



# City of Hurricane

Newsletter September 1, 2014

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## Notes from Mayor Bramall

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent city-wide clean-up weekend! We appreciate the efforts of our City staff, volunteers, and residents working to make Hurricane an even more beautiful place to call home.

Also, thank you to everyone who supported the Washington County Fair and Hurricane Peach Days. These events provide great opportunities to welcome visitors to our town and share Hurricane's many talents! We appreciate the community spirit and participation so many of our residents contribute to these events.



August blessed our valley with much-needed rain! We greatly appreciate the cooperation our residents have shown complying with the watering restrictions we implemented this summer. Please keep in mind the importance of water conservation throughout the year in our desert climate.

Our community is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of little Skyah Suwyn this summer. Her death reminds us all to take extra precautions to prevent such devastating accidents. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Suwyn family. I hope we can all express support and compassion as the family works to move forward.



## 600 North Widening & Reconstruction Project

Phase-one work on the project to widen 600 North between 200 West and State Route 9 began in mid-August. This first phase involves conducting utility work on an underground gas line. The second phase of the project is scheduled to begin in late September and is expected to be completed in the summer of 2015. When the second phase is completed, 600 North will be a two-lane road complete with new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks as well as widened shoulders to allow for on-street parking in most areas.



Unavoidably, the construction will impact traffic in the work zone. During the project, 600 North will largely be closed, except to local traffic, between 200 West and SR-9. Main Street, 200 West, and 120 East will remain open to traffic for the majority of the project to help motorists navigate around the construction. Residents living north of 600 North in the project area are advised to use 975 North and 200 West to get around the work zone. Students walking or biking to Hurricane Middle School, Hurricane Elementary, or Valley Academy should avoid the construction zone. Parents

are advised to help their students plan an alternate route to school. Suggested routes include 975 North to 200 West and the walking path that runs from approximately 750 North 120 East to the City Pool.



Construction crews will be working generally between the hours of 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Monday – Friday. The City's contractor will work directly with residents on immediate issues such as driveway access or utility problems. If you would like to receive email updates about the project, please send a request to [widen600n@gmail.com](mailto:widen600n@gmail.com). Please travel slowly through the construction zone and follow posted signs.

**The City will be hosting a public Open House regarding the 600 North project. Please bring questions or concerns to the Open House on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in the Bryce Canyon room of the Community Center (63 South 100 West) from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.**

For questions, concerns, or updates during the project:

- Hotline: (888) 342-1555
- Email: [widen600n@gmail.com](mailto:widen600n@gmail.com)
- Web: [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com) (Engineer Dept. page)

## Holiday Schedules

The holiday season will be here before we know it! Keep in mind upcoming holidays may affect City office hours or weekly garbage pick-up. Please make note of the dates below when City offices will be closed:

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	Labor Day
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veterans Day
November 27-28 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day & Day After
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve (offices close at noon)
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day

Trash pick-up service is *only* changed for **three** holidays every year: **Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's**. All three holidays this year fall on a Thursday so Hurricane's garbage service will be impacted the week of each of those holidays. Instead of regular pick-up on Thursday, the garbage will be picked up on Friday those weeks. Mark your calendars now for these **delayed trash pick-up dates**:



Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas	Friday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's	Friday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>

These are the **only** holidays that impact the garbage pick-up schedule in Washington County. Please continue to put out your garbage cans for **Thursday pick-up every other holiday during the year.**

**Employee of the Month**

**May** – Officer Justin Gray was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Police Department and the Hurricane community. Officer Gray was instrumental in two recent cases involving felony drug charges. His attentiveness to a neighborhood concern and diligent police work regarding a potential suspect resulted in arrests and charges that have helped keep Hurricane neighborhoods safe and family-friendly. Officer Gray’s supervisors have been very impressed with how detailed and well-written his reports have been for these and other cases. Hurricane City is proud to have Officer Gray on our Police force.



**June** – Payroll Clerk Ginger Foran was nominated by two different supervisors for the exceptional job she does and to recognize all the extra effort that has been required this year during a complex change in the Recreation department. Ginger is very conscientious about her job and always works hard to ensure things are processed accurately. She is highly organized, detail-oriented, and continuously strives to do the best job possible. Hurricane City appreciates all Ginger does for us!



**July** – The Power Department’s Don Behunin and Scott Hughes were awarded employee-of-the-month jointly for their dedication to becoming Journey Substation Technicians. Don and Scott voluntarily undertook the rigorous training, testing, and documentation of hours required for this additional certification. They did so knowing the department would be unable to provide any additional pay at the end of their training. Don and Scott felt becoming Journey Substation Techs would give them the knowledge and training to better perform their jobs by and were willing to put in the time and effort to do so. Both Don and Scott passed their final tests with flying colors! Hurricane City appreciates the commitment Don and Scott have shown. We know our power system is stronger because of their dedication and hard work.



**Volunteer Opportunities**



We have a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer in the Hurricane community. Contact Matt at the Community Center for more information about serving any of the volunteer needs listed below: call (435) 635-2609 ext. 104 or email [volunteer@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:volunteer@cityofhurricane.com).

**Event Service Opportunities**



**Pumpkin Festival** – help decorate the Community Center for Halloween and assist during the festival activities.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – assist with decking the Community Center’s halls for Christmas and volunteer during the festival.



**Fourth of July Celebration** – help with the parade, games, prize booth, and more!

**Peach Days** – see the displays and meet friends old and new as you provide security in exhibit rooms.

**Ongoing Service Opportunities**

**Animal Shelter** – volunteers age 18 and up help with day-to-day shelter operations. Volunteers with animal experience help take dogs out for exercise & training.



**Beautification Committee** – help develop plans and programs that will add to the splendor of our beautiful area. The committee also offers cooperative help in cleaning up properties in the city as needed.



**Heritage Park Museum** – meet and greet visitors, create and maintain displays, answer questions, and help maintain area historic sites.

**Performing Arts Productions** – serve as an usher for concerts, plays, or other productions and events held at the Performing Arts Center. Volunteers with construction skills and equipment assist with building theatrical sets.



**Trails Committee & Trail Building Projects** – help with trail maintenance and trail building or provide input regarding trails in Hurricane. Get to know the great trails in place and help us make our master plan for trails a reality!



**Tree Board** – help with preservation, pruning, replanting, removal, or disposition of trees and shrubs in Hurricane.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – assist low-income families with free tax preparation. VITA will help with training and IRS certification for all volunteers. Please contact Tom Everett at (435) 673-3548 or [teverett@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:teverett@fivecounty.utah.gov) to find out more or to volunteer with VITA.



**Youth Sports** – serve as a coach for basketball, soccer, football, baseball, and other sports. Coaches must commit to volunteer for the full season of their sport.



**Recreation**

Are you looking for a great way to get into shape? The Hurricane Community Center offers self-defense and karate classes. Build



your strength, confidence, focus, endurance, and character! New classes start September 1<sup>st</sup>. Attend one-hour classes twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:15 pm or 7:30 pm. Classes are open to anyone age 8 and up. Contact sensei Marlow Jones for more information: (435) 231-2526 or [marlow@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:marlow@cityofhurricane.com).

The Community Center also offers ongoing Tang Soo Do karate classes for teens and adults as well as children ages 5 and up. Instructor Melani Wright has been studying the art of karate for 10 years and has received her black belt. A variety of class times and levels are available – check our schedule online



<http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/recreation/other-programs/Karate/> to find one that fits your needs today! Contact Melani for questions or more information: (435) 635-2568 or [melani@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:melani@cityofhurricane.com).

### Hurricane Theatrical Company



Hurricane City is proud to bring another delightful theatrical production to our community this fall. The Hurricane Theatrical Company will be staging

*Shrek: the Musical* at the Hurricane Performing Arts Center, 92 South 100 West, with performances Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. Check the City website for performance times! Tickets will be \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, \$5 for kids, and \$30.00 for a family pass which includes tickets for two adults and four kids. Purchase tickets online at [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com) or at the Community Center, located at 63 South 100 West. For more information, check the City website, visit the Theatrical Company online [www.hurricanetheatrical.org](http://www.hurricanetheatrical.org), or call the Community Center (435) 635-2609.



### Water Department



The Water Department would like to thank Hurricane residents for their cooperation during the summer drought. Water conservation is everyone's responsibility. We appreciate all the efforts made to help ensure we can meet the water needs of our community.

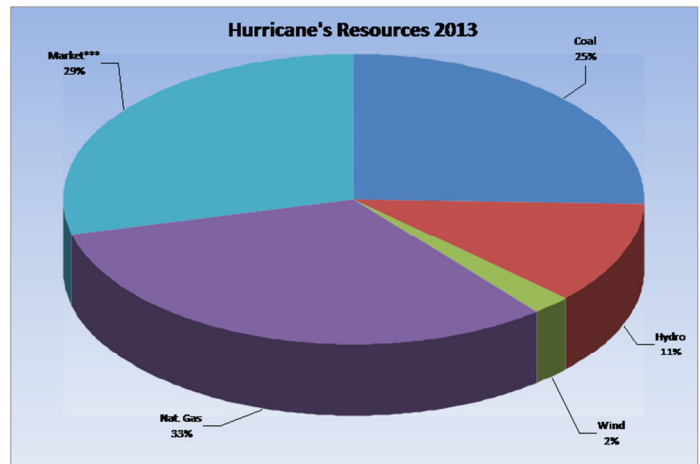
As a reminder, it is imperative that a backflow device be installed on all irrigation systems connected to the culinary water system. By definition: "Backflow" is the flow of water or other liquids, mixtures, or other substances from a region of high pressure to a region of lower pressure into the water distribution pipes of a potable water supply system from any source(s) other than the intended source." Backflow prevention devices protect the culinary system from

contamination. All devices need to be checked annually to ensure they are in working order. If you would like to receive annual reminder notices to have your backflow device tested, please contact Connie at the Water Shop by calling (435) 635-9442 ext. 0. She can also provide a list of certified Backflow Testers.

### Power Department

We greatly appreciate the decline we have seen in yard-sale signs being posted on City utility poles and other equipment. However, we are still seeing signs posted on signal-light poles along State Route 9. As a reminder, posting any signs on these and other poles is a violation of City ordinance. Old, tattered signs and residue from tape creates an unsightly mess. We request that residents use alternative means for advertising yard-sales such as online sites or newspaper classifieds.

Many residents are interested in what sources Hurricane City uses for our supply of electricity. The graph below shows the percentage of energy sources by type used during the year 2013. These resources come from a variety of producing



\*\*\*"Market" consists of a mix of coal, hydro, natural gas, wind, etc. purchased on the open market locations. The table below lists the locations for each type of resource.

Coal	Natural Gas
Hunter Power Station (Castle Dale, Utah)	Nebo Power Station (Payson, Utah)
San Juan Power Station (Farmington, New Mexico)	Clifton Wilson Power Station (Hurricane, Utah)
Intermountain Power Project (Delta, Utah)	
Deseret Firm contract (Vernal, Utah)	
Wind	Hydro
Pleasant Valley Wind Project (Evanston, Wyoming)	Colorado River Storage Project (Glen Canyon Dam, Arizona & other sites)
Horse Butte Wind Project (Idaho Falls, Idaho)	Pah-Tempe Hydro (Hurricane, Utah)



## Sky Mountain Golf Course

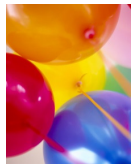
Kent Abegglen – PGA Golf Professional

### Fall Junior Golf Clinics

Sky Mountain is offering Junior Golf classes every Thursday from 4:00 – 5:30 pm starting September 4<sup>th</sup> and running through October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for young golfers to improve their golf abilities and develop strong sportsmanship skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Classes are open to youth ages 7 to 17. Each class is \$7.00 per student or *only \$45.00 per student for all 9 classes!* Don't miss this chance! Register your junior golfer today – call the Pro Shop at (435) 635-7888.



### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event



We are celebrating 20 years of golf in Hurricane! Plan ahead now to join us for the *20 Years at Sky Mountain Celebration Event!* Mark your calendars for October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating with a tournament and dinner on Friday and Golf Equipment Demo Day on Saturday including kid's events, games, and contests. Bring the whole family for this fun event! Proceeds from the tournament and dinner benefit the Hurricane City College Scholarship Fund and the Junior Golf programs at Sky Mountain.

### Golf Leagues

Thursday night Ladies' League runs September through November at 3:00 pm every week. All skill levels are welcome! Sky Mountain also offers morning Ladies' and Men's Leagues. The morning leagues play at 8:00 am through October, then at 9:00 am beginning in November. Ladies play Monday and Thursday mornings and men play every Tuesday morning. Come join our fun golf community! Make new friends while enjoying the beautiful fall weather!



## Tree Board

Devin Ruesch – Board Chairman

Did you know that your lawn and trees need to be watered differently? At the April irrigation workshop hosted by the Tree Board, we learned that trees require deeper, less frequent watering than lawns. Soaking the ground 18 to 24 inches at the edge of the trees' outermost branches is the preferred method of application for optimal tree health. Keep in mind that irrigation can be significantly reduced as winter approaches.



Thank you to everyone who contributes to keeping our urban forest beautiful and healthy!

### **TOP TEN REASONS WE NEED TREES**

1. Trees help purify the air we breathe by absorbing pollutants.
2. Trees increase property values and improve the tax base in communities.

3. Trees improve neighborhood appeal, attracting businesses, shoppers, and homeowners.
4. Trees cool our cities and towns by reducing heat generated by buildings and paved surfaces.
5. Tree shade, with optimal planting, can save an average household up to \$250 annually in reduced energy costs.
6. Trees reduce the pollutants entering sewer systems, saving communities millions of dollars in water treatment costs.
7. Trees soften harsh building lines and large expanses of pavement, making urban environments much more pleasant.
8. Trees provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, maintaining a balance with nature even in urban areas.
9. Trees reduce the amount of water-borne pollutants that reach streams and rivers.
10. Trees reduce levels of domestic violence and foster safer, more sociable neighborhood environments.



## Police Department

### City-Wide Emergency Exercise

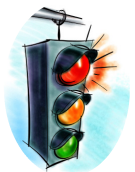
We will be conducting our annual City-Wide Emergency Exercise on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to the District Coordinator for your area for details about the preparedness drill. If you do not know who your District Coordinator is, contact the Police Department office at (435) 635-9663.

### CERT Training Class

The Police Department will be holding the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in September or October. Dates will be posted as soon as they are finalized. This course provides 24 hours of training over two weekends. The cost of the course is \$25.00. Check the Emergency Management page of the City website for details or to register. For additional questions and information, contact Officer Steve Johnson, [cert@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:cert@cityofhurricane.com).

### Red Light Violations

The Police Department would like to remind motorists that the law requires all drivers to stop at red lights. We are seeing a significant increase in drivers running red lights. Please keep in mind that rushing to get through yellow lights greatly increases the likelihood of getting in a collision that injures the driver, passengers, and/or other motorists or pedestrians. Allow plenty of time to stop at a yellow light by traveling at safer, more manageable speeds.



We are also seeing many drivers not stopping at red lights when they are making right turns. As a reminder, motorists are **required to make a complete stop** before proceeding to make a right turn when the light is red.