



# City of Hurricane

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## ELECTIONS

Hurricane City will be conducting a Primary Election this year on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Candidates running for city council in the upcoming election are:

- Nanette Dutton Billings
- Philip Carter
- Danielle Crofts
- Spencer Lundell
- Christian Mathisen Sr.
- David Mooneyham
- Brent Elson Moser
- Joseph Prete
- David (Dave) Sanders
- Brian Shamo
- Kevin D. Thomas
- Jon Walker
- Steve Wood

Voters will have the opportunity to **Meet the Candidates** on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hurricane City Community Center located at 63 S 100 W. Candidates will be introducing themselves and informing you of their platform. You will have a chance to meet with the candidates one-on-one after the event.

Candidates who are not eliminated in the Primary Election will move on to the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

As a reminder, the 2019 Primary and General Municipal Elections will be conducted using Vote by Mail. Eligible registered voters will be receiving their ballots in the mail no later than 2 weeks before each Election Day. In addition, a Voter Assistance Center will be available on Election Day to assist voters from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## 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 2019 will be held August 29<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be our 21<sup>st</sup> 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 contests, Pioneer Canal Treks, Rodeo and Boxing along with Movie in the 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

Entries for displays can be made Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Also, due to traffic issues, the committee is working with the city to help the traffic flow near the community center. Watch for traffic signs for a one-way road which will provide greater safety and open up more parking spaces. More shuttles will also be available from the parking at the nearby church and school.

Official agendas will be mailed in August and can be found on the Hurricane City website:  
<http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/about/events/peach-days/>

There is also a need for volunteers to help with security at the display location.

## 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](http://www.cityofhurricane.com) and click on "Bill Pay" or "New Instructions" in the middle of the page.

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.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### 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.

### 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 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 PARKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Tree City USA**

Hurricane has been named a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community and forestry. It is the 14th year Hurricane has received this national recognition.



The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Hurricane has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives.

Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economic benefits.

## **Splash Pad**

We would like to remind the public of a few general splash pad rules:

1. In an effort to conserve water, the water for the Splash Pad re-circulates so for your safety, please **DO NOT** change diapers on or near the Splash Pad. Diaper changing tables are provided in the restrooms.
2. Children who are not toilet trained must wear tightly fitting plastic pants and a swim diaper.
3. No running or rough play is permitted.
4. The Splash Pad area is designed for the water features and is not designed for the use of skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, and scooters. These are all prohibited in the Splash Pad area.
5. Picnic tables around the splash pad area are for your use. No food or beverages are allowed on the Splash Pad area.
6. Water balloons, balls, and toys are many times fun things to play with while in the water, but we ask that you refrain from using these things in the Splash Pad area because they can clog the filters.
7. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited.
8. Animals are prohibited on the splash pad area.
9. And most importantly, **PLEASE HAVE FUN and MAKE IT A SPLASH!**

## **CITY ENGINEER**

Work is progressing well on the Exit 16 Project, and is about 50% complete. Final completion is slated for November. Always add a little extra time if you know you will be traveling through the work zone. Use caution, respect traffic control signs, and be aware of stopped traffic. For project updates please visit [www.udot.utah.gov/go/exit16](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/exit16).

## **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.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**



*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 ensure 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.

The City Dog Park is located on 750 N 350 W. All other City Parks prohibit dogs with the exception of Grandpa's Pond, where they are allowed on the trails, but must be leashed at all times. Citations can be issued for failure to comply with posted regulations.

