

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I can't believe it is already August and that the summer is quickly coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday we were congratulating the many graduates on all of their accomplishments, and now it is time for another school year. The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting and rejuvenating time in our community. For your information, according

to the Southern Utah University website, fall semester at SUU begins on August 28th. Similarly, the Iron County School District website states that the elementary and secondary schools (K-12) start on August 15th.

However, as summer draws to an end that doesn't mean we don't still have many events and activities going on in our community. I want to tell you about some of the upcoming activities and also provide a brief update on the progress of a few City projects.

First and foremost, don't forget to vote in the Primary Election. The inside pages contain more information on everything you need to know about the vote by mail process.

If you have been past the Cedar City Cemetery lately you probably have noticed the construction on the corner near our existing Cemetery office building. For those of you that have been wondering what this new building will be, I am thrilled to inform you that this will be our new Cemetery office building. We also have future plans to develop a beautiful columbarium just to the west

of the building to better be able to meet the needs, wishes, and desires of our residents.

In a quest to continue addressing the challenges associated with the Utah prairie dog, a few weeks ago I met with the US Department of the Interior, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. We discussed the destruction caused by prairie dogs and the fact that our area needs to be able to manage the dogs in a responsible, yet efficient, manner. I will keep you all posted as our conversations continue.

This year marks the centennial for the Cedar City Fire Department. As a way to celebrate this milestone, we will be holding an open house at Station #1 located at 291 North 800 West. The event will take place on Saturday, August 26th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Our on-duty fire staff will be serving refreshments and providing tours of the Life Safety House, and Station #1 while showcasing our equipment and capabilities.

Assistant Chief Warby reflected back on the early days of the Department, "Things were a lot different back then. In fact the first fire engine had an open cab, and our clothing was no different from what the average person wears to work today." T-Shirts commemorating the 100-year celebration will be available for purchase at the Fire Station.

On August 21st, there will be a Solar Eclipse that will be visible throughout the United States. We would like to invite everyone to join us in viewing the eclipse on August 21st in the Main Street Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The peak of the eclipse will occur roughly around 11:20 a.m. As it is very dangerous to look directly at the sun, we do have a limited number of solar glasses that we will be handing out to the public on a first

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Troy Goulding honored

City mechanic, Troy Goulding, has been selected as the August Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee. Troy was nominated by JR Robinson from the Police Department. Sergeant Robinson wrote: "During recent training at the firearms range, my vehicle sustained two flat tires from the rough mine tailings used to improve the road to the Range. Although clearly after hours, a phone call was placed to Troy Goulding for help. Troy willingly responded and not only remedied the two flat tires my vehicle had suffered, but also temporarily plugged a tire suffered by another officer so he, too, could drive his patrol vehicle home. This is a great example of someone willing to help outside the scope of his regular duties and regular work hours."

Troy has worked for Cedar City for 11 years. Prior to his employment with the City, he worked for Lunt Motor.

Born in Orderville, Troy moved to Cedar City to attend SUU where he received his associates degree in automotive training. He also has 10 years of Chrysler training and "spent 40 years in the school of hard knocks."

Troy is married and the father of "one very cute little girl." He says he enjoys cars (obviously!), ATV's, and camping.

Troy's favorite thing about working for the City is "the people I work with."

Congratulations Troy!

ELECTION INFORMATION

The following have filed to run for office in our fine City:

| Mayor | City Council | |
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| Ryan James Durfee | R. Scott Phillips | Scott Johnson |
| Maile L. Wilson | Bruce S. Hughes | Rich Gillette |
| | Ron Adams | Andrew McAfee |

We will be holding a primary election for **City Council only**, to narrow the candidates to four (4). This will be held August 15th, 2017, in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main, Cedar City.

Iron County is a by-mail county. All active voters will receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots are mailed to the address where you are registered by July 25th for the Primary Election. Be sure your mailing address is correct at: www.vote.utah.gov. To have your ballot mailed to an address other than your residence or PO Box, please contact the County Clerk at (435) 477-8340, or the City Recorder at (435) 865-5106 for an absentee application. The deadline to submit this application is the Thursday before each election.

Returned ballots must have postage and be clearly postmarked by the day before the election. You may also drop off your ballot to the locked ballot box at the Cedar City Office (10 N. Main, Cedar) or at the County Clerk's (due to the Courthouse renovation the temporary location is 88 E Fiddler's Canyon Road, Cedar).

Voters who have moved or changed their name must register or re-register to vote. Register online: www.vote.utah.gov. Registration deadlines are: By-mail - July 17th, 2017; Online or in person: August 8th, 2017.

You may drop off your ballot during early voting and election day voting at the provided locked ballot box or vote on the voting machines at the Cedar City Council Chambers (10 N. Main, Cedar).

Early Voting for The Primary

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| August 1st & 2nd | 9 a.m. – 1p.m. |
| August 3rd & 4th | 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. |
| August 8th & 9th | 9 a.m. – 1p.m. |
| August 10th & 11th | 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. |

If you choose to vote on the machines during early voting, or on election day, you will need to bring (1) **your ID** and (2) **the ballot that is mailed to you**.

Following the primary election, the general election for Mayor and the remaining City Council candidates will be held on November 7th, 2017.

Decisions made by the local elected officials affect your life every day. Be proactive. Get out and vote!

RENON SAVAGE, MMC
Cedar City Recorder



Drought resistant plants for your garden

There is a growing interest among homeowners in selecting plants that perform well in our unique climate. This month I wanted to highlight a few of my favorites. The plants described below look great all season long with very little water, fertilizer, or pruning. They complement each other, bloom at different times, and have similar water requirements, creating a great planting combination for those interested in revamping a section of their landscape.

- Jupiter's Beard (*Centranthus ruber* "coccineus"). Jupiter's Beard is an easily grown perennial that produces clusters of deep rose to purplish-red flowers all summer long. These beautiful blooms attract bees, butterflies, and other native pollinators. This perennial performs very well in our dry, alkaline soils. It does self-seed in optimum growing conditions to the point of being somewhat invasive and weedy. But so far, we have not had a problem with this in our demonstration garden. When volunteers do pop up, we dig them out and move them to more desirable areas of the garden. Perennial, 3' X 3', Zone: 5-8.
- Creeping Hummingbird Trumpet (*Zauschneria garrettii* "Orange Carpet"). This is by far my favorite landscape plant. It's a low-growing perennial, an abundant bloomer, and a fast grower. I love sitting on my front patio and watching the hummingbirds drink the nectar from the long, orange, trumpet-shaped flowers. This is a great option for those that struggle with deer. Perennial, 4-6" tall x 18-24" wide, Zone: 5-9.
- Bluebeard (*Caryopteris x clandonensis* "Blue Mist"). The pollinators love this shrub. The fragrant blue flowers are just starting to bloom and will last for months. My only complaint is that it does reseed itself, creating more of a hedge row vs. a single shrub if the seedlings are not pulled. It's tough, beautiful, and rarely damaged by deer. Shrub, 4'x 4', Zone: 5-9.

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USU EXTENSION EDUCATOR

Public Works

WATER FACTS

- Water is the most common substance found on earth.
- Water regulates the Earth's temperature.
- 75% of the human brain is water and 75% of a living tree is water.
- 10 inches of snow will melt into about one inch of water.
- About 50 glasses of water are used to grow enough oranges to make one glass of orange juice.
- A leaky faucet dripping at a rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water per year!

Water early in the day if possible, when lawns are normally wet from dew. Early morning or late evening watering reduces the amount of evaporation that takes place during the hot day, and allows more water to reach the root zone of your lawn. Early morning or late evening watering is also better for plants, gardens, shrubs, etc. because it allows more water to reach the plant roots and reduces evaporation. For more watering tips please visit www.slowtheflow.org.

STREETLIGHTS: If you see a streetlight that is out or stays on during the day or is flickering off and on, please report it to the Public Works Department. You can call (435)586-2912 or visit the City's website, www.cedarcity.org and click on "Report a Concern" to leave the information. It is very helpful if you can submit the numbers listed on the pole, along with the address of the streetlight location, to ensure we have the right light. At the end of each month we send the compiled list of all streetlight issues to our contractor for their repair.



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come, first serve basis. For more information, visit the Library's website <http://www2.youseemore.com/cedarcity>.

I am also excited to announce a number of other upcoming events hosted by our Library in the Park. Beginning this month, the Library will be hosting a family movie event on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. This event will be a fun time to meet new community friends and spend time together. The first movie screening will be on August 12th at 3 p.m. in the Library's east and west rooms.

Back by popular demand, story-time will begin again in September. Book Babies (for toddlers and babies ages 2 and younger) will be on Mondays at 10 and 10:30 a.m. and regular story times will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 and 10:30 a.m. SUU will also be resuming their story-time after Labor Day on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. For September, the Southern Utah Space Foundation will be displaying artwork in the Library gallery. The art display is called "Reach for the Stars: The Art of Astronomy" and pieces are created by various artists and astronomers.

As a way to showcase some of our local talent and brighten up our City, Eric Brown, SUU Professor of Art, will display his artwork at City Hall and in the Council Chambers from August 7th through October. Brown, a graduate of SUU, achieved a Master of Fine Arts in Painting degree from Drake University. He has been named SUU's Outstanding Educator (2005-06) and has taught, among other courses, drawing, life drawing and anatomy, two-dimensional design, watercolor, and ancient art history. He was President of Brown's Woodworking, Inc., for many years and, interestingly, will be hanging his artwork from wooden gallery railings he built and installed at the time that the City Offices were established in their present location. An artist reception will be held Wednesday, August 9th, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 10 North Main. Everyone is invited.

I would like to congratulate the young women of the Cedar National Little League softball team on their impressive season. At the end of July, these girls played their hearts out to take home the Western Region Championship. We would all like to wish our hometown girls luck as they represent Western Region in the Little League Softball World Series!!! In 55 years of participating in Little League this is the first time we have had a team from Cedar City advanced to the World Series. Cedar City is very proud of you ladies!

Over the past 66 years the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce has asked the community to nominate the best men, women, and businesses in our community in order to give them the honor and recognition they deserve. In late August, the Chamber will ask the community to nominate the best of Cedar City under 13 different categories. This year they are adding two categories: The Restaurant/Eatery of the Year, and Medical Professional of the Year. Restaurants and lodgers were considered the only industries under Customer Services & Hospitality in the past, however, any business that serves the public falls under this category. Cedar City has seen tremendous growth in the medical services community, and these fine individuals also deserve recognition in their fields of expertise.

The 2017 Best of Cedar City Gala will be held on Thursday, January 18th, 2018. The theme for this year's event is "Cedar City, on Top of the World." For information regarding sponsoring the event, please call the Chamber office. Ticket sales start in November.

Please submit your nominations online at www.cedarcitychamber.org or you can mail in forms which will be found at many local businesses throughout our community until September 10, 2017.

Cedar City Hospital invites our community to come together and focus our service and attention towards older adults during the month of September, as we celebrate Older Adults Month with the theme "Age Out Loud".

The Hospital has partnered with the Five County Association of Government (AOG) by organizing an older adult items drive. These are items that can assist the older adults within our community who do not have the support, financial means, or ability to obtain these much-needed items. Examples of items include adult pull-ups/pads, hygiene wipes, grabbers/reachers, blankets, handheld shower heads, used or new iPods, and grab bars, etc. Items can be dropped off at the administrative offices of the Cedar City Hospital. You may contact Janelle Brown at (435) 868-5818 with any questions or for more information.

The Hospital is also looking for stories about some of the older adults in our community to highlight during the month of September. If you are willing to share your own story, or that of a loved one, contact Janelle at the number listed above.