



Hurricane City



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Mayor

The first of the year has flown by and we continue to be blessed with so much rain and snow! I started to question if I was still in Southern Utah. Many have joined in prayers for moisture. I ask you continue with a desire for temperatures to raise slowly and the soft, gentle rain to continue through the spring. This will help keep the run-off at a controllable rate to avoid flooding. Hurricane City does not have the same issues other communities have because the Virgin River is below us. However, Gould's Wash that comes out of Three Falls has the potential to flood homes if a heavy down pour from rain happens on the Mesa. Frog Hollow has a detention basin to help mitigate problems. Thankfully, both have been doing what they were designed to do. I ask you to keep the washes clear and not go near them when waters are flowing. We have had to close off 1150 West around 200 South several times this year for the waters to flow down that natural path. If the road is closed, please do not drive through. The many problems we are facing as a nation, state and community reminded me that we are a nation of faith, family, and freedom and God will help and has blessed us.

Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor, 435-680-2757

Peach Days



Plans for our 25th annual "**Peach Days: A Celebration of our Heritage**" are underway once again! We are looking forward to another wonderful year and are excited about the events to be included. Held the Thursday to

Saturday weekend of Labor Day – this year it will fall August 31st – September 2nd.

We are excited for another year of displays, contests, parade, rodeo, pioneer displays, vendor and food booths, and the best continuous entertainment. There is something for everyone at Peach Days, and we look forward to sharing it with you!

Vendor Applications: Online applications ONLY for all vendor booths (food, commercial, and homemade sales) will begin selling spots on **April 1 at 9:00 am**. *Submittal does not guarantee a spot.* Applications will be reviewed by the vendor committee and awarded based upon qualifications and the food/product/category being sold. This ensures a variety of items, and proper licensing. All vendor applications can be found under the "Event Entry Forms" tab at <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/232/Peach-Days>. The links will NOT open until April 1st!! For Commercial or food booth information call Corry Stout

(632-1885) or Kelly Kleinman (619-5387). For Homemade Sales info call Brian Hinton (680-9160).

Displays: Each year community members are encouraged to enter the Fine Arts, Home Arts, Garden, Canning, Baking and Small Farm displays. Without the community participation, we could not have these displays. Please start now to work on an item to enter! All entries receive a ribbon with a cash award. No previous entry/application is necessary. These items are to be entered for the display/judging on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Watch for more Peach Days information in the upcoming months. For general information, call David Stirland at 669-0841 or Jarolyn Stout at 635-4204 or 619-7526. A list of Peach Days Committee Members is also available on the Hurricane City website at the link listed earlier.

Citywide Clean Up

Jump into spring with the 2023 annual Citywide cleanup. We will have two separate dates available for our spring and summer cleanup dates. They are May 22nd-May 24th and again July 26th-28th. Dumpsters will be available at these 4 locations:



- 400 S 700 W (across from Gould's wash)
- 600 North by the ball fields
- Fire Station II (445 N 3400 W)
- Dixie Springs Park

Please be considerate and only put your household items inside the dumpsters. Absolutely no construction materials, paint, or hazardous materials!

If the dumpsters are full, please check other locations, do not leave items on the ground!

There is no charge to haul household items to the landfill if you are a Washington County resident with a Utah license plate.

For information on when you are allowed to burn, or to obtain a burn permit, contact the Hurricane Valley Fire District at 435-635-9562 or visit

<https://washingtontcity.org/burn/?category=burn>.

Cemetery

With Memorial Day right around the corner (May 29th), the Parks and Cemetery crews will be working hard to prepare the cemetery for the public to start placing flowers and decorations on their loved one's graves (fertilizing, mowing, edging, weed eating, general cleanup, etc.). Crews will not be doing any maintenance in the Cemetery

from Friday, May 26th to Sunday, June 4th. The public is welcome to continue to decorate graves during this time.



At 6:00 am on Monday, June 5th, crews will begin cleaning up the cemetery so we can get back to our regular maintenance schedule. We ask that all decorations be removed BEFORE this time. Any decorations that are not in permanent holders, attached to a headstone and ALL glass will be discarded at this time by cemetery crews. We ask that throughout the year no glass or rocks be placed around or on headstones. This is for the safety of the maintenance crew while they are mowing and trimming the grass.

To facilitate routine cemetery maintenance, we ask that throughout the remainder of the year you observe the following cemetery rules:

1. All decorations must be placed on a raised portion of the monument or in a permanent receptacle in the concrete border of the monument. Receptacles must be of a type approved by Cemetery Staff.
2. Temporary decorations may be removed by Cemetery Staff without notice when they become unsightly or pose a safety hazard or when necessary for regular maintenance or are not compliant with City Ordinance.
3. A single shepherd hook may be placed adjacent to the concrete border. One shepherd hook per monument permitted.
4. For the safety of the maintenance staff, no glass is permitted.
5. The Cemetery Staff will not be responsible for flowers or personal property left in the cemetery.
6. Please check with city for headstone size restrictions before ordering a headstone.

Water Department

We would like to thank you for helping keep sidewalks clear of water during the cold months!

With spring in the air, it is nice to get outside and work in the yard. With your spring cleaning this year we are requesting that you clean any trash or debris from around the water meter barrel, so it is easier for our meter reader to access if necessary. This is very helpful for you as well if you ever have a leak that requires your water to be shut off temporarily at the meter while you make necessary repairs.

Even with the abundance of moisture we have received this winter and spring, we would need many more years to recover from the drought that has gripped our area. We appreciate the efforts of our community to conserve water. We need to continue to be mindful of using our water resources wisely. Remember, *outside watering restrictions go into effect on June 1st and will continue through September 30th.* **No outside watering is permitted between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm during this period, except for large agricultural users.**

Easter Egg Hunt



2 age group. **Please be aware, absolutely NO ADULTS will be permitted to enter the egg-hunt areas for children ages 3 and up!** The fun begins **at 9:00 am sharp!!** Bring your baskets and come early!

Police Department

Avoiding Scams

The Hurricane City Police Department would like to provide some helpful tips and reminders to help combat the seemingly endless types of fraud and scams that our citizens might encounter. Recently our investigators have seen an uptick of two common types. The first utilizes spoofed emails from reputable companies, to trick someone into calling a compromised phone number. Some have then accessed the victim's computer under the guise of repairing it, while others have convinced the victim to send money via cash in the mail, or by buying gift cards. The second type of scam consists of the scammer convincing the



victim they have a warrant, or someone they know has a warrant and they need to send payment to take care of the warrant or be arrested.

The following are some tips to utilize to help with these scams, and more can be found online at ic3.gov:

- Emails from reputable companies will usually have the company name in the email, or a variation thereof. For example, an official email from Amazon will not end in "gmail.com." Most companies list their official email addresses on their website discussing fraud. Checking the actual email address is a quick way to determine the authenticity.
- RESIST the pressure to act quickly. Scammers thrive on instilling panic into their victims.
- Do NOT send wire transfers, especially to foreign banks, at the instructions of someone you have only spoken to online or via phone.
- Do not respond to unexpected emails about unsolicited services or services you did not purchase. Do not download software you are unfamiliar with. Do not

download software from unofficial websites. Do not grant remote access to your computer to unknown persons or entities.

- Do not conduct banking activity while providing remote access to your computer.
- Companies will NEVER ask you to pay a bill or fine using preloaded gift cards such as Google Play or iTunes cards. If someone is asking you to pay that way, it is a scam.
- Law Enforcement and other government agencies will NEVER call you and threaten you with a warrant unless you pay.

The FBI maintains the website ic3.gov. There you can submit any fraud incidents, as well as read news bulletins about new and current scams. As always, please feel free to call the Hurricane Police Department if you believe someone is attempting to scam you. An officer can assist in determining the nature and validity of what you may be experiencing.

Animal Control

Spring and summer are the times when pets are frequently left in someone else's care while we enjoy vacations. Pet sitters need to know to contact Animal Control immediately if a pet has become lost. License and identification tags are your pets' ticket home. If you have not yet obtained a 2023 license tag, please contact the Shelter as soon as possible.

Temperatures will be rising and will soon hit 100 degrees. All of us will be seeking methods to keep ourselves cool. Please be mindful of your pets as well. We get an increase of calls regarding dogs left in vehicles or in truck beds without protection. On an 85-degree day, the temperature of a car parked in the sun can reach 120 degrees in 30 minutes, even with the windows slightly cracked. Dogs are very susceptible to heat stroke. At home, provide your outside dog with additional shade such as a tarp over the top of the kennel and an abundant supply of fresh water that cannot be tipped over. Too many dogs a



year are subjected to burns on their pads from truck beds and being walked outside on hot asphalt and sidewalks. Citations can be issued if an animal is found in one of these dangerous situations.

We are starting to receive calls regarding snakes. Please be aware that all snakes in our area are not poisonous and some are quite beneficial. King Snakes can be identified by the black and white or red and white rings or bands around their bodies. Bull Snakes are similar in color to Rattlesnakes but are missing the distinctive rattles and triangular head. Both King and Bull snakes help reduce the rodent and gopher populations that plague our area. Any snake will strike or bite as a means of self-defense. Please instruct your children not to handle or antagonize any snake. Before contacting Animal Control, ensure that the snake is venomous or posing an immediate threat.

We want to thank Desert Vet and Zion Vet for attending our Rabies/License Clinics this year and helping us provide citizens with low-cost vaccines.

Parks Department

Hurricane City Parks is currently working with the Hurricane Rotary Club to construct an All-Abilities Park at Dixie Springs Park. This will be a great addition to the city and its residents. This project has been funded by generous donations through the Rotary Club. We are hoping to have all work completed by the end of May, if weather permits.

Hurricane is also working on finalizing construction drawings for a Veteran's Memorial Park. This park will be located to the south of Hurricane City Cemetery. This project is being funded mostly by donations. Anyone who would like to donate funds toward this project can do so at the Hurricane City Offices. Thank you so much for your support of the Parks Department and our veterans!

New residents and those who have lived in the area for a while may not be familiar with where all the parks are and their specific amenities. To learn more about these parks, their location and amenities please go to <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/174/Parks-Department>.

Let's get out there and enjoy these beautiful green spaces! Our goal is to ensure a safe, family friendly and enjoyable experience for all guests. For your safety and for the safety of others, please observe the following splash pad rules:



General Splash Pad Rules:

1. All general park rules apply.
 2. To conserve water, the water for the Splash Pad re-circulates. For YOUR Safety, do NOT change diapers on or near the Splash Pad!
- Diaper changing tables are provided in the restrooms.
3. Children who are not toilet trained must wear tightly fitting plastic pants and a swim diaper.
 4. No running or rough play is permitted.
 5. The Splash Pad area is designed for the water features and is not designed for the use of skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, and scooters. All are prohibited in the Splash Pad area.
 6. Picnic tables around the splash pad area are for your use, no food or beverages are allowed on the actual Splash Pad area.
 7. 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 plug the filtering system.
 8. Glass containers of any kind are prohibited.
 9. And most importantly, PLEASE HAVE FUN and MAKE IT A SPLASH!

Power

Most residents and businesses in Hurricane City receive electricity from Hurricane City Power Department. One of

the greatest benefits of publicly owned power is the focus on locals needs, like reliability, instead of shareholder's needs. Hurricane City Power funds stay here and are reinvested into equipment, power resources, training of employees, and reserves to help ensure greater reliability and stable power rates. This last year saw unprecedented volatility in the nation's power markets. This affected power departments all over the West. We take very seriously our responsibility to balance costs to provide power and provide critically needed infrastructure with keeping rates low and manageable for our residents. We are grateful for a wise Power Board who keeps our residents at the forefront of everything we do.



The Power Department has been very busy with multiple projects. Among those include a continuation of the next phase of the 600 North transmission line upgrade. We are also working on a substation to provide increased capacity and service to the ever-growing southern part of the city. We are calling it the Three Falls Substation. The 1150 West corridor will be reconstructed to facilitate transmission voltage. This corridor will be used to energize the new Three Falls Substation. These are just a couple of the continued projects in our quest to provide reliable public power.

We are looking to empower the next generation of leaders. Hurricane City Power is accepting entry forms for the ICUA Youth Rally. Available to all high school Sophomore & Junior students in UAMPS' member communities. Four high school students will be selected to receive a \$500 scholarship and an invitation to this year's ICUA Youth Rally for an opportunity to earn even more scholarship money. Applications are due by April 21, 2023. For more information and a link to apply for this year's rally visit

<https://www.cityofhurricane.com/347/Youth-Rally-Scholarship-Opportunity>.

The Power Department logs all power outages onto a web-based software program called "eReliability Tracker" maintained by the American Public Power Association (APPA). Even planned outages, which are outages taken to complete maintenance or retrofits, are included. The outage data compiled throughout the year is used to calculate Hurricane City Power's reliability using five nationally accepted standards. One of those standards is Average Service Availability Index (ASAI). Hurricane City Power's ASAI for 2022 was 99.995 meaning, on average, Hurricane City Power customers had power 99.995% of the time in 2022. Achieving this level of ASAI has mostly come from numerous preventive maintenance programs and a focus on reliability by the power crews. With the inability to control Mother Nature, wildlife, or wayward cars and other accidents, there has also been some good fortune in achieving the 99.995 ASAI in 2022.

Summer is just around the corner and the City's daily peak energy use will soon be on the rise. With continued growth in our city, we continue to increase our loads year



over year. Last year the peak usage was another record high 49.275 megawatts in the 18th hour of July 21st. The largest user of power during the summer season is air conditioning units. Raising your thermostat even a single degree can help conserve energy and save you money.

Hurricane City Power typically begins generating power in mid-June with five natural gas generators and three diesel generators. We can produce just over 14 megawatts with our internal generation plants. Generating power during the summer is one of the many strategies the department utilizes to stabilize rates.

Our web page provides a quick and easy way for customers to find answers to many common questions. Information about power sources and fueling resources, electric rates, what to do in case of a power outage, and weather readings. You can also find information about any applicable rebate programs. This information and more can be found at <https://www.cityofhurricane.com/178/Power-Department>.

Recreation

Stay up-to-date with the things happening at the Community Center, Swimming Pool, Fine Arts Center, Adult & Youth Sports, Art Classes, Tumbling, Martial Arts, Dance, Adaptive Programs, and Group Fitness activities at www.hurricanerecreation.com.

Theater

HURRICANE THEATRICAL HAS BIG NEWS!!



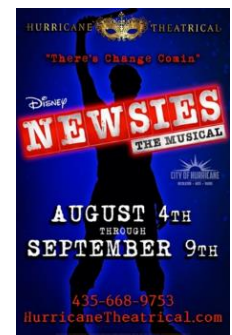
Hurricane Theatrical and Hurricane City proudly present our Spring Show, **The Spitfire Grill!**

Based on the hit 1996 film, The Spitfire Grill is a heartwarming and

inspirational musical tale of redemption, perseverance, and family. Set in a small Wisconsin town, the show features a gorgeous, soulful score. (Rating PG-13) For tickets go to www.hurricanetheatrical.com or call 435-668-9753.

Coming Summer 2023:

Auditions will be held in April for our summer show NEWSIES!



Don't forget to sign your kids up for our summer camp – BROADWAY OR BUST!