



Newsletter

July 2026

Mayors Message: What a fantastic Fourth of July celebration, and what a wonderful time to live in Hyrum! As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, it is my sincere hope that "AMERICA 250" instills a deeper pride of country in all of us. Let us show our devotion to doing good by standing for truth through our actions, showing kindness to our neighbors, and lending a helping hand to those in need. Our nation is truly worthy of our shared dedication to making a positive difference.

General Plan Update - Hyrum is nearing the completion of its new General Plan, a process currently overseen by JUB Engineering. Through this plan, city leaders are working hard to build a comprehensive framework for future housing development, future annexations, land use, transportation routes, wastewater treatment, power infrastructure, and the availability of both culinary and secondary water. These vital pillars form the foundation of a healthy city. We must implement them methodically to provide appealing, structurally sound neighborhoods and amenities that align with the ideals and needs of the majority of our residents.

Growth is inevitable. While many residents prefer that Hyrum grow no larger, growth cannot be stopped entirely—but it can be carefully managed. Our city features highly qualified leadership dedicated to ensuring that incoming development, future annexations, and proper land use are managed correctly.

Please note the following key updates regarding city growth:

- **Annexation Pause:** The city will pause all new annexations until the General Plan is finalized.
- **Planning Focus:** This pause gives our Planning and Zoning Department, alongside City Administration, the necessary time to carefully review housing plans to ensure they are attractive, desirable, and affordable.
- **Developer Accountability:** Hyrum City will put greater emphasis on requiring developers to build according to the specific wants and needs of our community.
- **Fall Completion:** We expect to complete the General Plan this fall, which will naturally prompt many new applications for annexation and development. Rest assured, Hyrum City will enforce a strict standard of excellence on all new projects.

Public Input Needed - JUB Engineering will soon schedule another public input meeting to discuss the major aspects of the General Plan. This meeting will likely take place at Elite Hall. Please keep an eye out for local advertisements regarding the exact date and time, and please join us to share your valuable feedback.

Mayor Steve Miller

Mayor's Corner: Todd Perkins has served as the Hyrum City Treasurer since 2009. Throughout his tenure, Todd has proven to be an incredible asset to our community. His expertise is vital in managing a city budget that exceeds 30 million dollars, and he possesses a deep understanding of complex financial

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City Closures:
July 3 – Independence Day
July 24 – Pioneer Day

Public Meetings
Details Available Online

City Council Meetings:
July 2 – 6:30 p.m.
July 16 – 6:30 p.m.

Planning Commission:
July 9 – 6:30 p.m.

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issues. Beyond his technical skills, Todd has a remarkable gift for connecting with our residents; he truly listens to understand their unique needs and concerns.

Our community is also fortunate to benefit from the dedication of his family. His wife, Kim, has long been a tremendous asset to Hyrum City, generously volunteering her time in many capacities. Together, Todd and Kim are raising four beautiful children. We are deeply grateful for Todd's continued leadership and dedication as our city treasurer.

Candy Cabin Store: The candy cabin store located just west of the Hyrum Library is open June 1st through August 6th for the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Hyrum's Sterling & 4.0 Scholars:

Congratualtions to Mountain Crest's Class of 2026 -
Hyrum City's Sterling Scholars:

Chase Booth, Madeline Halligan & Mariana Webb-Barragan

Hyrum City's 4.0 Scholars:

Porter Stott, Chase Olsen, Sage Walker, Lorenzo Reyes, Chloe Jensen-Ciccotti,
Owen Isom, Addison LaRocco & Ella Toone

Hyrum City's Sterling Scholars & 4.0 Scholars:

Aubrey Olsen & Jesse Peterson



These students were recogized by Mayor Steve Miller & the City Council and banners were hung on Main Street acknowledging & honoring these wonderful students – congratulations!!

Water Conservation Tips: Grass Dormancy - Many turfgrasses in Utah go dormant during the summer when watering is reduced and heat is high. Dormancy is not the same as death. Kentucky bluegrass, for example, survives drought by going dormant. Do not be afraid of grass dormancy as the grass will come out of that dormancy quickly with water and cooler temperatures. However, if turfgrasses receive no water all summer some areas may die. Soil compaction can contribute to those hard-hit areas because water cannot soak in well and grass roots cannot grow deeply. With periodic watering (about once a week) and reasonable soil, most lawns will go dormant and survive dormancy until cooler temperatures and rainfall return. As you get to know your lawn, you will know which areas can come in-and-out of dormancy and which will likely die out.

Power & Light: Sparks in the Sky – As you celebrate the 4th of July, let's ensure we keep the sparks in the sky, not in our homes or near power lines.

Please be mindful of these firework safety tips: Avoid launching fireworks near power lines. They can cause serious power outages, fires or even electrocution. Keep a safe distance from electrical equipment, including substations and transformers. They are not meant to be lauch pads for fireworks. If a firework becomes entangled in an overhead wire, do NOT try to retrieve it. Leave it and contact Hyrum City Power Department.

Don't Get Zapped By Surprise – Summer is here and we are just as excited as you to be outdoors enjoying the warm weather. Overhead power lines are easy to forget but can be extremely dangerous if you are not aware of their location. Before beginning outdoor activities like planting trees, playing outside, or firing up the grill for a cook out, look up to identify where overhead power lines are. Summer storms can bring down power lines, if you see a line down do not touch it, even if the line appears inactive, it could still carry a live current. Stay at least 50 feet away and call Hyrum City Power Department. Being aware of your surroundings can keep your outdoor plans safe and shock-free.

Recreation: June was a busy month for Hyrum Recreation! We wrapped up our first season of Track & Field with 50 participants, including several top-3 regional finishes in the first week of June. Our Baseball, Softball, and Tee Ball leagues kept things busy all month, and Skateboard Lessons continued with more sessions still to come. We also kicked off a brand new partnership with Hyrum State Park, launching our first-ever Fishing Classes, a program we plan to bring back next year. Looking ahead, join us for Movies in the Park on July 11th, featuring Zootopia 2! We are also excited to announce a new Fall Competitive Baseball program, with more programs in the works. Stay tuned!

Water Reclamation: Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) come from everyday kitchen products such as butter, shortening, cooking oil, meat drippings & scraps, and foods like mayonnaise. When FOG is poured down the drain, it cools, hardens, and sticks to the inside of sewer pipes. Over time, this buildup can block your sewer lateral or even the city's sewer main.



These blockages don't just slow the system; they create real problems. Accumulated sewage and food particles can attract insects and rodents, cause unpleasant odors, and create health hazards. In severe cases, clogged lines can force sewage to back up into homes, resulting in costly cleanup & repairs for homeowners.

Hyrum City spends thousands of dollars each year cleaning & maintaining sewer lines. Keeping FOG out of the system helps reduce maintenance costs, prevent sewer overflows, and protects the entire community. **Please dispose of FOG properly – never down the drain.** Let it cool, collect it in a container, and place it in the trash.

Emergency Preparedness: Continuing Our Emergency Preparedness Training Series in June - Hyrum City residents have a valuable opportunity to learn from local experts about how to prepare for and respond to emergency situations in their homes, neighborhoods, and community.

We invite all residents to attend our Emergency Preparedness Training Series, held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyrum City Civic Center.

- Tuesday, July 28 – Bentley Miles to share information on "Emergency Water Storage and Purification."
- Tuesday, Aug 25 - RoseAnn Bradley to share information on "Human Sanitation and Hygiene."

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this important series and gain knowledge and confidence to better protect yourself, your family, and your community.

Library: The library is open, Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The library will be closed Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day and Friday, July 24th in observance of Pioneer Day. The library will open late at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8th for a city employee luncheon and closing early at 5:00 p.m. on July 30th for the Summer Reading Pool Party.

We hope you have enjoyed the Summer Reading Program so far! We hope to see you at many of our upcoming programs.

Family Programs: Family Movie – Tuesday, July 7th, 2:00 p.m. Join us in the Story Time Room for popcorn and watch "Ice Age." Children under the age of five need a parent present during the movie.

Let's Paint with Jump The Moon – Wednesday, July 15th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Hyrum Library & Museum. A variety of activities will be happening throughout the building. Jump The Moon is a local non-profit organization that provides art opportunities for everyone, especially the differently-abled, to express their creativity.

Reading Party – Wednesday, July 29th, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Hyrum City Square. Do you have a reading log you need to finish? Bring a blanket & pillow to the Hyrum City Square. We'll supply the treats; you supply the books. Don't forget the last day to submit reading logs is July 30th before 5:00 p.m.

Pool Party – Thursday, July 30th, 7:30 p.m. Logan Aquatic Center. Enjoy a fun night of swimming & pizza. Let's celebrate all the reading you accomplished this summer! Grand prizes will be announced & will be available for pick-up Friday, July 31st at the library.

Children's Programs: Dinosaur Story Time (ages 0-11) – Wednesday, July 1st, 11:00 a.m. Elk Horn Park, Nibley. Come to Elk Horn Park for a dinosaur story time, rain or shine.

Colonial History (ages 7-11) – Wednesday, July 8th, 2:00 p.m. Civic Center. Celebrate our country's birthday by learning what it was like during colonial times, with Author Tracy D. Smith. Book signing to follow with books available for purchase.

Archaeology (ages 7-11) – Wednesday, July 22nd, 11:00 a.m. Civic Center. Come learn about what it's like to be a real archaeologist with some hands on digging as well as real-life experiences shared by Olivia Hunsaker.

Teen Programs (ages 12-17): 4th of July Games – Wednesday, July 1st, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Civic Center. Celebrate America's 250th Birthday by playing party games. Bring a friend, enjoy pizza and compete in fun challenges.

Bone Wars – Friday, July 10th, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Learn about America's famous dinosaur hunters Edward Drinker Cope & Othniel Charles Marsh. Race to claim paleontology dominance. Refreshments provided.

Jurassic Park Movie – Thursday, July 23rd, 2:00 p.m. Story Time Room. Watch the classic “Jurassic Park” 1993 PG-13 movie at the library. Enjoy popcorn & appreciate this cinematic masterpiece.

Adult Programs (ages 18+): Mario Kart Date Night – Thursday, July 9th, 5:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room, sign up is required and will start July 1st. It's a date! Join us for a Mario Kart date night tournament. Race other couples and see who can leave with a VICTORY!

Book Club – Tuesday, July 14th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss “The Orphan Keeper” by Camron Steve Write. Books can be picked up at the front desk.

Read Hot Chili Peppers Book Club – Thursday, July 16th, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Library Meeting Room. Join us as we discuss “The Last Love Note” by Emma Grey. We are rating this book 2 chili peppers! Books are available and can be picked up at the front desk.

Senior Center: Happy July from the Hyrum Senior Center! Summer is in full swing, bringing beautiful warm days and plenty of sunshine across the valley. It is the perfect time of year to step out of the house, beat the heat, and connect with friends and neighbors at the center. We take great pride in the friendly, “home-town” feel of our center. Whether you are a long-time regular or a first-time visitor, we invite you to see for yourself why so many of your neighbors make us a part of their weekly routine. We are a welcoming place for all older adults to socialize, stay physically active, and share a good laugh.

Please take note of a few special holiday closures and schedule changes affecting us this month. In observance of our national and state summer holidays, the Senior Center will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for Independence Day and on Friday, July 24th for Pioneer Day.

We have some wonderful ways to keep moving and shaking this summer! Our regular exercise classes continue to meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. These classes—which include Chair Yoga, SilverSneakers, and Strong Bodies—are specifically tailored for older adults of all ability levels to help improve your strength, balance, and energy in a supportive environment. We are also thrilled to highlight our Line Dance classes with Rosie, happening every Tuesday morning at 9:15 a.m. Come kick up your heels, enjoy some great music, and get a fantastic workout.

We also hope you will join us for our delicious, hot lunches served every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:00 p.m. It is the perfect way to share a great meal in the company of wonderful friends for a suggested donation of \$3.00. Please remember to RSVP by calling or texting us at 435-245-3570 by the day before you plan to eat so we can ensure a meal is reserved for you.

The center is located at 695 E Main St, with the parking lot just northwest of Ridley's, and our regular building hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can reach us by calling or texting 435-245-3570, or by emailing the director directly at jesse.walker@hyrumcity.gov. To see the full monthly schedule of our July activities, games, and exciting field trips, please pick up our physical calendar at the center, find it online at hyrumcity.gov/seniors, or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/HyrumSeniorCenter. We look forward to spending a wonderful July with you!

Museum: Did you know that the museum is offering two awesome ways to commemorate the country's semi quincentennial? First, be sure to visit The Pen is Mightier:

Writing a Revolution, Utah's official America 250 touring exhibition through July 30th! You can learn more about communication techniques and the variety of people and influencers who ignited this great American experiment. Second, join us at the Elite Hall for our annual Grand Old Flag exhibit of over 50 historic flags on Thursday, July 2nd - Monday, July 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. each day (5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday). In addition to getting a special stamp in your Passport to Summer Fun, we'll have a scavenger hunt with prizes, and you'll also be able to design and make your own keepsake button pin so you'll always remember July 4, 2026!



It's not too late to join our summer-long children's program, Passport to Summer Fun! Just drop by the museum anytime during our open hours Tuesday - Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. You'll also want to mark your calendar for our final drop-in activity, Paint Night, in partnership with Jump the Moon and the Hyrum Library on Wed, July 15th from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a super fun evening of messy art. Finally, everyone who earns at least nine stamps in their passport will be invited to our summer-end pizza party at the Elite Hall on Thurs, July 30th at 12:30 p.m.