

City of Hurricane

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Mayor's Desk

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the spirit of the holiday season and that those who celebrate Christmas had a very happy one. I am reminded often by world news how blessed we are to live in a country where we can worship and give thanks in our own ways according to our own beliefs without fear of persecution. I am personally grateful for the many wonderful friends who do not share my faith, but who respect our differences. It is my greatest wish that we can all respect and love one another.

The Hurricane Christmas Tree Festival held at the beginning of December was a great success! My heartfelt thanks go out to Susan Johnson and her committee for their time and dedication. These incredible volunteers created a beautiful festival enjoyed by many. Proceeds from the Tree Festival were donated to Coins for Kids and helped brighten Christmas morning for many children.



The City has had to make many difficult choices in order to provide all possible services while staying within a restricted budget. Many departments are feeling the strain, but overall we are making do as best we can. We are cautiously optimistic that this year will see some improvements in the economic situation.

Residents may be aware that after many negotiations, Hurricane City has reached an agreement with LaVerkin, Toquerville, and Virgin to share Fire Department personnel. Effective January 1, 2012, all employees of the Hurricane Valley Fire District will transfer back to Hurricane City. We believe this agreement provides each of the communities with high quality service while lowering overall costs.



Crimes including vehicle burglaries and thefts continue to be a concern. Most victims of vehicle burglaries provide easy targets by leaving cars unlocked with valuables visible. Unfortunately, I fear the era has passed when we could leave cars unlocked or valuables unsecured. Copper wire has become a highly desirable commodity these days and a favorite target for thieves. Please be aware of any unidentified persons working in or around utility boxes or vacant homes and businesses. Report suspicious behavior to the Police immediately – call Dispatch at 435.627.4999. If we all keep an eye out, we can help protect ourselves and our neighbors.



I would like to express my appreciation to all of our City employees for their dedication and service to the community.

The commitment and hard work of these employees keeps Hurricane City running smoothly.

I hope the year ahead brings prosperity and much happiness to all of you!



Mayor Tom Hirschi

Employee of the Month

September – The Street Department's Eric Crosby was recognized for his excellent contributions to his department and the overall City. His mechanical skills have made him a tremendous asset in the Street Department maintenance shop and the go-to person for specialized projects throughout the City. Eric is always willing to perform extra tasks, volunteer for special event duties, and assist other departments.

October – Janice Evans, Administrative Assistant for the City Prosecutor, was honored for her outstanding customer service contributions. Janice's professionalism and helpfulness have earned her many compliments from grateful patrons who feel strongly enough to write letters to the Mayor or City Manager. Her willingness to go the extra mile and make people feel respected is a great reflection on Hurricane City.

November – Since joining the Hurricane City staff as the Meter Reader a year ago, Hans Christensen has made a big impression on his co-workers and supervisors. He has done a great job replacing and repairing water meters to improve accuracy and timeliness of customer billings. Hans is extremely dependable and conscientious. He is always willing to help with anything extra that is asked of him without question or complaint. Hans has been a great addition to the City.



Recreation

Have you ever wondered when the City Pool opens or when to sign up kids for soccer? Hurricane City Recreation is proud to announce the publication of our first-ever Leisure and Recreation Guide. This guide will come out in January and cover the entire year of recreation programs and registration dates. You'll never miss a deadline again! The Guide will include 28 pages of recreation, fine arts, and event news for the Hurricane Valley area. Watch for the Guide in your newspaper, at local businesses, or view it online.



Did you know the new, improved online recreation registration site is up and running? Visit the City website,

www.cityofhurricane.com, and click on the green Rec1 logo to check it out. This service is available 24/7, is free to use, and offers a convenient way to manage sports registrations and monthly class fees. Contact the Community Center with any questions about online registration, 435.635.2609.

The Recreation Department has many ongoing programs and classes, including tumbling, karate, and a variety of dance classes. Most ongoing classes resume the week of January 9, 2012. Call or stop by the Community Center with questions or to register for any of our classes. The Community Center office, located at 63 South 100 West, is open Monday – Thursday from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm. Or, check the full schedule of classes and sports programs online!

Register now for Youth Soccer! Divisions will be available for children Pre-K through 6th grade. The deadline to sign up is January 29, 2012. Games will begin February 25th. Games will be held Wednesdays and Saturdays. The fee is \$25.00. Players will use the Hurricane Recreation red & white reversible jersey. You can order jerseys for \$10.00 through the Recreation Department online or at the Community Center.



The Recreation Department is seeking a volunteer Equipment Manager for our tackle-football program. Duties will include equipment inventory, equipment maintenance and repair, and other assignments related to the tackle-football program. Anyone interested should contact Bryce King, bryceking@cityofhurricane.com.

Hurricane Recreation is looking for qualified referees and score keepers to assist with youth and adult sports. Call Bryce at 435.668.5636 for more information.

Community Center

We are excited about many new improvements and renovations at the Community Center. The conference room is now equipped with a 50" HDTV flat panel television and an HD projector. Banquet tables are now available for parties and reunions. We now also have WiFi available! Join us January 18, 2012 for an open house. Come see what the Community Center has to offer! Facility rentals are increasing and we are pleased to offer a great space for meetings, parties, reunions, and so much more. Call the Community Center office for information on affordable rental prices and building availability, 435.635.2609.



Hurricane Little League Baseball Registration

Registration for the Hurricane Little League 2012 season will take place in January. Online registration is available January 1st through the 31st at www.hurricanelittleleague.org. Registration will also be available at the Hurricane Community Center, 63 South 100 West, January 17-



19 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Keep in mind that Hurricane Little League is an independent organization and is not run through Hurricane City Recreation. **Please do not contact the City Office or Community Center for information about this program – visit the Little League website listed above.**

Girl Scouts Troop Formation

Girl Scouts is the world's pre-eminent organization dedicated solely to girls. In Girl Scouts, girls discover fun and friendship through the many enriching experiences provided by the program. They develop confidence and courage while strengthening their core values. Any adults and girls interested in learning more are invited to attend an informational meeting. Troops will be created for Hurricane girls at this meeting. Please join area Girls Scouts representatives on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 7:00 pm** at the **First Southern Baptist Church, 1565 West State** in Hurricane.



Sky Mountain Golf Course

Kent Abegglen – PGA Golf Professional

Sky Mountain will be hosting two exciting winter tournaments in January. To register for either tournament or for more details, contact the Pro Shop at 435.635.7888.



- **Sky Mountain Winter Two Man Scramble**
January 20th – 10:00 am start
\$50.00 per player
Maximum handicap 24
Gross & net winners, added prizes, \$700.00 prize for first place team (based on full field)
- **Sky Mountain Winter Amateur**
January 21st – 10:00 am start
\$55.00 per player
Regular & senior divisions (Senior – 50 years or older)
Maximum handicap 24
Added prizes, BBQ, \$500.00 prize for first place (based on full field)

Advertising opportunity! Businesses can sponsor a hole marker tee sign at Sky Mountain. These business advertisements will be seen by the 36,000 golfers who play the course each year. One-year sponsorship ads can be purchased for \$350.00 or two-year sponsorship ads can be purchased for \$600.00. All two-year sponsorships come with a Peak Season Punch Card – a \$280.00 value! Contact Kent Abegglen at the Pro Shop for more information, 435.635.7888.



Golf Sky Mountain! Your backyard golf course ranked number one in Utah by golfers on GolfLink™ website. Schedule a tee time today – call 435.635.7888 or visit us online at www.cityofhurricane.com.

Volunteer Office

Samantha Hinton – Volunteer Coordinator

Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last year was a great year for volunteers in Hurricane City. Each year we have been blessed with more and more residents willing to give their personal time to volunteer with the City. Many volunteers help with special events during the year. Some help organize events from the planning phases all the way through to the end of the event. Others help for a few hours on the day of the event, setting up, providing display security, running stations or booths, or cleaning up.



Volunteers are essential to the success of events like Peach Days, the Hurricane Half Marathon, and the Rec Fest. Other volunteers dedicate time to serve on Boards and Commissions such as the Tree Board,

Planning Commission, Trails Committee, or Power Board. We have volunteers willing to help a few hours every week in a City Department in positions such as file clerk in the Hurricane Justice Court and front desk attendants at the Animal Shelter and Community Center. Every volunteer, regardless of how many hours they have to give, is critically valuable to the City. The service of volunteers enables City employees to function more efficiently which allows the City to provide more services for our residents.

Although we have a lot of wonderful volunteers, we are still in need of more! Currently we have the following weekly volunteer opportunities available:

Community Center	Front Desk	4:00 – 8:00 pm M,W, or Th
Animal Shelter	Front Desk	11:00 am – 2:00 pm or 2:00–5:00 pm M-F
Parks Department	Field Prep	1-2 times a week; seasonal

The following event committees need volunteers to help organize the 2012 events:

Event	Date	Description
Rec Fest	May 19	Recreational Family Festival
4 th of July	July 4	Independence Day Celebration
Hoopjam	April 20-21	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
Chunkin' Challenge	November 10	Pumpkin Chunking/Fall Festival

Individuals or groups interested in a one or two day service project should contact the Volunteer Office. We can help organize a project for you. We have trail building projects, park clean-ups, community center renovations, etc.



If you are interested in volunteering some time with the City, contact the Volunteer Coordinator once you decide how much time you would like to donate. She will review your interests, skills, availability, and work experience to find a volunteer opportunity for you. The Volunteer Coordinator can be reached at 435.635.2811 x106 or by email

volunteer@cityofhurricane.com. New volunteer opportunities are posted on the City website, www.cityofhurricane.com. The Volunteer Office also recently established a volunteer email list to notify interested community members of new volunteer opportunities. If you would like to be included on this list, please send an email to volunteer@cityofhurricane.com with "VOLUNTEER EMAIL GROUP" in the subject line. Email addresses will ONLY be used for the purpose of contacting you regarding volunteer opportunities in Hurricane City and at any time you can request to be removed from the list.

Heartfelt thanks go out to every volunteer who donated time last year in the service of Hurricane City. The Volunteer Coordinator has issued a challenge to residents who are considering volunteering but are not sure if they have enough time or experience to offer. She is confident that if you contact her, she can find a volunteer opportunity that will fit your schedule and be well-suited to your skills and experience. Together we can continue making Hurricane City a great place to live!



Street Department

The Street Department would like to ask all residents to work together to keep streets and gutters in neighborhoods clear of leaves and debris. This will help facilitate proper functioning of the storm drain system. Free flow of water in gutters and drop-boxes will decrease the risk of flooding in the event of heavy winter storms. We encourage residents to assist elderly or disabled neighbors with this important chore. Keeping streets and gutters free of leaves, litter, and debris also helps our City stay clean and beautiful!



Freezing winter temperatures have arrived in Hurricane. Make sure landscape sprinklers and drip systems have been turned off to eliminate the potential for ice forming on sidewalks adjacent to your property. If ice does develop on sidewalks along your property, it is your responsibility to remove the ice and salt the area if necessary.



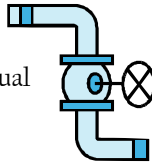
Street Department crews have been out performing road maintenance around town with the new crack seal machine purchased last year. This process helps maintain the integrity of roads for longer wear. We appreciate motorists' caution in areas where crews are working.

Water Department

As a reminder, Hurricane City does have a four-season climate and outside landscapes will go dormant in the winter and not require watering. Residents should turn off all outside sprinklers and drip-systems when cold, winter temperatures arrive. This will help conserve water, lower utility bills, and

keep irrigation systems from freezing and breaking.

Residents who use culinary water for outside use should be aware that City ordinance requires the installation and maintenance of a backflow device. This device helps prevent contaminants from entering the culinary water system. Backflow devices need to be checked annually by a certified backflow tester to ensure they remain in good working order. The Water Department appreciates those residents who report their annual test results to the City. If you have any questions regarding backflow, finding a certified tester, or reporting test results, please contact the Water Maintenance Shop at 435.635.9442. Help us keep *your* drinking water safe!



Animal Control

The Animal Control department would like to extend a very gracious thank you to everyone who has supported the Animal Shelter in the past year. Donations have funded animal medical care, supplemented the pet food supply, and provided blankets and toys that help make animals more comfortable during their stay. The Animal Shelter could not continue to operate without the dedicated volunteers who donate their time to spend with the animals, help with adoption events, and assist in the front office. And, of course, we are grateful to all the caring community members who have opened their homes and adopted one of our pets. Adoption gives these pets a second chance in life!



As the population increases, the number of animal related problems and complaints continues to rise. Please be a responsible pet owner and prevent animals from becoming a nuisance to neighbors. Many serious situations can be avoided by properly containing pets, taking steps to curb barking, and removing animal waste both while out walking and in areas where pets are kept.

Cold weather requires extra protection for any animals living outside. Remember to check drinking water regularly to ensure it remains unfrozen. Older pets cannot withstand the cold temperatures and may need to be taken indoors.

It is time again to renew dog licenses. A license registration form has been included in this newsletter for your convenience. Please note the dates of upcoming vaccination and licensing clinics.

Police Department

Living in the desert, we often forget that winter weather does occur in Hurricane from time to time. Please be aware of potentially hazardous traffic conditions that occur quickly with inclement weather. In our fast-paced culture and hurried lives, we often try to drive normally even in bad weather. The Police Department responds to accidents nearly every time the weather turns ugly. These accidents are most often caused by speeds



too fast for the weather conditions or vehicles following too closely. As soon as weather conditions deteriorate, please reduce speed and increase following distances. Be mindful of areas where ice may develop on the roadway. Use caution in areas where water puddles on the road surface; hydroplaning can occur quickly, especially if tires have little or no tread left. If traveling during inclement weather, leave early and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination. Increased caution on the roadways during bad weather will significantly reduce the risk of accidents.

Another dangerous condition related to winter driving is windshields obstructed by ice or frost. State law prohibits drivers from operating a motor vehicle with the windshield obstructed. Please be sure to clear ice from windshields, rear windows, front windows, and mirrors *before* travelling on roadways.



The Hurricane City Police Department has seen an increase in violations of the City Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Ordinance (H.C.C. 7-1-8). The City has worked hard to establish a system of access routes within the City. Riders are permitted to operate OHV's on these approved access routes to and from designated trailheads. We have recently seen a sharp increase in persons operating OHV's on City streets



when they are not traveling to and from a trail. Operating an OHV on City streets when not traveling to and from a trailhead on a designated access route is a violation of City Ordinance.

Hurricane City has taken a strong stance on the importance of enforcing the OHV Ordinance. Off-Highway Vehicles are not designed for use on roadways and are not equipped with safety features required for motor vehicles. If an OHV is involved in a collision with a motor vehicle, the potential for serious injuries to the OHV rider is very high.

Ordinances and laws are designed to keep streets safe for all who use them. The Hurricane City Police Department will be strictly enforcing State laws and the City Ordinance related to OHV use. Officers will take a zero-tolerance approach to enforcement of these laws, issuing citations on a first offense and impounding OHV's on any subsequent violations. We recommend that all OHV riders familiarize themselves with the OHV Ordinance. View the full code online at www.cityofhurricane.com – click on “Ordinances” in the Quick Links, then click the link to [City Code and Land Use Ordinances](#), and navigate to Title 7, Chapter 1, Section 8 “Off Highway Vehicles”.



Dear dog owner:

For your convenience we have enclosed a dog license renewal form (see reverse) with your 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 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:

- Saturday, **January 21**, 2012 9:00 am—12:00 noon at the Hurricane Animal Shelter, 2084 South 700 West in Hurricane with **Dr. Bice** of The Desert Vet
- Saturday, **February 25**, 2012 9:00 am—12:00 noon at the Hurricane Animal Shelter, 2084 South 700 West in Hurricane with **Dr. Wittwer** of Zion Veterinary Clinic

The fee for rabies vaccination will be \$12.00 at these clinics

3. If your dog already has a current rabies vaccination, take the completed form along with proof of vaccination to the location below to purchase and receive the 2012 license tag.

Hurricane Animal Shelter
2084 South 700 West
Hurricane
435.635.8314

All licensing locations will have additional forms for licensing a second dog. If you have more than two dogs, you must contact the Animal Shelter for information on licensing. License fees are \$10.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$22.00 for dogs that are not spayed/neutered. License renewals are due as of January 1, 2012. Licenses purchased after March 1, 2012 will be subject to a \$20.00 late fee. Please contact the Animal Shelter at 435.635.8314 if you have any questions.

LICENSE RENEWAL
HURRICANE CITY DOG REGISTRATION
2012

Please print clearly and fill out the form completely.

Date purchasing tag _____

Owner's full name _____

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

Home Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

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, 2012*

Remarks _____

