



City of Hurricane

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Happy
4th of July



PEACH DAYS

When the sultry summer days are getting shorter and the nights begin to cool off, we know that “Peach Days: A Celebration of our Heritage” is fast approaching!

Peach Days 2018 will be held on August 30th, 31st and September 1st. This will be our 20th year! Peach Days is a well-loved, small town celebration complete with food, entertainment, bounce house, rides, a climbing wall, displays and a variety of contests. Some activities scheduled for this year include a 12k Fun Run, Peach Cook Off, Parade, Eating and Bingo contests, Pioneer Canal Treks, Rodeo and Boxing. Please note that the Rodeo has been changed to Friday night, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. The boxing event will be held on Saturday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Heritage Park.



The Peach Days committee would like to encourage you and your family to participate in the display contest. Displays are categorized by the following:

- Fine Arts – oils, watercolors, pencil, charcoal, pen, ink, mixed media, photography and 3D
- Home Arts – crafts, sewing, quilts, tole, woodworking, dolls, dried flowers, etc.
- Garden, Baked and Bottled – garden produce, flowers, small farm display, crate displays, bottled and baked goods
- Small Farm – farmed items such as fruits, vegetables, eggs, flowers, bottled and dried produce

Each category will have a youth and adult division. All display items will need to be entered on Wednesday, August 29th between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Display entries can only be picked up on Saturday, September 1st between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. Early withdrawal of items is not permitted. All display entries will receive a ribbon. Cash awards will be given for sweepstakes and reserve sweepstakes winners.

If you are anticipating having a larger display or are interested in a crate display, please reserve a spot or crate by August 27th by contacting Paula Hirschi at 435-635-4426 or by email at hirschigirl@aol.com.

There is also a need for volunteers to help with security at the display location. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Patsy Last at 435-635-9424.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Management

Hurricane City Police Department and the City of Hurricane Emergency Services are offering the **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program. This program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and 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.

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.

Community Awareness and Preparedness Fair

On September 22, 2018 the City of Hurricane will hold its Emergency Preparedness Expo Event.

This event will be held at the Community Center, additional details will be published on our Facebook Page "Hurricane City Police Department". There will be classes held, demonstrations, food, and family entertainment. This event is FREE to everyone. For more information refer to our Facebook page.

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 safety and keep our community safe.

WATER DEPARTMENT

As summer is now in full swing, it is important to observe *Time of Day Watering Restrictions*. As per City Ordinance there should be no outside watering between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. 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



Although the Power Department had a few outages that lasted longer than usual in 2017, the Hurricane Power Department has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability again in 2017. 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.

Please help keep the City clean and neat by not attaching yard/garage sale signs to streetlight poles, power poles and other city equipment. It is against City Ordinance to do so.



NEW Hurricane Power is now a participant in the UAMPS Cool Cash Program. The Department is offering rebates on air conditioners and smart thermostats. Hurricane Power's unique air conditioner rebate program is offering substantial rebates to **contractors** and **homeowners**. For more information and an application visit the UAMPS Cool Cash Rebate website and click on the Smart Thermostat and Central Air Conditioning link.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Customers wishing to set up automatic payments from a checking account may sign up for ACH direct pay through the Utility Office. ACH payments are drafted from the account on the 8th of each month. Download the ACH Authorization Form at:

<http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/administration/utilities/>

Return the completed form with a voided check to the Utility Office. *Please be aware changes to or cancellations of direct pay must be made in writing a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the 8th of each month.* To cancel an existing ACH automatic payment for utility billings, please download, complete, and return the ACH Cancellation Form to the Utility Office.

STREETS DEPARTMENT

With this year's new growth of vegetation in full swing, the Hurricane City Street Department is asking residences to please help keep our streets and sidewalks clear of overgrown trees and shrubs by trimming your vegetation. Overgrown trees and shrubs endanger us all when they block our view of traffic signs, pedestrians, or other vehicles. To ensure safe passage for everyone, tree limbs must hang no lower than 9 feet above the sidewalk and 16 feet above streets.

If you have any questions on how to trim the vegetation, you can contact the Street Department's Certified Arborist, Darren Shumway at (435) 635-6862.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Free Summer Lunch Program

Summer meals are available to all children age 18 and younger within Washington County. Lunches are served Monday – Thursday 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. at the Hurricane Community Center. No meals are served on Friday.

Hurricane Community Center
35 West State Street
Hurricane, Utah

AUDITIONS

The Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company announces AUDITIONS for the fall show, The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

**THE HUNCHBACK
OF NOTRE DAME**

Date: Aug. 3rd and 4th
(times to be announced)
Place: Hurricane Fine Arts
Bldg. 92 South 100 West
Hurricane, Utah

Keep checking the website for more information coming: www.hurricanetheatrical.com

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is getting an increasing number of complaints regarding snakes. Please be aware that not all snakes in our area are 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.

