



Newsletter

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August 5

Night Out Against Crime

City Square

6:00 p.m.

August 7

City Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.

August 13

General Plan Open House

Civic Center

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August 14

Planning Commission Meeting

6:30 p.m.

August 21

City Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.

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

Mayors Message – Hyrum City Citizens are blessed to have access to the public parks located within Hyrum City limits. These include City Square, East Park, Soccer Fields, Pride Park, Salt Hollow Park, Blacksmith Fork Park, and the Libbie Springs Park currently being constructed. These parks are owned & operated by Hyrum City and are supported with tax dollars, fees, charges and donations.

Parks promote physical activity, and relaxed space in which residents can connect and interact. New friendships are formed, and a sense of community develops which is important for good mental health and a feeling of belonging.

There are increasing incidents of vandalism taking place in our parks. Frequent areas targeted by vandals include inside bathrooms, kicking heads off sprinklers, graffiti, and damaging fences & playground equipment.

Your help is needed! If you witness acts of vandalism, please report it to the Hyrum City Office. We are in the process of putting cameras in our parks. Any information you can share regarding those doing vandalism will help us catch them. Educate your families so they will know what to look for and what to do if they witness any vandalism.

Numerous studies show how valuable green spaces are for reducing stress, increasing happiness, and enhancing your sense of wellness. Enjoy time at a park this summer!

Sincerely – Mayor Stephanie Miller

General Plan Open House – Join us for the Hyrum City General Plan Update Open House! Hyrum City is updating its General Plan, and we want your input. Mark your calendar for an Interactive Open House on Wednesday, August 13th, where residents can share ideas, ask questions, and help shape the future of our community.

Date: Wednesday, August 13th

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Hyrum Civic Center
(83 West Main Street, Hyrum)

This is your chance to voice what matters most from housing, parks, transportation, and more. If you can't make it, we still want to hear from you. Take our survey and voice your opinion.



National Night Out Against Crime – Hyrum will be hosting the annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. on the City Square in conjunction with many communities across Utah and the United States. National Night Out, a yearlong community building campaign, is designed to: 1) heighten crime prevention awareness, 2) generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs, 3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and 4) send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Hyrum will be providing free hamburgers as well as hosting various law enforcement groups and other community service providers. These groups will have information available as well as demonstrations.

Election Updates - Candidates and Dates: The following individuals have filed for Mayor in Hyrum City (1 seat available)- Stephanie Miller, Steve J. Miller, and Shara Toone; and for City Council in Hyrum City (2 seats available) - Joshua Kyle Cannon, Jared Clawson, NaLyn Nelson, Paul James, Rebecca Foulger, and Kevin J. Petersen.

There being more than twice the number of candidates filed for both the Mayor seat and City Council seats than are available, a Primary Election will be held on August 12, 2025. The names of the two Mayor candidates, and four City Council candidates that receive the majority of the votes in the Primary Election will be placed on the November ballot. The Municipal General Election will be held on November 4, 2025.

For more election information visit <https://www.hyrumcity.gov/administration/page/2025-election> State of Utah Voter Website <https://vote.utah.gov/vote.utah.gov>, and Cache County <https://www.cachecounty.gov/elections/>. Let's work together to ensure your voice and your vote is counted!

Important Ballot Deadline & Changes: Elections in Hyrum City will be conducted by Vote by Mail. Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed to all registered voters starting July 22, 2025, and the General Election will be mailed to all registered Hyrum City Voters starting October 14, 2025.

Please be aware of a significant change to Utah Election Law. Postmarks will no longer be accepted as proof of timely submission. For a ballot to be counted, it must be in the possession of the County election office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. This means that even if a voter visits the post office on Election Day and has their ballot envelope stamped, it will not be valid unless it physically arrives at the election office by 8:00 p.m. on August 12 for the Primary Election and 8:00 p.m. on November 4 for the General Election.

Hyrum City strongly encourages voters to return their ballots early or use the official drop boxes to ensure their vote is counted. A Voter Drop Box is available at the Hyrum City Offices 60 West Main in the planter strip between the Elite Hall and Fire Department.

“Vote Smart. Use a Ballot Box.”



Candy Cabin Store – The candy cabin store located just west of the Hyrum Library is open until Thursday, August 7th for the summer. The cabin candy store is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Tune In To Meetings – Did you know you can tune to 94.9 FM KVVJ and listen to Hyrum City Council Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, and the Planning Commission Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month? This is a great way to stay informed on topics discussed at these meetings if you are unable to attend.

Save The Date – The Hyrum City Christmas Celebration will be held Saturday, December 6th. We are excited to announce the addition of a new display for this coming celebration. In addition to decorated Christmas trees & gingerbread houses, we are happy to add Christmas quilts. Quilts should have a Christmas, or Christmas season theme and be smaller lap quilts or display quilts to accommodate hanging and display at the Elite Hall.

The public will vote for their favorite quilts; however, Christmas quilt participants do not need to be Hyrum City residents. If you know of quilters, please share this exciting news with them. We look forward to this opportunity to display these amazing talents in our community.

It's not too early to start planning your Christmas tree or gingerbread house for this year's celebration. We will be contacting those who signed up last year to help with this year's celebration in the next couple of months. Watch for entry signup information in future newsletters and on social media platforms. Contact Craig Rasmussen at (435) 232-7265 or by email at craig.rasmussen@hyrumcity.gov with questions.

Hyrum City's 2025 Grand Marshal Farrell Petersen – Farrell is a descendant of the Hyrum 'early' forming Pioneers. His 92-year life span holds several fond memories of Hyrum. Remembering .10 cent hamburgers at Dewey's, & .10 cent malts at Stauffer's Drug. One of his first jobs was checking coats at the famous Elite Hall-dances on Saturday night, thanking his patrons for the .10-.25 cent BIG tip! He worked at The Bean Factory along with hauling peas to the Pea Viner. He also took milk cans to the Sego Milk Plant for processing. Schools would be let out for a 2-week beet vacation in the Fall, and he would help the farmers harvest potatoes and beets in Hyrum. He also has fond memories of the C.C. Camp, the Hardware Ranch- formerly owned by the Petersen's in the Blacksmith Fork Canyon, riding The Bamberger Train located at 1st North & Center Street in Hyrum.



Farrell attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from South Cache High School in 1951. He's a Veteran of the Korean War. In 1952, he volunteered for the draft along with 32 other men from Hyrum and the Cache Valley area. Farrell is the only survivor left from that group. Farrell graduated from USU in 1958, taught school for 30 years, plus operated a small farm with cattle production. He married Carol Dee Leishman. They were married 62 years before she passed. They had 3 girls. Mary Leisa, Deborah & Deniese. They had 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He has since married, at the age of 90, Sharon Miller Larsen also a former Hyrum resident. He enjoys fishing when he has time. He loves his chocolate shakes, a piece of German Chocolate cake & anything with nuts! He continues to remain active- walking daily, watering, mowing, trimming and cultivating his beautiful large garden.

Hyrum City's 2025 Distinguished Citizen Travis Parker – Travis was born on December 19, 1968, to the delight of his parents and his five siblings. In fact, they all agreed it was their happiest Christmas present. They were also all involved in choosing his name.

We all joked that Travis started dating at a very young age, as his next sibling is twelve years his senior. Therefore, he accompanied three of his older siblings on their dates. At the young age of six, he had probably been on more dates than those three siblings combined. At the age of one, he became an uncle. We all said he was spoiled because he didn't have to get up early and do chores like the rest of us.

He grew up having fun hanging out with friends: riding bikes, swimming in the Hyrum dam, spending time fishing in the Blacksmith Fork Canyon, camping, and hunting deer with his dad and his brothers. He has lived in Hyrum almost his entire life.



Travis served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Helsinki, Finland Mission, where he grew to love the people and their culture. Travis loved being a scout and the scouting program from the

get-go, earning his Eagle, becoming a member in the Order of the Arrow, creating his own Native American clothing, including hours of beadwork. He attended numerous powwows, performed Native American dances, and achieved the Silver Beaver award.

Scouting is to this day one of his biggest passions and one of the highlights of his life. He loves spending time with the boys in his troop, teaching them lifelong skills and how to become better citizens and humans. However, his most valuable accomplishment is being a father and spending time with his two sons, sharing his knowledge, showing them how to work hard, play hard, being unconditionally loving, and creating memories.

He continues to enjoy spending time with his siblings and mother on their monthly dinner get-togethers, laughing and reminiscing about growing up together, sharing their best memories, and creating new ones. He made our family complete!

Ordinance Highlight – 17.85 Raising And Keeping Of Animals All persons having custody of animals shall exercise proper care and control of his/her animal(s) in order to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance. Nuisances abated as per HCC 8.16. An animal shall be deemed to be a public nuisance if the animal:

1. Causes damage to the property of anyone other than its owner.
 2. Causes unreasonable odors.
 3. Causes unsanitary conditions.
 4. Makes disturbing noises in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner.
 5. Repeatedly molests or intimidates neighbors, pedestrians, or passersby by lunging at fences, chasing, or acting aggressively towards such person or persons unless provoked by such person or persons.
- (Ord. 12-05)

News from the Hyrum City Power & Light Department - Hyrum City Power & Light would like to thank all our residents for their understanding and patience as some of you have experienced recent outages in their neighborhoods. We truly do have the best citizens around! As the summer season moves forward and we start seeing temperatures rise and vegetation dry out, we want to bring to your attention a couple of items.

The staff at Hyrum City Power & Light have been working hard to upgrade and harden the electrical grid in our community. While we know there is still a lot to do to make it more reliable, we are striving every day to meet the goal of one of the most reliable public power entities in the country. We love our job of providing safe reliable electricity to our customers. While we can control many things within our system, there are however some things that are out of our hands.

Many of you may be aware of the recent California fires and fires that have occurred in the Northwest (Oregon, Washington) area. This has brought a lot of scrutiny and lawsuits to a couple of the larger Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU). Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has experienced this firsthand, as they are one of the largest utility companies in that region. They are in litigation for billions of dollars of damage from wildfires that are being blamed on their electrical grid. Because of this RMP has instituted what they call a PSPS (Public Safety Power Shutoff). They are trying to mitigate their liability in extreme weather conditions (high winds, hot/dry conditions, wildfires).



While we are a Public Power Utility here at Hyrum City, as with many municipalities throughout Utah, we rely on RMP's transmission line to get electricity to us. This transmission line runs along the eastern side of the valley along the foothills from Green Canyon Substation in North Logan to our Substation near the mouth of Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

If and when there is an event that RMP deems unsafe for their infrastructure they will implement the PSPS. Hyrum City Power & Light will take a proactive approach to inform our citizens, in all ways we can, of the possibility of losing power for an extended period.

We also encourage citizens to take a proactive approach and assess their individual needs they have and make preparations for such an event. Hopefully we never have to experience this, however with all that has happened recently, we don't want to risk it for chance.

Many of you may ask and wonder, "What about the Generators Hyrum City just installed in the Northwest part of town? Can't we use those?" While this is a good question, there are many factors that play in on how we can run those generators. First, they are not big enough to handle all of Hyrum City's electrical load. They were installed to help with our peak loads and to offset the higher cost of energy that Hyrum City purchases in the summer. Secondly, there would need to be rolling blackouts to provide certain areas of the city power at certain times. This would require many man hours to have our lineman go throughout the city reconfiguring circuits to allow some to have power while others would not. This would need to be done to prevent the generators from shutting down on an overload. By the time this is done the PSPS may be over, and power restored.

We are extremely grateful to have the generators Hyrum City has invested resources into. They will help offset the higher cost of power as well as help during our peak loads. Unfortunately, they cannot support the entirety of Hyrum's electrical grid.

Hyrum City Power & Light wishes all of you a happy and safe summer with lots of fun! We will keep you informed of any updates or announcements that may impact us here in our wonderful town.

We have included a website from Rocky Mountain Power that you can view and further your understanding of what a PSPS is. Also included is a website that Rocky Mountain Power used to track current weather conditions around the region. <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/outages-safety/wildfire-safety/public-safety-power-shutoff.html> <https://www.rockymountainpowerweather.com/?state=UT>

Library News – Library Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The library will be closing at 5:00 p.m. for a staff meeting on Monday, August 4th. The library will be opening late at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14th for city staff training.

Thank you to everyone who made the Summer Reading program a huge success! We had over 650 families participate this year.

Please remember that the library is busy planning programs for the fall, and we will be taking a break from children & teen programs. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 3rd to help kick off programs with story time with the Sheriff. Sheriff Chad Jensen will join us to read books, and as always stay & learn about all of the hard work the K-9 unit does.

For the month of August enjoy a walk through the Hyrum City square for our Story Walk, each week a new story will be featured.



Adult Programs

Book Club (ages 18+): Tuesday, August 5th, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a discussion on "The Happy Life of Isadora Bentley" by Courtney Walsh. Books can be picked up at the front desk a month prior to meeting (while supplies last). Meet in the meeting room to discuss the book.

Art Night (ages 18+): Thursday, August 14th, 6:00 p.m. Hyrum Civic Center (88 W. Main-Hyrum) Join us to paint tote bags, enjoy some creativity and great conversation. Supplies provided – signup starting August 7th to participate.

Write @ Night (ages 18+): Thursday, August 21st, 5:00 p.m. Join us for a writing workshop, with free time for writing, presented by local author Ashley Funk.

Museum News - Did you know that World War I veteran and Hyrum-native Alonzo Stanton FINALLY received his Purple Heart Award posthumously? His nephew Lon Bailey, along with other members of the Stanton/Bailey family accepted the award on his behalf at Hyrum's Patriotic Program. Stanton received substantial shrapnel wounds to his legs on October 14, 1918 during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, which was the largest and deadliest military campaign in U.S. history and also helped lead to the end of World War I. Alonzo's uniform jacket along with his Purple Heart are on exhibit at the museum this month, so be sure to stop by and see an important part of local history!



We are also pleased to be showing watercolor and oil paintings from Hyrum-native and our former museum board member John Petersen in the City Council Chambers. John has an impressive ability to capture landscapes and other natural features. He started painting as a child and continued to develop his talent throughout his life---he even purchased a paint set in Japan while serving in the U.S. Navy in 1958! You can also see artwork created by local kids who participated in our Passport to Summer Fun program, which was inspired by the natural beauty of our mountains on display in our Community Exhibit.

During our Super Saturday activity this month, we'll be highlighting our "Getting an Education" Exhibit on August 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will also have a neat science experiment to try! The museum is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., during our monthly Super Saturday events, and by appointment. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram to stay updated on our upcoming exhibits and programming!

Hyrum Historic Preservation Commission -We are thrilled to begin construction this fall on a new structure on the east side of Elite Hall to make it accessible and more functional! Over the last ten years, we've completed several large improvements to the building and have had 50,000+ visitors, so we are looking forward to moving closer to having a fully functional, accessible, and beautiful building for all of our community members to use. If you would like to support the work at the Elite Hall or make a donation, please see the enclosed donation form or contact Jami at the museum, email museum@hyrumcity.gov, or call 435-245-0208.

If you're interested in learning more about the people who founded Hyrum in 1860, then stop by the museum to buy "Life Sketches of Hyrum's 1860 Founders", published by the Hyrum Historic Preservation Commission. They are only \$20 and the cover is an original watercolor painting of Camp Hollow by Hyrum-native John Petersen.

Senior News – As summer winds down, it's the perfect time to step out of the house and into a community where you're welcomed with open arms. It's easy to get stuck in routines at home, but staying active and social makes a world of difference for your health and happiness. In fact, a long-running Harvard study found that strong social connections are one of the most important factors for living longer, healthier, and happier lives. At the Hyrum Senior Center, you'll find friendly faces, meaningful conversations, and plenty of opportunities to connect. Whether you join us for a meal, a field trip, or a fitness class, every visit is a chance to build friendships, share laughter, and feel part of something bigger.

Our exercise classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. Chair Yoga (Mondays), SilverSneakers (Wednesdays), and Strong Bodies (Fridays) are tailored to help you stay active at any ability level. For something a little different, try Line Dancing Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.—no partner needed!

Don't forget lunch! Shannon prepares wonderful meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. A \$3 suggested donation helps keep these meals going strong. Please RSVP by calling or texting us at 435-245-3570 by the day before so we can save you a seat. Our full newsletter and activity calendar are available online at hyrumcity.gov/seniors, or you can pick up a copy at the center. We also post updates and photos on Facebook at facebook.com/HyrumSeniorCenter.

We're open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and we're located at 695 E Main St. Stop in for a quick tour and experience the welcoming spirit of the Hyrum Senior Center. Once you visit, you'll see why so many people call this their "home away from home."