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Mayors Message – The Hyrum City Fire Department operates as a volunteer unit providing fire suppression, not only within Hyrum City limits, but as primary response in Cache County Zone 8 (from Blacksmith Fork River Bridge in Nibley to 7400 South – Blacksmith Fork Canyon to the Rich & Weber County lines). Our Fire Department also contracts with Nibley City & Millville City for primary alarm response.

Hyrum City's First Responders provide preliminary assistance on the scene of accidents, life threatening illness or similar occurrences and receive training to provide residents an effective & efficient medical team.

Kevin Maughan has served as Hyrum City's Fire Chief for many years and has recently retired. Blake Christensen served as the Assistant Fire Chief along with Kevin. I want to take this opportunity to thank both for their countless hours of service, training & responding to many, many calls. They both have done an amazing job!

Tony Stauffer has been selected by a committee to serve as Hyrum City's New Fire Chief. Tony has selected Luke Schmid & Chris Crockett as Assistant Chiefs. Chris will be over the fire aspect of the department and has selected Ryan Williamson as a captain. Luke will be over the medical aspect of the department and has selected Kendall Christensen as a captain. There currently is approximately 35 trained fire fighters & EMT's that work in these departments. I greatly appreciate their service.

Sincerely,
Mayor Stephanie Miller

Dog Reminder - This time of year includes complaints about dogs barking, being aggressive to runners and walkers, being off leash when not on their property, leaving waste on others' property, and being in public places where dogs are not allowed. All dogs are required to be kept under control by leash, chain, or other means of physical control when off the owner's property. Dog owners are also responsible to prevent excessive barking, molesting passerby's, chasing vehicles etc. Please be a responsible dog owner and considerate to those around you.



October 6

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

October 10

Columbus Day
City Offices CLOSED

October 13

Planning Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

October 20

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

*Information included in this newsletter is printed in advance, therefore is subject to change without notice. *

Rate Increase - As most of you are already aware power costs have become very volatile over the past couple of years. City power purchase costs have increased over 13% just in the last year. Power prices are significantly higher due to weather conditions, and a national energy shortage. Also, the cost of transformers, wire, conduit, power poles etc. have doubled in price during this time. The Mayor and City Council had the foresight to authorize an electrical rate study to be conducted earlier this year to ensure it could continue to provide reliable power to its residents at an affordable power rate.

Over the last several months the City has worked with a power consulting firm to review Hyrum City's power rates and analysis the cost of service. The recommended rate adjustments have been made based on overall revenue and cash reserve needs of the City's electric utility. The consultant recommended an increase to electrical rates of 12% increase for residential customers and 15% to 19% increase for commercial and industrial customers. These increases are necessitated by increasing costs, including wholesale power costs and capital improvement needs, through the Study Period that negatively impact Hyrum's financial results and level of cash reserves.

On October 1, 2022, the new power rates will go into effect and will be Hyrum City's first electrical rate increase since 2010. The rates charged for electric service by Hyrum, combined with other operating and non-operating revenues, must be sufficient to meet the cost of providing services to Hyrum's retail customers. This is necessary to ensure the long-term financial health of Hyrum. The cost of providing electric service consists of normal operating expenses such as purchased power, distribution functions, customer and administrative functions, system depreciation expenses, capital improvements, and other non-operating expenses.

You will notice your utility bill will have a separate line item "PPAC" that will show \$0.00. The Power Purchase Adjustment Clause (PPAC) will be adjusted at the end of each budget year and will either increase or decrease for the next year depending on the actual and forecasted power purchase costs. PPAC is an adjustable-rate component that will help ensure Hyrum City does not over or under charge its customers "our residents".



If you would like more detailed information, including the complete rate study and rate increase resolution, please go to Hyrum City's Website.

Cross Connections & Backflow – You Can Affect the Quality of the Water You Drink! Many public drinking water systems are contaminated each year by pollutants or contaminants that backflow into the water system through unprotected cross-connections. Identifying and eliminating or protecting cross connections is a matter of public health.

What is a Cross Connection? A cross connection is a physical connection (piping configuration) between the public drinking water system and anything else, including another water supply that can allow pollutants or contaminants to back flow into the public drinking water system.

How to Protect Your Home Drinking Water? Would you knowingly drink water that is contaminated with the chemicals used on your lawns and gardens? We all know pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers, along with strong cleaning chemicals, are toxic and possibly fatal if ingested. What you may not know is that you could put these chemicals into your drinking water accidentally.

Normally, water flows to your home from the public drinking water system. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow in a reverse direction. This is known as backflow. This can be caused by back pressure, from a boiler or a non-potable lawn irrigation system. It may be a back-siphonage that is caused when there is a loss of pressure in the water distribution system caused by a high withdrawal of water. Examples are as in a shutdown of the water main lines or plumbing system, or a

high-water demand, as in the use of fire hydrants. This reduction of water pressure can create a vacuum in the piping, causing a sprinkler system, garden hose or other water outlet to siphon dirty or contaminated water back into the public water system. This backflow can cause health problems if ingested.

To help protect your drinking water from backflow, remember these simple tips:

1. Keep the end of all your hoses clear from any contaminations.
2. Don't submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, ponds, etc.
3. Don't use lawn or garden spray attachments without a backflow prevention device or assembly.
4. Don't connect drain lines from water softeners or other treatment systems directly into the sewer drains.
5. Don't use a hose to unplug a toilet or blocked sewer line, etc.
6. Install hose bib type vacuum breakers on all threaded faucets in your home.
7. Some homes may already be equipped with built-in vacuum breakers; all newer washing machines already have one built in.
8. Install approved backflow prevention assemblies on all underground lawn irrigation systems.

For questions about backflow or how backflow devices and assemblies can protect your home and drinking water system, contact Hyrum City's Water Department, 435-245-6033.

Senior Center News – The Senior Center welcomes ALL seniors Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are located at 675 East Main Street. Lunch is served on Wednesdays & Fridays at noon. Please call if you are joining us for lunch, 245-3570.

- Mondays – October 3: Breakfast & Bingo, 10:30 a.m.
Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
October 10: CLOSED – Columbus Day.
October 24: Breakfast & Bingo, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesdays – Yoga, 9:30 a.m.
October 4: Prep Day for Health Fair – no activities.
October 11: Bunco & Lunch, 11:00 a.m.
October 18: Tip Class, 11:00 a.m.
October 25: Bunco & Lunch, 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesdays – October 5: Health Fair & Flu Shot Clinic, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
October 12: Josh Fenton.
October 19: Travel to Egypt.
October 26: Halloween Carnival.
- Thursdays - October 13: Craft Fair Preparations.
October 20: Mystery Trip.
October 27: Craft Fair Preparations.
- Fridays – BINGO, 10:30 a.m. (regular bingo will be held unless noted below).
October 14: White Elephant BINGO.
October 21: Wear Orange BINGO.
October 28: Halloween BINGO.



Upcoming Events: Our annual 'All Wrapped Up' Christmas Fair will be on December 2nd & 3rd.

Museum News - Did you know that agricultural crops such as corn, potatoes, peaches, and tomatoes are not the only type of food that is harvested locally? For hundreds of years, the Native Peoples throughout Utah have harvested many food items such as cattails, wild onion, cactus, milkweed, chokecherries, pine nuts, and sego lily and camas bulbs. Join us at the museum for our

Second Saturday Fall Festival on October 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to learn more about native plants that are harvested! There will be several fun activities and special treats for children.

The museum's "Trick or Treat" Back in Time children's activity will run October 18th-20th from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each day. We will learn about Hyrum's local haunts and their ghostly connections. All children are welcome to attend from preschool-aged to older kids who are homeschooled, but we encourage that you sign-up to ensure a spot for this annual favorite.

Don't forget to follow the museum on Instagram, Facebook, or check our website for more info on all our programming. Please note that the museum will be closed the entire week of October 24th - 28th while museum staff attends the Utah Museums Association Conference.

Library News – Library Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Contact us at 435-245-6411 or hyrumlibrary@gmail.com. The library will be closed Monday, October 10th in observance of Columbus Day.

Children Programs

Toddler Storytime (ages 0-3): Monday's at 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5): Wednesday's at 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., join us for fun books, songs, and even fun activities.

Magic Tree House Adventure Club: Sign up is required & will open September 30th. #2 "Haunted Castle on Hallows Eve." Friday, October 7th & 21st at 3:30 p.m. Extra copies are available at the front desk.

Lego's At The Library (ages 5+): Wednesday, October 5th & 19th, 4:00 p.m. Storytime Room. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination.

Read Your Own Story (ages 6-12): Tuesday, October 11th at 4:00 p.m. Have you written your own story? You're invited to share it at the library. Join us to read your own story and enjoy a yummy treat!

Craft Time (ages 6-12): Tuesday, October 25th, stop in the library between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to make a quick Halloween craft. (while supplies last)



Teen Programs

Book Reading: "My Zombie Plan" by author Nick Hendrick. Thursday, October 6th, 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a reading from the book & a zombie activity.

Book Club: Wednesday, October 19th, 3:30 p.m. What are you reading? Join us in the Library Board Room and let's talk about what you're reading.

TAC Meeting (Teen Advisory Committee): Thursday, October 20th, 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the TAC stop by the library and ask for Deonna.

Halloween Party: Friday, October 28th 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Join us for a spooky time while enjoying Halloween activities & treats.

Don't forget to check out the Teen Zone for this month's craft.

Adult Programs

Book Club: Tuesday, October 25th, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a discussion on "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie.

Family Programs

Family Movie & Popcorn: Monday, October 17th, 4:00 p.m. Storytime Room. We will be showing "DC League of Super Pets." Children under 5 must be always accompanied by a parent.

The Family Place/Hyrum Harvest – The Family Place is hosting 'The Hyrum Harvest' on October 7th at the Hyrum Family Place (10 North 600 East) from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. This is a fun, FREE drive-through event for the whole family.