

City of Hurricane

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2019 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2019. For information regarding the Candidates, please go to www.cityofhurricane.com. This election will be conducted using Vote-by-Mail. Registered voters are not required to fill out an application for their Vote-by-Mail ballot. Each registered voter will be mailed a ballot with instructions for returning the ballot. Ballots are mailed no sooner than 21 days and no later than 14 days before an election. Ballots must be mailed and clearly postmarked **BEFORE** Election Day or returned to one of the three ballot box locations by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day:

Hurricane City Offices - 147 N 870 W - Ballot box is located inside the Utility Office and is available during regular business hours only.

Hurricane Library - 36 S 300 W - Ballot box is located outside the building and is available 24 hours a day, up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Voter Assistance Center - Hurricane Community Center - 63 S 100 W - Ballot box is located inside the Community Center and is available from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day ONLY.

***Please note that any ballot returned to a ballot box does NOT require postage.*

Registered voters in Washington County do not need to request a ballot to be mailed to them; a ballot will be automatically sent to their residential or mailing address. *The Post Office cannot "Forward" ballots.* To ensure that voters get their ballots quickly, if you have moved or have had a mailing address change, please go to www.vote.utah.gov and re-register to vote with your current residential or mailing address.

Included on the ballot will be a Special Bond Election for the issuance of a General Obligation Bond ("GO Bond") not to exceed \$25,000,000 to finance all or a portion of the costs to construct a new community recreation center and related improvements. For more information regarding the GO Bond, please go to www.cityofhurricane.com.

As part of the bonding process, the governing body is required to submit to the election officer an argument in favor of the ballot proposition. In conjunction, an eligible voter can submit an argument against the bond proposition to the election officer. Each side then has the opportunity to submit a rebuttal argument.

In compliance with the Transparency of Ballot Propositions Act, Title 59, Chapter 1, Part 16, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended, the City is required to post the arguments and rebuttal arguments on the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website, in a prominent place on the City's website and publish them in the City's newsletter. Below are the submitted arguments:

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE BOND PROPOSITION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HURRICANE AQUATICS & RECREATION CENTER

Hurricane City is quickly becoming known as a destination for outdoor recreational activities. Our community is proud to be home to Quail Lake and Sand Hollow Reservoirs, as well as world-class sand dunes and expanding trailheads for hiking and mountain biking. The residents here lead active lifestyles and the proposed center would enhance the recreational opportunities in and throughout our community.

The proposed Hurricane Aquatics & Recreation Center will be a community-oriented recreation center to be located near the old Hurricane Elementary School, which is the current Community Center. This facility will be approximately 60,000 square feet with a state-of-the-art indoor leisure pool, competition pool with spectator seating, gymnasiums, racquetball courts, fitness areas, multi-purpose field house, and an indoor running track. This facility will provide a location for safe, productive

and healthy recreation for our youth, adults and seniors year round.

The existing Community Center was built in the 1950's and currently requires extensive maintenance and expensive repairs. The Hurricane City Pool is also outdated and has exceeded its capacity and capabilities with a maximum occupancy of approximately 200. The current pool was built in the 1990's. Mechanical and structural repairs will be needed over the next few years. The pool frequently meets its maximum capacity during summer months resulting in citizens being turned away.

Our community continues to grow and we have already overextended our current recreation facilities. In addition, participation in recreation programs has increased dramatically. Our existing facilities are unable to accommodate the increase in participation without the assistance of the local school district and the use of their facilities. Many city programs are dependent upon the scheduling and availability of the school district facilities.

The Hurricane Aquatics & Recreation Center will be an inviting, engaging addition to the City of Hurricane. This development will help continue the revitalization of the downtown area and provide the City with new revenue opportunities. It will create beautiful spaces and enhance community activities and events. Additional property has been allocated to provide ample parking and outdoor event space. Community events, such as Peach Days, will have vendor space that is in a climate-controlled environment. Peach Days will always be an integral part of Hurricane City's spirit and this expansion will solidify the downtown Hurricane area as a gathering place for this event and many other cherished community events for years to come.

- Hurricane City Council

REBUTTAL TO THE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF THE BOND PROPOSITION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HURRICANE AQUATICS & RECREATION CENTER

We love living in this wonderful community! We are very grateful for all the hard work of the many people, our ancestors, and those that sacrifice and work hard to make Hurricane what it is. We want our children and grandchildren to be able to live in this area also. We need to make do, do without, use it up or do without. We need to be wise and fix the pool and recreation areas that we already have.

We must consider everyone's needs, old and young. The cost of living is high enough without us adding additional taxes. It is not our job to entertain everyone. The scenery alone does a fantastic job at that.

We also need to help encourage the businesses that we have in town and invite more businesses to establish themselves here. More businesses mean more jobs, more city revenue, more improvements, and more positive, happy, and fulfilled residents. When people are happy, in return, they give back and take pride in their community. As a city, it is never wise to compete with businesses in town.

We need to be wise in the decisions that we make. Let's take time and do more homework on this recreation center idea, so that it benefits everyone in our wonderful community.

Sincerely,

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ARGUMENT AGAINST THE BOND PROPOSITION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HURRICANE AQUATICS & RECREATION CENTER

We oppose the current rec center plans for these reasons:

1- Taxes. No new taxes.

The current plan will add on average, \$200 to our property taxes. Many families in Hurricane can't afford decent shoes for their children. If the family rents, the added taxes will most likely be passed from the landlord to the tenant.

2- Why a Workout Gym?

This competes with private gyms in town. That is not right! Besides, these private gyms pay taxes. Competing with them is bad business, and you will lose tax money. (This is detrimental to many small businesses like karate, tumbling, etc.)

3- Why encourage debt?

What are we teaching? Some people believe that when the government needs money they just print it. We need to be more responsible! Start small, stay within your budget. Washington rec enter is 2.3 million dollars in the red each year. Memberships for families are \$360 a year for residents. Please be wise

with our tax dollars. Actual costs -\$475 Resident family + a one-time activation fee of \$35.

*4 Will this really help troubled youth?
We have heard many citizens state, "Oh, but this will provide a place for the troubled youth." Not likely, it requires a membership. How many households will really purchase memberships?*

We are proud of the city of Hurricane. The city has a great reputation for financial stability and sticking to the budget. Sadly, it seems to have slipped in the Parks and recreation department. If this rec center cannot and will not support itself, then there is no need to burden the citizens within.

We see many campaign signs throughout town. Many have the word Responsible on them. Let's teach our children what it means to be Responsible!!!

*Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,*

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Recreation centers enhance their communities in a variety of ways. Studies have shown economic benefits for communities with recreation facilities. Benefits include increased property values, additional tourism related spending and greater opportunities for prospective businesses. Beyond the impact of their expenditures, recreation centers generate more economic value through their promotion of health and wellness in communities.

The proposed Hurricane Aquatics & Recreation Center will provide more than just a workout gym. This facility will give patrons access to recreation programs not currently available within our community. Indoor, climate-controlled amenities will include leisure and competition pools, group fitness classes, a fitness center, weight room, large running/walking track and gym space for basketball, volleyball and pickleball. These programs will give people of all ages and abilities opportunities to improve their quality of life and build a sense of community.

Fiscal responsibility has always been a top priority for Hurricane City. There are specific funds within the city budget where user fees pay for services that are provided. These are called Enterprise Funds and include departments such as Power, Water and Golf. The Police, Parks, Streets and Recreation departments are supported by city taxes and typically do not pay for themselves or the services they provide.

Overall, a recreation center has a powerful impact on its community. The economic impact, combined with the ability to deliver a happier and healthier community, emphasizes these offerings are not just "nice-to-have," but are a critical aspect of what makes a city a vibrant and prosperous community.

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A public meeting to present these arguments will be held on October 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hurricane High School Auditorium located at 345 W Tiger Blvd., Hurricane.

TRASH PICK UP



Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays will shift trash pick up to Friday instead of Thursday.

HOLIDAY HOURS

October 14th Columbus Day - Closed
November 11th Veterans Day Observed - Closed
November 28th & 29th Thanksgiving - Closed
December 24th Christmas Eve - Closed at 12 p.m.
December 25th Christmas Day - Closed
January 1st New Year's Day - Closed
January 20th Martin Luther King Day - Closed

WATER DEPARTMENT



It's that time of year again where we need to think about the amount of outside watering that needs to be done. With the cooler weather coming, sprinklers can be turned back to approximately one half of the time used in the summer. As soon as it is cool enough, outside water can be turned off completely.

Remember it is imperative that meter barrel lids be kept clear of debris and over growth for easy access. Any meter lid that is buried by debris or overgrowth will need to be cut back by the City crews with a two-foot radius if it needs to be accessed.

If you have an irrigation system that is connected to the culinary water system, it is important to install a backflow device to prevent bacteria from entering the main water system. Remember, your family would be affected first. These devices need to be tested annually to make sure they are in working order. If you would like to be added to our reminder list, please call Connie at 435-635-9442. We thank our residents who make an effort to keep our water system bacteria free.

POWER DEPARTMENT

The Hurricane City Power Department once again was awarded RP3 (Reliable Public Power) status. This is the second time in a row Hurricane has received RP3 status which is valid of three years.

Hurricane Power also improved our overall score from our previous application and moved from Gold status to Platinum with a 96/100 score. This high score shows Hurricane Power's commitment to the four measured categories

American Public Power Association's RP3 recognizes public power utilities that demonstrate leading practices in reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement

In conjunction with RP3, Hurricane also received a separate award for system reliability. The award recognizes Hurricane Power for have substantial better system reliability than the average Public Power entity.

The Hurricane City Power customer had power outages for an average of only 2.371 minutes in 2018 compared to the national average of 135 minutes. * This level of reliability comes from a focus on training, preventive maintenance, and quick response to outages. Since we can't control the weather, wayward cars and some other damaging problems, there is some luck involved in our good reliability.

Final preparation is being made for Hurricane City Power's 4th Annual Public Power Day. Public Power Day is held to have some fun, help our customers know what a community owned power company is all about and educate where we actually get our power.

Hurricane Public Power Day celebration is held at the Hurricane City Power's Service Center at 547 W 600 N. This year's celebration will be held on October 8, 2019 from 4-7:00 p.m. Come join us for free food, fun, drawings, games, demos, tours and bucket trucks rides for those that dare.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 to those

who are in need this Christmas season. Every year we help nearly 50 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 Officer Ken Thompson 435-635-9663.

SCHOOL ZONE/CROSSING GUARDS



Now that the youth are back in school, we need to make sure we work together as a community to ensure our children get to and from school safely. Hurricane City Police Department has three very committed and dedicated crossing guards

who take pride in their responsibility to get the children across the street safely. Fortunately, those children who are following instruction to use the crosswalks are being great examples and doing the right thing. Unfortunately, we have several youth and parents who are not. We have seen problems with parents parking on the opposite side of the road and letting their children out and having them run across the street, not in a crosswalk. According to State Law, that is jaywalking and against the law, but more so, it is extremely dangerous. We have had several close calls with children almost hit; fortunately, drivers were paying close attention and stopped for them. Hurricane City spends a lot of time and money to implement crosswalks, school zones, and crossing guards for the safety of your children. Please make sure you are using them.

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 911.

SOCIAL MEDIA

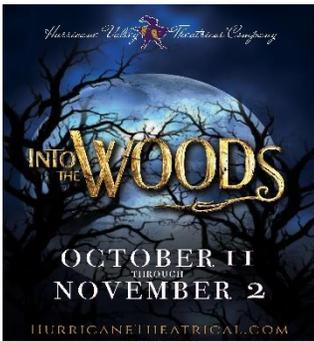
Did you know that the Hurricane City Police Department has a Facebook and a Twitter page? We post press releases, upcoming events, new city ordinances, upcoming jobs within the department and so much more. Check us out!

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The City of Hurricane and Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company are pleased to announce the fall show

Into The Woods!

An epic fairytale about wishes, family and the choices we make.



Into The Woods shows October 11- November 2, 2019 on Monday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. We also have Saturday matinees at 2:00 p.m. Shows are at the Hurricane Fine Arts Building located at 92 S 100 W Hurricane. Get your \$15 tickets online at www.hurricanetheatrical.com or call Debbie 435-668-9753.

All seating is General Admission.
Children ages 4-17 are FREE with a paying adult.



The Hurricane Valley Symphony is excited to present their Holiday Concert.

When: TBA, Keep an eye on our website www.hurricanerecreation.com
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Hurricane High School Auditorium
Price: FREE

The Hurricane Valley Choir

Will be performing for the Holidays!
When: Saturday, December 7, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Where: Hurricane Fine Arts Building
Price: FREE

Come enjoy some uplifting, fun and peaceful music from your very own Hurricane Valley Symphony and Choir!

UTILITY DEPARTMENT



We now offer a new online bill pay link, "Xpress Bill Pay." You can link a single account or multiple accounts together. There is no fee associated with payments on this site.

For more information go to: www.cityofhurricane.com and click on "Xpress Bill Pay".

If customers already have automatic ACH withdrawal directly through the City, that is still in effect. Customers would need to cancel ACH withdrawal in order to utilize the Xpress Bill Pay option.

Customers wishing to set up automatic payments from a checking account may sign up for ACH automatic payments through the Utility Office. ACH payments are drafted from the account on the 8th of each month. There is also no fee with this option. 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.



HURRICANE BLUCAN MESSAGING

- Your recycling fees are not going up. The fees collected have remained the same since BluCan began and will stay the same at least through January 2021
- Please continue using your BluCan for loose paper along with the other designated materials. The original guidelines have not changed. Please see BluCan.org to refresh your memory about what goes in your BluCan.
- The fees that have always been paid by each household are to cover the cost of curbside pickup, not the actual processing of recyclables. Your BluCan is still being picked up on the same schedule.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Can I still put paper in my BluCan? Do I need to change what I'm doing?

Yes, you can still put paper in your BluCan. Republic Services' sophisticated equipment makes sorting paper more efficient, so it will remain part of BluCan. You don't need to change anything about the way you recycle. See your BluCan label or BluCan.org to be reminded of the details, but what we can and cannot recycle remains the same.

Will fees be going up? What is the future of curbside recycling?

Your fees will remain the same at least through January 2021. Between now and the end of the County's contract with Republic, Hurricane will continue to look out for the interests of our residents. We will solicit your feedback as we work with the County to be good stewards of City funds, and support BluCan's original goals of making the best use of landfill space, preserving our beautiful community, and managing our waste the best possible way.

I heard everything is going to the landfill anyway. Is that true?

Only for a few more weeks. As soon as Republic Services finishes building and on-site transloading facility to load recyclables into trucks, all recyclables will be taken to the advanced Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Las Vegas. So rather than "pause" BluCan only to resume again, we hope residents will continue the habit of using their BluCan as they always have.

For more information and any updates that become available please visit: www.wcsww.org

