



City of Hurricane

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Employee of the Month

October – Debbie Garrett has been a priceless addition to the Community Center staff. Her hard work, dedication, people skills, and sense of humor have earned her the respect and appreciation of her co-workers and supervisors. We are proud to have Debbie as a City employee!

November – Marcia Smart works as the Assistant Manager at the Sky Mountain Golf Course Pro Shop. Since her promotion to this position in 2012, Marcia has continually demonstrated her outstanding customer service. She is always willing to go the extra mile in everything she does. Marcia is extremely honest and dependable. She is a wonderful asset to the City and the golf course!

Hurricane Senior Center Western Dinner



The Senior Center would like to invite all members of the community to their annual Western Dinner on Friday, February 27th at 6:00 pm. *All ages are welcome!* The evening will feature a traditional western dinner of Bar-B-Q beef with all the fixin's, live entertainment, and both a live and silent auction.

Tickets may be purchased at the Senior Center, located at 95 North 300 West, in advance for \$8.00 or at the door for \$10.00. For more information, please call (435) 635-2089.

Recreation Department

Spring sports will be here before you know it! Registration is starting soon for the following youth & adult sports and special events:

Youth Sports
Spring Soccer

Registration: January 19th – February 8th



Games begin March 7th

Spring Baseball/Softball

Registration: January 19th – February 8th

Games begin the week of April 6th

Adult Sports

Women's Spring Volleyball

Registration: January 19th – February 8th

Adult Softball

Registration: February 2nd – Feb 22nd

Games start in mid-March

Events

The Hurricane Half Marathon & 5K

Registration: January 19th – March 22nd

Race Day is April 25th

To register or for more information about these sports and events or any of the other programs, classes, events, or performances going on at the Community Center, please visit *our new website* www.hurricanerecreation.com!



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.

Events

Half Marathon & 5K – help with organization, aid stations, packets, prizes, and race day needs.

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.

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.

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. **Contact Tom Everett at (435) 673-3548 or 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.

Tree Board

Devin Ruesch – Board Chair

The Hurricane City Tree Board is pleased to welcome two new members, Butch Farnsworth and Rebecca Bronemann. Our mission as a board is to



help make our urban forest both beautiful and economically beneficial for our community. A large, mature shade tree is estimated to be worth \$50,000! We hope our

citizens value and care for our often underestimated wealth in urban trees. There is a Chinese proverb that says, “The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago and the next best time is today.” Trees we plant and care for today will become the wealth of our children and grandchildren.

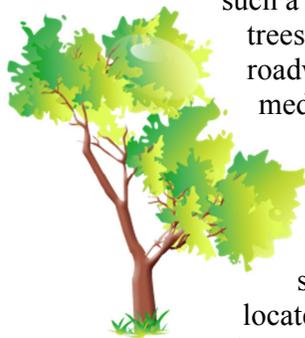
Please visit the [Tree Board](#) page of the City website for activities happening in the first several months of 2015. We are planning a workshop on tree care for March and will be celebrating Arbor Day in April. We are excited to be collaborating with local high-school students in the planning and tree-planting process for the Arbor Day events on April 24th.



Winter is often the best time for tree planting. We encourage residents to consider any trees they may wish to add to their landscapes at this time and take advantage of optimum planting conditions this winter. There are several tree planning and planting resources available on the Tree Board webpage

www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/committees/tree-board. Access a digital version of the [Southern Utah Guide to Trees](#) or use the interactive [i-Tree](#) tool. The i-Tree tool allows you to enter your address and view an aerial map of your property. You can experiment with where to place new trees on your property and even model the crown-growth of different tree species.

As I walk around our community, I am so grateful for all the citizens who take care of their trees and keep them beautiful and productive. I also deeply appreciate the Parks department personnel who do



such a good job caring for our public trees. Trees located along our roadways, sidewalks, in the highway median strips, at the City cemetery, and in all of our City parks are public trees that benefit everyone in our community.

One of my favorite public spaces in town is Pioneer Park located at the corner of Main Street and 200 North. The deep shade of the

huge pecan trees that were planted in the 1950’s provides a welcome respite in the heat of summer. Visiting Pioneer Park reminds me what an irreplaceable asset our public trees really are! I am continually grateful to those early residents who planned, planted, and maintained Hurricane’s first City park.

Water Department

Colder weather continues this winter and we would like to remind our residents that outside watering can be decreased or even discontinued altogether until spring. Lawns and landscapes are expected to go dormant for the winter in our climate. If you do

continue to water your landscape through the winter, please make certain sidewalks and public walkways are kept clear of water that can turn to ice and cause a hazard. We appreciate citizens' cooperation in keeping our community safe.

As the 600 North project progresses over the winter, residents can expect intermittent disruptions to the pressurized irrigation system. At times, some residents will not have pressurized irrigation water available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We look forward to the project's completion in the summer. The reconstructed street from 200 West to State Route 9 will be a major improvement!

All residents should be aware that any sprinkler system which is connected to the culinary water supply is **required** to have a working



backflow device installed. This device prevents bacteria or other contaminants from entering the system that supplies drinking water to our community. These devices **must be** tested on an

annual basis to verify they are working properly. If you would like to receive an annual reminder notice to have your backflow device tested, please call Connie at (435) 635-9442 and she will add you to her notification list. Connie can also provide information on certified testing companies in our area.

We would like to thank our residents for their ongoing conservation efforts during the prolonged drought conditions. Please keep in mind that although we have received some much-needed precipitation this fall and winter, the drought is not over and efforts to conserve our precious water resources are still needed.



Street Department

The Street Department will be performing crack-sealing maintenance on City roads through January. This important maintenance helps extend the life of the road surface. Please use caution when driving in areas where crews are working. Personnel and equipment will be in travel lanes intermittently as they work. Help protect our dedicated crews by slowing down and giving them plenty of clearance as you navigate through work zones. We make every effort to minimize traffic



impacts and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Power Department

The Power Department is required by law to maintain a safe clearance distance between live high-

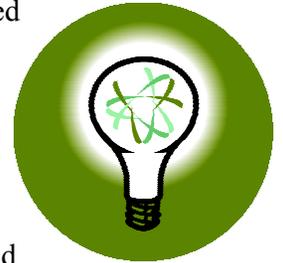


voltage power lines and tree limbs. We have hired a contractor to trim trees throughout the City that are in conflict with power lines. The contractor began work in mid-December and will continue until all trees in conflict with power lines have been brought into compliance. If

residents prefer to hire a contractor of their choice to perform any needed tree trimming on their property instead of having the Power Department's contractor do the trimming, they are welcome to do so. Please contact the Power Department office at (435) 635-5536 with any questions regarding tree trimming around power lines or safe clearance requirements.

We are continuing to monitor and plan for changes in energy markets and regulations. We are anticipating that most of the coal-fired power plants will go off-line within the next 10 to 20 years. Since coal continues to provide much of the predictable base-load energy, we recognize that some other high-capacity energy resources will need to be developed in order to replace the coal-fired plants.

Hurricane City Power, along with over forty other members of Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS), has teamed with Energy Northwest and NuScale Power™ to explore and possibly develop a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) power generation station which would be located in Idaho. This is a new technology which promises to be much safer than the old technology found in existing nuclear power plants. We are only in the *very early stages* of investigation and are studying the benefits, costs, and risks of this carbon-free technology. We have posted three informational videos on the Power Department page of the City website for residents to find out more about SMR technology. Interested residents may also visit the websites of Energy Northwest, www.energy-northwest.com, and NuScale Power™, www.nuscalepower.com, for more detailed information.



Police Department

Thefts

The Police Department has seen an increase in vehicle burglaries over the last two months. In most instances, the vehicles have been entered through an unlocked door or a window left open. Criminals look for easy targets that allow them to quickly and quietly remove items then leave the area. These crimes can take place in a matter of seconds. Our



officers and detectives have had good success apprehending criminals in these cases, but each case demands considerable time, effort, and resources. *These crimes are largely preventable.* We ask residents to assist in the reduction of these crimes by keeping vehicles locked with windows rolled up and securing all personal items. The best defense against these crimes is to make your property an unappealing target.

Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's)

The Tri-State ATV Jamboree is an annual event held in Hurricane each March. We are proud to welcome all the participants to our area. We know riders will enjoy the many beautiful trails throughout Washington and surrounding counties. We ask that motorists be mindful of OHV riders during the Jamboree in mid-March. Please watch for them as they travel to and from their destinations.

We would like to remind residents that OHV laws are designed to protect OHV riders and keep roadways safe for all users. Please help us keep our community and streets safe for everyone by following these laws.

Winter Weather Driving

Winter brings the potential for dangerous driving conditions. Motorists need to use extreme caution when driving in any type of winter-weather condition. The presence of snow or ice on the roadway greatly increases the chances losing control of the vehicle and crashing. Good defensive-driving techniques are extremely valuable for avoiding weather-related accidents. For more information about winter driving safety, please visit the Utah Department of Public Safety Highway Safety website, <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/highwaysafety/winterdriving.html>, or the Southwest Utah Public Health Department website, <http://swuhealth.org/>. Let's work together to decrease the accidents on our roadways.



Device Use While Driving

The Police Department would like to remind drivers of the changes in State law that took effect in May 2014 regarding the use of mobile devices while driving. It is now **prohibited** to use a handheld wireless communication device to do any of the following **while operating a moving motor vehicle**:



- ⊕ Write, send, or read a written communication, including text or instant messages and email
- ⊕ Dial a phone number
- ⊕ Access the internet
- ⊕ View or record video
- ⊕ Enter data into a handheld wireless communication device

Drivers are still **permitted** to use a device for *certain functions* or *in some situations* while operating a moving motor vehicle. Drivers may still legally use a device:

- ⊕ To engage in voice communication only (**talk on the phone**)
- ⊕ During a medical emergency
- ⊕ When reporting or requesting assistance relating to a safety hazard or criminal activity
- ⊕ To view a global positioning or navigation device or application
- ⊕ To operate hands-free or voice-operated technology
- ⊕ To operate a system physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle

Law enforcement officers and emergency service personnel are permitted to use a handheld wireless communication device while operating a moving motor vehicle when acting within the course and scope of their employment.

The purpose of these changes is to help prevent distracted driving which endangers all motorists **The Police Department will continue to strictly enforce this law.** Violations may result in a class C or class B misdemeanor conviction. Please be mindful of these changes and alter your device use while driving accordingly.

Dear Hurricane resident:

For the convenience of all dog owners, we have included a dog license renewal form (see reverse) in the quarterly newsletter. Hurricane City ordinance requires all dogs four months of age or older to be licensed *every year*. Proof of current rabies vaccination must be presented in order to obtain a license. Please read the following licensing instructions *carefully* to avoid any licensing delays or problems.



1. Fill out the license renewal form *completely*. Please print clearly.
2. If your dog needs a rabies vaccination, the following locations can provide vaccinations and issue license tags:

Zion Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Casey Wittwer

90 East State

Hurricane UT 84737

(435) 635-4033

The Desert Vet

Dr. Allen Bice

470 West State

Hurricane UT 84737

(435) 635-7000

Vaccination/licensing clinics will be available at the Animal Shelter, 2084 South 700 West.

Reduced cost rabies vaccinations will be offered at these clinics. See dates below:

- **Saturday 1/17/2015, Dr. Bice, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- **Saturday 2/7/2015, Dr. Wittwer, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**

3. If your dog already has a current rabies vaccination, **take the completed form along with proof of vaccination to the Animal Shelter** to purchase and pick up the 2015 license tag.

Hurricane Animal Shelter

2084 South 700 West

Hurricane UT 84737

(435) 635-8314

• **License Fees:**

Spayed/Neutered \$10.00

Not Spayed/Neutered \$22.00

- Cash or checks are accepted at all licensing locations/clinics. **NO** credit/debit cards please!
- Licenses due January 1st – if not paid *before* March 1st, a \$20.00 late fee will apply.
- Additional license forms are available at all licensing locations for a second dog.
- If you have *more than two* dogs, contact the Animal Shelter for licensing information, (435) 635-8314.

HURRICANE DOG REGISTRATION LICENSE RENEWAL 2015

Please print clearly and fill out completely.

Date purchasing tag_____

Owner's full name_____

Owner's driver license or I.D. # _____ State _____

Home Address_____

Email Address (*for renewal notices*)_____

Phone number_____ Work/cell number_____

Dog's name_____

Dog's breed_____ Dog's gender_____

Dog's color_____ Dog's age_____

Spayed (*circle*) yes no or Neutered (*circle*) yes no

Rabies tag # _____ Expiration of rabies _____

New license tag # _____ Fee paid* _____

****Add \$20.00 late fee if purchased after March 1, 2015***

Remarks_____
