

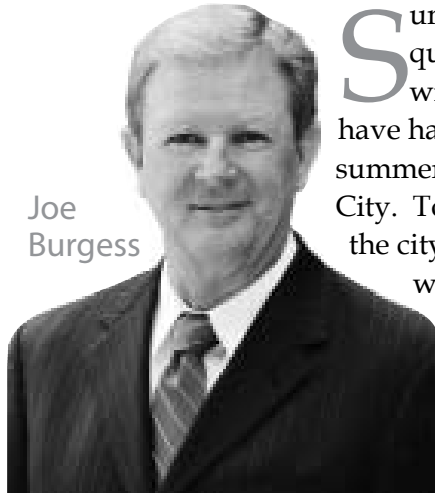
# Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2011

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

Summer is passing quickly, and school will start soon. We have had an exceptional summer here in the Festival City. Tourism has been up, the city park has been busy with all of the summer festivals and we have had some great activities, including the Fireroad Race that brought Cedar City some great publicity.

Remember, we have several more activities before the summer ends, with the big Bard's Beach Party Bash that will be held at The Lake at the Hills on Saturday August 13th. There will be two bands, food at 1961 prices, and free beach balls, frisbees and water toys. Bring your beach chairs, sunscreen and a smile, and enjoy the party from 1-5. This is a party to thank the citizens of Cedar City for their support for the past 50 years.

I have received many comments about the current state of our streets, and I want to ask all of you for your patience as streets all over town are torn up with the repairs we are doing on our water and sewer lines and on our storm drains. Seasonal road repairs are also in full swing. We re-asphalt and chip and seal one seventh of our roads each summer. I realize that this can be very inconvenient as we attempt to travel around Cedar City, but they are necessary while we are enjoying our beautiful, warm summer weather.

All of our infrastructure repair jobs have been bid out and are under construction with the exception of the

storm drain on Northfield Road, which will start any day. As we hoped, the costs came in under budget, and we were able to put several of our local construction companies to work on these projects. We have sold the bonds for our water projects, and the interest rate is lower than expected. The sewer and storm drains are being financed in-house.

The firehouse at the airport is now complete, and they will be moving in soon. It will be a great addition for the protection of our citizens.

Even though our unemployment has remained about the same these last couple of months, our sales tax revenue indicates that our economy is improving. With school starting, I encourage everyone to shop local as much as possible as you are getting your children ready to return to school.

So far, this has been a great summer. I hope all of you have been enjoying it as much as my family and I have.

It was August of 1924 that Hollywood officially came to Cedar City. It opened up an unforgettable era of moviemaking in Southern Utah, and Cedar City was right in the middle of it.

Why Cedar City? First, the railroad came only to Cedar City - not to Kanab or St. George - and a posh new hotel was built by city residents and finished by the Union Pacific to accommodate the actors, actresses and crews. Second, local businessmen (and brothers), Gronway and Chauncey Parry, lured the studios to this area with photographs of the scenic splendor and promises of taking care of the needs of stars and crews alike.

The Parry brothers had explored almost all the rivers, canyons and mountain wilderness of southern Utah.

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## Sheldon Barney is honored

Sergeant Sheldon Barney, patrol sergeant with the Cedar City Police Department, has been selected as the Employee of the Month for August by the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee.

Sheldon was nominated by Lieutenant Darin Adams who wrote, "Sheldon Barney currently serves as a patrol sergeant where he directly supervises and evaluates a crew of six officers. Sergeant Barney has been with the police department for over 15 years. During that time he has served in many capacities, from SWAT Team member and sniper to Community Relations Sergeant, responsible for the overall



implementation and success of the community policing program, DARE, EASY program and other vital programs. Sergeant Barney is passionate about his work, and more importantly, about those under his charge. He leads

with care and concern over the men he supervises. He takes a genuine interest in the welfare of each officer and their families. Sergeant Barney is motivating, empowering, and innovative...Sergeant Barney is a good leader and always takes the direction I give and follows through, supporting the overall mission of the department, and the views and vision of this administration. He is well deserving of this award!"

Sheldon was born and raised in Cedar City and graduated from Cedar High School and Southern Utah University. He and his wife, Shelly, are the parents of two children.

In his spare time, Sheldon enjoys gardening, farming, four-wheeling, hunting and all other outdoor sports.

Congratulations, Sheldon!

## Festival of Homes on tap

The 2011 Iron County Home Builders Association's Festival of Homes is just around the corner, and plans are well underway to present Cedar City's largest open house - an exciting home tour featuring the skills and talents of some of the best builders and subcontractors of our area.

This year's Festival of Homes is sure to please and inspire. Opening ceremonies begin at 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 1, and homes will be available to tour until 8 p.m. following the ceremony. The Festival of Homes will continue to be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. September 2, 3, 4, 5 (Labor Day) and September 9, 10, 11, to insure you the opportunity to visit each home at your leisure.

A feeling of optimism is in the air, with anticipation of a solid turnaround in the construction trade; the public is ready to move ahead with long awaited improvements and home building projects, and the Iron County HBA Festival of Homes is just the stimulus you need to get your projects moving forward! Iron County HBA Builders and generous homeowners have opened their new homes to the community and invite you to "Come Hang out at Our House" to see the latest ideas in construction techniques. With eight homes from modest to magnificent, you'll find that all are packed full of the best ideas and practices in the industry.

2011 Festival of Homes builders consist of AJ Construction, Jake Hulet Construction, Jon Forsyth Construction, Infinity Builders, Son Builders and SMJ Homes who will present three unique homes this year. They are collaborating with fabulous home designers, decorators and many talented subcontractors. Come see what they have to offer!

Tickets can be purchased starting August 1 at any State Bank of Southern Utah branch. Starting September 1, tickets can also be purchased at the Coldwell Banker Advantage Real Estate office in Cedar City. Ticket price is \$10. A \$2 discount coupon will be available in your August Valpak envelope or at Valpak.com, in *The Independent's* August issue, at the Iron County HBA office, and at member and sponsor locations.

A copy of the Festival of Homes magazine is included in the cost of each ticket, and contains a pull out map to the homes, articles designed to help you in your building project, renderings and pictures of each home, home details and builder information. Your completed survey on the back of the ticket will help us pick the 2011 People's Choice Award.

For additional information, see [www.ichba.org](http://www.ichba.org), or call the Iron County HBA at (435) 865-1113.



## Dry weeds violate city ordinance

The wet winter and spring that made all of our yards so green and beautiful has a down side now that the weather has turned hot and dry. Our community currently has dozens of lots with dry weeds which are a fire hazard, and are in violation of Cedar City's Nuisance Ordinance.

Ordinance 25-14 states, "Developed or undeveloped lots which have weeds, grass or other growth which constitute an existing or potential fire hazard shall be abated by the owner of the property. Weed abatement compliance shall be accomplished by discing, plowing or mowing weeds within 4 inches of the ground."

If the owner does not take care of the weeds within a reasonable amount of time, the City may abate the problem and send a bill for the service to the owner.

Cedar City Fire Chief Paul Irons said, "Due to the extended fireworks season this year, we have had several grass fires due to the dry weeds on vacant lots throughout the City. If the owners of these lots had mowed their weeds, we wouldn't have had these fires. We have been lucky so far that there have been no injuries or damage to nearby homes due to these fires."

Be a good citizen and make sure your property is not a fire hazard!

## Public Works Report

**STREET MAINTENANCE:** We will continue our annual street maintenance in August with chip sealing. The area of the City scheduled for maintenance activities includes areas south of 200 S., east of I-15 and west of Main St., and the area south of the Staples/Christensen's shopping center east of Main St. 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. Normal garbage pick-up will remain on schedule.

**RECYCLING:** Thanks for recycling. PURE Recycling's new location at 1342 W. Industrial Road (the old Coke plant). Cardboard may be taken there. Please break boxes down. Please compact all items before

disposing. Bins are emptied every Tuesday. Please do not leave any debris behind at the recycling sites.

**WATER:** Please remember that during these months the ground is still saturated from the winter, so there is no need to jump the gun on irrigation. There is little need to water after a rainstorm. Watering in August should be 1/2 inch every 3 days. Watering is to be done before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m. Let's do our part to conserve.

**AIRPORT:** 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.

The Public Works office would like to remind you 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.

## Upcoming Cedar City Events

**MOXIE DUATHLON** - Sat. Aug. 20. Run and ride the gorgeous mountain trails of Cedar City. Go to [active.com](http://active.com), keyword: moxie for info.

**MOON WALK/RUN** - Fri. Aug. 26. Race (or stroll) along Coal Creek trail by the light of the full moon. Go to [cedarcity.org](http://cedarcity.org) or call 865-9223 for info.

**CEDAR EXPRESS 31 MILE RELAY** - Sat. Aug. 27. Teams run throughout scenic Cedar City. Go to [active.com](http://active.com), keyword: Cedar Express for more information and to register.

**COLOR COUNTRY TRIATHLON** - Sat. Sept. 3. Race begins at the Lake at the Hills and finishes at Park Discovery. Go to [active.com](http://active.com) for info.

**RED ROCK RELAY** - Sept. 10-11. Relay begins at Brian Head, travels through the heart of Cedar City, and finishes in Springdale. There will be a kick-off party at the Heritage Center on Sept. 9 for team captains, featuring live music and a pasta dinner. For info, go to [redrockrelay.com](http://redrockrelay.com).

**CEDAR CITY HALF MARATHON** - Sept. 17. Begins at Woods Ranch, 11 miles up Cedar Canyon, and finishes at Main Street Park, with total road closure for the full course, which is one of the fastest in the country. There are registration slots available but they are filling up fast and may have to be capped prior to the race. Go to [active.com](http://active.com) to register today.



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Chauncey carried his camera in his saddle bag, photographing the magnificence he saw. Moving pictures, once filmed in front of cardboard mountains on back lots in Hollywood, were being taken outdoors, and he imagined the grandeur of Southern Utah exposed to an enormous audience through films. Boldly, they wrote to the studios offering transportation and other services to those who chose to film at Zion or Bryce Canyon or on Cedar Mountain.

They hit the jackpot when Reynolds decided to film "The Deadwood Coach," starring Tom Mix, in August 1924. It was a huge story for the *Iron County Record* to announce "TOM MIX AND COMPANY TO ARRIVE IN CEDAR CITY SUNDAY; COMPANY TO SPEND TEN DAYS AT ZION NATIONAL PARK BEFORE RODEO." Tom Mix was the greatest cowboy star of his time and a box-office success in the 1920s.

Fifty cast and crew members arrived on August 17. It had been reported that Mix and some of the "cowpunchers" would appear at the Cedar City Rodeo at the end of the shoot in early September. The company went first to Zion National Park, where filming took six days instead of the projected ten, due to the sunny weather. The company moved to Bryce Canyon, and again finished days ahead of schedule.

To the huge disappointment of Cedar City, the Fox Movie people left on August 31, four days before the rodeo opened.

Tom Mix expressed his apologies: "There is nothing I

regret more than my inability to be present at the opening of your Rodeo. It is the first time in my life that circumstances have compelled me to side step anything like a promise...in my work, I am controlled altogether by luck and circumstances. My time is not mine when I sign a contract. . . I am like a race horse and like a race horse I have no voice even in the colors I may have to wear. . . "

He lauded the community, "That which impressed me most of all was the good old time manners of the young and old. Manners which many times during the past ten years I had thought had perished from the face of the earth."

And he predicted: "We have pioneered the production business in your section much to our satisfaction and that of the director and we feel that our reports on the possibilities of your country will induce many other companies to follow. You may be sure that business will bring us back frequently in the future and that our efforts to bring public notice to your advantages will prove of more value to your people than anything we can do at the present."

Twelve months later "The Deadwood Coach" came to Cedar City's Thorley Theater. Ticket prices were 15 and 30 cents!

Almost every summer after 1924, film crews came to Cedar City where the Parrys were headquartered, even if filming took place in Kane County or Garfield or Washington. At least forty movies were made in our area and many television shows as well. More details of moviemaking are found in the book, *When Hollywood Came to Town: A History of Moviemaking in Utah* by BYU film

archivist James D'Arc (Gibbs Smith Publisher, 2011), available at local libraries and bookstores.

...Janet and Keith Seegmiller

Valley View Medical Center reminds us to keep hydrated this summer:

If you are spending time outdoors in the summer heat, it is very important to stay properly hydrated. Every organ in your body relies on water to function properly, so it is essential to consume the proper amount of water and fluids every day.

What is the "right" amount of fluids? It's a little bit different for everyone. The guidelines provided by the Institute of Medicine recommend that adult males drink about 13 cups and adult females drink about nine cups of fluids every day. Ideally, these fluids come mainly from drinking water, though other fluids are fine. Some examples of healthy fluids are:

- Water
- Fruit
- Low-calorie and low-sugar sports drinks
- 100 percent fruit juice
- Low-fat milk

Although soda, beer, and wine are also mostly composed of water, these drinks should not be a major source of daily fluids. Frequent or intense exercise, hot climates, and illness may cause you to need more fluids.

You should not wait until you are thirsty to start drinking. By the time you feel like you are thirsty, you are already beginning to be dehydrated. It is much better to drink fluids consistently throughout the day to stay hydrated.