

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I hope each of you had a nice (and more importantly safe) Labor Day and were able to attend some of the events at the Iron County Fair. Each year I look forward to the Fair, and this year was no exception with the very fitting theme of “Remember the Past” as we have such a great pioneer heritage here in Cedar City and Iron County.

With the excitement in the air surrounding the Friday night lights of another football season beginning, school being back in session, and our numerous rain storms lately, it is apparent that Fall is just around the corner. Speaking of football season, mark your calendars for the upcoming events surrounding Homecoming at Southern Utah University, with the Homecoming football game being held on Saturday, October 7th at 6 p.m. at the Eccles Coliseum. Homecoming is the perfect opportunity and time to renew friendships and our alliances with Southern Utah University, and to be strengthened by the ties that bind us all together. Whether you were under the colors of the Navy and Blue of BAC and CSU, the Turquoise and Coral of SUSC, or the Red and White of SUU, these colors, and these ties run through our blood. Many of us have special memories related to either our time attending Southern Utah University or participating in the many University activities that have taken place over the years. For more information about the Homecoming activities visit suu.edu/alumni or call SUU Alumni & Community Relations at (435) 586-7777. For tickets to the football

game go online to www.tbirdtickets.com or call (435) 586-7872.

Typically, once school gets back in full swing it seems like the activities around town tend to slow down. However, over the next month things are just as busy as usual. Due to this, there are a few items I want to put on your radar.

First and foremost is September 11th, the National Day of Service and Remembrance. A free community Patriotic Tribute Event will be taking place on Monday, September 11th, at the Hunter Conference Center in the Great Hall, located on the SUU Campus beginning at 12:11 p.m. Please arrive no later than noon, so you can find your seats prior to the program starting. The tribute program will last about 50 minutes and will include a flag ceremony, the National Anthem, patriotic musical numbers and readings, a moment of silence, and brief remarks from Provost Brad Cook (SUU), Cedar City Police Chief Darin Adams, and Iron County Commissioner Mike Bleak. In conjunction with the National Day of Service and Remembrance, there will also be service opportunities throughout September 11th to the 15th (details will be provided at the program).

On Wednesday, September 13th, the Iron County Care and Share will be hosting its annual (and largest) fund raiser with its Charity Golf Tournament. If you are a golfer (and even if you're not), this is a great way to support the Care and Share while enjoying our beautiful Cedar Ridge Golf Course. The Care and Share is looking for a few more teams to fill up the tournament. For additional information, and to sign up online, visit: www.careandshare-ut.org.

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Keith Millett honored

Lieutenant Keith Millett of the Cedar City Police Department has been nominated as September’s Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee. Keith was nominated by Sergeant Jerry Womack, who wrote: “Lieutenant Keith Millett has been a great example to us all for many years for his hard work and dedication to the Cedar City Police Department. He



is a quiet, calm, and reassuring presence when others are in chaos. He is always the first one to pitch in when there is hard work to do, and the last to leave after the clean-up is over. He has demonstrated this

especially with his recent preparation for the CCPD surplus property auction. He has spent many, many days and hours, often involving members of his family, as well, to prepare for the auction. He has shown a great attention to detail and I have no doubt that this auction will be a great success. He has always been a great mentor for younger officers and seasoned officers as well. I feel he is deserving of Employee of the Month.”

Keith is a Cedar City native, and attended Cedar City High School and SUU, where he studied Criminal Justice. He and his wife, Marsha, are the proud parents of five children and grandparents of seven.

Keith is an avid bow hunter, and also enjoys building Pinewood Derby cars in his spare time. His favorite part of the job is the camaraderie with his fellow-employees, not just at the Police Department, but throughout the City.

Congratulations Keith!

Public Works

WASTEWATER DIVISION

Construction on the addition to the Administration Building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant is underway. This addition will double the size of our wastewater laboratory facilities and allow us to perform all the required testing we normally do, plus the testing for our nitrification removal process. The new lab will also have a section isolated to allow our laboratory technician to test culinary water samples. This will help our Water Division by enabling them to receive test results more quickly and economically.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant laboratory facility is certified to perform testing under the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

Wastewater trivia:

- The earliest recorded use of toilet paper comes from China in the 6th century AD.
- What else is toilet paper used for? Packaging material, hair-do’s, make-up remover, door wreaths, and wedding dresses. There is an annual competition for the best toilet paper wedding dress held in New York City. During the Desert Storm War, the military used toilet paper to camouflage their tanks in Saudi Arabia.
- Novelty toilet paper includes: camouflage, sudoku, \$100 bills, and glow-in-the-dark.
- Wastewater treatment facilities in the United States process approximately 34 billion gallons of wastewater every day.
- Here in Cedar City the average amount of wastewater entering the plant every day is 2.5 million gallons. Our Wastewater crews work hard to keep the plant and lines in good working condition.

WATER DIVISION

Just a reminder, culinary water restrictions are in place through October 31st. Watering with culinary water is only allowed before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

STREET DIVISION

Our Street crews are continuing their annual road maintenance in Area 2, where the majority of the work is west of I-15. Please check the City’s website for a copy of the Area 2 map. The City’s roadways are divided into 7 areas. Maintenance of the roadways in each area is done every 7 years. If you have any questions about any Public Works operations, please call us at (435) 586-2912.



Reshape Your Scape

KSL recently reported that only four percent of Utah homeowners are completely satisfied with their landscape: rating maintenance requirements, weeds, and brown spots as main reasons for their dissatisfaction. After reading this I thought it would be appropriate to use this month's article to share "Localscapes" with those in the process of designing their landscape or rethinking their current layout. As you know, Iron County has a very unique climate and many of the landscape designs and plants featured in gardening magazines don't perform well under our growing conditions. For example, we would all love to have a stunning Autumn Blaze® Maple with its promise of brilliant scarlet fall color, but instead we end up with yellow leaves (iron chlorosis), dead limbs, and a lot of frustration due to our soil type. Utah really needs its own style of landscaping, which is where Localscapes comes into play. Localscapes provides landscape design ideas (downloadable) that fit our environment vs. fighting it. The designs are functional, suit our challenging growing conditions, reduce maintenance requirements and cost (increasing homeowners' satisfaction), and as a bonus save a ton of water! In addition to the downloadable resources, workshop series are available. If you're interested in attending an upcoming workshop give the USU, Iron County Extension office a call at the number below.

The idea and execution of Localscapes stems from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District and has been adopted as a statewide resource. More information is available at www.localscapes.com. As always, feel free to call the USU, Iron County Extension office at (435)267-1755 with any yard and garden question you may have.

Happy Gardening!

CANDACE SCHAIBLE
USU EXTENSION HORTICULTURIST

New offering at the Neil Simon Festival

The Neil Simon Festival proudly announces the premiere of a new Halloween event, *Frankenstein: On the Air!* It's the sequel to Cedar City's annual holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol: On the Air*, written by Peter Sham, author of *Lend me a Tenor, the Musical* and *Under Construction, the Blue Collar Musical*.

Frankenstein: On the Air is adapted from the Mary Shelly's classic novel, which celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. The show's delightful premise faithfully retells the chilling sci-fi shocker in the style of a classic radio show, complete with atmospheric live sound effects, wacky backstage antics, and a team of lovely, harmony-singing "Scare-o-lettes." The mayhem starts when this madcap group of radio actors, while trying to perform *Frankenstein*, are confronted by a real-life crisis, *War of the Worlds* style twist! Don't miss this hilarious and spooky new Halloween classic which is priced for the entire family! All seats are only \$15 at www.simonfest.org. Performances will take place on October 27th, 28th, and 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center Theater, located at 105 North, 100 East.



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I also wanted to make you aware of an event that will be taking place in October, so you can get it marked on your calendars. On Wednesday, October 18th, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center Theater, the Iron County Sheriff's Office and Cedar City Police Department will be coming together to hold a joint Community Town Hall Meeting. Please save the date for this important event and join us for information, conversation, and community engagement. I will provide some additional information in next month's newsletter.

Similar to the information we provided leading up to our Municipal Primary Election that was held last month, over the next few months we will try to keep everyone informed on the specifics related to the upcoming General Election on November 7th. For your information, in the General Election the two (2) City Council candidates and the Mayoral candidate with the most votes will be elected. For City Council candidates you will be voting between the following individuals that made it through the primary election: R. Scott Phillips, Ron Adams, Bruce Hughes and Rich Gillette. In the Mayoral race you will be voting between Maile Wilson and Ryan Durfee.

I like to brag about the accomplishments of our incredible City Staff. I wanted to make you all aware of the major award recently received by our Police Chief, Darin Adams. Chief Adams was awarded the CIT Police Chief of the year award last month. CIT stands for Crisis Intervention Team. In general terms this is an extensive de-escalation training for officers dealing with people who have mental disabilities or people who are in crisis. Chief Adams has been a champion for this training for many years and most of our Cedar City Police Officers have been trained in this technique. This award is very prestigious and is given to only one police chief annually. Potential candidates for this award would include thousands of police chiefs from the United States and many other countries around the world

The Cedar City Recreation Department recently partnered with Southern Utah University Athletics Department to offer an exciting new youth sports program called Junior Thunderbirds. As part of the partnership the youth leagues will have new, re-branded jerseys with a logo created by the SUU Athletic Department. Junior Thunderbirds will also have the

opportunity to interact with SUU coaches and student-athletes, who will appear at their games as "Celebrity Coaches." They will also receive a certificate signed by their head coach, the Cedar City Recreation Director Bryan Dangerfield, and the head coach at SUU for their specific sport. Thor will also be appearing at different events. In addition to the above items, Junior Thunderbirds will also be eligible for ticket promotions if they wear jerseys to specific games.

The new Junior Thunderbirds program will cover the following sports: Flag football, volleyball, basketball, t-ball, machine pitch, baseball and softball.

This three-year partnership was crafted in an effort to bridge the gap between the SUU Athletic Department and the community of Cedar City. It will give coaches and student-athletes the opportunity to get to know several new community members and build a bond with the youth of the area.

All it takes is to drive down Main Street to see that Cedar City is experiencing a period of strong economic growth. Several notable projects are nearing completion, with the new Courtyard Marriot expected to open in October, and the Rainbow Sign and Decorworx Grand Opening set for Thursday, September the 28th. Decorworx has done an incredible job of transforming the nearly 100-year-old bus garage into an innovative office space. If you think it looks good on the outside, just wait until you see the amazing work they have done to repurpose the inside.

Make sure to clear your day for the annual southern Utah Economic Summit on Thursday, September 7th from 12 – 8 pm. The Chamber of Commerce has put together a fantastic event, with keynote speakers Lt. Gov. Spencer J. Cox and Chad Booth. Both speakers will be talking about what's going on in Utah's economy right now. There will be a lunch and dinner session, so be sure to get your tickets on the Chamber's website: cedarcitychamber.org.

On October 6, 2017, Southern Utah Manufacturing Association (SUMA) will be holding its first-ever Manufacturing Day, with a parade-of-homes-style event that offers people a chance to go onsite and see some of the amazing products being made in Cedar City. This is a great way to raise community awareness of manufacturing and the many jobs and benefits these businesses provide for our citizens. Be sure to watch for more details and information at www.madeinsouthernutah.org.