



HYRUM CITY

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Animal Control	245-9060
City Office	245-6033
City Shop	245-6481
Court	245-0114
Emergency	911
Fire Station	245-7634
Garbage	716-9755
Library	245-6411
Museum	245-0208
Post Office	245-6071
Senior Center	245-3570
Sewer Plant	245-3123
Sheriff Dispatch	716-9400
State Park	245-6866
Zoning	994-1180

Mayor Howard	245-5501
<u>Council Members</u>	
Craig Rasmussen	245-7772
Marin Felix	245-3765
Paul James	245-4695
Stephanie Miller	245-4405
Tom LaBau	245-3087



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - Thanks to all who helped with our sesquicentennial celebration this year. I received numerous comments from those who enjoyed our parade, particularly the portion dedicated to our heritage and Hyrum's early settlers. It was nice to see displays from a number of LDS wards and other groups who made efforts to recognize the founding of our community and those who built upon this early foundation.

I am sorry some were offended by Pastor Montalvo's benediction at the close of the Patriotic Program. Certainly neither the city nor Pastor Montalvo intended to give offense, but, considering the problems and challenges we face in our nation, there are those who feel strongly about our culture, heritage, and language. Most of those from Cache Valley and around the state who expressed opinions one way or the other stated them clearly but remained civil in the process. People out of Utah were less restrained in their remarks.

Pastor Montalvo is a good person who meant no harm. Members of the City Council, especially Stephanie Miller, who works very hard for this community, are also good people who meant no harm.

We have learned from the experience and express appreciation to all of you on both sides of the issue for taking time to convey your thoughts, feelings, and suggestions.

IRRIGATION - For the past several years, we've tried to meet demands for irrigation water by supplementing our canal flow with water pumped from a well. This summer the canal, along with the water from two wells, has not been able to keep up with consumption. Part of the problem can be traced to the inability to accurately measure diversion flows at several points along the canal and the fact water must be backed in the canal, resulting in excessive seepage. We're working with the irrigation company to remedy these challenges.

The other problem is simply overwatering by users in the community.

People have complained about plugged filters and heads this summer more than usual and it's because the pond is so low we're frequently sucking mud and silt. East Park is burned in spots because workers can't keep the filter system from plugging on a daily basis.

Next season we may initiate a system of turns in order to better manage the water. We've resisted this in the past because we don't want to make watering inconvenient. But if people cannot voluntarily employ water conservation methods, we'll have to compel them to do so.

One system improvement that will help us next year if we successfully obtain funding from Water Resources is piping our wastewater treatment plant effluent into the irrigation system.

September 2
City Council
6:30 p.m.

September 6
Labor Day
City Offices Closed

September 9
Planning Commission
7:30 p.m.

September 16
City Council
6:30 p.m.

This will enable us to start the service earlier in the year and provide us with an additional 700,000 or 800,000 gallons per day throughout the season.

A second benefit of the effluent recycling project is cutting down on the amount of alum used to treat for phosphorus, a requirement of our discharge permit. Alum is a very expensive chemical and pumping the effluent into the irrigation system should trim about \$45,000 from our annual treatment costs, thereby slowing the need for sewer rate adjustments in coming years.

RECREATION - We extend our best wishes to Alan and Tiffany Todd as they leave our community. The Todds have served as directors of the city's ball program the past few years and have spent countless hours helping the youth of our town enjoy and excel in this particular sport. The city is currently accepting applications from those who would like to be involved in our ball program. Resumes will be accepted until September 15th. Visit our web-site or contact the office for more information.

NIGHT OUT - As the closing summer event, our Night Out Against Crime gives us an opportunity to enjoy a free hamburger, socialize with friends and neighbors, as well as glean information about safety in our communities. Thanks to Councilman Paul James and those who worked with him to promote this event, and a special thanks to deputies from the Cache County Sheriff's Office and the officers and dogs from Logan City's K-9 Unit.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dean Howard

SCHOOL ZONES – Now that school is back in session, please make sure to observe all crosswalks and school zones. Any violation now requires a mandatory court appearance. Our crossing guards do a great job protecting our children. 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.) Please be patient and slow down when approaching school crosswalks.



HYRUM HOLIDAY AT HARDWARE – Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 11th 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Hardware Ranch, join us for a free sleigh ride, hot chocolate, cookies and a visit with Santa.

DOGS - Just a reminder that dogs are not allowed in city parks or on other public properties even if they are on a leash. A special dog area is being planned for the Blacksmith Park but dogs are currently not allowed at the Cemetery, East Park, Pride Park, Senior Center, Soccer Fields, the Civic Center and Square, or the Library.

FALL SOCCER – If you are interested in signing up or have questions about fall soccer, visit www.southcachesoccer.com.

EMERGENCY POWER CONNECTIONS - As many of us make efforts to improve our readiness for emergency situations, some homeowners are adapting their electrical panels for service by a portable generator. We remind all who do so that provisions must be made to disconnect the house from the city's electrical power distribution system while the generator is in use and all such emergency connections must be inspected by a member of Hyrum City's Light Department. Leaving the house connected while using a generator could result in death or injury to power employees as well as damage to the generator and house wiring system.

STORMWATER SURVEY DRAWING – Congratulations to the following five residents who returned their Hyrum City Stormwater Surveys and received a \$50 credit towards their utility account: Jeff Nielsen, Glenn Voth, Stanford Young, Brandon Chard, and Elaine Anderson. We appreciate everyone who returned their surveys.



1960 BEARD GROWING CONTEST

Photograph Courtesy Hyrum Museum



2010 BEARD GROWING CONTEST

BEARD GROWING CONTEST – A special thank you to those who became part of Hyrum’s history and participated in our Sesquicentennial Beard Growing Contest.

Participant

Shane Brown
 Ned Morrison
 Roger Liljenquist
 Joel Spillman
 Joe Christensen
 Jeff McBride
 Brian McBride
 Travis Hayes
 Jerry Jensen

Beard Awarded

Longest
 North Pole
 Most Professional Color
 Wild & Wooly
 Curley Joe
 Moses of the Museum
 Grandpas Pride & Joy
 Most Matured
 Honorable Mention

STORMWATER - Whether you take care of your own yard or contract a professional service, you can play an important role in reducing storm water pollution, protecting water quality and conserving our valuable water and natural resources. By implementing these simple solutions you can take part in protecting our local waterways.

- Fertilize sparingly. If you fertilize, September is the best month. And be sure to use slow-release fertilizer. Remember more is not always better!
- If any lawn chemicals or yard debris get on the sidewalk or driveway, sweep them back onto the lawn to prevent them from washing into stormdrains. Even grass clippings and excess leaves don’t belong in our streams or rivers.
- Sweep, don’t hose, the driveway.
- Avoid over-watering. Don’t let water run out into the street. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- If you use pesticides, read the labels! Don’t leave or discharge any pesticides or fertilizers in driveways, streets, or parking lots.... and don’t pour them down a stormdrain.
- A well-maintained lawn can work as a filter, reducing runoff from impervious areas such as streets, roofs, driveways, and parking lots.

Please help us to make sure that “only rain goes down the drain!” If you see anyone dumping into the storm drain, please call our hotline at 245-6033.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN HYRUM CITY? – If you are interested in serving in the community contact the City Office, Mayor Howard, or a member of the City Council. There are a number of places where citizens can serve on boards, committees, and other areas. Here are some examples:

Planning Commission
 Library Board
 Hyrum City Library
 Hyrum City Museum
 Public Safety Committee/Neighborhood Watch
 County Fair Booth Committee
 Tree Committee
 Hyrum Royalty Pageant

July 4th Celebration Committee
 Night Out Against Crime
 Senior Citizen Center
 Youth Council
 CERT
 Fire Department
 Parks and Recreation Committee
 Others



CROSS CONNECTIONS – Hyrum City Public Utilities is committed to providing our customers with a clean, safe supply of drinking water and protecting its quality. Our goal is to help protect our valuable drinking water resources by providing public awareness and education to you and our drinking water customers on how to prevent contamination and pollution through unprotected cross connections to our important and necessary drinking water supply.



What is a cross connection? A cross connection is a connection between the public drinking water supply and anything else which may affect the quality of the drinking water. Examples of cross connections can range from a boiler in an office building, a chemical process in an industrial plant, to something as common as a landscape sprinkling system or threaded hose connections at your home. Unprotected cross connections can and may allow contaminations and pollutants to backflow back into our drinking water supply.

What is backflow? Backflow is the undesirable reversal of flow of the drinking water supply, which may cause contaminants or pollutants to flow back into the water system through unprotected cross connections. Backflow is caused by two types of conditions. One condition is called backpressure, where the pressure on the customer's side becomes higher than the water system's water pressure and may force the water to reverse direction. Another condition, backsiphonage occurs when there is a drop in the supply pressure of the water system, due to a water line break or fighting a fire. This creates a vacuum which may pull or siphon the contaminants or pollutants back into the drinking water supply.

All facilities, commercial or residential, do have at least one potential or actual cross connection. Cross connections are allowed, provided they have proper protection against backflow. The customer's responsibility is to protect cross connections against backflow by installing and maintaining backflow prevention devices and assemblies. These devices and assemblies insure that the water flows in one direction, and doesn't allow for pollutants or contaminants to flow back into the drinking supply.

We appreciate the time you have taken to read this information and your assistance in protecting the public drinking water supplies.

If you have any questions or would like more information on backflow prevention and our cross connection control program, feel free to contact us at 245-6033.

CACHE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION – What is the CMPO? Every metropolitan area with a population of more than 50,000 persons must have a designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation to qualify for federal highway or transit assistance.



The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) relies on the MPO to ensure that highway and transit projects using federal funds are products of a credible planning process and meet local priorities. USDOT will not approve federal funding for urban highway and transit projects unless they are on the MPO's program. Thus, the MPO's role is to develop and maintain the necessary transportation plan for the area to assure that federal funds support these locally developed plans.

What does the CMPO do? The MPO carries out three major work activities to meet specific federal requirements. These are: The development and maintenance of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) through a "continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C)" planning process. The annual development of a five-year program for highway and transit improvements. This program is known as the Transportation Improvement Program or TIP. The annual adoption of a comprehensive one-year planning program: the Unified Planning Work Program or UPWP that describes and coordinates the individual transportation planning activities of all agencies in the area. Without these products, the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization would lose its eligibility for federal transportation funds.