



# City of Hurricane

Newsletter April 1, 2021



147 North 870 West Hurricane UT 84737 \* (435) 635-2811 \* [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com)

## Peach Days

Plans for our 23rd annual “Peach Days: A Celebration of our Heritage” are underway once again. We missed you all during our COVID break- but are looking forward to this upcoming year and are excited about the events to be included. Held Thursday through Saturday the weekend of Labor Day – this year it will fall September 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>.



**APPLICATIONS:** Online applications for all vendor booths (food, commercial, and homemade sales) will begin selling spots on **April 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 am (midnight.)** 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 at [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com). Click on the Peach Days icon.

### Food and Commercial

Corry Stout (435) 632-1885  
Kelly Klienman (435) 619-5387

### Homemade Sales

Paula Hirschi (435) 635-4426

There is always a need for increased participation in our 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. Start now preparing an item to enter! **All entries receive a ribbon – and top winners receive a cash award.**

We are excited for another year of fun at Peach Days and look forward to seeing YOU, along with family and friends as we once again celebrate our wonderful life in the Hurricane Valley! Watch for more information and schedules as the summer progresses at <http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/about/events/peach-days/>

For general Peach Days information contact:  
David Stirland (435) 635-0343 or (435) 669-0841  
Jarolyn Stout (435) 635-4204 or (435) 619-7526  
Tom Hirschi (435) 635-4291

## Youth City Council

The Youth City Council (YCC) is an organization that mirrors the Hurricane City Council, but is administered by the youth of our community. It is comprised of positions such as: Mayor, City Manager, Recorder, Secretary and Council Members. Members learn about the challenges and successes of local government, gain an understanding of the operations and functions, and take an active interest in addressing issues relating to local affairs, community events and youth issues. Participating in the YCC further helps to improve students' abilities in leadership roles, project development and management skills.

Applications are currently open for the following school year. Anyone interested must be in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades for the 2021-22

school year (or equivalent grade if homeschooled), age 14-18, and reside within the school boundary area for Hurricane High School. **Apply NOW** and embrace the possibilities of your own potential. Applications are due by **April 15<sup>th</sup>!!** Use the link or QR code below to sign up.



<https://bit.ly/3rLVIOq>



*Thank you to our outgoing Youth City Council Representatives for their dedicated civic service throughout this past year.*

## Did You Know?



Are you thinking about promoting your yard sale, band concert, or campaign by posting signs on utility poles or stop light poles?

Please don't.

Posting signs or posters on utility poles is unsafe and, in many cases, illegal. Signs and other illegal attachments to power poles make the poles extremely hazardous—and sometimes impossible—for line workers to climb and make repairs. It only takes a nail partially driven into a pole to cause serious injury to a line worker. The fasteners also could tear the equipment our workers wear to protect against electrical shock. Nail holes also allow moisture to enter wooden poles, causing premature decay and the expense of early replacement.

It is also against state law to attach anything permanent or temporary to any traffic control device (light pole, stop sign, etc). In addition to the safety hazards created by these signs and posters, it is a violation of Hurricane City Ordinance. Please help us keep our city safe and clean by refraining from posting things in unauthorized places.

**“4-6-2: HANDBILLS AND POSTERS; RESTRICTED ACTIVITY:**

*No person or business shall post, stick, stamp, paint or otherwise fix, or cause the same to be done by any person, any notice, placard, bill, card, poster, advertisement or other paper or device calculated to attract the attention of the public, upon any sidewalk, curb or any other portion or part of any public way or public place or any lamppost, electric light, telegraph, telephone or railway structure, hydrant, shade tree or tree box, or upon the columns, trusses, girders, railings, gates or other parts of any bridge or other public structure or building, or upon any pole, box or fixture of the fire alarm or police telegraph system, except*

such as may be authorized or required by the laws of the United States or State, and the ordinances of the City. (1998 Code § 10-449A)”

## Hurricane City Royalty 2021-22

We are pleased to introduce the outstanding young women who will represent Hurricane as the City Royalty for 2021–22. These talented young ladies will serve as ambassadors for Hurricane at many local events throughout the year. We know they will represent the City beautifully. Thank you to everyone who made the Miss Hurricane Pageant a success – the volunteers, the young ladies who participated, the parents who supported them, and everyone who attended! Also, a big thank you to the outgoing Royalty for their service to Hurricane over the last year.

### Miss Hurricane, Isabella Hodge

Daughter of Shelley Hodge

### 1st Attendant, Kaylie Yates

Daughter of Kurt & Mandie Yates

### 2nd Attendant, Drew Dunlop

Daughter of Andrew & Teresa Dunlop

### Miss Congeniality, Kimber Cox

Daughter of Brandon & Hollie Cox



## Easter Egg Hunt



Parents! Grandparents! Bring your little ones for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Three Falls Park, 889 South 700 West (off 700 West just south of Three Falls Elementary). This fun event is open to **children ages 8 and under**. **One adult per child** will be permitted to accompany kids in the 0 to 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 10:00 am sharp!!** Bring your baskets and come early!

## Summer Concerts in the Park

Enjoy the warm weather and long days of summer with the concert series Summer Concerts in the Park. Hurricane City Recreation is happy to present that we are **DOUBLING** our concerts this summer. These delightful concerts showcase spectacular local talent, foster community spirit, and celebrate the arts. The 2021 season begins with free concerts on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, May through September. All concerts will be held at Pioneer Park, located at the corner of 200 North

and Main Street, and begin at 8:00 pm. Check <https://www.hurricanerecreation.com/concerts-in-the-park> for a list of performers and details about specific concerts. Bring blankets or chairs, friends and family, and come enjoy an evening of fine entertainment.

## Water Department

The Water Department would like to thank the public for keeping the sidewalks clear of water during the cold months. There was noticeably less ice on the sidewalks this winter.

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 the trash and debris from around the water meter barrel so it will be easy to access if necessary. This is very much appreciated by our meter reader.

As a reminder, if you have an outside watering system connected to the culinary water, you are required to have a backflow device installed to prevent bacteria from entering into the main distribution system. Remember, your family would be affected first. All backflow devices need to be tested once per year to make sure they are in good working order. If you would like to be added to our reminder list or for more information about backflow, contact Angie at 435-635-9442.

We appreciate the efforts of our community to conserve water. Recent storms have improved the snowpack in southwest



Utah. The storm systems in March took us from a dismal 44% of normal in January to 68% in late-March of normal snowpack. This improves our water outlook going into the summer, but only slightly. We need to be mindful of using our water resources wisely. Remember, *outside watering restrictions go into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through September 30<sup>th</sup>*. **No outside watering is permitted between the hours of 10:00 am and 8:00 pm during this period, except for large agricultural users.**

## Streets Department

Spring is the time of year when pavement maintenance occurs. The 2021 chip and slurry seal project will be starting on April 12, 2021. Areas scheduled to be done will be 180 West, 160 West, 400 South, 1760 West and Flora Tech Road as well as subdivisions of Angell Heights, Pecan Meadows, Pioneer, Santa Fe Hills and Rock Hampton. Residents will be notified in advance so they can make the necessary arrangements. We ask that you please follow the directions given by door hangers and traffic control signs to help these projects be completed successfully.

## Theater Arts

The Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company together with the City of Hurricane proudly present Disney's Freaky Friday and is showing April 9<sup>th</sup> –May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.



An adaptation of the classic novel and beloved films, *Freaky Friday* follows teenager Ellie Blake and her mother, Katherine, on the weirdest, strangest, craziest, freakiest day of their whole lives. Try as they might, Katherine and Ellie just can't seem to understand each other: Ellie wants her mom to stop trying to change her, while Katherine wants her daughter to be the best version of herself that she can be. On a fateful Friday, the day

before Katherine's wedding, something magical occurs when mother and daughter swap bodies. Now, both will have to *literally* spend a day walking in each other's shoes, learning about each other and the struggles each goes through and forging a new mother-daughter relationship in this hilarious, energetic, and moving musical comedy.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 4-17.

Freaky Friday shows on Monday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm. We also have Saturday matinees at 2:00 pm.

**\*\*\*April 8th is our Special Preview Night where tickets are only \$10 for adults and kids are free\*\*\***

Tickets are available

online: <https://www.hurricanetheatrical.com/> or call Debbie (435) 668-9753.

## Engineer

UDOT is continuing work on SR-7, also known as the Southern Parkway. This monumental 8-mile project will be open to the public by June 1, 2021. For your safety and the safety of the workers, please obey road closure signs and other traffic control devices associated with the project.

Hurricane City is working on final designs for two projects that are expected to be under construction by summer, and completed by year end. 2800 West will be constructed from 100 North to 600 North. This project will be a continuation of the Southern Parkway and will provide a much needed connection between SR-9 and 600 North. 700 West will be constructed between 100 North and 400 North. The section between 400 North and 600 North has already been developed and with the additional connection by the City, this will also provide full connectivity on 700 West between 100 North and 600 North. Both of these two projects are anticipated to be of great use to the public.

## Police Department

### National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Hurricane Police Department will be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. We will be in the Lin's parking lot off State Street to collect unwanted prescriptions. If you cannot make it on this day, we still have our drop box for citizens to drop off unwanted prescriptions during regular office hours.



### Ironman 70.3 St George

The IRONMAN event is returning to Washington County on May 1, 2021. The event starts at Sand Hollow Reservoir and the participants are usually through Hurricane



City by 11:00 am. There will be road closures throughout many areas of Hurricane City for this event. As of

publication, the detailed road closure maps had not been made available, but check back at <https://www.ironman.com/im703-st-george> where it will be posted.

### Off-Highway Vehicles

As the weather warms up, we see an increase in off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. All OHV riders should be familiar with State laws and the City ordinance pertaining to OHV operation. We ask that OHV users ride safely and wear proper safety

equipment. Sadly, every year our officers have to respond to multiple accidents involving OHV's. These accidents frequently involve significant and even life-threatening injuries. Please use sound judgment and exercise caution anytime you operate an off-highway vehicle.

### Road Respect

The Police Department would like to draw attention to the importance of sharing the road and respecting other users. Motorists and bicyclists need to respect each other's rights to use the roadways and shoulders. Travel lanes are designated for vehicle traffic and cyclists need to respect this space for motorists. However, the shoulder is designated for use by cyclists and drivers need to respect this. Working together we can create a safe environment for both motorists and cyclists. We ask that motorists *and* cyclists maintain a 3-foot separation to help ensure each other's safety. In areas with a narrow shoulder, we ask cyclists to ride single-file to avoid encroaching on travel lanes. Cyclists should *not* expect traffic to move over into oncoming travel lanes to pass them. We ask motorists to use caution in areas with a narrow shoulder and give cyclists as much clearance as possible. Hurricane is a popular cycling destination and competition venue and we want to be known as a community that works together to ensure the mutual safety of motorists and cyclists – both locals and visitors.



### Right Turn on Red Light

Our patrol officers are seeing an increase in motorists making right turns at an intersection on a red light *without* stopping. State law requires drivers to **come to a complete stop at a red light** even when making a right turn. *After* making a complete stop, *if traffic permits*, drivers may proceed to make a right turn at most intersections. Our officers will be paying special attention to these red-light violations. Please obey all traffic laws and drive safely!

## Animal Control

The warm weather and longer days are upon us, so that means people will be out enjoying the trails and parks with their loved ones and fur babies. For everyone's safety and because it is Hurricane City ordinance, you must keep your dog leashed at all times while you are out enjoying the scenery.

There are two dog parks in town where you can take your dog to run and play off leash in an enclosed area. The dog parks are located at 320 North 750 West near the Hurricane Baseball Fields and the other is at the Dixie Springs Park. You must keep your dog on a leash before you enter and after you exit the dog parks.



Dogs are only allowed on leash at Dixie Springs Park and Grandpa's Pond as long as they are on the paved walking paths. It is important to clean up dog waste off the pavement or grass. Dog waste can leave behind odors, disease, and causes a sanitation problem for others enjoying the park.

## 10 top reasons why keeping your dog on a leash is important

1. Prevent a traffic hazard, or prevent your dog from getting hit by a car
2. Prevent a dog fight. You are able to control your dog's actions on a leash if approached by another dog
3. Less chances of your dog running off and getting lost
4. Owner cannot control where dog defecates
5. Less bites to citizens
6. Less chance of your dog getting stolen
7. Less chance of having unplanned puppies
8. Less chance of your dog eating something toxic
9. Prevent spread of disease
10. Prevent dog from getting muddy/dirty

## **Parks Department**

During this challenging time, we would like you to know that parks are always a great place to enjoy getting together with family and friends while being able to socially distance. We also want the public to know that all our restrooms are cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis to protect our citizens against the spread of germs.

Our crews have been busy even during the pandemic. We have some exciting new things we would like to make you aware of. Dixie Springs Park now has three exciting new amenities that are available and open for use:

1. An amazing new splash pad complete with a separate lazy river section.
2. Two state of the art pickle ball courts with a new shade structure.
3. A dog park that is divided into two sections, one for small or passive dogs, and the other for large or active dogs. We also added a dog agility course to the active dog area. This was paid for with RAP Tax funds.

## **Cemetery**

With Memorial Day right around the corner, May 31, 2021, the Parks and Cemetery crews will be working hard. They will be completing fertilizing, mowing, edging, weed eating and general cleanup to prepare the cemetery for the public to start placing flowers and decorations on their loved one's graves. Crews will not be doing any maintenance in the cemetery from Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to continue to decorate graves during this time.

At 6:00 am on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 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:

- 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.
- 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.

- A single shepherd hook may be placed adjacent to the concrete border. One shepherd hook per monument permitted.
- For the safety of the maintenance staff, no is glass permitted.
- The Cemetery Staff will not be responsible for flowers or personal property left in the cemetery.

## **Power**

The Hurricane Power Department web page is a quick and easy way for customers to find answer to most common questions, such as, the department's power sources and fueling resources, electric rates, reliability stats, and what to do if you are experiencing a power outage. You can also find information about the Smart Energy Appliance Incentive Program. Hurricane Power partnered with Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems to offer significant rebates for air conditioner and swamp coolers, along with many other household appliances. If you thinking of purchasing a Smart Thermostat, there are \$50 cash back rebates on qualifying models. If you are planning to install solar at your residence please check out our web page and review the "Things to Consider Before You Go Solar Packet".

All of this information and more can be found at:

[www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/power/](http://www.cityofhurricane.com/categories/departments/power/)

Summer is just around the corner and the City's daily peak energy use will soon be on the rise. Last year the peak usage was a whopping 44 megawatts in the 18<sup>th</sup> hour of August 17<sup>th</sup>. This was an 11% increase from the 2019 peak hour. With unprecedented growth the power department is prepping for another high usage summer. Hurricane Power Department typically begins generating power in mid-June with five natural gas generators and three diesel generators. Hurricane Power is capable of producing up to 14 megawatts in our internal generation plant. Generating power during the summer is of one the many strategies the department utilizes to stabilize rates.

## **Recreation**



NEW GROUP FITNESS classes now available including:  
Early morning (5:30 am/6:00 am), evenings (6:00 pm-8:00 pm)  
Saturdays (8:00 am) and Senior Classes!  
Visit [hurricanerecreation.com](http://hurricanerecreation.com) to see our current  
schedule and prices.

