

Mayors Message: In the two days following the election, I began attending meetings and immersing myself in the many pressing issues our city faces. Each challenge demands careful attention, and as your Mayor, I am personally committed to addressing them all. This is exactly why you elected me - to make a meaningful difference for our community.



During the campaign, I spoke about the value of strong professional leadership in city operations. Many cities benefit from a City Manager model, where the manager serves as the chief executive, overseeing departments (such as Streets, Water, Power, Parks, & Wastewater), budgeting, grant applications, human resources, and other duties assigned by the City Council. In that structure, the manager reports directly to the Council, while the Mayor assumes a more ceremonial role. This approach works well when the Mayor has full-time employment elsewhere.

However, I am retired and fully dedicated to serving Hyrum. I believe the residents elected me to take an active, hands-on role in guiding the city's direction, making decisions collaboratively with the City Council, and staying deeply involved in all aspects of our municipal operations. For these reasons, establishing a traditional City Manager position would not align with the mandate you gave me. In the City Manager position that person would be the point of contact for the citizens of Hyrum.

Instead, I am proposing that we hire a full-time City Administrator who reports directly to the Mayor and works under the guidance of both the Mayor and the City Council. This administrator would handle many of the same operational responsibilities as a manager—while ensuring mayoral oversight and approval on key decisions.

Our previous experience shows that combining the Mayor and administrator roles in one person can stretch resources too thin and reduce effectiveness. By separating these duties thoughtfully—with strong professional support under mayoral leadership—we can move Hyrum forward more efficiently and responsively. I plan to bring this proposal to the City Council soon and will keep you updated on our action.

Finally, I want to highlight the exceptional quality and integrity of our city staff. They work tirelessly—often behind the scenes—to keep Hyrum running smoothly and make it a great place to call home. (And yes, they're too modest to want the spotlight.)

A special thank-you goes to our newest team member, Tony Ekins, our City Planner. With his extensive background in planning and zoning, Tony is helping ensure our growth is thoughtful, methodical, and aligned with the long-term vision our residents want. He works diligently to guide developers toward projects that benefit the entire community—not just individual interests. Thank you, Tony, for bringing such professionalism and dedication to Hyrum.

My door is always open. I genuinely welcome your input, concerns, and ideas. Together, we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth—let's protect it, improve it, and enjoy it for generations to come. - Mayor Steve Miller

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Public Meetings
Details Available Online
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:
March 5 - 6:30 p.m.
March 19 - 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION:
March 12 - 6:30 p.m.



Tune Into Meetings
94.9 FM KVVJ
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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: The Elite Hall is open for free public walking every 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.

Mayor's Corner - Update on Odor Concerns: I want to provide an update on our ongoing efforts to address the unpleasant odors that many of you have experienced for years. On January 23, I met with Floyd Faucette - President of Miller Landscaping Products, and Derek Page - Head Engineer at JBS Meat Packing. The goal was to explore additional measures to further reduce and ultimately eliminate these odors. Over the past two decades, significant progress has already been made. Odors from the rendering plant have decreased substantially, and emissions from the former liquids settling pond north of the JBS facility have been greatly reduced. This improvement stems in large part from JBS installing a heavy membrane cover over the pond to capture methane gas, which is then burned off, minimizing unpleasant smells.

Miller Landscaping Products uses a by-product from JBS in its composting process. The material is placed in long windrows and turned periodically to aid drying. It is during these turning operations that odors are most noticeable and carried by the wind to nearby areas. Mr. Faucette shared that Millers is actively investigating additional mitigation strategies to further minimize these impacts. Both JBS and Miller Landscaping Products reaffirmed their commitment to collaborating with the city to resolve this long-standing issue. We will continue working closely with them and will keep you informed of any progress or new developments.

Separately, in a recent meeting with J.D. Rhea - Head Engineer at West Point Dairy (the butter plant), I learned of exciting plans for facility expansion. As part of this project, the current waste containment pond will be covered, and exhaust fumes will be scrubbed to significantly improve air quality. This upgrade is expected to have a substantial positive effect on overall odors in our community. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we address these concerns. The health and quality of life for Hyrum residents remain a top priority, and we're dedicated to seeing meaningful improvements. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or additional input.

Irrigation Report: With the mild winter this year the cities irrigation department would like to encourage residents to be as conservative as possible with water usage this year. Some residents believe that if Hyrum Dam or Porcupine Reservoir is full, we have ample water. Others look at irrigation as water rights as opposed to water shares/stocks, or think the city runs entirely off reclaimed water from the treatment plant. With some clarification we hope we can make residents aware of how our system works - where it comes from and how it gets there.

#1 Hyrum City does have some small amounts of water in storage reservoirs like Hyrum Dam & Porcupine, though the contribution is minimal. Most of Hyrum City's water shares are from the Little Bear River, which 100% relies on the flow of the river. The water is diverted for shareholders based on water rights. If there is no river water, we are unable to get water to flow from our canal to our ponds.

#2 Hyrum City puts a lot of time, cost & energy into recycling water. The water at the treatment plant can flow up to 1400 gpm, roughly 2 million gallons per day at peak flows. This may sound like a lot - however, in the big picture it is minimal. In the six months (May-Oct.) irrigation water is available residents use more irrigation water than culinary water in an entire year which includes usage from JBS & West Point Dairy.

#3 Hyrum City's pressurized irrigation system is run off pumps & gravity flow in pipes varying from 4" up to 28". 12 pumps are used ranging from 125 hp to 200 hp.

#4 Keeping the cities system in mind - please do what you can to conserve water. All water available in our rivers & canals are shared with other share holders & towns. Once again please be mindful when watering this coming season.

Water Department: The water department is currently working on getting a 10" line installed on 900 west along the future truck route to the industrial park. This summer we plan on working on replacing two blocks of old steel main lines, as well as continuing to replace & excavate service lines in accordance with the LCRR rule. The LCRR mainly focuses on homes built before 1990 which the city has not physically seen the line on both sides of the meter pit.

Roads Department: The road department plans to do some overlays and rebuilds this year, mostly focusing on the continuation of the truck route project. We will also be slurry seal coating all roads that were built new the previous year.



Notice an unpleasant odor?

We are trying to identify areas of the city where unpleasant odors are detected.

Outside & smell odor - call Hyrum City 435-245-6033 with location, names are not necessary.

Is Your Sump Pump Connected To The City's Sewer System?

We need your help to eliminate sump pump water being discharged into the City's sewer system to prevent sewage back-up into your home and others around you. Many homes rely on a sump pump to convey groundwater away from the structure's foundation. However, Hyrum City prohibits these sump pumps from being connected to the City's Sewer System directly or indirectly. Please check to see that the discharge for your sump pump follows these general guidelines and regulations:

- Ensure that sump pumps are not connected to sanitary sewer directly or indirectly.
- The hose or pipe from the sump pump should discharge onto your own property.
- Do not discharge onto your neighbor's property.
- Avoid discharging the sump pump water to the street and on sidewalks creating dangerous walking surfaces.

If you have questions or concerns about your sump pump or a neighbor discharging into the City's Sewer System, please contact the city offices at 435-245-6033.

Senior Center Information: Happy March from the Hyrum Senior Center! As we begin to look forward to the first signs of spring, we're reminded that this is a wonderful time to refresh our routines and reconnect with friends. Staying socially and physically active is one of the best ways to shake off the last of the winter blues, and we have plenty of opportunities for you to do just that.

We are very pleased to announce that we will be hosting the AARP Tax-Aide program this month. This service provides free tax preparation services on Tuesday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because time slots are limited, advance registration is required to participate. Please stop by the center as soon as possible to reserve your spot!

Our regular programming continues to keep our community moving and well-fed. We offer exercise classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. Following our morning activities, we serve a delicious lunch at noon on those same days for a suggested donation of \$3.00. Please remember to RSVP for meals by calling or texting us at 435-245-3570 by the day before so we can ensure a meal is reserved for you.

The Hyrum Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In addition to our fitness and meal programs, our calendar is full of games, guest speakers, and special social outings. We encourage you to check our monthly newsletter calendar for more details on all the exciting things happening this month. We look forward to seeing you at the center soon!

For more information or to get involved, feel free to stop by the center, call or text us at 435-245-3570, or email the director at jesse.walker@hyrumcity.gov.

Museum Information: Do you remember commemorating the nation's Bicentennial in 1976?

Do you have any souvenirs or tokens from that event that you'd be willing to display at the museum for a few months? As we commemorate the nation's 250th anniversary this year, we are inviting community members to share their memories from the Bicentennial in our Community Exhibit, so be sure to visit the museum to remember with us! Plus, you can learn more about the valley's fur trapping history from our special exhibit in partnership with the Cache Valley Rendezvous Club to commemorate 200 years since Cache Valley's first rendezvous in 1826.



The museum's final FREE Family Movie Night at the Elite Hall will be Friday, March 6th and we will be showing Zootopia 2 on the big screen! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite people, plus enough pillows, blankets, bean bags, camp chairs, dinner and/or treats, to have a great time.

This month during our commemoration of the semiquincentennial, we will explore the roles women played during the American Revolution! First, during our "Abigail, an American Influencer" Back in Time children's activity on March 17th-19th from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each day, we will learn about Abigail Adams as an advisor to her husband, future president John Adams. Then, we will learn about the clever and important ways women supported the fight for independence during our Super Saturday "Daughters of Liberty" on March 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Looking ahead, be sure to mark Saturday, June 6th on your calendar for the museum's "LUCKY THIRTEEN" Hot Wheels in Hyrum car show fundraiser at the Hyrum City Square. If you have an awesome vehicle you want to register, visit hyrumcitymuseum.org or stop by the museum to fill out a registration form, it's only \$20 and gets you a great goodie bag and early entry onto the lawn. Also, we are looking for a few more sponsors. So, if you want to support our FREE educational programming and exhibits---which is what most of the money raised funds---visit the museum's website or contact courtney.cochley@hyrumcity.gov.

Please note the museum will be closed the entire week of March 10-12 for cleaning, collections, and exhibit work.

Parks Department: Hyrum City Parks are buzzing with exciting updates & new spaces to enjoy! Bandit's Cove Frisbee Golf Course, located right at the mouth of Blacksmith Fork Canyon, has been refreshed and now features a convenient QR code that explains the full layout of the course - making it easier than ever for both new and seasoned players to jump in and play. Over at East Park, the rodeo grounds & softball fields have received upgraded lighting, providing brighter, safer and more reliable lights for evening events & games. We are also thrilled to introduce a brand-new park west of town - Libbie Springs - which highlights a natural stream, sports courts, restrooms, pavilion and a brand-new playground coming this spring. The area will be finished up and ready for families to enjoy early this spring. Looking ahead, we are planning improvements up the canyon at AJ's Park as well, including a new & safer playground to enjoy. These projects reflect our continued commitment to creating fun, safe and beautiful outdoor spaces for the entire community.



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. New book drop - We now have a book drop located at the Nibley City Office. If you can't make it to the library, feel free to drop your library items off in Nibley!

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, March 9th, 4:00 p.m. Join us in the Story Time Room for popcorn and watch "Zootopia 2". 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. No age groups - pick a time that works best for you. Each story time will feature the same stories.

Empowerment Story Time - Wednesday, March 4th, 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, March 6th, 11:00 a.m. Presented by Cache County MIECHV. Join us for stories, songs and a short activity. Legos @ The Library (ages 5+) - Wednesday, March 4th & 18th, 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 (grades 1st-3rd) - Friday, March 13th & 20th, 3:30 p.m. Story Time/Children's Area. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #24 "Earthquake in the Early Morning". Sign-up is required and begins February 23rd. If you need a copy of the book, ask the front desk.

Let's Get Techy (ages 8-11) - Tuesday, March 10th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children's Area. Hang out with us and try out snap circuits and AR (augmented reality) What can you create?

Easter Craft (ages 4-11) - Tuesday, March 24th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children's Area. Stop in the library anytime during the hour and make an Easter Craft.

Teen Programs: (ages 12-17) Chess & Checkers Club (ages 10+) - Friday, March 6th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us for chess or checkers, skill level doesn't matter. Bring your friends, winner receives a button and as always snacks will be provided.

TAC Meeting - Thursday, March 12, 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.

Improv & Acting Club - Thursday, March 5th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Hang out with other teens who love improv & acting! See what fun games we can come up with and improve your acting skills.

Teen Book Club - Thursday, March 19th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Let's talk Fantasy! What is your favorite? What is on your TBR? Join us for a discussion about fantasy books and enjoy some refreshments.

Teen Activity - Friday, March 27th, 4:30-7:00 p.m. TAC is planning something fun - check out the Teen Zone for updated information.

Adult Programs: (ages 18+) Book Club - Tuesday, March 10th, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon. Books are available at the front desk.

Bingo Night- Wednesday, March 11th, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Hyrum Civic Center. Looking for an exciting way to spend your evening? Join us for Bingo Night and experience the thrill of winning big while having a blast with friends & some yummy treats!

Read Hot Chili Peppers Book Club - Wednesday, March 18th, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss "Ice Breaker" by Hannah Grace. We are rating this book as 4 chili peppers. Books sets for this title are unavailable, the library owns one copy but can be put on hold, and it is available on Libby or for purchase.

Hyrum Fire Department: The Hyrum Fire Department is a combination department made up of two full-time firefighters and 34 highly trained volunteers who provide fire and emergency medical services to Hyrum, Nibley, Millville, and unincorporated Cache County, covering nearly 157 square miles and providing mutual aid throughout the county. Career staffs handle weekday administration, inspections, training, and maintenance while responding to daytime emergencies, and volunteers serve as the backbone of after-hours and weekend response. Department members include Firefighter I-certified personnel, EMTs, AEMTs, and in-house fire, EMS, and CPR instructors, ensuring a high level of readiness and cost-effective training. Call volume continues to rise—641 calls in 2023, 705 in 2024, and 706 in 2025—driven by population growth and increasing medical demand. Hyrum Fire Apparatus include 3 Fire Engines, 4 Brush trucks, 1 water tender, 1 ladder truck, 2 EMS quick response units, 1 battalion truck, 1 Air trailer, and 1 hazmat trailer. The department also operates a growing wild land fire program with a dedicated brush truck, which supports funding through annual fire inspections, and runs an EMT quick-response squad to assist Cache County Ambulance. Volunteers contribute more than 300 service hours per year beyond emergency calls, providing millions of dollars in labor value and making the high level of service possible without dramatically increasing costs to the community.

Recreation Department: Hyrum Recreation has seen tremendous success in its first year. That success would not have been possible without the incredible staff who supported the launch of the Recreation Department and just as importantly the community's continued support of programs throughout the year.

This month, we are wrapping up our very first Youth Basketball Jr. Jazz program here in Hyrum, which welcomed 450 kids in its inaugural season. That milestone reflects what is possible when the City and Community Schools work together as true partners, strengthening relationships and building a more connected community.

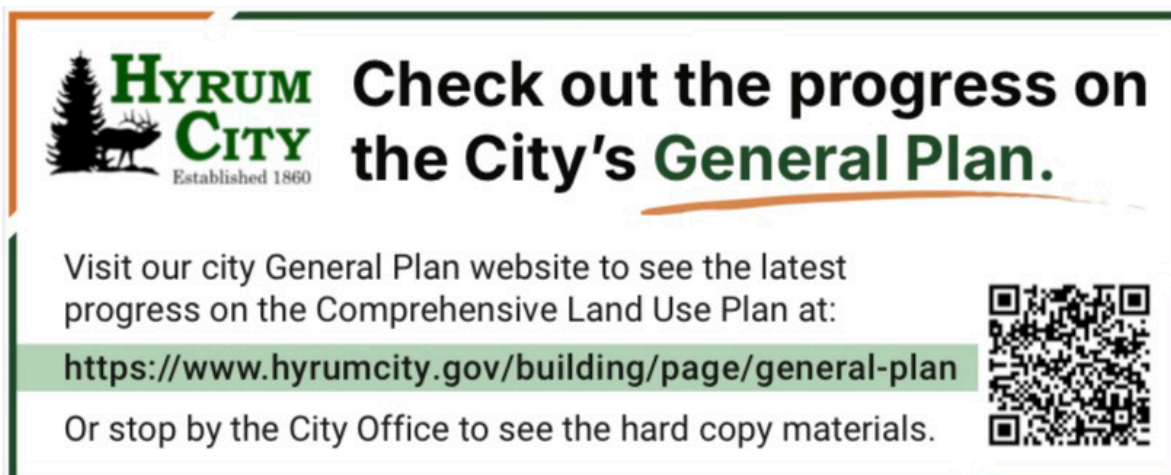
As spring arrives, registration is now open for Youth Softball, Youth Baseball, Youth Tee Ball, Fitness Classes, Square Dancing, Adult Softball, Hyrum Explorers, and new pickleball classes for all ages. Be sure to visit [HyrumCity.Gov/Recreation](https://www.hyrumcity.gov/recreation) for the full list of programs. There is even more happening than what is highlighted in this newsletter.


Hyrum is also home to outstanding facilities available for rent, including Elite Hall, the Civic Center, ball fields, campgrounds, and the Lodge up the Canyon. These spaces are ideal for programs, gatherings, and family celebrations.

Be sure to check out Hyrum Recreation on Facebook & Instagram.

Power & Light Department: Calling All Hyrum City High School Sophomores and Juniors!
UAMPS to Sponsor Youth to Attend Youth Rally and Award a Scholarship
UAMPS will award four (4) youth an invitation to attend an all-paid round trip between Salt Lake City and Nampa Idaho to attend the Youth Rally. The UAMPS Sponsorship is awarded to essay contest winners who desire to learn more about the electric utility industry. Each of the four (4) winners will also receive a \$500 scholarship from UAMPS for their essay submissions. Youth will have the opportunity to win additional scholarship money at the Youth Rally.

Students will submit a 500-750 word essay on "Consumer-Owned Utilities: Why Having a Diverse Power Portfolio Is Important To Utilities" and submit it to the Hyrum City Power Department by April 3, 2026. Winners will also receive an all expenses-paid trip to a FREE leadership camp in Idaho from July 6-10, 2026, where you can earn even more scholarship money! This is a great opportunity to boost your college applications while learning about the energy industry. Guidelines and Entry forms can be found on the Hyrum City Website, and at the Hyrum City Offices.




 **Check out the progress on the City's General Plan.**

Visit our city General Plan website to see the latest progress on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan at:

<https://www.hyrumcity.gov/building/page/general-plan>

Or stop by the City Office to see the hard copy materials.





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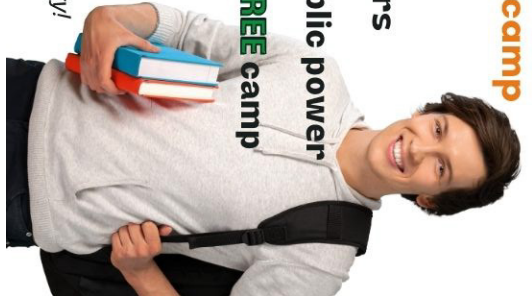
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HYRUM CITY CERT CLASS

Spring Classes Start April 1st

CLASS SCHEDULE

- April 1- Disaster Preparedness
- April 8- CERT Organization
- April 15- Emergency Medical 1
- April 22- Emergency Medical 2
- April 29- Disaster Psychology
- May 6- Fire Suppression
- May 13- Light Search & Rescue
- May 20- Terrorism & CERT
- Mock Disaster- TBA

Course Details:

Hyrum City Council Room
60 W Main St. Hyrum UT 84319
(In the basement of City Hall next to the museum)

Time: Every Wed @ 6:30pm