

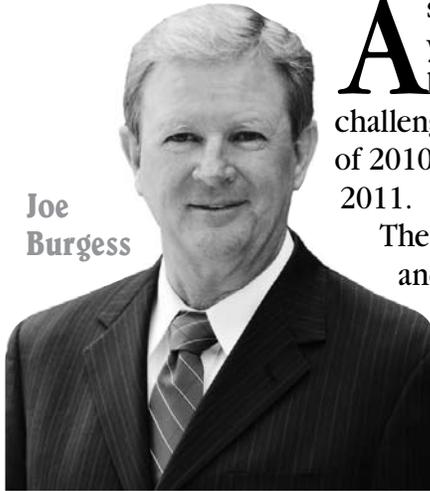
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CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2011



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

As we start a new year, I want to highlight some of the challenges and successes of 2010 and some goals for 2011.

The economy was, and continues to be, our biggest challenge with the unemployment rate for Iron County ending the year at about 9.0%.

Cedar City is continuing to lose businesses. We lost retail stores, a grocery store, eating establishments, and construction related businesses this past year along with a number of contractors. Our Economic Development Department is working hard to bring new businesses to Cedar City, and we have hopes for several they are currently working with. The good news is that there are a number of existing businesses that are expanding and will be hiring in the next few months.

Balancing the budget was a challenge last year. Our sales tax revenue and some other revenues did not meet our budgeted amounts, so we had to make some tough decisions. We were able to balance the budget with the lower revenues by eliminating salary increases for the second year in a row, reducing our work force by nearly 5%, and making changes to our health insurance.

Due to financial reasons the Christmas Festival was not held in 2010. The Christmas Light Parade also was not held.

There are many positive things that were accomplished in Cedar City in 2010. We opened the Lake at the Hills to the public for swimming, fishing,

and for relaxing in the sun on the beach last summer. We also began using the Lake at the Hills for storing water for our secondary irrigation system.

In August we started a drop off recycling program with five drop off locations. We wouldn't have been able to accomplish this without partnering with the Washington County Solid Waste District and Pure Recycling. We built four new ball fields, which will be used starting in the spring for our citizens and will also accommodate ball tournaments that we have coming to our City this next year. The long awaited opening of our new Aquatic Center is here, and this facility will provide our citizens with many years of enjoyment.

Our new Events Coordinator has been working diligently, and it has paid off with many events added to the City's calendar, like our first half marathon, along with many other new events and activities.

Our Downtown Redevelopment Agency had a study of our downtown done that was completed by Hyett Palma and a new committee has been formed to give direction to the RDA to improve our historic downtown area.

We have a number of things that we are planning for this year. The following are projects that are continuing or are scheduled for 2011.

A new fire station is under construction at the airport, which will not only service the airport but also the residents in that area. The City drilled a new well out in the Quichapa area last year and is in the process of extending a transportation line and power line, installing the pumping equipment, and building a well house.

The City will also complete the pump back station, now under construction, which will allow the excess water we have in the north end of town to be pumped to the south end where we at times run short. With

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Council to fill vacant seat

Cedar City Council will vote on Wednesday, January 12 to select a replacement for the council seat of long-time City Council Member Dale Brinkerhoff who was elected to the Iron County Commission last November. Brinkerhoff's last day on the Council will be January 6.

Those interested in the seat were asked to submit a declaration of candidacy form, as well as written references, which were due at the City Office January 4.

Council Member Brinkerhoff has served on the City Council for more than thirteen years. With his extensive background as a project manager, first as



plant superintendent at Southern Utah University for 33 years and then at Port 15 and Velocity Construction, Dale has been a no-nonsense advocate for taxpayers,

promoting cost-effective measures during the building of the Heritage Center, Cedar City Offices and parking garage, airport terminal, library, Aquatic Center and the new ballfields.

During his tenure on the Cedar City Council, Brinkerhoff has been a proponent for consolidation of City services and is passionate about streamlining the operations of City departments, a practice he plans to continue on the county level.

His goals as County Commissioner include finding multi-uses for public lands, water development and finding answers to the prairie dog issue.

Cedar City staff will miss Dale's humor and candor, and we wish him well on his new adventure.

The public is invited to the City Council meeting on January 12 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 10 N. Main St., where the City Council will select his replacement.

Outstanding City employees honored

Fourteen Cedar City Corp. workers were selected in December as Employees of the Year, while the Administration Department was named Department of the Year.

- Those recognized include:
- Matt Baker**, Meter Reader
 - Ken Carpenter**, Police Officer
 - Larry Clegg**, Street Maintenance
 - Kelly Dangerfield**, Airport Operations
 - Lori Fillerup**, Police Secretary
 - Tyson Fisher**, Police Officer
 - Jason Fuson**, Engineering Inspector
 - John Glass**, Wastewater Collections
 - Natasha Hirschi**, Human Resources
 - Patricia Mills**, Senior Librarian
 - Art Pryor**, Operations, Golf Course
 - Chet Smith**, Police Officer

Norm Stauffer, Police Officer
Peter Sury, Pretreatment Coordinator
Members of the Administration Department sharing the award for Department of the Year are: Barbara Barrick, Executive Secretary; Natasha Hirschi, Human Resource Specialist; and Renon Savage, City Recorder.

City Manager, Ron Chandler said, "Each year our Department Heads nominate employees for this honor. It is very difficult to narrow the selection because Cedar has terrific employees. We appreciate all they do to keep the City running smoothly."

Congratulations to the Cedar City Employees of the year for 2010!

Public Works Report

SNOW REMOVAL: The Street Division's goal is to make the roads as safe and passable as possible. A few suggestions: (1) please keep cars parked off the street as much as possible to allow the snow plows to be more effective; (2) those who do their own plowing with their 4-wheeler, please keep piles of snow as close to the gutter as possible; and, (3) please remove from and don't pile snow on sidewalks. According to City ordinance, sidewalks should be cleared of snow to allow pedestrian traffic. When snow-blowing your sidewalk, please blow the snow onto your lawn instead of the street. This benefits your lawn as it melts.

PRIVATE SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTORS: Snow should be piled on private property, not on sidewalks or streets.

SOLID WASTE: We would like to remind you to please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb, not in the gutter and away from cars for pick-up. During the winter months, if the snow plows have been through, place the can on the street-side of the windrow so the garbage truck can pick it up easier.

REMINDER - Civil Rights Day (Monday, January 17) is a City holiday. Garbage for that day will be picked up on Wednesday, January 19.

RECYCLING: Thanks for recycling. Please compact the plastic containers before disposing. Keep areas around bins free from debris. Bins are emptied every Tuesday.

STREETLIGHTS: If you notice streetlight outages around the City, please notify our office by emailing the street light address (and pole number if possible) and your contact information to streetlights@cedarcity.org.

CATS now has a new bus stop at the Aquatics Center at 2090 W. Royal Hunte. Along with the other 27 locations, the bus runs Mon. through Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. See the City's web site for the full schedule.

The Public Works Division reminds you that any work done within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit. This can be done at our office at 716 N. Airport Rd

We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at 586-2912.



Animal Control reminders for 2011

The Animal Control division of the Cedar City Police Department reminds citizens to all be good neighbors when it comes to pets and other animals.

STRAY ANIMALS: It is important to remember that not only is it illegal to let your animals roam free, it also can be dangerous to the animal and to other people, and could be costly to you as well. For example, if your dog is loose and growls at, or chases someone, you could pay up to \$1,000 in fines. If your dog is hit by a car, you, the owner, are responsible for all damages to the vehicle. Additionally, the division now can obtain court-ordered destruction of your dog if it acts aggressively three times. The court can also mandate that you lose all privileges of owning an animal if you are issued an excessive amount of citations.

BARKING DOGS: This is by far the biggest problem the division has to handle. Be considerate of your neighbors. If you leave your dog outside while you are at work, ask your neighbors to call you if it barks a lot. This could save you from a \$100-\$300 citation. Bark collars are available for less than \$50 at local stores, and they are very effective. If you are going out of town and are having a friend come and feed and water the dog, leave that person's phone number with a neighbor and Animal Control in case there is a problem.

SPAY AND NEUTER PETS: The mobile clinic "The Big Fix" is scheduled for Jan. 19 at Cal Ranch, beginning at 8 a.m. Be sure to get there early. For more information call Animal Control at (435) 586-2960.



City staff and construction crews are busily working on the "punch list" for the Aquatic Center, so it will be perfect when it opens to the public. The exact opening date will be announced in the newspaper and on the City website (www.cedarcity.org).

Tips for a healthier New Year

The staff at Valley View Medical Center share these tips on making a New Year's goal to be healthier:

Sometimes setting goals is the easy part, but the biggest challenge of New Year's resolutions is sticking to them. By being smart and realistic, you are more likely to achieve your goals. Follow these simple tips when setting any health-related goals:

- Assess Your Eating Habits - Sometimes we are not aware of our bad eating habits. Try writing down everything you eat in a day. This can help you see where you can make improvements.

- Use the Food Guide Pyramid - Balancing food choices with correct portion sizes is an important part of healthy eating. The Food Guide Pyramid is a great guide to help keep you on track.
- Start Small - After determining where improvements need to be made in your diet, take small steps to reach your goal. For example, increase your fruit or vegetable intake by one serving each day

or switch from 2% milk to 1% milk.

- Include Exercise - Being active is important part of a healthy life. Increasing the movement in your day can be as simple as taking the stairs instead of the elevator or parking at the back of the parking lot and walking into work.

- Don't Go it Alone - We are always more successful when we have encouragement. Have your whole family join you in your quest to be healthier or ask a friend to set goals with you.

- Have a Yearly Preventive Checkup - Your doctor can let you know if there are specific areas of your health that need improvement such as lowering your cholesterol or managing your diabetes.

This year, you don't have to vow to give up all your favorite foods. Instead make a resolution that you can keep. Choose one or two ways you can improve your eating habits and take small steps until you succeed.

Coming Up...

IN THE HERITAGE THEATER

Friday, Jan. 28 7:30 p.m.

Cedar City Music Arts presents:

Ailey II Dancers

CCMA's first offering of 2011, Ailey II is a blend of the country's best young dancers and choreographers. The performance will offer an array of bright costumes, music and creative dance. Sylvia Waters, director.

\$30 adults

\$15 Iron County students

Children under 6 will not be admitted to this performance.

The Heritage Theater (phone no. 865-2882) is located at 105 N. 100 E.

AT THE LAKE AT THE HILLS

Saturday, Jan. 29 12:00 Noon

2nd Annual Polar Plunge

Come brave the cold with a chilling plunge and benefit the Special Olympics. Join with local officials and law enforcement and take a dip in the freezing water of the Lake at the Hills to celebrate the new year.

Registration is \$25.00 per person or team and includes a sweatshirt. All proceeds go to the Special Olympics. Call (435) 865-9223 for more info.

The Lake at the Hills is located at 2090 W. Royal Hunte Dr.

Recognize the signs of Domestic Violence: Facets of a Healthy Relationship Part 4

☞ PATIENCE ☞

Patience is the foundation of a healthy relationship. Patience is the willingness to wait for another, controlling one's temper, and tolerating those who are different or have limited capabilities. Patience does not include verbal or physical harshness, demeaning or controlling behaviors, or using physical violence to punish or intimidate. This is physical abuse. If you or someone you know is experiencing an abusive relationship, please call the Domestic Violence LinkLine at 1-800-897-LINK (5465).



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these two additions to our water system, we are confident that we will not have water shortages like we have had the past few summers.

With money from our RAP tax and with City funds, we will be adding a section to our trail system this spring. It will be located in the southeast end of town.

Other projects include a new CATS maintenance building, which will be completed this year. We also will be making some improvements to our wastewater plant which will solve some challenges that we have there.

In addition to the items listed above we will be presenting a plan to City Council to make some needed improvements to our existing water and sewer systems, as well as a project to install a storm drain system on Northfield Road to alleviate the flooding that we have had there the past few years.

Our plan is to make \$5,000,000 worth of improvements to our water system, \$1,000,000 in improvements to our sewer system and \$750,000 to install the storm drain on Northfield Road.

These improvements are a priority because each year we are getting further behind with our infrastructure, and I feel the time to catch up is now. In addition to the need, bond rates are at (or near) all time lows, so we feel that we will get competitive bids and can put some people to work.

The items that we have planned may not be as exciting as new ball fields or a new aquatic center but are projects that we need to provide the protection and the

services that we need for our City's future.

This year, Keith and Janet Seegmiller have agreed to provide articles for the newsletter each month focusing on historical events in Cedar City.

The Seegmillers have a unique grasp of our local history. Keith works at Frontier Homestead State Park, and Janet is Special Collections librarian at the Sherratt Library, Southern Utah University. I look forward to these articles, and I'm sure you will enjoy them as well. They share the following this month:

"Cedar City's Community Bell"

Cedar City was once distinctive for having a community bell which was rung to call residents for church, funerals, town meetings and socials.

Our bell's history dates to 1854, when Deseret Iron Company workers built a large, new furnace lined with solid rock. It was a massive effort requiring many man-hours. The new furnace at the Frontier Homestead State Park is a model of this structure.

David B. Adams and his crew started charging the furnace on New Year's Day, 1855, but it took until April before they were successful. Over several days, they "ran out" 10,143 pounds of pig iron. Needless to say, the moulders were busy that month turning the pig iron into useful implements, blast pipes, tools, horseshoes, pots, flatirons, nails, and some bells. The largest was a 150 pound bell, inscribed "D.I.Co. 1855."

York Jones researched the history of the bell in 2001, his interest piqued by learning that it had hung in a hotel built by his

great-grandfather, Henry Lunt.

The hotel was dedicated on Christmas Day 1862. Brigham Young and his guests Col. Thomas and Elizabeth Kane stayed at the hotel in 1871, after which Elizabeth wrote: "We drew up before a large brick home in front of which a great bell swung. It had been made at the foundry."

Sometime during the 1890s, the hotel burned to the ground. Possibly, the bell had been taken down prior to the fire because it had a prominent place on the Iron County float for the 50th Jubilee "Days of '47" parade in Salt Lake City on July 24, 1897.

There are no further historical comments about the bell until 1924 when Columbia Steel opened its new plant in Ironton, Utah, which made steel from Iron County iron ore and Carbon County coal. At the opening ceremony, Edwin S. Hinckley said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, we think it is fitting indeed that instead of a gavel here today with which to call this assemblage to order, we have next to the Liberty Bell of America, the most important bell in the minds of the people of Utah that exists in this country. We have here a bell that was cast at the first iron foundry in the state. This bell was cast at Cedar City from a 1855 furnace run... (Deseret News, 9 June 1924).

After its return to Cedar City, it hung in the George Wood cabin at the City park until the 1980s when the bell and the cabin were moved to Iron Mission State Park.

Visitors can see the Community Bell inside the Frontier Homestead Park museum and the new Noble furnace on the grounds.

The park is open Mon. through Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.