



Newsletter

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Mayors Message – Hyrum City is recognized as a Tree City USA. This provides many benefits to the City, but also comes with problems that can arise with trees and how they affect our electrical service.

First, a little background on Hyrum's electrical department. The utility serves approximately 3,600 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. The utility buys most of its power from outside sources. Five of these sources are owned in part by Hyrum City: San Juan, Hunter II, IPP, Nebo Power Station, Pleasant Valley Wind Facility, and the Horse Butte Wind Project. The remainder comes from generating plants on the Colorado River, Richmond/Cove Irrigation Hydro, and Hyrum's own generating plant in Blacksmith Fork Canyon, which supplies less than four percent of the City's energy. Hyrum City owns and maintains over 100 miles of distribution lines throughout the city. Our system receives power

through high voltage transmission lines owned by Rocky Mountain Power which can occasionally be the reason for outages.

Hyrum City budgets 10 to 15 million dollars a year to purchase power, upgrade our electric utility, and other items needed to run that utility. Included in past annual budgets have been well over \$100,000 dollars for professional tree trimming. This year we have already spent \$150,000 to trim trees around power lines. Costs to purchase power are rising across the nation. Hyrum City recently completed a rate study, and some adjustments are anticipated in the near future.

Hyrum gets winds from several canyons that can be very strong at times. The past few years we have experienced major tree damage throughout the city, especially the cemetery, from higher-than-normal wind gusts and an early heavy snow that broke branches, tree trunks, and weakened trees. We are required to hire tree trimmers specialized and certified to trim trees around power lines. We are being proactive to avoid problems caused from tree branches to our electrical system. Generally, we are requiring underground power lines with new construction.

I was contacted by an angry business owner that said there was no excuse for the Hyrum City not to give forewarning of power outages. Unfortunately, we can't predict if there is going to be an accident where a power pole is hit, equipment failure or Mother Nature. There will always be power outages for one reason or another. Those who need totally uninterrupted power have bought or should buy a generator. Another benefit of Hyrum City having our own electric utility is shorter response times. We require our linemen to live close to the City to assure a fast response time which results in shorter outages. We have made great progress in making our electric utility more reliable and will continue to do so.

Sincerely,
Mayor Stephanie Miller



September 1

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

September 5

Labor Day
City Offices CLOSED

September 8

Planning Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

September 15

City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

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

Senior Center News – The Senior Center is open to 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. We need volunteers to sew seams for quilts – we would appreciate any help. Also, please DO NOT drop off books, etc. unless you call first. Our library is full for now – thank you!

Mondays –	September 5: September 12: September 19 & 26:	Closed – Labor Day. Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Breakfast & Bingo, 10:30 a.m. Cost \$2, please call to join us.
Tuesdays –	Yoga, 9:30 a.m. September 6 & 20: September 13:	Bunco & Lunch, 11:00 a.m. Cost \$2, please call to join us. Tip Class, 11:00 a.m. Please call to join us.
Wednesdays –	September 7: September 14: September 21: September 28:	Becky Yeager program on Monarch Butterflies. Travel to India. Face Down Game. Program by Bob Wilmore.
Thursdays –	September 22:	Mystery Trip.
Fridays –	BINGO, 10:30 a.m. (regular bingo will be held unless noted below). September 2: September 16:	Yellow Bingo – wear yellow for a treat. White Elephant Bingo – bring a nice wrapped white elephant gift.



Museum News - Did you know that the museum hosts an educational and FUN program for children each month during the school year? It's called BACK IN TIME and runs Tuesday through Thursday for one week each month from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. All children are welcome to attend from preschool to older kids who are homeschooled. We are excited to kick-off this year's activities with "Sadako's Story" on September 20th - 22nd. September 21st is the International Day of Peace and children will learn about one little girl who found a way to promote peace in a big way and how they can encourage peace in our community. Be sure to follow the museum on Instagram, Facebook, or check our website for more info on all our programming.

For the museum's Second Saturday event on Saturday, September 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will be reminiscing about Main Street's Memories with a special exhibit including fascinating images and interesting artifacts from Hyrum's old Main Street businesses. If you have any artifacts or collections relating to historic Main Street to include TEMPORARILY in our Community Exhibit, please contact museum staff or just bring it in. We will also have information on the Elite Hall restoration and a display of neat treasures that have been recovered.

Finally, the Hyrum City Museum's H2O in the Bear River Heritage Area project won a prestigious national Award of Excellence from the American Association of State and Local History. Museum staff will be traveling to attend AASLH's annual conference and accept the award, so the museum will be closed September 13th - 15th. However, September 12th - 17th is Top of Utah Museum Week, so be sure to check out all the other neat museums and events happening throughout northern Utah by following Top of Utah Museums on social media.

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, September 5th in observance of Labor Day. We hope everyone enjoyed the summer reading program as much as we did. We had our biggest year yet! A grand total of 1,121,220 minutes were read in two months by teens & children and 1,963 books were read by adults. Thank you for making this year great. Library Board Meeting: September 14th 6:00 p.m., library board room.

Children Programs

Storytime with the Sherriff: Wednesday September 7th 11:00 a.m. City Square. Enjoy stories read by Sheriff Chad Jensen, K-9 demonstration along with exploring police vehicles.

Regular Storytime will begin the week of September 12th.

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: Sing up is required & will open September 1st. #17 "Tonight on the Titanic." Friday, September 9th & Friday, September 16th at 3:30 p.m. Ask the front desk for an extra copy to check out if needed.

Lego's At The Library (ages 5+): Wednesday, September 7th & Wednesday, September 21st, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Storytime Room. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination.

Art With Oliva (grades 4-6): Sign up is required. Tuesday, September 27th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Join us to learn about Salvador Dali and the exciting world of surrealist art and create a masterpiece of your own.

Teen Programs

Chess & Checkers Club: September 2nd, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Author Brandon Greer: September 8th, Storytime Room. Join us to see what local author Brandon Greer is up to and what new adventures he has created.

Book Club: September 14th, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Library Board Room.

TAC Meeting (Teen Advisory Committee): September 15th, 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining the TAC stop by the library and ask for Deonna.

Board Games: September 23rd, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Adult Programs

Book Club: Tuesday, September 27th, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a discussion on "The Day The World Came To Town."

Family Programs

Family Movie & Popcorn: Monday, September 19th, 4:00 p.m. Storytime Room. We will be showing "The Bad Guys" (PG) Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.