

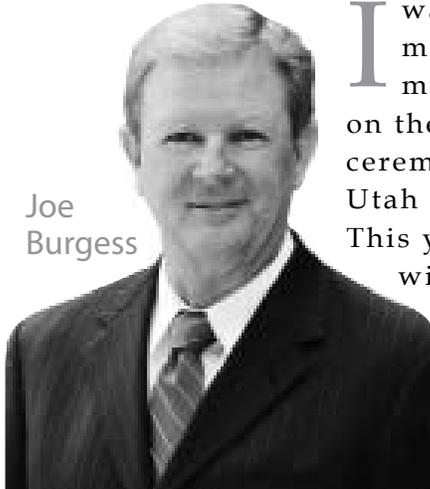
Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

I want to begin this month by expressing my congratulations on the best opening ceremonies yet for The Utah Summer Games. This year's ceremonies will be hard to top next year. Also a big thank you to the 10,000 participants and to the hundreds of volunteers. It

could never happen without you.

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is in full swing and I recently spoke to Jyl Shuler, the Festival's Development Director, who told me that ticket sales are up over last year. That is good news, but it means if you want to see one of the great plays they are offering this season, don't procrastinate. Get your tickets now so you won't be disappointed.

Summer is always a busy time with lots of activities for everyone. This month we have the Lions Club Fourth of July parade and celebration at the park; the Fire Road Race on July 7th; the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire July 11 through 14th; the July Jamboree on the 14th; the July 24th celebration with activities at the park and parade; and the Neil Simon Festival, which runs from July 12 through August 11. There is never a shortage of things to do in Cedar City.

The Cedar City-Iron County Tourism Board and Cedar City Corporation recently hosted the Society of American Travel Writers, a

group of about 100 writers and photographers from all over the western United States and Canada. They spent a week in our city and the surrounding area at the end of June. This was a great opportunity to show off our community. I am confident that their visit here will result in articles in a variety of newspapers and magazines highlighting our area, which should bring an increased number of tourists here to Cedar City.

We continue to work on our city's infrastructure in an effort to make our community more "user friendly." Along that line, the city is currently under contract to purchase a house at 260 N. 100 E., across from the Main Street Park. We intend to put in a parking lot there to ease the traffic congestion during activities at the park. This will make visiting the park and the library a lot more pleasant for both residents and tourists.

Also for your information the Cluff Spring, which is located in the Cedar Canyon slide area, has been repaired with a temporary fix until UDOT finishes its work on the slide. Then it can be rerouted permanently. This spring is critical to Cedar City's water supply, as it produces 900,000 to one million gallons of water a day at this time of year.

Finally, let me remind you again that nominations for family of the year need to be in by the end of the month. There are great prizes for the winners. This year we have The Food Nanny as the guest

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Steve Potratz is EOM for July

Equipment Operator Steve Potratz was selected by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Board as the Employee of the Month for July.

Steve was nominated by his supervisor, Street Superintendent Jeff Hunter who said, "Steve always has a great attitude and is ready to work. He has many good ideas on how to perfect each project. He is innovative and creative in his thinking. We can always count on



Steve to keep a positive outlook and get the job done. Steve's dedication to our department is honorable.

Steve is very self-motivated. We know we can give him a task and he will take care of it effectively and professionally. I appreciate that Steve is someone I can count on to do the job without having to be closely supervised. It makes my job a lot easier."

Steve was born in Minneapolis and attended St. Louis Park High School. He has worked for Cedar City since 2002. Prior to being hired by the Street Department, Steve worked for Johnny Orton Excavation.

Steve's hobbies include fishing, photography and "family history stuff."

When asked what he enjoys about his job, Steve is very specific. He said, "They give me the ball and let me run with it. They know that I take pride in my work and that my work reflects it. They realize that I don't need close supervision all the time, and I enjoy that."

Public Works

Watering is to be done before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. These watering times are year round. Please be sure to keep as much water off the sidewalks and streets as possible – keep it on the lawn. Watering in July should be ½ inch every 3 days.

STREET MAINTENANCE: We continue our annual street maintenance in July. The area of the City scheduled for maintenance activities includes areas from Main Street to I-15, and from 200 North to Canyon View High School. When you see crews approaching your neighborhood, we encourage you to park your vehicle in the driveway so the maintenance work can be done completely. If a residential property owner in this area has problems with the curb, gutter or sidewalks, the City is willing to tear out the old if the owner is willing to pay for replacing the concrete. For more details, call Jeff Hunter at 586-2967.

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. You may also call our office at 865-4510.

THANKS FOR RECYCLING. Glass and cardboard are accepted at SURE Recycling at 1342 W. Industrial Road (the old Coke plant). Please break boxes down and compact all items before disposing. Bins are emptied every Tuesday. Please do not leave debris behind at the recycling sites.

AIRPORT: Thanks for flying out of Cedar City! For those of you who haven't heard, Regional Jet Service began in Cedar City on June 1, 2012. Currently you can get a round-trip ticket to Salt Lake for \$112. This is a temporary offer, so get it while you can (3-day advance purchase and non-refundable). For more information on flight times, please visit the www.skywest.com website. We would like to remind travelers who are checking baggage to arrive at least 30 minutes before your flight in order to allow proper baggage screening to take place.

Remember that any work done within the road right-of-way requires an encroachment permit, which can be acquired 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.

Prevent sewer blockages

Despite the name, "flushable" or "disposable" products such as baby wipes and personal products are not really flushable and can cause backups in the sewer system. These types of products, which also include rags and paper towels, can get caught on roots in the sewer pipes and are among the leading causes of blockages, resulting in home backups. Instead of flushing them down the toilet, they should be disposed of in the trash.



Important fire safety tips

With a mild winter and no significant amount of rainfall thus far, the grasses, vegetation, and brush have reached their driest conditions in years. Additionally, the dry seasonal conditions have arrived nearly a month early this year. Because of these conditions and the hot dry winds, fires that have occurred have had extreme behavior and have consumed many homes and property throughout the state. Most recently, the New Harmony fire consumed nearly 2000 acres and destroyed seven structures and 22 outbuildings.

Conditions this year have forced statewide fire orders to be issued banning fires and fireworks. Many cities, including Cedar City, have created additional restrictions for the use of fireworks while some have banned them altogether. There are more fires on a typical Fourth of July than any other day of the year.

Cedar City's Fire Marshal Mike Phillips says "Remember that it is illegal to ignite firecrackers, bottle rockets, aerial bombs and fireworks brought into Utah from another state, or fireworks that are not sold at licensed vendors throughout the city. Also open burning of all types in Cedar City is always prohibited."

Below are important tips to remember:

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS:

- Observe all laws and ordinances. Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case of a malfunction or fire.
- Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities and never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from dry leaves and flammable materials.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned. Douse and soak them with water and throw them away.
- Keep unused fireworks away from firing areas and never carry fireworks in a pocket.

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors and should be positioned at least 10 feet away from siding, deck railing, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Place the grill a safe distance from play areas, and foot traffic.
- Keep matches, lighters, and starter fluid in a locked drawer or cabinet out of the reach of children.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.

HOUSEHOLD SAFETY TIPS

- Keep at least one fire extinguisher in your home and one in the garage.
- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- Do not refuel power equipment, lawn mowers, etc. while hot.
- Do not place ashes from wood stoves or fireplaces in the trash.

Earth Fest

SUU's Center for Sustainability, SUU Earth Club, Southern Utah Recycling Enterprise, and Southern Utah Recycling Coalition invite you to come enjoy the Earth Fest Celebration at the Main Street Park on August 3 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come partake in several forms of eco-friendly entertainment. Learn ways to reduce and reuse your materials. Explore the available resources in this area. Take a tour of the Southwest Utah Renewable Energy Center's Education Trailer.

Games and crafting will be available for all ages, while supplies last. Virgin Valley Recycling will host an electronic waste drive. Latex paint collection will be offered by St. George's Habitat for Humanity. A propane canister recycling machine will be provided by Bryce Canyon NPS to dispose of metal fuel containers.

To volunteer for this event, or to host an informational booth or activity highlighting your business or organization contact Denise Tomer at: denisetomer@suu.edu (435) 586-7828.

Wildflower Festival

The 7th annual Wildflower Festival runs from July 7 to July 22 at Cedar Breaks National Monument this year.

Every summer Cedar Breaks is treated to a spectacular display of wildflowers, which peaks in mid-July. The Monument celebrates this colorful show with their annual Festival each year. Activities include guided hikes, a wildflower scavenger hunt, and a free photography workshop.

Call (435) 586-0787 for more information.



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peaker when the prizes are awarded. Also get signed up for the talent show, whiffle ball tournament and the other activities that will be happening at Cedar City's Family Festival August 24th and 25th.

As he promised last month, Steven Heath provides information on hikes featuring bristlecone pines below:

Groves of bristlecone pine trees are one of the significant attractions at Cedar Breaks National Monument, Great Basin National Park, and Bryce Canyon National Park. There is evidence that the bristlecone pine trees are among the world's oldest living things. By examining the tree rings, scientists have been able to construct climatological chronologies spanning over 8000 years.

In the Cedar City area there are several places to visit this fascinating tree. The closest is just off Highway 14, about 16.3 miles east of Cedar City. The hike to the trees on the Dixie National Forest "Bristlecone Pine Trail" is short and pleasant. At the end of the trail you not only have a view of some beautiful bristlecone pine trees, but also of Zion National Park.

The second set of trees in the area are near the Visitors Center at Cedar Breaks National Monument. Ask a park ranger for directions. In the mid-1960s some of these trees were cored, and scientists found them to be around 2300 years old.

The oldest bristlecone pine trees in Utah are located at Powell Point in Garfield County. If you have a high-center vehicle, you can visit these trees and have a spectacular view of the surrounding region. Instead of driving south to Bryce Canyon National Park, turn north onto the John's Valley Road towards Antimony. About ten miles north, turn east onto the Pine Lake Road (FS 132) and drive eastward until the road crests the mountain. Turn south onto a narrow road and continue south until it ends. There is about a mile walk farther south to the incredible vista at Powell Point. Here you have a 270-degree view of the southern Utah region. In addition to a bird's-eye view of Bryce Canyon National Park, you

can look south along the Paria River to Lake Powell, east along the Kaiparowits Plateau to Navajo Mountain, and northwest towards the Beaver Mountain. You can also visit the bristlecone pines at the very south end of Bryce Canyon. Ask for directions at the Visitors Center.

Next month we will direct you to the most important grove of bristlecone pine trees on Cedar Mountain.

VMC offers this timely information for the hot summer months:

Risk of heat-related illness can occur in those who spend time outdoors on warm days, or to people working indoors in hot or muggy environments. Both conditions can cause heat stress, which can range from annoying to life-threatening. These are three common types of heat-related illness:

Heatstroke - Heatstroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body can't control its temperature. Symptoms: High body temperature, confusion, throbbing headache, and slurred speech. What to do: Call for immediate medical help. In the meantime, move the person to a cool, shaded area. Put cold, wet cloths or ice over their body. You can also soak the person's clothing with cold water.

Heat exhaustion - This serious condition is caused by a loss of water and salt from the body. Symptoms: Rapid heartbeat, heavy sweating, and extreme weakness. The person may become dizzy, vomit, and possibly faint. What to do: Take the person to a shaded area to rest and offer plenty of water. Apply cold water or cloths to the head, neck, and face. Accompany the person to a clinic or emergency room.

Heat cramps - Sometimes related to heat exhaustion, cramps are the result of a drop in the body's salt and water levels. Symptoms: Muscle cramps and pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms, or legs. What to do: Have the person sit in a cool place, and drink juice or a sports beverage. It's also safe to offer water and food. If the cramps don't subside within one hour, take the person for medical care.