



City of Hurricane

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Mayor's Desk

Peach Days was a great success again this year! Thousands of attendees enjoyed the parade, food, entertainment, crafts, and heritage activities. It was wonderful to see so many people soaking up the festive atmosphere and celebrating the rich talents of our community. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all those who devoted their time, energy, and talents into planning and putting on this premier event. Parking problems have been the only drawback to the tremendous success of Peach Days. Shuttles continue to provide our main solution to these problems. Next year we will have even more shuttles operating to help mitigate parking challenges.



I have been delighted by the success of our splash pad! It has been a great addition to the City's recreational facilities. So many families have enjoyed this fun way to cool off in our summer heat. We ask that all splash pad users help us keep this facility in good condition so it will be able to serve the community for many summers to come. Please use common sense when enjoying the splash pad. Help us keep it clean and trash free. Remember, animals, bicycles, and skateboards are not allowed on the splash pad. Together we can keep this facility a point of pride in our community.



The Police Department has indicated we are seeing an increase in thefts around town. I encourage everyone to keep homes, vehicles, garages, and out-buildings locked. Most thefts are believed to be crimes of opportunity so keeping your property locked and valuables out of sight will help prevent you from becoming an easy target. Keep an eye out for suspicious behavior in your neighborhood and report such activities to the Police Department (*dispatch can be reached at 435-627-4999*).



The recent emergency preparedness exercise was an excellent training tool for emergency personnel and community coordinators. The City Council and I were happy to give this exercise our full support. My thanks go out to LaGrande Imlay and Police Chief Lynn Excell for their efforts.

I am always thankful to live in such a warm, generous community. I appreciate all the volunteers who do so much help make Hurricane the place we all call home. Join us for upcoming community events including the Polynesian Heritage Festival, Pumpkin Fest, and the Christmas Tree Festival.

Mayor Tom Hirschi



Polynesian Heritage Festival

The Hurricane Community Center is proud to bring the first annual Polynesian Heritage Festival to Hurricane! Enjoy the sights, sounds, and flavors of the islands October 7th & 8th at the Community Center (63 South 100 West). No admission charge for festival workshops, entertainment, and fun Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am—7:00 pm. Savor delicious Polynesian fare at the Luau Friday night at 5:00 pm—tickets \$25.00. Groove to the sounds of the Patwa Reggae Band in concert Saturday night at 7:00 pm—tickets \$15.00.



Pumpkin Fest

Join us for some Halloween fun on Saturday, October 29th at the Community Center!



- The Spooktacular Fun Run races will include events for everyone including: 24 mile Zombie Relay, Freaky 5K, Monster Mile Run/Walk, and Spooky Sprints for the kids. Races will all start and end at the Community Center on Saturday morning. Dress in costume and come have some spooky fun! Watch out for zombies and the headless skater! Entry fees vary by race. Proceeds will benefit local schools.
- Halloween games and activities will be available for kids of all ages in the evening from 6:00 – 9:00 pm including: trick-or-treating through the community center hallways, pumpkin carving, a hot dog dinner, and kiddie spook alley. A \$5.00/child entrance fee will cover all activities. The High School drama department will be putting on a mature spook alley for older teens in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Proceeds from the \$3.00 admission fee will benefit the drama department.



Visit the City website, www.cityofhurricane.com – click “Events”, for more information!

Sky Mountain Golf Course

Hurricane City's own Sky Mountain Golf Course was recently ranked the number one golf course in Utah by GolfLink™ website! Sky Mountain tops the list of *Best Utah Golf Courses* which details public and private courses in Utah.



This listing is a reflection of preferences of the up to a million golfers who visit the website each month. Golfers who play in Utah rate courses on a range of factors including over-all playing conditions, value, scenery, and hospitality. We are proud to have Sky Mountain's exceptional qualities recognized in this way.



Congratulations to Head PGA Golf Professional Kent Abegglen and his staff and volunteers and to Superintendent Jeff Beteag and his crew. We appreciate their hard work and dedicated professionalism. Golf Sky Mountain - Utah's Best golf course in your own backyard! Contact the Pro Shop at 435-635-7888 to schedule your tee time today.

Employee of the Month

June- Kyle Lounsbury has been a model of responsibility, enthusiasm, and dedication since joining the Parks Department staff in 2006. With the growth of the Department in recent years, Kyle has been asked to take on many new responsibilities. Each time something new is asked of him Kyle responds with his characteristic enthusiasm. He learns whatever he needs to succeed with

his assignments, is always willing to attend training and obtain certifications, and does a great job with everything that is asked of him. Earlier this year the City reorganized maintenance duties at the

Swimming Pool and Kyle was asked to take on those responsibilities. He quickly and eagerly jumped in (literally at times) and has done an outstanding job.

July- Officer Justin Gray joined the Hurricane Police Department in early 2010 and since that time has demonstrated his professionalism, knowledge, and good judgment. Officer Gray's ability to gather key information in complicated cases has been a great asset. His commitment to public service reflects positively on the Department and has earned Officer Gray recognition from citizens, supervisors, and his peers. The HCPD is proud to honor Justin Gray for his contributions to the Hurricane community.

August- The Power Department is pleased to recognize Don Behunin for his dedication, hard work, and innovative thinking. A complicated equipment problem

earlier this year looked like it would require shipping a transformer to Idaho for repair, a very costly and time-consuming solution. Don researched, negotiated, and networked until he found a way to get the repairs done on location for less than one-fourth of the original estimated cost. This is just one example of Don's inventive problem solving skills and his concern for fiscal responsibility in the Power Department. We applaud his diligence!



Meet the Candidates

There are three City Council seats up for election in Hurricane City this November. Five candidates, including the three incumbent Council Members (denoted by *), will be running: John Bramall*, Eddie Campbell, Richard Howard, Pam Humphries*, and Darin Thomas*. The Hurricane Valley Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a *Meet the Candidates* night to give residents the opportunity to find out more about the candidates prior to the election. We encourage all citizens to take advantage of this opportunity to take an active role in local government. Get to know your candidates **Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium (80 South 100 West)** on the Community Center campus.



Elections

The Municipal General Election will be held on November 8, 2011. Polls will be open on Election Day from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. To find your voting precinct and polling location, visit the elections page of the City website, www.cityofhurricane.com – click the Administration tab and then choose "Voting/Elections" from the left side-bar – or pick up the voting map and brochure at the City Office. Early voting will be available at the City Office during regular Administration Office hours for all registered voters from October 25th through November 4th.



Flu Vaccination Event

The Southwest Utah Public Health Department, in partnership with Hurricane City, is providing a Flu Shoot-Out & Emergency Response Exercise event Wednesday, October 12th in Hurricane. This immunization clinic is a great way to get protected for the upcoming flu season while helping the Health Department test its capacity to handle mass-vaccinations. Flu vaccinations will be available to individuals of *all ages* (over 6 months) during this event while supplies last. **Drive-thru** vaccinations will be available!



- Hurricane Fine Arts Center (80 South 100 West)
- Wednesday, October 12, 2011
- 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Flu shots - \$18.00 (cash or check)
- Flu-Mist nasal spray (ages 2-49) - \$20.00 (cash or check)
- FREE with some insurance plans (*must bring insurance card*) Medicare, SelectHealth, PEHP, Altius, United Health, CHIP, or Medicaid

For more information, call the Health Department at 435-986-2540 or visit www.swuhealth.org.

Emergency Preparedness Campaign

A committee made up of citizen volunteers has been working with the Hurricane City Police Department to improve the large-scale emergency response capabilities of the community. Committee members LaGrande Imlay, Chris Woodbury, and Frank Goff have developed a door hanger system that will quickly and effectively notify emergency responders whether the occupants of a home are ok or need help. In the event of a widespread disaster, the red door hanger would indicate help is needed or the green door hanger would signify occupants are ok and emergency personnel can move on.



Block captains and assistants will be going door-to-door to distribute the red and green door hangers to each household. This emergency preparedness effort has been endorsed by the Police Department. Block captains will be collecting information about each household and we request that residents assist in this effort. Information collected will be used to help emergency departments respond most effectively in the event of a major disaster. Block captains and assistants will gladly accept any donations to aid in the purchase of emergency preparedness equipment and materials.

Street Department

The Street Department would like to thank residents for efforts to keep trees and bushes near sidewalks and roadways trimmed. A new City ordinance is in place which requires trees to be trimmed at least 9 feet above sidewalks and at least fourteen feet above streets. Bushes and trees need to be pruned so all traffic signs are clear and visible. Homeowners are responsible to keep trees and bushes on their property trimmed to comply with the ordinance. Street Department crews will be out around town soon to ensure sidewalks, streets, and traffic signs are clear in compliance with the



new ordinance. Any trees or bushes that are not in compliance will be trimmed by City personnel. We encourage property owners to manage their own landscaping and appreciate residents' compliance.

A new piece of maintenance equipment, a crack seal machine, was recently purchased by the Street Department. As the weather cools down and cracks in road surfaces begin opening up, crews will be out conducting crack seal maintenance as needed on roadways. We appreciate the patience of residents as crews work down each street. This important maintenance work will help prolong the lifespan of our streets.



As autumn arrives in Hurricane, we encourage residents to be proactive in clearing leaves, debris, and trash from gutters. We thank citizens for helping keep

gutters clear. These efforts will help ensure storm drain systems will work properly during winter storms. Please work together in your neighborhoods to help everyone keep gutters and drains clear of debris.



Power Department

Over the last few months, the Power Department has been working on a project to change out decorative street lights. The primary target areas are the Sky Mountain and Sky Ridge subdivisions. The decorative street lights in these areas are older and inefficient and also put out substantial glare. The new fixtures meet City street light specifications and will provide a reduction in wattage. This project has been possible because the Power Department was able to acquire the fixtures at no cost as they were a disorder from another entity. So the only cost to the City is in the new ballast trays for each fixture replaced and manpower to complete the change-outs. This project should not be confused with the LED replacement project completed last year. The new fixtures do not use LED technology, but will lower energy usage and reduce glare.



The Power Department is sad to announce two members of the Power Board have resigned their positions. Don Musich has served on the Power Board for the last five years. Don brought a budget committee perspective to the Power Board and his service has been greatly appreciated. His presence on the Power Board will be missed. Dell Stanworth has served on the Power Board for nearly twenty years and has been Chairman for the last 14 years. Since Hurricane City Power has only been in existence for about 35 years, it is obvious Dell has been instrumental in guiding the direction of the Power Department. Dell has been a very active and forward-thinking Chairman and his leadership will be greatly missed. Thank you to Don and Dell for their years of dedication and hard work.



Members of the Power Board are appointed by the Mayor for four-year terms. Mayor Hirschi has appointed Dean McNeill to fill one of the recently vacated positions on the Board. Dean's expertise in engineering, the political process, and knowledge of Hurricane City will be a great asset. We welcome him to the Power Board and look forward to working with him. One position on the Power Board remains open. This is a voluntary service position. Anyone with expertise in the power industry or other background that may be useful to the Power Board and who has an interest in serving the community is invited to contact Mayor Hirschi – call 435-668-5638 or email thirschi@cityofhurricane.com.

Water Department

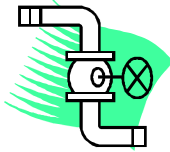
Attention all pressurized-irrigation customers! The Pressurized-Irrigation System will be turned off and this water will be unavailable between December 15, 2011 and January 15, 2012. Every two years it is necessary to drain and clean the settling pond for the irrigation system. The settling pond helps prevent excess sediment from



entering the irrigation lines. Over time the sediment in the pond builds up and must be removed. The Water Department schedules this essential maintenance at a time that should be the least inconvenient for our customers.

However, we recognize that some customers will be impacted and we apologize for this inconvenience. We thank residents for their understanding and patience. If you have concerns, please contact the Water Department at 435-635-9442.

We would like to remind residents of the need for a backflow prevention device on their culinary water line if it is used to irrigate outside landscaping. Hurricane City Code (8.3.1) requires all culinary lines to be protected with a backflow device if needed. Customers who use pressurized-irrigation water for outside watering generally do not need a backflow device. The Water Department strives to keep the culinary water lines safe for all customers. Please remember that if you have an unprotected line and backflow occurs it will affect your family first. If you have any questions or concerns about backflow, contact the Water Department, 435-635-9442.



Police Department

The Hurricane City Police Department has always taken a hard stand on illegal drugs in our community. We use a no-tolerance approach for narcotics violations. Officers have done a great job identifying and arresting persons involved in illegal drug activity in Hurricane and surrounding areas. Criminals arrested on illegal drug violations are appropriately charged and aggressively prosecuted. Unfortunately, it is often youth who are the primary targets of the illegal drug use market. We encourage parents to take a proactive approach regarding drug use with their children. It is critically important for parents to communicate clearly with children the dangers and consequences of alcohol, illegal drugs, and abuse of prescription medications. Parents often underestimate the importance they play in influencing their children's behavior. By talking to children early and often and maintaining open lines of communication parents can be the number one factor in keeping kids safe from drug use.

In addition to open communication parents can help protect children by controlling prescription medications in their homes. Abuse of prescription medications by

young people is a rising problem across the country. All too often these medications are easily accessible to youth in medicine cabinets at home or in grandparents or other relatives' homes. We encourage everyone – even those without children in the home – to keep medications in a location that is not easily accessible or visible and to keep close record of quantities of each medication. Unused and expired prescriptions should be properly disposed – a drop box is available at the Police Department office (90 South 700 West) during business hours.



The Police Department would like to express our appreciation for those citizens who have taken the effort to report criminal or suspicious activity in the community. We never want citizens to stop crime or take matters into their own hands, but we greatly appreciate those who assist the Police Department by acting as our eyes and ears and reporting suspicious activity.

Emergency Management

The Police Department has been working with community members and religious organizations to establish procedures and protocols that would be used in the event of a major emergency or disaster in our area. These efforts include the forming of Neighborhood Watch groups. Each group has a captain who will be responsible for checking on residents in their zone to determine if help is needed or to identify persons who may be able to assist others. These neighborhood captains will help emergency personnel locate and assist those who need help more quickly. This program will provide a more efficient and effective method of communication with emergency personnel, especially if regular communication lines and power were to be affected.



The first annual community-wide Emergency Preparedness Communications Exercise took place on September 12, 2011. The exercise went very well and we learned a lot. The main goal of this exercise was to test how communications between block captains and emergency coordinators would be established and how information would be transferred. This exercise enabled us to identify what works and what needs improvement.



It is important to test emergency procedures in order to be better prepared in the event of an actual disaster.

Additional training will be taking place over the next year and another community-wide exercise is being planned for September 10, 2012. We appreciate public participation, support, and cooperation with these important training events. The Police Department would like to thank LaGrande Imlay, Chris

Woodbury, and all those who have been instrumental in the success of our emergency preparedness program and training exercises. For more information about this program, please contact the Police Department office at 435-635-9663.

Recreation Department

We are pleased to welcome our new Recreation Supervisor, Bryce King, to Hurricane City! Bryce brings an abundance of experience and enthusiasm to the Recreation program and we look forward to his influence on the department. Bryce is dedicated to creating a recreation experience that will be positive for everyone. Come visit the Community Center and see what the Recreation Department has to offer! For questions or more information, please contact Bryce at 435-668-5636.



Upcoming programs & developments:

- * Two-pitch softball
- * Men's & women's basketball
- * Youth basketball
- * Registration & payments at the Community Center—Coming Soon!
- * Online registration—Coming Soon!
- * Website updates & improvements
- * Recreation Program Guide—January 2012, never miss a sign-up!
- * Winter classes for moms & kids at the Community Center
- * Winter lecture series—January 2012

Ongoing classes & programs:

Zumba® Fitness

Classes available at 7:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays. All classes are taught by certified Zumba® instructors. Punch passes are available for \$30.00 (10 classes) at the City Office.

Karate/Self-Defense

Weekly classes available on an ongoing basis for kids ages 5 and up and now for adults too! Classes held Wednesdays, \$40.00 for four weeks—first class is FREE. Uniforms can be purchased from the instructor for \$25.00.



Tiny Tigers	ages 5-6	4:15 pm
Little Dragons	ages 7-11	5:00 pm
Karate/Self Defense	ages 12-adult	5:45 pm

Dance

Classes are available on an ongoing basis—\$16.00 per month. Dancers will have the opportunity to participate in the December recital. There is a \$35.00 costume fee for students performing in the "Peanut-Cracker." Proper dance attire and



shoes are required. Contact Julie Parker for more information, call 435-635-2609 or email finearts@cityofhurricane.com.

Monday Classes

5:00 pm	ages 8-11	Classical Ballet
6:00 pm	ages 12 & up	Classical Ballet
7:00 pm	ages 12-14	Jazz (Int/Adv)
8:00 pm	ages 15-18	Jazz (Int/Adv)

Tuesday Classes

4:00 pm	ages 3-4	Ballet (Beg)
5:00 pm	ages 7-8	Jazz/Hip-hop (Beg)
6:00 pm	ages 9-11	Jazz/Hip-hop (Beg/Int)
7:00 pm	en'Forcement (by audition only)	

Thursday Classes

3:00 pm	ages 3-4	Ballet (Beg/New)
4:00 pm	ages 3-4	Ballet (Continuing)
5:00 pm	ages 5-7	Ballet (Beg/New)
6:00 pm	ages 5-7	Ballet (Continuing)
6:00 pm	ages 7-10	Jazz (boys only!)
7:00 pm	The Force (by audition only)	

Yoga

Classes available at 9:00 am on Mondays & Wednesdays for adults only. Beginning to intermediate level yoga will help increase energy, decrease anxiety and stress, and strengthen the immune system. Punch passes are available for \$30.00 (8 classes) at the City Office or drop in for \$5.00/class.



Tumbling

Classes available on an ongoing basis—\$25.00 for four weeks.

Youth Class—choose Tuesdays or Wednesdays

Ages 3-5	5:00 pm
Ages 6-7	6:00 pm
Ages 8 & up	7:00 pm

Advanced Class—choose Mondays or Thursdays

Students **MUST** be able to perform a backbend, cartwheel, and round-off without a spotter or have a referral from the instructor to attend this class.

All students 5:30—6:30 pm

Cheerleading Class—choose Mondays or Thursdays

This class is ideal for those wanting to cheer in middle or high school. Students will improve tumbling skills including jumps, front and back handsprings, and walkovers.

Ages 10 & up 4:30—5:30 pm



Motherhood Class

This weekly program helps mothers socialize with other mothers and learn positive coping skills to handle the stresses of parenthood. Subjects will be tailored to the interests of the participants and may include first aid,

recognizing illness, playing safely, budgeting, low-cost housekeeping, foods & nutrition, and helping children learn good behavior. This program is available on an ongoing basis with new four-week sessions beginning each month. Classes held Saturdays from 9:00—11:00 am. The fee is \$10.00 per week or \$30.00 for the month – includes FREE babysitting during class!



American Heart Association CPR Classes

CPR classes available the first Wednesday each month at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$35.00. Spaces open for October 5th, November 2nd, and December 7th classes.

Leather Craft for Adults

This class offers adults the opportunity to bring their own project and get instruction and assistance to complete it during the four-week session. Class is taught by an experienced instructor who will have some tools, dyes, and supplies available for use. The cost is \$20.00 and there are new sessions each month. Class is taught on Tuesdays.



Art—ages 9-16

Learn to develop the ability to draw from the right-side of the brain. This class will help those who want to improve their skills and is perfect for anyone who thought they could not draw. Students will learn to draw what they see and gain confidence in their creative skills. This eight-week course begins Wednesday, October 19th at 4:00 pm and is open to ages 9-16. The cost is \$48.00. Contact Paula Wadsworth for more information—435-635-5456.



Babysitting Training

During these four-week classes participants will learn fun activities, etiquette, laws for babysitting, and basic first aid & CPR skills. Classes are open to youth ages 11 and up. The cost is \$25.00. New sessions each month—class size is limited.

Fine Arts Performances

Contact Julie Parker at the Community Center for details and more information on fine arts programs through the Recreation Department, 435-635-2609 or finearts@cityofhurricane.com.

The Taffetas

This fun, toe-tapping '50's musical will be sure to have audience members singing along! Performances November 4th, 5th, 7th, 11th, 12th, & 14th at 7:30 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium (80 South 100 West). Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children—family packs are available.



Peanut-Cracker

This short version of the Christmas favorite “The Nutcracker” will feature dance students from the

Recreation Department dance program. Support these talented students and enjoy some holiday fun! One night only, December 10th!

“Force” Christmas Preview Show

Join our premier performance group the “Force” as they celebrate the season in song and dance. General admission tickets at the door are \$2.00 per person.

Christmas at the Community Center

Help us decorate the Community Center for the holidays! We are looking for donations of Christmas decorations and lights to help trim the Community Center this holiday season. Please bring any unwanted items to the Community Center office, 63 South 100 West. Together we can make our Community Center a holiday highlight! Contact Bryce for more information, 435-635-2609.

The annual Hurricane Christmas Tree Festival will be held the first week in December at the Community Center. Join us to kick off the holiday season with music, beautiful trees, entertainment, a live nativity, and much more! Festivities will take place December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Visit our website, www.cityofhurricane.com – click “Events”, for details and more information.



Splash Pad Fundraising

The splash pad has been a wonderful addition to Hurricane. We are delighted with the response from the community in support of this great summertime gathering place! The committee is continuing to raise funds to help cover the cost of the splash pad. The committee is currently taking orders for names to be engraved on the landscaping blocks near the splash pad. Businesses, individuals, or family groups can make a donation and publically show their support for the splash pad. These blocks will be a permanent part of the area surrounding the splash pad. For details or to place an order, please contact Corinne Stout at 435-635-2221.

Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

As a reminder, the garbage collection schedule may be altered during the holiday season to allow drivers to spend the holiday with their families. Allied Waste drivers take only three holidays during the year: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. Depending on when the holidays fall during the week, trash pick-up may be delayed for those three holidays. *This year, service in Hurricane City will be delayed ONLY for Thanksgiving.* Christmas and New Years Day both fall on Sunday this year and so will not affect garbage service. **During the week of Thanksgiving, pick-up will be changed from Thursday to Friday. Please mark your calendars now – Friday, November 25th will be garbage day for Hurricane City during Thanksgiving week.**

