

# City of Hurricane

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# 2022

## Elected Officials

On January 3, 2022, David Hirschi and Kevin Thomas will be sworn in as new City Council members, and Nanette Billings will be sworn in as our City's new Mayor. We congratulate each of these individuals for prevailing in November's election. We look forward to serving with you in 2022 and beyond.

When Nanette Billings becomes Mayor, her City Council seat will be vacated and the new City Council will elect somebody to fill the vacant seat. Those interested in being considered to fill the vacant City Council seat should promptly contact the City and submit an application form.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mayor John Bramall and City Council members Kevin Tervort and Darin Larson, for their excellent service to our City. Darin served on the City Council for 8 years and Kevin served on the City Council for 12 years. John Bramall served even longer. Each has sacrificed inordinate amounts of time and energy for the betterment of this City, and they each should be thanked for their extraordinary service. Our City has come a long way, and in a good direction, under their leadership. We wish each of these men all of the best in their future endeavors.

-Joseph Prete & David Sanders



## Parks Department

Hurricane City is home to mild winters and sunshine throughout most of the year, making outdoor recreation a way of life. Parks promote this way of life and are a welcoming resource to the community. Our

parks offer amenities such as; open space, picnic areas, play structures and ball fields. However, new residents and those who have lived in the area for awhile may not be familiar with where they are located or their specific amenities. To learn more please go to

<https://www.cityofhurricane.com/174/Parks-Department>

Let's get out there and enjoy these beautiful green spaces!

## Washington County Solid Waste

WCSW is your home for all your waste management needs. We work with residents and commercial entities throughout the county to provide the best services for you no matter where you live. We make an effort to give you low costs for high-quality services. Our goals are to inform you of our recycling opportunities, educate our youth to be good stewards, and provide you with tangible benefits. Additionally, we want our services to be convenient for you.

When signing the contract with Republic services in 2020 it was agreed upon that rates would automatically increase 2.5% for basic curbside pick up as well as curbside recycling every January 1<sup>st</sup> for the next 10 years. These new rates will be in effect on your January statement.

In addition to the 2.5% that was contracted, basic curbside residential collection rates will go up another \$.50 to help defray the cost of long overdue improvements at the landfill which are necessary to improve safety and efficiency of operations. The district believes that this increase helps to reflect the cost of the district's services more accurately. This rate change will go into effect for your February statement.



We've been in the service of Washington County for over 40 years. It's our privilege to provide you with the best waste management services and recycling opportunities possible. Let's work together to preserve our future.

## Secure your Load

Litter has been an ongoing problem in all our communities. Here at the landfill, after a substantial amount of time giving warnings, we are enforcing a strict uncovered/unsecured load policy with associated fines at the gate.

Washington City has a code/ordinance for unsecured loads that allows them to act against violators. They will be starting to enforce a no tolerance posture on unsecured loads. The intent isn't to generate fines, but to change behavior. The roadside trash/litter is a

substantial problem. Law enforcement will be issuing fines for violators be it residential or commercial.

It will take all of us unitedly to improve or correct behavior to reduce trash on our roadways. Thank you for your strong support!



## Water Department

Colder weather continues this winter, and we would like to remind our residents that outside watering can be decreased or even discontinued altogether until spring. Lawns and landscapes are expected to go dormant for the winter in our climate. If you continue to water your landscape through the winter, please make certain sidewalks and public walkways are kept clear of water that can turn to ice and cause a hazard. Also, please remember to wrap any exposed pipes to prevent freezing. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our community safe.



If you are having trouble with your water pressure it is most likely due to your Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV). More information on PRV's can be found on The City website under Water & Irrigation <https://ut-hurricane.civicplus.com/193/Water-Irrigation>

All residents should be aware that any sprinkler system which is connected to the culinary water supply is **required** to have a working backflow device installed. This device prevents bacteria or other contaminants from entering the system that supplies drinking water to our community. Remember that

your family would be affected first. These devices **must be** tested on an annual basis to verify they are working properly. If you would like to receive an annual reminder

notice to have your backflow device tested, please call Angie at (435) 635-9442 or email



[angie@cityofhurricane.com](mailto:angie@cityofhurricane.com) and she will add you to the notification list.

We would like to thank our residents for their ongoing conservation efforts. Efforts to conserve our water resources are still needed.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year!

## Power Department

Hurricane Power Department would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Each year, the Power Department crew installs and maintains the Christmas decorations on State Street. The crew takes great pride and care in ensuring these decorations are in good repair and operating properly. The process of decorating State Street requires the crew to work in the street exposing them to traffic dangers. Although the crew takes precautions to help mitigate those dangers, your help by slowing down and/or moving over would be greatly appreciated.

It is required that trees are trimmed to maintain a safe distance from power lines. A contract tree company will be working over the next few months to clear the power lines. Hurricane Power Staff directs the tree contractor to trim the trees allowing for two years of growth before requiring additional trimming.

The trimmers take into account the summer power line sag caused by ambient temperatures and heat created by the line being heavily loaded. The company is professional, knowledgeable, and concerned about the health of the trees. If you have trees that have grown too close to the high voltage power lines, expect them to be trimmed in the next few months by our contractor. If you have trees approaching the power lines and would rather hire your own tree trimmers to clear the limbs, please contact the Power Department so we can take your trees off our list.

We have had many new changes over the last quarter of 2021. Dave Imlay, Power Superintendent, retired after 29 years of dedicated service to the residents of Hurricane City. We wish him well in all that he does. We are excited to recognize Scott Hughes who was hired as our Power Superintendent. He has been with Hurricane Power for 15 years and brings a wealth of experience working as both a journeyman lineman and as a supervisor for our substations. In addition to this big change in management, there have been multiple other staffing changes. You'll see new faces and familiar faces with new responsibilities. Our Power Board also saw



changes as Dave Imlay replaced Dean McNeill and Darin Larson ended his term as a city councilman and member of our board. We are appreciative of the guidance and direction both Dean and Darin provided to our department and thank them for their service. We are thrilled that Dave will be serving in this role and look forward to the contributions we know he will make.



Hurricane continues to be a strong supporter and participant of the Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP). The CFPP is a new technology nuclear power generating station to be located on the Idaho National Laboratory Site west of Idaho Falls. Since the CFPP is a new technology and will be a reliable base load non-carbon power resource, the U.S. Department of Energy has financially partnered with the CFPP to help the CFPP move forward and be successful. The CFPP is expected to come online around 2030.

We are still participating in the commercial solar project (Steel Solar) through a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement. Steel Solar will be located in Box Elder County and is expected to be online by December 2022.

## **Recreation Department Christmas Tree Festival**

Hurricane City Recreation extends our sincere appreciation and expresses gratitude to everyone that participated in this year's Hurricane City Christmas Tree Festival. Many community members, families, and youth groups volunteered their time and talents to assist with the planning and execution of this event, while many businesses, civic groups, and organizations generously donated beautifully decorated Christmas Trees for the silent auction fundraiser. After all donations were collected, Hurricane City presented a \$6,600 check to KONY Coins for Kids that assisted in providing a magical Christmas for local families in need.



We wish to recognize the efforts of the Hurricane City Youth Council in providing doughnuts and hot chocolate, as well as the Hurricane City Royalty for their assistance with the silent auction. Also, we love how the continuous entertainment invited the holiday spirit and the "Live Nativity" reminded us of the reason for the season. Many local vendors shared fabulous gift ideas for all to view and/or

purchase. Finally, Santa himself visited our city to bring joy and hope to all that attended. It was a night to remember!

Hurricane City Recreation is seeking volunteers to assist with next year's Christmas Tree Festival. Please contact the Hurricane City Community Center at 435-635-2609 if interested.

## **Programs**

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world. Recreational opportunities abound, and the Hurricane City Recreation Department encourages all citizens to get outdoors and get active as we transition to warmer weather in the coming months. As you consider activities for your family, here are some of the options offered through the Hurricane Community Center. Youth leagues include Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Track, and more. Adult leagues include Pickleball and Women's Volleyball. A unique offering by Hurricane City is "Adaptive Recreation" for youth with disabilities. Our goal is to provide services that are inclusive to all members of our community regardless of age, ability, race, religion, gender, or economic status. In addition to sports leagues and activities, Hurricane City offers a variety of programming options to include Art, Dance, Karate, Jiu Jitsu, and Tumbling classes. Programs begin in early January, but registration will continue until classes are full, so don't delay! For more information, including registration deadlines, please visit our website at [hurricanerecreation.com](http://hurricanerecreation.com) or call 435-635-2609.



## **Fitness Classes**

Come start off the new year with Hurricane Recreation Group Fitness! With 34 classes on our schedule and a variety of classes throughout the day beginning at 5:30 am until 8:00 pm, you're bound to find a class and time that's perfect for you! Have little children at home? We offer child watch for 9:30am classes. We also have classes specifically designed for Seniors, along with free memberships for qualifying RenewActive and Silver & Fit insurance plans! Prices range from \$27.50-\$32.50/month for UNLIMITED classes!

## **Animal Control**

Hurricane City limits dog ownership to two (2) dogs at one residence, unless a kennel license application has been completed and approved by the Animal Shelter. *With an approved kennel license,*



there may be up to, but no more than four (4) dogs. If you are interested in a kennel license application, it can be picked up at the Animal Shelter located at 2084 South 700 West. There is no cost to complete an application.

All dogs are required to be licensed annually. For your convenience there is a Dog License Registration Form included with this newsletter. All licenses expire at the end of the year, regardless of what time of year they were purchased. If you have an approved kennel license on file, all dogs must stay current on licensing each year in order to avoid having the kennel license revoked.



Licensing costs are as follows:

- Spayed/Neutered - \$10 each (2 dogs)
- Not Spayed/Neutered - \$22 each (2 dogs)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> dog - \$50 (*with approved kennel license*)
- 4<sup>th</sup> dog - \$75 (*with approved kennel license*)

We would like to remind residents that dogs are not allowed in City Parks, with the exception of the Dog Park located west of Stout Park at 300 West 750 North and at Grandpa's Pond located at 350 North 3700 West. Even though dogs are allowed in Grandpa's Pond Park, they *must* be on a leash and are restricted to the paved pathway and sidewalk areas at all times. If your dog is found in any other park, or off leash in the appropriate parks, a citation may be issued by an Animal Control Officer.

## Police Department

### Thefts

The Police Department has seen an increase in vehicle burglaries over the last couple months. In most instances, the vehicles have been entered through an unlocked door or a window left open. Criminals look for easy targets that allow them to quickly and quietly remove items then leave the area. These crimes can take place in a matter of seconds. Our officers and detectives have had success apprehending criminals in these cases, but each case demands considerable time, effort, and resources. *These crimes are largely preventable.* We ask residents to assist in the reduction of these crimes by keeping vehicles locked with windows rolled up and securing all



personal items. Practice the 9 p.m. routine. At 9 p.m. every evening remove your valuables from your vehicles and around your home (bicycles, etc). Close and lock doors and windows on vehicles and your home. The best defense against these crimes is to make your property an unappealing target.

### Winter Weather Driving

Winter brings the potential for dangerous driving conditions. Motorists need to use extreme caution when driving in any type of winter-weather condition. The presence of snow or ice on the roadway greatly increases the chances of losing control of the vehicle and crashing. Good defensive-driving techniques are extremely valuable for avoiding weather-related accidents. Make sure to decrease your speed and increase the distance between you and any vehicles in front of you. Give yourself a little extra time to get to where you're going. Also, remember to give yourself time to completely clear your windows of ice and frost before operating your vehicle.



### Washington County Drug Task Force Tip Line

The Washington County Drug Task Force has created a website for citizens to submit a tip about possible drug activity. Please use this form to report narcotics activity or drug dealers that you observe in your community:  
<https://taskforce.dixie911.org/>



## Utility Department

### xpress BILL PAY

Xpress Bill Pay is the only method approved by Hurricane City for online payments. You can link a single account or multiple accounts together. There is no fee associated with payments on this site.

Using any other online payment system may result in additional fees and charges as well as delays in receiving your payment. If you have any questions about which service you are using, please contact the Utility Office at 435-635-2811 extension 4.

For more information, go to: [www.cityofhurricane.com](http://www.cityofhurricane.com) and click on "Xpress Bill Pay".

If customers already have automatic ACH withdrawal directly through the City, that is still in effect. Customers would need to cancel ACH withdrawal in order to utilize the Xpress Bill Pay option.

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New Year