

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I don't know about each of you, but it seems to me like the summer is flying by! There have been so many activities and events these last few weeks. From the Cedar City Rodeo, the Utah Summer Games, the Paiute Restoration Gathering and Pow Wow, the dedication of the Paiute Monument in front of the Cedar City Library, and Flag Day - to - Groovefest,

and the opening of the Utah Shakespeare Festival, there has been something for everyone, and this is just to name a few of the past activities. If this past month was any indication of what is ahead, the rest of the summer is going to be busy and fun-filled!

The citizens and organizations in our community never cease to amaze me. In an act to better our community and honor our Country, on Flag Day the Elks Lodge generously donated 20 American Flags to the City for use at the Veterans Memorial Park. Thank you to the members of the Elks Lodge and the many individuals who donated their resources for these flags. This donation will help ensure that we have flags that properly represent the appreciation we have for those that are honored by these beautiful memorials.

By the time you get this letter, Independence Day will have come and gone. I hope each of you had a wonderful (and more importantly safe) 4th of July celebrating the Independence of this great Country!

I would like to give a special thank you to the members of the Lions Club for all of their work in organizing the 4th of July Parade. I don't think I have ever seen so many families and friends in attendance at this parade. Additionally, I want to specifically thank the members of the Cedar City Fire Department for spending their holiday preparing the spectacular firework show for our community. Prior to this year, I was unaware of the hours of work that went into our City firework show. The Fire Department starts weeks in advance preparing the firework by "squibbing" the fireworks at the fire station. For those of you who don't speak "fireworks," (I know I don't) this means that our firefighters had to individually prepare the fuse for each firework. It's a very tedious and time consuming job. I found that out when I had the opportunity to participate in the squibbing process for a short period of time. The Department then has to set up all the fireworks and then clean them all up following the show we all enjoyed. Thank you to all of those that made this 4th of July such a memorable day for the residents of Cedar City!

A quick update on City business--on June 18th the City Council approved the City budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which began July 1st. In fact, meetings with Department Heads and the Council Members began in March. It has been a long and challenging process, as working with budgets is never simple. However, I am pleased with the final budget that was approved. Many of you heard me discuss preparing a budget document that explains the various aspects of our City budget to our residents. I am happy to report that this document is something that we are still working on (it is also quite a process). I will let everyone know when it is completed, and we will also post it on the City's website for your information.

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JR Robinson selected

Sergeant JR Robinson has been selected as the July Employee of the Month by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee.

JR was nominated by Police Secretary Lori Fillerup, who wrote, "JR Robinson has been employed by the Police



Department for 18 years. He started his law enforcement career as a Corrections Officer with the Iron County Jail and was then hired as a Patrol Officer for the Cedar City Police

Department.

"JR has been serving as the Detective Sergeant over Investigations for the past five years. While in Investigations he supervised and coordinated the activities of three detectives while still maintaining his own case load.

"JR has worked to promote the Department's computer programs. He has written several computer programs to aid and simplify the gathering of statistics.

"He has served the Department in many capacities over the years as a Drug Recognition Officer (DRE) with a certificate in Clandestine Laboratories, as an accident investigator, and also as a Bike Patrol Officer.

"He was recently rotated back into the Patrol Division and is currently serving as a Patrol Sergeant.

"JR is very knowledgeable and professional and is very deserving of the Employee of the Month award."

JR has many interests outside of his work including hiking, photography, boating, fishing, baseball, and soccer. He is very involved in coaching and cheering for his kids. He and his wife, Amy, have three children.

JR said that the best thing about his job is "the people he works with." Congratulations Sergeant Robinson!

Tour of Utah in Cedar for second year

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah returns to Cedar City this summer, bringing more than 120 professional cyclists from around the world into the heart of the historic downtown for the start and finish of Stage One of 2014's seven-day event.

The Tour of Utah's team introductions will be held at Main Street Park on Saturday, August 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This event is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The race itself will be held on Monday, August 4th with activities beginning on Main Street around 9:00 a.m. and with a spectacular finish when the cyclists return to town at about 3:15 p.m.

In addition to the men's race, the first ever Cedar City Grand Prix women's criterium race will take place in the downtown, offering a thrilling, fast-paced race that spectators will love.

Race day begins early as the Tour of Utah teams begin to arrive an hour and a half before the 10:30 a.m. start of the race. They use this time to warm up, sign in, and sign autographs. The cyclists are usually accessible and approachable before the start. Following a starting ceremony with a color guard and national anthem, the cyclists will begin the race with a neutral roll-out, circling twice through the downtown and around the Southern Utah University campus. Once they hit Main Street for the second time, the race is on as the riders sprint north on Main Street to Nichols Canyon Road, then under I-15 before they connect onto Minersville Highway traveling north.

From there, the race will pass through the Parowan Gap, then eastward toward the mountains. Once the cyclists enter the town of Parowan, riders leave behind the flats of the west desert and start a mountain climb up Parowan Canyon to Brian Head, the home of Utah's highest-elevation ski resort.

The race will pass through part of Cedar Breaks National Monument toward Panguitch Lake, then on to Mammoth Creek road, through the forests and lava fields on Cedar Mountain.

After cresting the second King of the Mountain climb of the day on State Route 14, the race will descend nearly 4,000 feet through Cedar Canyon to the huge crowds that await in Cedar City.

Spectators will see the racers navigate three more circuits around Cedar City and Southern Utah University before the exciting finish on Main Street. Sprinters who hang on through the mountains and 5,706 feet of climbing have a great chance to pull on the Larry H. Miller Dealerships leader's jersey on Stage 1.

After the men's race leaves Cedar City on its 114-mile course, professional women cyclists take center stage in the Cedar City Grand Prix 14. This criterium race, or "crit" will be held in the

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downtown from Main Street to 200 North to 200 West, then to Center Street back to Main. This race, which will last about an hour, is extremely fast — 30 mph and up — as the cyclists jockey for position and sprint for bragging rights and cash prizes. The short, closed course makes this type of racing easy to watch for spectators and very exciting.

In addition to the women's race, there's plenty more going on in the downtown until the men's big finish around 3:30 p.m. Like last year, the Tour of Utah Expo will be held in the parking lot area between Sonny Boy's Barbecue and Festival Hall. The Expo will be even bigger this year, and it includes free entertainment, live music, local artists, and lots of family-friendly activities throughout the day. Sweepstakes drawings, activities, and interactive displays from dozens of local and national companies will be included in the expo. Also expect great food vendors and big-screen TVs to keep spectators apprised of the events unfolding on the Tour of Utah Stage One course.

The Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah is broadcast around the world. Last year's race was seen in 67 million US households, which was a 40-percent increase over the previous year. Internationally, the Tour was watched in more than 123 million homes in more than 50 different countries. This exposure is huge for Cedar City, as the community, surrounding local scenery, and area events are given significant airtime during the Tour's national and international broadcasts.

This is an incredible opportunity for Cedar City residents to participate in a top-notch international sports event. The Tour of Utah is one of only five UCI-sanctioned, multi-stage, North American pro cycling events in 2014. Showcasing some of the world's most prestigious teams and cyclists for a full week in August, this event now attracts worldwide attention as the top international cycling event that follows the Tour de France.

Everyone is invited to come downtown to participate in the Saturday evening introduction of the teams and all of Monday's events. Those who attended last year's Tour of Utah finish on Main Street can attest to how remarkable that day was. This year, it will be even bigger, better, and more exciting. Mark your calendars now and plan to be a part of the Tour of Utah.

If you are interested in volunteering to help at the Tour of Utah, go to www.tourofutah.com to register, or you may contact the local volunteer coordinator Susie Rowley at (435) 865-0385.

Public Works

PIONEER DAY GARBAGE PICK-UP

Cedar City residents with regular Thursday garbage pick-up will have garbage service on Wed., July 23rd instead of Pioneer Day (July 24th).

WATERING RESTRICTIONS: We appreciate those who have complied with the revised water ordinance. As we continue to experience extreme drought conditions, please remember that Cedar City Water ordinance restricts the use of outside culinary water between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day. Failure to comply with the ordinance could result in having your water shut off. Let's all continue to work together to save water!

AIRPORT ROAD SEWER CONSTRUCTION: City crews are now working on the Airport Road sewer project. Construction will be on-going for the next several weeks.

UDOT SOUTH INTERCHANGE UPDATE: I-15 will have intermittent one lane closures as needed, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer. On July 7th, crews will shift traffic to the south side of Cross Hollow Road. This shift will place traffic on new pavement and allow for the reconstruction of the north side of Cross Hollow. Traffic will continue to be reduced to one lane in each direction. Traffic will be shifted to the west side of Main Street beginning July 7th, in conjunction with the Cross Hollow Road traffic switch. Consider using an alternate route when possible. We appreciate your patience.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT/PATROL DIVISION

Last month's article was an overview of the Police Department. This month we will focus on the Patrol Division, which is the most visible division of the Police Department, and our dispatch service.

Our Department contracts with the Utah Department of Public Safety as part of a consolidated dispatch service. They dispatch for all agencies in Iron County as well as State agencies in Iron, Washington, Beaver, and Millard Counties. The mission of the 9-1-1 communication's (Cedar Dispatch) well-trained professional dispatchers is to provide both emergency and non-emergency services for our community in a professional and expedient manner. In 2013, Cedar Dispatch received 77,973 calls for service in the communications center, of which 24,041 were for police response to the residents of Cedar City. This is the total number of calls that were answered which included all emergency, non-emergency, and professional or business related inquiries. Of these 77,973 calls for service approximately 16 percent of the calls were 911 (emergency) calls.

The initial response to these calls for service is from our Patrol Division, which is administered by the patrol lieutenant. He has three patrol sergeants under his command, and they supervise the three patrol squads. The patrol officers provide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including all holidays. The Patrol Division consists of 23 officers, including the supervisors. These officers are scheduled to provide the optimum number of officers during the busiest times.

The individuals assigned to the Patrol Division are the most visible members of the Department, providing safety and security to the residents of Cedar City. They respond to a variety of calls, from parking problems to homicides. When not answering calls for service, officers are responsible for self-initiated activity in enforcing our criminal and traffic laws, or preventing crime through their interaction with the public.

In addition to their regular assigned patrol shifts, officers have other off-duty assignments that they are compensated for with overtime funds. These may include: attending court and training; covering shifts for officers who are sick or on vacation; special assignments such as working at school sporting events; City-sponsored events such as the many parades and festivals; directed traffic enforcement such as Driving

Under the Influence saturation patrols and other traffic enforcement shifts; and in-progress major crimes such as barricaded subjects, hostage situations, and robberies; and responding as a member of the special weapons and tactics team (SWAT) or as a K-9 officer.

The department has eight officers assigned to the SWAT team along with officers from Southern Utah University, Parowan, Brian Head, and Enoch City. SWAT is designed to respond to high risk situations to increase the likelihood of safely resolving critical incidents. SWAT trains twice a month, with a primary focus on weapons, movement, decision-making, and fitness. Periodic firearm and fitness qualifications are included in training.

The Department K-9 Unit operates within the Patrol Division. Our dogs have been purchased utilizing money from drug seizures and/or donations. We have two dogs: Pajko, a four year old Belgian Malinois imported from Holland, and VooDoo, a nine year old German Shepherd. Both the dogs and their handlers have extensive training, and are certified in narcotic detection, patrol/apprehension, and evidence detection. VooDoo is also certified in tracking. These dogs and officers are considered some of the best in the State.

CHIEF ROBERT D. ALLINSON

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES/CROSS HOLLOW EVENT CENTER COMMITTEE

The Cross Hollow Event Center Committee makes recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and Staff regarding the maintenance and operations of the Center. The Committee is comprised of eight members, who serve four year terms. Members include two citizen representatives (Rusty Aiken and Ree Zaphiropoulos), a County representative (County Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff), a City representative (Cedar City Council Member John Black), and representatives from Southwest Junior Livestock, USU Extension Service, Iron Rangers, and a representative from the Iron County Tourism Board (DeLynn Barton, Chad Reid, Matt Wood, and Maria Twitchell respectively).

The Board meets at the Aquatic Center twice a year. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Cross Hollow Event Center Committee please email Barbara at barbarab@cedarcity.org.