



Newsletter

January 2026

Mayors Message:

Today I am both humbled and energized to write to you as your Mayor-Elect. Shortly, I will take the oath of office, but the real work of serving you began the moment the votes were counted. This is the first of what I intend to be regular, straightforward letters from my desk to your kitchen table.



First, thank you for the trust you placed in me on Election Day. Thank you to all who shook my hand, wrote an email, or left a note on my doorstep with your hopes and worries for Hyrum. I heard you. I still have every one of those messages, and they sit on my desk as a daily reminder of why I ran.

Hyrum is more than the place where I live - it's where I was raised, where Joni and I raised our children, and where we hope to continue giving back. I have lived here all but three years of my seventy-one, and I've found Hyrum to be a place where neighbors still wave, where young families line the soccer fields cheering on laughing children, and where the 4th of July feels like a true hometown celebration. It's a community where, on winter mornings, you can always find someone shoveling a neighbor's walk without being asked.

Here is my promise to you: We will protect what makes Hyrum, Hyrum. Wide-open views, safe streets, strong schools, and a real sense of community do not happen by accident. Every decision about growth, zoning and development will begin with one question: *"Does this make Hyrum better - or just bigger?"*

Our tax dollars are hard-earned, and I want you to know I understand that. We will run a tight, transparent city budget. Every expense will be posted online in an easy-to-read format. If we have a surplus, we will return it through lower fees or needed equipment instead of finding new ways to spend it.

Public safety comes first - period. Our Sheriff's & Fire Departments are among the finest in the state. Their dedication shows in their constant training and excellent equipment. I also intend to work toward reducing heavy truck traffic on Main Street and in our neighborhoods, eventually routing it to a bypass that will make our streets quieter and safer. Air quality matters too, and we will explore ways to reduce unpleasant odors that affect our ability to enjoy the outdoors.

I will listen more than I talk. My door, my phone, and my inbox will remain open. We plan to update the format of our City Council meetings so you can watch them on YouTube if you cannot attend in person. We welcome your presence and your comments during the public comment portion of the meetings held on the first and third Thursday of each month.

We're in this together. City government can pave roads and balance budgets, but it is you - our families, churches, businesses, and volunteers - who make a community. I'll spend as much time cheering on your efforts as I do on city business, because that's where the heart of this town truly beats.

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CITY CLOSURES:

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 19 - MLK Day

Public Meetings
Details Available Online

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

January 5 - 6:00 p.m.
Oath Of Office Ceremony

January 6 - 6:00 p.m.
Special Meeting

January 15 - 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION:
January 8 - 6:30 p.m.

 **Tune Into Meetings**
94.9 FM KVVJ

In the coming weeks, you'll hear more about plans for road improvements, water reliability, parks, and how we can welcome new neighbors without losing who we are. Today, I simply want to say thank you, introduce myself as your servant rather than your politician, and promise that I will work every single day to earn the confidence you have placed in me.

Hyrum is Home. Let's keep it that way.

With gratitude and determination,
Steve J. Miller
Mayor-Elect

**Thank you for your service, Mayor Stephanie Miller
& Councilmembers Jared Clawson & Paul James!**

Meet Councilmember Rebecca Foulger:

Rebecca and her family moved to Hyrum almost nine years ago from downtown Salt Lake City where they lived and worked for 14 years. Wanting a small rural community with hometown values and a strong sense of community to raise their family they fell in love with everything Hyrum had to offer the minute they arrived.



As a homemaker, dedicated mother of four and proven community leader with over eight years of experience in parent & school advocacy, Rebecca has served three terms as President of the Lincoln Elementary PTA. In this capacity she led successful initiatives that improved and expanded extracurricular programs. Her leadership has

brought together parents, teachers and local officials to achieve real results for families. She currently leads the Friends of South Cache Parent Organization at South Cache Middle School where three of her four children presently attend.

Rebecca's prior experience includes 10+ years in banking and five years as a Stock Broker at Merrill Lynch as well as leading and sitting on various boards/committees including Women in Business Network, the Hogle Zoo Rendezvous Committee and the Ernest & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Committee. She has also spent the last 15 years as a Human Resource Consultant providing needed HR support to companies of all sizes in Canada and the US.

Rebecca is looking forward to serving on the City Council and is committed to strengthening city services, supporting families, maintaining our hometown values and ensuring every resident has a voice in the decisions that shape Hyrum's future. She's ready to lead with integrity, responsiveness and a deep love for this beautiful community we all call home.

Meet Councilmember NaLyn Nelson:

NaLyn is a newly elected member of the Hyrum City Council. Having lived in Hyrum for 29 years, NaLyn and her husband have raised four children in this wonderful community. In addition to her role on the council, NaLyn is passionate about education, serving as a speech & debate teacher and a constitutional studies instructor for the home-school community.



Outside of teaching, NaLyn enjoys reading, family time, and football. She also brings valuable experience for her two-year service on the Cache County GOP executive committee.

NaLyn also speaks Spanish and looks forward to serving the Latino community and fostering strong connections within Hyrum.

NaLyn is dedicated to promoting good governance, safeguarding freedoms, and maintaining the quality of life that the people of Hyrum value.

Winter Parking Restrictions:

Parking is not allowed on city streets or within ten feet of roadway pavement in any municipal right-of-way, unless such vehicle is in a driveway approach or otherwise parked behind the curb where curb exists for a period longer than fifteen minutes when loading or unloading or delivering property between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. This law allows for snow removal and is in effect until April 1st, even when there is no snow.

Indoor Walking:

If you have a New Year's resolution to get in better shape, then visit the Elite Hall during free public walking hours Monday - Friday from 6:30-10:00 a.m. All are welcome, but please supervise children and don't bring any food or drinks other than water.

Business License Renewals:

All current business licenses need to be renewed by January 31st or a late fee will be assessed. If you are looking at starting a new business or for more information, please call the Hyrum City Office. There is a \$10 application fee for new licenses plus the following: home occupation business \$20; landlord license \$75; and commercial business \$75 + \$50 fire inspection.

Dog License Renewals:

Any dog(s) four (4) months or older is required to be licensed with Hyrum City. Dogs are required to be licensed even if they stay inside your home or never leave your yard. The license fees are as follows: Neutered/Spayed dogs - \$12 Male/Female dogs - \$22. A veterinarian certificate is required to verify rabies vaccination and the dog being neutered or spayed. All dogs must be licensed by Friday, February 27th. Beginning March 2nd a \$5 late fee will be assessed in addition to the regular license fees. Owners will be issued a citation for failure to have their dog(s) properly licensed. Also, please remember that Hyrum City Ordinance permits a maximum of two dogs per household.

Christmas Celebration:

The 3rd annual Hyrum City Christmas Celebration was held at the Elite Hall in December and highlighted decorated Christmas Trees, amazing gingerbread displays, and for the first time holiday quilts. In addition to these wonderful displays, a special visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus, cookies, and a fun Christmas craft was enjoyed by all.

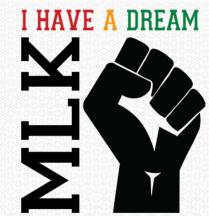
Thank you to everyone who attended, submitted entries and voted for their favorite displays in each category & congratulations to the winners! **Christmas Tree:** 1st Place - Katie Anderson (#5 Harry Potter Tree), 2nd Place - Scott & Cathy Summit (#3 Duck, Duck, Goose Tree), 3rd Place - Lincoln Elementary (#2 Button Tree), 4th Place - Melinda Painter & Marla McCain (#1 Book Tree on Sleigh). Additional trees were decorated by Gracie Bersonnet (#7 Grinch Tree), Bella Bersonnet (#6 B Tree) and Shaun Bushman (#25 Bonsai Tree). **Gingerbread Displays:** 1st Place - Hannah & Abigail Dupre (#23 Castle from Frozen), 2nd Place - Ariana Larson (#24 Reindeer & Sleigh). 3rd Place - Melynn Wood (#21 Two-story house), 4th Place - Nicole Hock (#22 A-frame cabin in the woods). **Quilt Display:** 1st Place - Karen Miner (#38 CHRISTMAS), 2nd Place - Gloria Longhurst (#42 Holiday Bear & Deer), 3rd Place - Emily Farnworth (#41 Candy Canes). Additional quilts were displayed by Kristy Brown & Kim Faulkner, as well as several people submitting multiple quilts to enjoy.

We would like to encourage more people to plan on participating & supporting this event in years to come. Special thanks to Councilmember Craig Rasmussen & Ellen Rasmussen, Kim Faulkner, Kristy Brown, Recreation Director Robert Stroud, Museum Director Jami VanHuss and the Hyrum City Youth Council & Advisors for the many, many hours volunteering their time for this celebration.

Museum Information:

Did you know that it's been 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence? All year, the nation will be commemorating the country's semiquincentennial and we are excited for all of our educational programming in 2026, which will center on themes from the commemoration. This month we will be exploring how the concepts of citizenship, representation, and belonging have progressed since the Founding Fathers launched this great "American Experiment".

First, during our "I have a dream" Back in Time monthly children's activity on January 13th-15th from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each day, we will learn how the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s improved rights with an engaging art activity. Then, we will think more about what "We the People" means through a family art project at our Super Saturday on January 24th from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



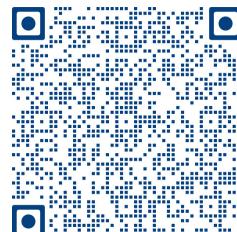
We are also hosting a traveling exhibit created by the Cache Celebration of Women's Suffrage called "History of Voting Rights", which highlights the journey Americans have made since 1776 to increase suffrage. Also, don't forget that this is the last month to see exhibits of the artwork from local elementary students, so be sure to drop by soon!

The museum's FREE Family Movie Night at the Elite Hall will be Friday, January 9th and we will be showing Bad Guys 2 on the big screen! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your pillows, blankets, bean bags, camp chairs, dinner and/or treats, and your favorite people.

Be sure to follow the museum on Instagram, Facebook, or check our website for more info on our exciting 2026 line-up of exhibits and programming. The museum is open Tuesday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., plus on our Super Saturday each month. Please note that the museum will be closed on Thursday, January 29th.

Hyrum Historic Preservation Commission Information:

We are SO CLOSE to meeting our goal to resume restoration of the Elite Hall! We have over 75% of the \$700,000 we need, so please consider donating today! All donations are tax-deductible and will have a lasting impact on our awesome community. Please donate by using the QR code included or online at <https://hyrumcitymuseum.org/donate-to-the-elite-hall-restoration/> or contact Jami at the museum by emailing museum@hyrumcity.gov or calling 435-245-0208.



SAVE THE DATE for Jazz Nights at Elite Hall on February 12th-14th, Valentine's Weekend! It's the perfect gift for your sweetheart!

Senior Center Information:

Happy New Year from the Hyrum Senior Center! We are excited to kick off the new year with fresh opportunities and a warm environment to connect with friends. Is "getting healthier" on your list of New Year's resolutions? We are here to help you keep it! Our exercise classes are every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. These classes are perfect for older adults of all ability levels, so whether you are just starting out or look forward to moving every day, you will fit right in, improving your balance, strength, and aerobic capacity along the way.

We are planning a special snowshoeing adventure in partnership with Common Ground Outdoor Adventures. Check our senior center calendar for more details.

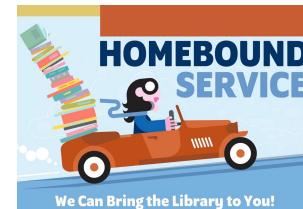
Join us for lunch! Our delicious lunches are served every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon. Cost: A suggested donation of \$3 helps support our meal program. RSVP: Please call or text us at 435-245-3570 by the day before so we can ensure we have a plate reserved for you.

The Hyrum Senior Center (located at 695 E Main St.) is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please note that the Hyrum Senior Center will be closed for the holidays starting December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 5th. We look forward to seeing you when we return! For the full schedule of our activities, please view our full newsletter and activity calendar online at hyrumcity.gov/seniors or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/HyrumSeniorCenter. We look forward to seeing you in the new year—let's make it a fantastic one together!

Library Information:

The library is open Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The drive-up book drop is closed for the winter season and will reopen in the spring. The library and book drop will be closed January 1st for New Years Day & January 19th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It's a New Year, don't forget to turn your Ridley's Advantage points into a donation to the library.

NEW SERVICE! The library recently rolled out a new homebound library service. Please visit www.hyrumcity.gov/library for more information. If you or if you know someone who could benefit from this service, please fill out an application and drop it by the library. Homebound library delivery is designed to help those who are either homebound for short-term or long-term disabilities. All items will be delivered once a month by a library volunteer.



Family Programs: Family Movie - Monday, January 26th, 4:00 p.m. Join us in the Story Time Room for popcorn and watch "Elio". Children under the age of five need a parent present during the movie

Children's Programs: Story Time - Mondays 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., and Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. in the Story Time Room. An additional story time will be added on Wednesday, January 21st due to the library being closed on Monday, January 19th. No age groups - pick a time that works best for you. Each story time will feature the same stories.

Empowerment Story Time - Wednesday, January 7th, 11:00 a.m. presented by CAPSA. If the room is full a 2nd story time will be added at 11:30 a.m. Please note, due to popularity the story time room door will be closed after the opening song or if the room becomes full. In an effort to keep distractions to a minimum, no one will be allowed in once the door is closed.

Spanish Story Time - Friday, January 2nd, 11:00 a.m. Presented by Cache County MIECHV. Join us for stories, songs and a short activity.

Legos @ The Library - (ages 5+) Wednesday, January 21st, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Story Time Room. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination! Door will be closed at 4:05 p.m. and ask if you are later than that to plan to come next time.

Magic Tree House Adventure Club - Friday, January 9th & 23rd, 3:30 p.m. Story Time/Children's Area. The book that will be discussed is Magic

Tree House #20 "Dingoes at Dinnertime". Sign-up is required and begins December 15th. If you need a copy of the book, ask the front desk.

Monthly Craft - (ages 5-11) Tuesday, January 20th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children's Area. Stop in during the hour to make a Thaumatrope (while supplies last).

Mario Kart Tournament - (ages 8-11) Tuesday, January 13th, 4:00-5:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Hang out and play Mario Kart, do you have what it takes to win?

Teen Programs: Chess & Checkers Club - (ages 10+) Friday, January 2nd, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us for chess or checkers, skill level doesn't matter. Bring your friends, winner receive a button and as always snacks will be provided.

TAC Meeting - Thursday, January 8th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. The TAC Committee will meet to plan programs for upcoming teen activities. The TAC committee is full this year, but if you would like more information about joining next year - stop by the library and ask for Deonna.

Teen Book Club - Thursday, January 15th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Read a graphic novel, then come ready to chat about it. Refreshments will be served.

Teen Activity - Friday, January 30th, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Join us for a fun activity, what is it? Check back at the end of December for details.

Adult Programs: (ages 18+) Book Club - Tuesday, January 13th, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. Books are available at the front desk.

Vision Journals - Wednesday, January 14th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. A diary & vision board rolled into one. Join us to create a vision journal and start your year off right.

Read Hot Chili Peppers Book Club - Wednesday, January 21st, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "The Little Paris Book Shop" by Lauren Nina George. We are rating this book as 1 chili pepper. Books are available at the front desk.