

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

One of the things I enjoy most about being your Mayor is the opportunity to take part in various activities that occur in our residents' lives. This month is no exception. On October 31st Kolob Regional Rehab Center is hosting a luncheon for the centenarians in our community. We will have the opportunity to honor and recognize Oleta Johnson, who celebrated

her 101st birthday on August 25, and Grace Simkins who is turning 106 on November 4th. I wish both of these lovely ladies a very happy birthday, and congratulations to them and to their families.

A couple of weeks ago, one of Cedar City's World War II veterans flew to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, courtesy of the Utah Honor Flight. I want to congratulate Floyd Robison, who served in the US Navy in the Pacific Theatre. Floyd, who is 89, flew to DC with his 91 year old brother, who also served in WWII, and his son Dennis Robison, a Vietnam veteran who served in the US Air Force. It was my privilege to provide a letter of commendation to Floyd and Dennis for their service to our country. The Honor Flight is a great program, which flies our aging veterans (free of charge) to our nation's capital to visit the War Memorials. (For more information on this program, go to www.honorflight.org.) It is very rewarding, and I feel honored, to be able to help those in our community celebrate their various milestone occasions.

Additionally, I was recently contacted by the South

Korean Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs and asked to assist them in hosting an event to honor Cedar City's Korean veterans. Since Gapyeong, Korea, is our sister city, this event will not only pay tribute to Cedar City's veterans but will also enhance our international friendship with this nation. I am delighted that both nations can come together to honor the sacrifices of these brave soldiers.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is described as "a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner." According to our Police Department, so far this year (January – September) the Department has received over 200 domestic violence-related calls. Domestic violence doesn't occur in just one demographic, but is a problem in all segments of society. Domestic violence affects the victim, their family, friends, co-workers, and the community at large. As a way to raise awareness of domestic violence, the Iron County Domestic Violence Coalition will be involved in various activities throughout October. One of these is the Canyon Creek Women's Crisis Center "Go Out for Shelter" fundraiser which will be held on Thursday, October 9th. On that day, 5 Buck Pizza, Arshel's Café (in Beaver), Brody's, C-Stop Pizza (in Panguitch), Centro Pizza, Dairy Queen, Depot Grill, Great Harvest, Sonny Boys, and Teri-yaki Grill will all be donating a percentage of their total sales for the day to the Women's Crisis Center. For more information on the "Go Out for Shelter" event, and the other awareness activities, go to the Crisis Center's website at www.CCWCC.org.

The 2014 Cedar City Chamber of Commerce Economic Summit was held on September 18th. Each year, as part of this event, there is a

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Cathy MacFarlane honored

Payroll clerk Cathy MacFarlane has been selected as Employee of the Month for October by Cedar City's Employee Advisory Committee. Cathy was nominated by City Treasurer Wendy Bonzo and



Utility Billing Clerk Kristin McClellan. Her nomination reads, "Cathy is always willing to help anyone who needs her help. Recently, with our AP Clerk leaving,

Cathy took over the responsibilities of that position willingly. She would spend part days at her desk and part days at the AP desk. Nothing slipped through the cracks thanks to Cathy. Not only did she take care of AP, she continued with her own payroll responsibilities. She has been training our new AP Clerk, helping her get up and running, and again is more than willing to help. Cathy is always pleasant to work with, even under pressure, and is a vital part of our department.

"Several months ago Cathy organized trash can deliveries into a spreadsheet for Kristin. This was during a time when Kristin was overloaded. Cathy is still keeping the spreadsheet up to date, in between all of her other duties. This is just another example of her willingness to help whenever she is needed."

A native of Detroit, Cathy has made Southern Utah her home for 27 years. She has worked for Cedar City for 14 years, starting out as the City Receptionist and promoting to Accounts Payable, and then Payroll Clerk. Cathy says the most enjoyable part of her job is working with all the City employees.

Coming up in Cedar City...

- OSU Concert - "Exploring the World Through Music" - October 9 - 7:30 p.m. - Heritage Center Theatre. Admission \$10 adults; \$5 students. For more info go to www.orchestraofsouthernutah.org.
- Cemetery Tour - October 21 - 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. - Frontier Homestead State Park. Admission FREE! For more info call (435) 586-9290.
- Haunted Homestead - October 22 - 7 p.m. - Frontier Homestead State Park. Must be 18 years or older; \$5 per person. Call (435) 586-9290 for more info.
- Halloween "Spook"tacular - October 25 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Aquatic Center. Admission \$2.50 per person. Enjoy a spooky good time for kids 12 years and under with treats, games, photos with professionally costumed Halloween characters and more. For more information call (435) 865-9223.
- Cedar Livestock Festival - October 24 - 26 - Featuring the Livestock Parade, stock dog demonstration, vendors, and much more. For more information call (435) 586-8132 or go to www.cedarlivestockfest.com.
- Cedar City Music Arts presents "Circus Electronica" - October 27 - 7:30 p.m. - Heritage Center Theatre - Enjoy a combination of aerial spectacle, ground-based acrobatics, and a live DJ. Admission \$40 adults; \$15 students. Go to www.cedarcitymusicarts.org for more info.
- Piano Master Concert - Halloween Edition - October 29 - 7 p.m. - Heritage Center Theatre. Admission \$6 adults; \$3 youth. For more information call (435) 586-1935.
- Iron Mission Days Celebration - November 8 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Frontier Homestead State Park. Admission \$5 per family. The Cedar City Birthday Celebration will be part of the activities on November 8th (more details TBA).

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States (other than skin cancer). In 2014, an estimated 232,670 cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. But millions of women are surviving the disease, thanks in part to early detection and improvements in treatment. Regular screening tests (along with follow-up tests and treatment if diagnosed) reduce your chance of dying of breast cancer, since screening tests can find breast cancer early when the chances of survival are best. Unfortunately, Utah women have the second lowest breast cancer screening rates in the country.

The American Cancer Society recommends that women age 40 and older have a mammogram every year. Please don't procrastinate. This screening could save your life or the life of someone you love. For more information on breast (and other) cancer, go to www.cancer.org.

For most women 40 and over with private health insurance, the cost of screening mammograms is covered without copayments or deductibles, but women should contact their mammography facility or health insurance company for confirmation of the cost and coverage. For those with no insurance, you may qualify for a free screening. To see if you qualify, go to <http://cancerutah.org/get-screened/eligibility-requirements.php>.



A message from Upper Limit Aviation

First and foremost...Thank you, Cedar City, for allowing us to be part of your great community!!! The Aviation Flight Program at Southern Utah University, in partnership with Upper Limit Aviation, is entering its second year of operations and is flying high!! The program has exceeded initial expectations and is striving to be a positive community member. Our students and staff have relocated from all corners of the country... and appreciate the warm welcome that Iron County and Cedar City have given them.

Our pilots greatly enjoy flying into the local elementary schools with exciting aviation presentations and activities. Also, fulfilling requests to fly over all SUU home football games, as well as Cedar and Parowan High Schools, is always a treat.

As Christmas approaches again we are looking forward to dropping off Santa for the "Shop with a Cop" program that is so vital to the disadvantaged youth of the surrounding counties. What an amazing opportunity for Santa to arrive by air (minus the reindeer).

Since Upper Limit arrived in Cedar City, we have been involved in seven search and rescue operations with Iron, Kane, and Washington Counties. We are always available to lend a hand when needed. Southern Utah University and Upper Limit Aviation are dedicated to producing skilled and knowledgeable pilots equipped to support the needs of the aviation industry. The program offers helicopter and airplane courses in private pilot, instrument, commercial, and certified flight instructor. Our advanced courses include: mountain flying, external load, Robinson transition, and turbine transition. SUU offers an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree or Bachelors of Integrated Studies (BIS) in its professional pilot program. The partnership between Southern Utah University and Upper Limit Aviation continues to grow.

We invite all residents to come tour our facility at any time. Scout troops or elementary field trips are always welcome. To arrange a tour, please call Julie at (801) 721-0093.

Public Works

The Street Division is doing some work on the sidewalk, curb, and gutter on 300 West in order to complete the skin patch on the road. They will also be doing some skin patch in Gemini Meadows. This should be all the scheduled road work until February, 2015.

Work is continuing on Aviation Way. The contractor is widening the road to facilitate the MTI facilities being built there. This road work will also add a direct access to the Airport runway. Work is also continuing on the new water tank in Cedar Canyon. The contractor is working on installing the roof. It should be completed sometime in October, 2015.

The Water Division would like to thank City residents for complying with the water restriction ordinance. To date, out of the 8,000+ water connections on our system, we have had 193 first time violations and 12 second time violations. Remember that water restrictions will continue until October 31st. Please do not irrigate your lawn or planting areas with culinary water between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

As the watering season draws to a close, remember that it is a violation of City ordinance for anyone other than a Cedar City Water Division Employee to get into your water meter box. If you need to shut off your water meter before you shut off your stop and waste valve, please call the City Office at 586-2950 to have them arrange for a water employee to come to your home and shut off your water meter. We will be glad to take care of this.



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“What’s Up Iron County” portion where the Chamber of Commerce highlights local businesses. This year the Chamber featured the Cedar City/Iron County Office of Economic Development, Southwest Applied Technology College, Grifols Biomat USA, South Central Communications, and Brian Head Resort. Each of these groups were given an opportunity to share what they had accomplished over the past year, and their future plans for our community. They all did a great job of showcasing their respective industries and it was very informative!

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT/ NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION DIVISION

This month we are going to talk about the Police Department’s Neighborhood Preservation Division (NPD) which is comprised of the two code enforcement officers, the two school resource officers, the school crossing guards, and the Animal Control Division. The goal of the NPD program is to identify and address community issues, concerns, problems, and crime trends which are quality of life issues. The NPD works with the Patrol Division to address ongoing problems in both residential and business neighborhoods. The officers of the NPD utilize their training and experience to research and analyze problems, and direct a variety of resources to address and/or eliminate these problems. They are also heavily involved in community and civic programs to better educate and develop stronger relationships between the Police Department and the community we serve.

Some of the programs the NPD has participated in this last year are:

- The July Jamboree, where we provided educational material for parents and children on drugs and general safety. We also distributed numerous gun locks to residents to ensure gun safety within the home.
- Officers lectured at SUU for the Criminal Justice Department regarding courtroom procedures, internet fraud, alcohol enforcement, police administration, police K-9, and other topics.
- We also worked with SUU’s Criminal Justice Program by having interns assigned to the Department.
- We formed a partnership with Home Depot to host Safety Fairs, to provide education for parents and children regarding general safety, including car seat checkpoints.
- We participated in Red Ribbon week, which is a week

full of activities for our local schools where students are educated on the harmful effects of drugs. This includes K-9 demonstrations in every elementary school in Iron County, as well as at Canyon View and Cedar Middle schools.

- We conducted our annual Leadership for Life youth conference. This program addresses several topics including substance abuse, self-esteem, leadership, peer influence, and anti-bullying. Approximately 100 students from Canyon View High, Cedar High, Parowan High, and Gateway Preparatory Academy attended the three day conference.
- We raised over \$8,000 for the annual “Shop with a Cop” event. This event allows public safety personnel to continue our “Shop with a Cop” program, providing \$100 to 80 children to go shopping at Wal-Mart for Christmas.
- We participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, raising additional funds for our local Special Olympic athletes.
- Members of the Department conducted numerous Neighborhood Watch meetings and educated residents on security, general criminal activity, and drug use. We also trained participants on observation skills and reporting suspicious activity. Through these efforts, many residents have been involved in reporting suspicious activities in their neighborhoods that have resulted in arrests.
- In conjunction with the State Health Department, we have conducted several tobacco compliance checks.
- Through our EASY (Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth) program we have educated several hundred employees from local retail businesses that sell alcohol on how to recognize false identification cards, what types of identification cards are valid in Utah, and steps to take if an intoxicated person attempts to purchase alcohol. We have also conducted compliance checks with our local alcohol retail outlets, including the State Liquor Store. We utilize an underage person to attempt to purchase alcohol from store employees. Since these programs have been instituted, we have seen a substantial decrease in the sale of alcohol to minors.
- We support the Fire Department with their Life Safety House every May. While the Fire Department educates the area’s second graders on fire safety, we train them on drug and internet safety.

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