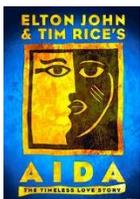
Proposition 1 will be on the ballot in November. This proposition requests permission from the tax payers of Washington for a ¼ of 1% increase in sales tax to be dedicated for local road maintenance. This money will be spent locally as all the money goes either to the City or the County and is to be used for maintenance. The funding for road maintenance has typically come from road tax paid on motor fuel. The tax is a set amount per gallon. As the price of fuel increases and less fuel is used the tax decreases. With alternative fuels and greater economy the gallons have also decreased thus cutting the amount the cities and counties get in fuel taxes. The cost of road maintenance is continuing to rise while the taxes for maintenance have seen very little increase. In order to provide a more consistent tax for roads and to provide more funding the state legislature approved an additional ¼ of 1% sales tax. This tax can only be implemented if approved by the county voters.

Some counties have already approved and implemented this tax. The tax will not apply to food items other than restaurant food. If the tax is not approved the city and county will not have the funds to keep up with the needed maintenance. Roads need to see regular maintenance otherwise they will deteriorate to a point where they have to be completely replaced. The cost of replacement costs much more than regular maintenance. Not having the funds to keep up with maintenance will only cost more in the future. You can find more information on the Washington County web site at: www.washco.utah.gov Please take the time to investigate the tax so you can make an educated vote in November.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Hurricane City and Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company is proud to present our fall show AIDA!

Winner of 4 Tony Awards, Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida is an epic tale of love, loyalty and betrayal chronicling the love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess stolen from her country, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. With unforgettable soaring ballads, rousing choral numbers, and exuberant dancing, Aida is a modern musical that will have you on your feet.



An enslaved Nubian princess, Aida, finds her heart entangled with Radames, an Egyptian soldier who is betrothed to the Pharaoh's daughter, Amneris. As their forbidden love blossoms, Aida is forced to weigh her heart against the responsibility she faces as leader of her people. Aida and Radames's love for one another becomes a shining example of true

devotion that ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between their warring nations, heralding a time of unprecedented peace and prosperity.

Shows October 7th - 29th Monday, Friday, Saturday nights and Saturday Matinees. For tickets call (435) 635-2609, or order online at www.hurricanerecreation.com Visit our new theater website www.hurricanetheatrical.com

WATER DEPARTMENT

Cross Connection/Backflow- It is important to know about the hazards of cross connection and backflow. A cross connection happens when an irrigation water line has direct contact with a culinary water line. It is prohibited to install any type of "swing" valve to use the same water line for irrigation water and culinary water. Many residents are using culinary water to irrigate their outside landscape. In this instance, a backflow device needs to be installed to prevent bacteria from coming back into the water system. If backflow occurs it will affect your family first. For the safety of your family and the families of your neighbors, we urge all residents to comply with the Hurricane City Ordinance outlining the rules for backflow.

The Irrigation System- The water for our pressurized irrigation system is taken from the Virgin River. At times the river can get stirred up from rain storms upstream. This causes an extra amount of mud and debris to come into our system. Despite the many



efforts that are taken to keep the water clear, it is sometimes necessary to turn the system off. Residents can act preemptively and turn their own system off when there is a storm to avoid muddy water coming through.

Water Conservation- It is important to conserve water in our desert community. During the months of June, July, August and September, there should be no outside watering between the hours of 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Sprinkler stations should be set for no more than 10 minutes at a time. Multiple turns are permissible if needed. It is suggested to reduce the amount of grass and plant desert friendly plants that use less water and provide just as much beauty.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIZEN ACADEMY



The Hurricane City Police Department is pleased to present an insight into the inside of the Police Department. We hope that with this academy the community can achieve a better understanding for police operations. Going through this, you will be able to see what the officers do on a daily basis. The academy starts out by giving tours of different departments. You will get a tour of the County Jail, the Consolidated Dispatch Center, a rundown on SWAT and K9 demonstrations, and much more... this Academy is designed and presented for you, the residents of Hurricane City. It is our sincere hope that by going through the classes, meeting the officers, and canine, that you will become better educated about the daily operations you may have questions about. Questions for the presenters are highly encouraged at all times. If you are a resident of Hurricane City and are curious and want to attend an Academy class, call the HCPD office at (435) 635-9663 and talk to us. If you are in the area, stop by the front office and pick up an application. Due to the sensitive nature and extent of some of the information presented, you must pass a required back-ground check to attend the Academy.

V.I.P.S.

The primary duty of the VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) program is to provide additional eyes and ears for the HCPD and to augment the officers during community activities, certain emergencies, and aid in certain departmental operations, thus freeing sworn officers to perform other duties. For example: direct traffic at accident scenes, provide scene security, conduct property checks, interact with the public at different events, and many other assignments. In order to be considered for V.I.P.S., you must be a citizen of the United States and 21 years of age or older. You must be of good character, free of any felony convictions, possess a valid Utah driver's license, and successfully complete the application, interview and the full background check processes. You must successfully complete all field and certification training as required.

You will be required to follow all City of Hurricane, HCPD and V.I.P.S. policies, Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct as well as to conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times to the public, fellow officers and employees of the HCPD and other agencies. If you have any questions, contact HCPD at (435) 635-9663. If you are interested in becoming part of the VIPS Team, go to www.cityofhurricane.com click on Police Department, and then click on the V.I.P.S. Link.

C.E.R.T.

In 95% of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first immediate assistance on the scene. Would you know what to do? If your answer is no, then we have the answer for you. C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) Training. This program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as: fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

SHOP WITH A COP

The Hurricane City Police Department will be participating in the annual Shop with a Cop program again this year. What a great opportunity it is for us to give back to the community and those who are in need this Christmas season. Last year we had a great time helping over 100 youth and families and we look forward to doing this again. This program would not be possible without the help of our dedicated sponsors that continue to help us every year. If you have questions about this program or are interested in being a sponsor, please contact Sgt. Brandon Buell (435) 635-9663.



THEFTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS



Hurricane City Police Department always sees an increase in thefts around the holidays. Most of these cases involved items of value that are left unsecured. Please make sure you are locking your vehicles and residences at all times and not leaving valuables in view and easily accessible.

Around Christmas time we see lawn ornaments and lights come up missing. Please keep an eye out for your items and report any suspicious activity or thefts that are taking place.

As you go holiday shopping, put your purchased items in a place inside your vehicle that is not visible and does not attract attention from those who are looking at taking someone else's valuables. Help watch out and look for those hanging around parking lots or neighborhoods that look out of place, suspicious, or it just doesn't seem or feel right and report it to the local police department.

GRAFFITI

We have had a few graffiti cases recently and it appears to be increasing. We have been working on cleaning up the graffiti as quickly as possible after being located. We are asking the community to keep a watch out for this type of activity. If you see anyone that appears to be vandalizing our city, please contact the police department immediately at (435) 627-4999. We need to work together to keep this great community beautiful and we need your help. Please do not confront anyone, obtain a detailed description safely and give us a call.

COMMUNITY WISE EXERCISE

We would like to thank all of our Coordinators, Block Captains, and other representatives of the Hurricane Community Preparedness Program, for their participation in the 2016 Annual Community Wide Preparedness Exercise. The purpose of this exercise was for all Districts to attempt to contact as many residents as possible in a 2 hour period. This is to exercise the process of District Coordinators Block captains go door-to-door and talking with residents.

We had a great turn out this year. Almost every district participated. It's amazing to think of a city our size being able to contact so many people so quickly. In a real event, it is critical that we can get information out to the public

and back to us as quickly as possible. That way we can assess the needs and prioritize the response. We will continue to build on this program and work with citizens to be better prepared.

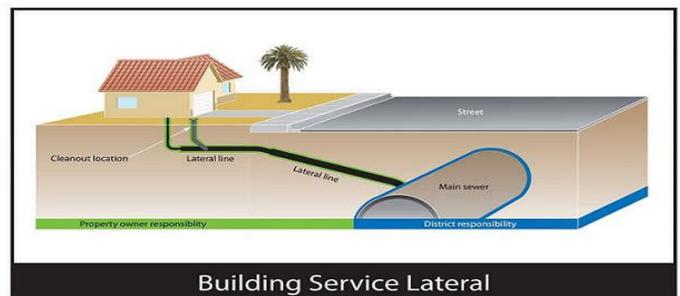
ANONYMOUS TIP LINE

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. If it is an emergency call Dispatch at (435) 627-4999.

ASH CREEK SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

All Lateral Sewers or Building Sewers were initially installed (or will be installed) by owners of property within the Ash Creek Special Service District's boundaries whose property is served by the District. Lateral Sewers or Building Sewers are not part of the District's system. The District has no responsibility for any Lateral Sewer or Building Sewer.

All ownership, maintenance, repairs and replacements of any Lateral Sewer or Building Sewer are the sole responsibility of the property owner whose property is served by the District. The term "Lateral Sewer" is defined as follows: "That portion of any sewer and all parts thereof beginning at the plumbing outlet of any building, structure, institutional, industrial, or other structure or facility and running to the District Main Sewer, including the connection to the District Main Sewer (e.g., Inserta Tee, wye, nose-on, etc.). The terms "Lateral Sewer" and "Building Sewer" are synonymous."



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TREE BOARD - Seeing the Trees for the Forest by Daniel Allen

I'd like to talk today about understanding trees in the context of their nursery. Now, though it may be helpful to discuss trees in context of the commercial establishments

from whence we purchase them, this is not my meaning. Take a moment, if you will, to answer this question: “where do trees come from?” The answer, of course, is the *forest*. The place of nativity for any and all trees. Our answer is so simple that it may be tempting to overlook its significance. The fact of the matter is that everything we do in Arboriculture (the professional care of trees) ultimately hinges on this one concept that a tree’s home is in the forest.

For our first example, let’s take the notion of pruning. Pruning a tree becomes necessary only for trees that are not in their natural environment, and I don’t just mean this because nobody cares to maintain the form or function of trees in the forest. I mean this because, when a tree is at home, it does its own pruning.

Self-pruning has a variety of causes, but they all stem back to the competitive environment that a forest tree is accustomed to. Shading, by itself or by other trees, can cause a tree to cut off resources to an unproductive limb, or not grow it in the first place. Damage from animals or severe weather is practically a given in the forest, which is why trees tend to grow more limbs than they’ll actually need. Take this natural damage away in an urban landscape and we end up with the need to prune because trees grow more limbs than they need, and each limb generally competes for the “leadership” role.

What’s more, the natural forest environment also gives us cues for *how* to prune. In the forest, we most often have a single central leader with branches that are lateral and subordinate. These are very important characteristics to “train” into our landscape trees (see figure 1). And, when it comes to making cuts, trees in nature once again show us the way. When a tree “self-prunes”, it almost always leaves its “branch collar” behind. This is so because that area has specialized tissues for healing over once the limb has been cut off. The industry standard for pruning is to mimic this phenomenon (see figure 2)

Figure 1:

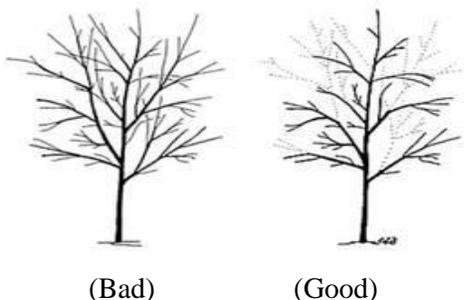
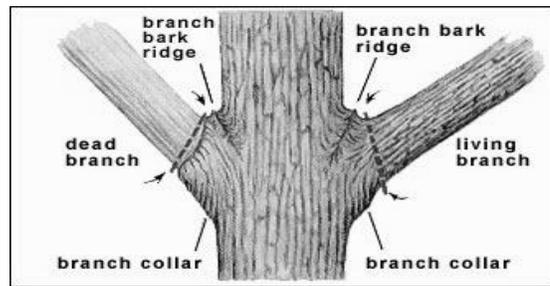


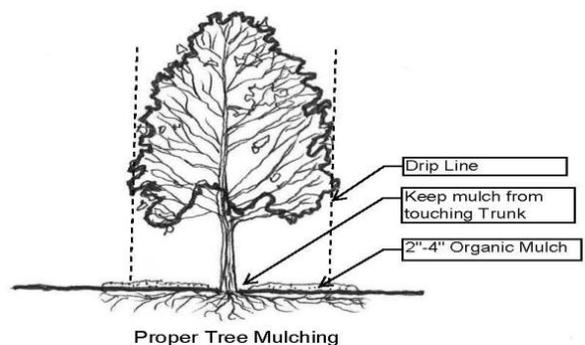
Figure 2:



(Proper pruning cuts are made to approximate dashed line)

There are many other attributes of tree care that stem from an upbringing in the forest, but, I will close by naming one of the most important: *Mulch*. Although trees and turf look “pretty” together, unfortunately, they do not play well. It is very rare in nature to find trees and turf intermixed as we have them in the landscape. The reason is that the two are competing for the same light, nutrients, and water. In order for one of these components to be healthy, the other is usually suffering. So, why not separate the two? A mulch ring is a highly functional and attractive way to accomplish this. What’s more, a natural mulch ring of decomposing organic material provides a host of benefits to the tree, among which is ideal soil health. Just think, it’s what the tree is used to “living in” back at home in the forest. Mulch is just what the arborist ordered, and what the tree wants, so ideally we will create a ring that’s at least as wide as the drip line (canopy spread) and 4-6” deep (Figure 3).

Figure 3:



For more helpful introductory information on trees, visit www.treesaregood.com (navigate to “tree owner information”)