

# City of Hurricane

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2016!

## Employee of the Month

**July** – Mason Snow was instrumental in delivering the 600 North project while still fulfilling his normal role as Public Works Inspector. He has a wonderful ability to foresee construction issues and is very good at coordinating between City Departments and getting decisions made timely to avoid delays.

**August** – Crystal Wright has been tasked with taking over the position of Payroll Clerk as well as training a new replacement in our front office. Taking over payroll takes a significant amount of training and time in addition to completing her existing daily duties. Crystal has always been happy and willing to take on any challenge she has been given and has been a great addition to our office.



**September**– Troy Mitchell volunteered to take on the cleanup of the graffiti around our area. Since taking on this task there has not been a single piece of graffiti left unattended. Troy takes on this responsibility, along with his other assigned duties within the Parks Department. Troy is a great asset to Hurricane City with his willingness to tackle difficult projects and positive attitude while doing so.

**October** – Nola Wayman has worked for the Recreation Department for over 4 years. She does a wonderful job with managing the front end of the Community Center. She has been able to learn and grow in her job as new tasks, responsibilities, and situations are placed before her. The Community Center would be lost without her.

**November** – Ryan Miller was given the assignment of crew leader in charge of maintaining all of the parks and ball fields and tracking equipment maintenance. Ryan took on his new assignment with very little experience, but quickly learned what needed to be done. Ryan has done an outstanding job with the ball fields as well as equipment maintenance tracking. He is very detailed and organized in the work he does and the fields always look nice.

## Zoning and Property Rights

I can do anything I want with my property, right? The Zoning Department deals with that question daily. The answer is “sometimes.” The Utah Code and Utah common law give cities the right to create land use codes and require their citizens abide by those codes. The State Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman refers to property rights as a “bundle of sticks” that go with the property. City codes can limit what you can do with those sticks, but cannot take them away entirely without compensating you. So the Land Use Code can tell you where on your property you can build a house and a garage, how tall they can be, and what you can do in them. If your property is commercial, the code can tell you where you can build your business, if your kind of business is a permitted use in the zone, and how you have to provide landscaping and parking. Just like the motor vehicle you drive is required to be maintained in a safe manner, be insured, and be driven by a licensed driver, land use codes are designed to protect everyone. Originally they were written to keep large factories and stockyards from being located immediately next to houses and apartments. Codes have come a long way since then, but the purpose remains, as stated in Chapter 1 of Hurricane City’s code “... to provide for the health, safety, and welfare, and promote the prosperity, improve the morals, peace and good order, comfort, convenience, and aesthetics of the city and its present and future inhabitants and businesses, to protect the tax base, secure economy in governmental expenditures, foster the city’s agricultural and other industries, protect both urban and nonurban development, and to protect property values.”



## Power Department

You may have heard or seen the advertisements to purchase solar panels for your home. Installing solar panels and investing in other home energy efficiency products are a great way to lower power bills. Hurricane City Power has a Grid Tied Solar Policy allowing the solar installations to be connected to the power grid. This policy has been recently modified. Anyone considering installing grid tied solar panels should review the new policy.

The new policy can be found on the city website. [www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/power/#metering](http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/power/#metering).

Customers should be aware that some solar panel companies will try to mislead by stating that a power bill will be eliminated by installing grid tied solar on their home. Although installing solar panels can greatly reduce your power bill, it is rare that the power bill will be completely negated. Also, remember the power usage is only one element of the monthly Hurricane City bill. If you have any questions about information you have received from a solar installation company, please contact the Hurricane City Power Department at (435)635-5536.



It is required that trees are trimmed to maintain a safe distance from power lines. Hurricane hires a tree trimming company each year to bring trees into clearance compliance. This company will begin trimming trees in the next few weeks. The company is professional, knowledgeable and concerned about the health of the trees. If you have trees that have grown too close to the power lines, expect them to be trimmed in the next few months by our contractor. As always, an individual can choose to hire their own tree trimming company at the individual's expense.



Be sure to check out your usage history by going to the Hurricane City Website and clicking on the "Enerlyte" icon. You will need to have your Hurricane City billing account number. Once logged in, you can view your power usage history, power usage compared to others in your demographic and energy efficiency tips.

## Recreation Department

Do you have what it takes to dash a chilly 5K and then take an icy dip in the Hurricane City Pool in the middle of Winter? Come and take the *Polar Challenge* at the **Hurricane Recreation Polar Dash and Dip on January 9, 2016**. Dash a 5K and then swim 25 yards in the ice cold pool. If you aren't quite up for the full Polar Challenge, you can solely dash a 5K or simply take an icy dip. There is also a Kid's Duathlon with a 1 mile run and a chilly dip in the pool. You'll be freezin' for a reason because proceeds from the event will benefit the Hurricane Tiger Sharks Swim Team. There will be tech shirts and hot chocolate for all participants and beanies for the full Dash and Dip finishers. For more information and to register go to [www.hurricanerecreation.com](http://www.hurricanerecreation.com)

*Hurricane Recreation is excited to present 3 other races in 2016*, so save the dates and start training.

**Saturday, June 4 – Hurricane City Triathlon** This pool triathlon is perfect for the aspiring triathlete who wants to "tri" out the sport and perfect for the seasoned triathlete who wants to start the season out with a storm.

**Saturday, September 17 – Hurricane Half Marathon and 5K** New course, giant medal, new fall date. This is the perfect race to end your summer training with or to prepare for the St. George Marathon.

**Friday, October 28 – Halloween Neon Night Run** Come glow through the Haunted Sky Mountain Golf Course in this festive and fun 5K and 1-mile run.

## Volunteer Opportunities



We have a wide variety of opportunities to volunteer in the Hurricane community. For more information on how to serve in the Hurricane Community, call Matt at: (435)635-2609 ext 106 or email him at [volunteer@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:volunteer@cityofhurricane.com).

## Volunteer Events Include:

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*The Polar Dash and Dip*

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



*Hurricane Half Marathon*

*Hurricane Fine Arts Productions*

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

*Halloween Neon Night Run*

*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*

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

*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

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.

**Hurricane Fine Arts Center**

Calling all actors/actresses: The Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company is going to be holding auditions in January for the upcoming show Little Women! Please watch for audition dates on the Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/hurricanetheatrical](http://www.facebook.com/hurricanetheatrical)

The Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company in conjunction with The City of Hurricane is proud to present the 2005 Tony Award Winning Musical Little Women! To get on the email list for more information please visit: [www.hurricanetheatrical.org](http://www.hurricanetheatrical.org).



**Hurricane Community Center**

Our Winter/Spring classes will begin again on January 4, 2016. You can register for Dance, Karate and Tumbling at [www.hurricanerecreation.com](http://www.hurricanerecreation.com) or stop by the Community Center: Mon – Thurs 9 am to 9 pm. You can also register for our spring sports programs, which includes: Soccer, Baseball, Girls Softball, Wrestling and Prep League Basketball. If you have any questions, please call (435)635-2609.

**Tree Board**

*Devin Ruesch – Board Chair*

As a tree board we appreciate citizens for their support and service. Trees truly enhance our city with beauty and value!



Fall and Winter are the best times for planning and assessment on trees growing in your care. Evaluation and planning may include improved

irrigation, fertilizer, weed control, mulch, and ground covers. In the past few years, Hurricane City Tree Board has sponsored helpful workshops on landscape planning, irrigation, and tree planting. We are announcing another workshop in January this year with focus on private trees and landscaping planning. Local sponsors have been supportive with donations of door prizes and most have enjoyed learning and many have won door prizes.

Please join us on the Hurricane City website at: [www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/committees/tree-board/](http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/committees/tree-board/) where you will find our Hurricane City Tree Guide, many planning helps and updated calendar information. Thanks for helping our urban forest be a beautiful treasure.

**Water Department**

The Water Department would like to remind the Hurricane City residents that it is time to turn off their sprinklers for the winter. It is important to keep sidewalks free of ice to prevent any hazards. It is also a good idea to wrap all outside exposed pipes to keep them from freezing. As a reminder, all residents who have their culinary water connected to their outside watering system need to have a backflow device in place to prevent bacteria from coming back into the water lines. Keep in mind, your family will be affected first if this should happen. These devices need to be tested annually and a report needs to be sent to the Hurricane City Water Department to be kept on file. Any questions about this process can be directed to Connie at (435)635-9442.



The irrigation pond has been cleaned of mud and debris and the water is now turned back into the lines. This process is usually done annually the first two weeks in December. The irrigation water is turned off during this process. As a reminder to our pressurized irrigation users, when there is a storm that stirs up the river, it is a good idea to turn off your irrigation water to avoid pulling mud through the lines. We have an automatic shutoff valve when this happens, but sometimes mud gets through before it shuts off.

We appreciate the efforts of our residents to keep our water clean and safe.

**Police Department**

**2015 SHOP WITH A COP**

We hope that all of you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our annual Shop with a Cop was great; another 100 youth county wide were able to participate. It was a pleasure for us to have the opportunity to help these families during the Holidays. We definitely could not



have made this possible without all the donations we received. We want to thank all the sponsors who contributed to the program. Major sponsors from Hurricane include: Sysco, Walmart, Walmart Distribution Center, Gilbert Development, Mountain America Credit Union and the Hurricane Valley Christmas Tree Festival. There are many other anonymous donors who help make this program a success year after year.

### **OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLES (OHV)**

We are continuously dealing with OHV violations year around. We realize this is a beautiful area to enjoy recreational activities, but we have to make sure to follow the laws that have been established to provide a safe and fun environment. One of the issues we are dealing with on a regular basis is the driving or riding of an OHV on a limited access state route. SR 7 is a limited access highway meaning OHV's are prohibited, even if they are street legal. However, SR 9 is not a limited access highway, so OHV's are prohibited from driving or riding on State Routes, unless they are registered as a street legal vehicle. Another issue we are dealing with is people just driving or riding around town, going to and from neighbors, grocery stores, stores and restaurants. This violates our City Ordinance. You are only authorized to ride or drive to and from gas stations or trail heads. We would like to remind everyone operating OHV's to please become familiar with the Hurricane City Ordinance and the State Laws pertaining to the operation of an OHV. View the full city code online at [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com)



– click on “Ordinances” in the Quick Links, then click the link to the City Code and Land Use Ordinances, and navigate to Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 8 “Off Highway Vehicles”. Please use good judgement, ride safely and wear proper safety equipment as you ride.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Hurricane City Police Department and the City of Hurricane Emergency Services are now offering the

### **Community Emergency Response Team**

(CERT) Program. This program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. CERT trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

We will be holding a class at the end of February or the first of March 2016. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Officer Steve Johnson at [cert@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:cert@cityofhurricane.com).

### **Engineering Department**

#### ***Dixie Transportation Expo***

The Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO) is studying the possibility of a public transit route between St. George and Springdale. The DMPO is gathering data and needs your help. This is a great opportunity for individuals to participate in the transportation planning process. Please go to [www.dixiempopo.org](http://www.dixiempopo.org) to participate in a public survey on the matter.

The DMPO is also hosting the annual Dixie Transportation Expo on February 9, 2016, from 10 am - 6 pm at the Dixie Center. This event will showcase planned and current transportation projects by UDOT, the County, and municipalities in the area. This is a great opportunity for you to participate in the transportation planning process!

### **Hurricane City Radio Station**

- Did you know that Hurricane now has its own radio station? **Station KHPD, 104.5 FM**, broadcasts vital information in the event of an emergency in our area. You'll hear safety tips plus messages from Homeland Security, FEMA, the Centers for Disease Control and other sources. You'll also get information on Hurricane community events throughout the year. Save 104.5 FM as button # 1 on your car radio and tune in at least once a day.

Dear Dog Owners:



For the convenience of all dog owners of Hurricane City, 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. Please use a ***separate*** form for 2<sup>nd</sup> dog. Additional license forms are available at all licensing locations.
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 1/9/2016, Dr. Bice, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- **Saturday 2/20/2016, 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 2016 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 1<sup>st</sup> – if not paid *before* March 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$20.00 late fee will apply.
- If you have *more than two* dogs, contact the Animal Shelter for licensing information, (435) 635-8314.

# HURRICANE DOG REGISTRATION LICENSE RENEWAL 2016

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, 2016***

Remarks\_\_\_\_\_

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