
Hyrum City

Newsletter

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MAYOR HOWARD'S MESSAGE:



Dear Residents,

A recent statewide poll indicates that municipal governments rate high in the quality of services provided. Cities fared well at 76 percent good or excellent rating compared with state

government at 62 percent.

Unfortunately, many people don't realize the source of the services they receive. Even though they rate the quality of service high, only 56 percent of those polled understands the city provides culinary water for them; only 28 percent credit municipal fire departments for fire protection; and just 24 percent realize the city maintains their streets and sidewalks.

It's interesting that only 60 percent acknowledged using any type of municipal service within the past 24 hours, meaning that 40 percent believed they had not used any city services during that time. Of those admitting to use of city services, only 28 percent said they used city water, 15 percent used city streets, and only 11 percent used municipal sewer. Clearly many people in the state don't realize who provides the services they receive.

Another misunderstanding is reflected in the amount of annual tax paid to the respondent's municipal government. Fifteen percent said they contribute between \$500 and \$1,000 in tax revenue to their cities; 22 percent said between \$1,000 and \$2,000; 28 percent estimate between \$2,000 and \$5,000; and 13 percent believe they pay over \$5,000 in city taxes.

Based on a family of five with a combined household income of \$62,677, the city portion of the \$15,878 tax bill amounts to only \$726, including property taxes. Sixty-three percent of the respondents overestimated the city tax burden.

Fortunately, most, if not all, people in Hyrum understand which services are provided by the city. They realize that they, the residents, own their electric distribution system and that the city provides culinary and piped irrigation service, wastewater collection and treatment, parks and recreation services, fire protection, a cemetery, a library, animal control, municipal zoning, and many other city services. Most everyone knows our law enforcement is provided through contract with the Cache County Sheriff's Office and garbage collection through contract with Cache County Service Area. We also contract with Cache County for building inspection services.

What residents may not fully understand is that only 16 percent of their total real property tax assessment comes to Hyrum City. The rest is distributed among Cache County School District, Cache County, and mosquito abatement.

Our city provides good value in exchange for your tax dollars. The Mayor and Council recognize the sacred trust of managing your money and pledge our best efforts toward this end.

If you have any questions or comments about city services, please contact me or any member of the council. Our goal is to inform you and respond to the needs of our citizens.

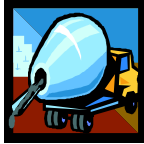
Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Howard

VANDALISM & GRAFFITI – Hyrum City would like to extend thanks to those with sharp eyes who witnessed the vandalism to the parking lot at East Park. Those responsible have been apprehended thanks to your help. Graffiti has been spotted throughout the city in numerous places. If you ever witness any vandalism, see graffiti or any other gang related activities within the city, we encourage you to please report it to the Hyrum City Office or the Cache County Sheriff's Office.

ASPHALT & CEMENT PERMIT

- Attention Hyrum residents: A permit is now required to lay asphalt or cement from your property to the roadway. Contact the city office for more information 245-6033.



GREEN WASTE & GLASS RECYCLING CENTER

– The Logan City Environmental Department will continue to provide glass and two green waste containers at Hyrum's East Park, 800 East Main.

VOLUNTEER-THE BEST IS YET TO BE

– The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nationwide volunteer program with a local chapter in Cache Valley. RSVP invites adults age 55 and better to use their life experience and skills to help the community get this done. Your volunteer service will help you and your neighbors. Studies have shown that those who volunteer have better mental, emotional and physical health.

Besides giving the best gift you can give, the gift of self, a RSVP volunteer will receive supplemental accident and liability insurance at no cost, free volunteer placement, the opportunity to use your experience and life skills, the chance to learn something new every day and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference.

RSVP has over 40 non-profit agencies in Cache Valley that are in need of volunteers. These agencies especially value senior volunteers. We can place you at an agency that will be perfect for your individual interests and abilities. Call Mary Lou Schroeder at 755-1720 for more

information. We will be looking forward to your call.

LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

– The Hyrum City Tree Committee is also looking for volunteers. Please call Andy Beutler at 760-0286 for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

– NOTICE TO ALL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM USERS: Hyrum City has been denied a crosswalk in the middle of the block on Main Street at the library and museum. With school beginning and children coming to the library, using the crosswalks at the east and west end of the block will be strictly enforced. Parents please help your children learn to use the crosswalks for their safety. Also, there is ample parking on the north side of the library and museum.



The library is planning to begin Spanish story-time for those children 3-5 years of age in September. Stories will be read by volunteers. This story-time will be held at 11:15 a.m. on the second Friday of each month. Sign up at the library or call Clara at 245-7874. All are welcome.

Our regular story-time for preschoolers 3-5 years of age will begin in September. Sign ups are always the first day of each month. We will be holding story-time on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the third week in September and October. Some of our themes this year will be: Cowboys and Cowgirls, Dinosaurs, Under the Sea, Let's Go Camping and many more fun upcoming story hours.

Christmas will be upon us before we know it!! At a loss what to buy that special person? The library and museum are once again selling engraved bricks for \$100. We hope to soon have enough to order and begin filling another wall in our "Donor Hall of Honor." Each brick can be inscribed with three lines, twenty letters each, with whatever sentiment you would like. (Your donation is also tax deductible.) Call the library for more information: 245-6411.

The library has two wonderful glass display cases. If you or someone you know has a great collection, art work, historical pieces, or some unique display idea give us a call. We are especially looking forward to displaying any patron's artwork, handwork, photography, or any creative talents that they would like to share with those citizens using the library.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS – The Hyrum Senior Center is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch is at noon, please call for a reservation. Tops is every Monday at 10:15 come at 10:00 to weigh in. The foot clinic is every third Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Call for an appointment.

Sept.

26th – LUAU – come and shake your hips and have some fun!

27th – Cooking class

Join us for food, fun and friends. Call 245-3570 for more information.

STORMWATER – Why be concerned about stormwater? Stormwater runoff can have a number of impacts. As development increases in an area, the natural capacity of the soil and vegetation to infiltrate and take up rainfall decreases, and more rainfall becomes stormwater runoff. This can produce negative impacts by causing erosion of land areas and stream banks, by causing or increasing flooding and also by carrying pollutants to surface waters. As Hyrum grows, development increases. When more houses, roads, and business are constructed, water has nowhere to go and can cause serious drainage, pollutant, and sanitation problems.

MESSAGE FROM THE JUSTICE COURT

School is now in session make sure to observe all crosswalk and school zones. The minimum bail as set by the state for speeding in a school zone is 0-9 mph over \$100, 10-19 mph over is \$200 and 20+ mph over is \$403. Also statute 40-6a-1002(2) states – The operator of a vehicle approaching a school crosswalk



shall come to a complete stop at the school crosswalk if: (a) a school speed limit sign has the warning lights operating and (b) the crosswalk is occupied by a person. (curb to curb) The state bail schedule for this statute is set at \$132.

STREET LIGHTS – City workers drive the city at night twice a year to check street lights. However, if you see a light out at anytime, please call us and report the location. Thanks for your help.

SCHEDULED ROAD PROJECTS – Beginning Sept. 17th Hyrum City will be starting a road project on 300 South between 100 & 200 East, also the intersection on 600 East 300 North will be widened and the ditch will be piped. The projects are scheduled to be completed within 2-3 weeks.

BURN PERMITS – If you are planning on burning this fall, the burning season will re-open on October 1st. At that time burning permits will be issued by calling the city office at 245-6033. Each day the clearing index will be checked with the national weather service to see if burning will be allowed. Fire Chief Cardell Nielsen will issue permits on Saturdays at 245-6476. (No burning is allowed on Sundays)



Rules to remember for burning:

1. The fire must be out by dark.
2. A water source must be nearby.
3. Never leave a fire unattended.
4. You may be financially responsible if the fire gets out of control.

GENERAL ELECTION – November 6th is General Election Day. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **All Hyrum Residents will vote at the Civic Center, 83 West Main.** (No other buildings will be used this year.)

If you are interested in voting early, polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Cache County Administration Building, Oct. 23rd – 26th and Oct. 29th – Nov. 2nd.

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