

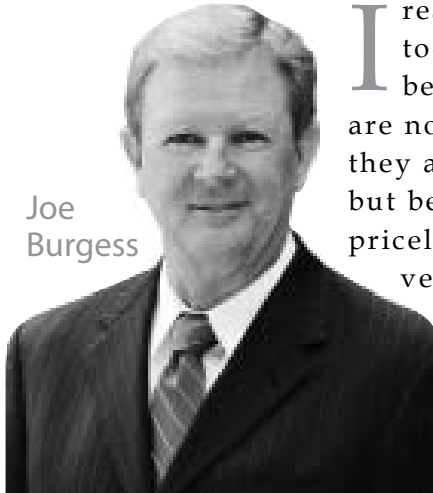
# Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2012

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

I read a great quote today that I firmly believe: "Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless-but because they are priceless." This is so very true. There are many people in our community who give of their time and means to make the world a better place. I

want to tell each of you thanks. You are the ones who make Cedar City such a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

I had the opportunity to eat at the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen the other day and was able to see first hand the service these wonderful people provide. I was also able to eat Thanksgiving dinner at the Kolob Regional Care Facility and I marveled at the loving and caring people there as well. I mention these two but there are many more. So many of you take care of neighbors, friends, and strangers. Government was never designed to take care of all our needs. We need to take care of each other and let government's role be limited to making sure nobody falls through the cracks.

Thanks to all those who helped with the Storybook Cavalcade. I was disappointed that I was out of town and had to miss it this year. With 350 costumed participants and multiple floats to organize, the parade takes a lot of work. Special thanks to Joyce and Richard Messer, Tom Jett, Melanie Lathim, Ron Cardon,

Dean Bulloch, and Jerry Sherratt as well as all those who participated. I don't believe any other community can match the unselfish spirit of volunteerism of our citizens, which is the reason we can have great events like this in Cedar City.

This past week as we were working to get the Christmas lights and decorations up, our City employees went way beyond what was expected. Since we were dealing with new decorations, we found that some parts weren't shipped with the rest and others had to be altered to make them work. Every employee did whatever it took to get things done so we could turn the lights on Friday evening. My thanks go to each of you who helped get the job done. There were also some private contractors who put forth a great effort. Thanks go as well to all of those who sang, played the piano, or just showed up at the lighting ceremony on the Friday after Thanksgiving. We live in a great place!

As the year ends and we begin new articles for the newsletter, I would like to thank Steven Heath for his articles this past year. Our family has enjoyed visiting many of the places he has written about. We haven't made it to all of them, but hope to in the next year. There are so many things to see in our beautiful part of the world and Steve has directed us to many places that we may never have found on our own. Thanks also to Intermountain Health Care for the timely health advice each month. Good health is such a great blessing and all of us would improve our lives

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## Chris Reid honored

The Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee has selected Airport Maintenance Worker Chris Reid as the Employee of the Month for December.

Chris, who has worked for Cedar City Corporation for four years, was nominated by his supervisor, Airport Manager Russ Volk.

His nomination reads: "Chris takes exceptional efforts to not only produce consistent quality, but also quantity of work. He aggressively tackles projects and



looks for additional possible airport improvements.

He demonstrates a willingness to listen to new ideas.

He frequently responds at all

hours of the day

and night to situations at the airport which require staff attention. Chris always looks for multiple solutions to problems, evaluates each possible solution and then selects the best course of action. He continually looks for process improvement ideas and offers suggestions to the Airport Manager. Chris has been remarkably cooperative with the public who utilize the airport. He is always very professional in all his dealings with respect to airport users."

Chris was born in Salt Lake City, and graduated from the University of Utah. He has lived in Cedar City since 1988 and is married with three sons.

Chris' hobbies include hunting, fishing and building cars. The aspect of his job he enjoys most is the excitement of working at the airport with all of its various types of planes and activities. Congrats Chris!

## Public Works

**AUTUMN LEAVES:** After the beauty of autumn trees, fallen leaves are everywhere. The Street Division tries to sweep the streets of leaves to minimize clogging of gutters, grates and pipes. Please do not place leaves from your yard in the street. While this may have been a practice in the past, it is a level of service we are no longer able to provide. Leaves may be bagged and hauled to the landfill or kept until the City's **Spring Clean-up**. We will sweep the leaves that fall to the street but not those that are placed in the street. Thank you for cooperation.

**SNOW REMOVAL:** In preparation for the white stuff, when the plows are out, more effective plowing occurs when vehicles are parked off the street. Please keep all pedestrian walkways clear of snow. Don't force folks to walk in the street.

**GARBAGE PICK-UP:** We would like to remind you to please place your garbage can(s) on the asphalt in front of the curb, not in the gutter and away from cars for pick-up. During the winter months, if the snow plows have been through, place the can on the street-side of the windrow so the garbage truck can pick it up more easily.

**REMINDER** - The City Offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. That Tuesday garbage pick-up will occur on Monday, December 24. The City will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1 (New Year's Day). That Tuesday garbage pick-up will occur on Monday, December 31. Please make sure your cans are put out by 7 a.m. every week.

**LANDFILL:** There are many items the City garbage trucks are not able to pick up. You may dispose of items such as carpet/padding, appliances, furniture, and residential construction materials at the landfill. Certain items require a fee before disposal. The landfill is located at 3127 N Iron Springs Rd. If you have any questions, please call the landfill at (435) 865-7015.

**STREETLIGHTS:** If you notice streetlight outages around the City, please notify our office by emailing the street light address (and pole number if possible) and your contact information to [streetlights@cedarcity.org](mailto:streetlights@cedarcity.org). You may also call our office at 435-865-4510. We will follow up on the request.

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. We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at 586-2912 x-300.



## *Flu shots are important*

Valley View Medical has this important information for everyone this month:

With the flu season approaching, it's important to be active in not only trying to avoid the flu, but also in preventing it. Two new strains of flu are circulating this year, and this year's flu vaccine seems to work well against both of them.

Even though last year's flu season was considered to be one of the mildest in recent years, that is no reason to become complacent. This year's flu could very well be at its usual ferocity, so be prepared.

Washing your hands often throughout the day is an important step in avoiding the flu, but a yearly flu vaccine is recommended for everyone aged six months and older. The senior population faces an especially high risk of severe illness, or even death, if they catch the flu.

The flu can affect people in many ways, and some symptoms can be more intense than others. Don't take the risk of getting sick and missing days of work, travel, or time spent with family and friends. Get vaccinated today!

Flu vaccines are still available at many locations throughout Cedar City, including many pharmacies. You can also check with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department or with your healthcare provider to find out about flu shots.

## Coming Up...

**December 9 - 10 - The Orchestra of Southern Utah's presentation of Handel's Messiah** in the Heritage Theater - 7:30 p.m. - FREE!

**December 12 - Cedar City Music Arts presents "Vegas, I Remember You"** in the Heritage Theater - 7:30 p.m. - \$30 adults, \$15 students.

**December 20 - Cedar City Music Arts presents "Christmas Around the World" with The Moscow Boys Choir** in the Heritage Theater - 7:30 p.m. - \$30 adults, \$15 students.

**December 23 - The Master Singers Christmas Concert** in the Heritage Theater - 7 p.m. - FREE!

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Community Service** in the Heritage Center - 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow the service.

## Service opportunities

The Utah Commission on Volunteers is sponsoring a volunteer pledge drive which runs until January 11. Pledge now to serve those in need in the coming year, and you will spread holiday cheer long after the holidays have passed. Go to [www.volunteers.utah.gov/pledge](http://www.volunteers.utah.gov/pledge) and sign up to volunteer during the months of February to October in 2013. Fill out the form and you will be connected with the appropriate organization.

*Christmas donation deadlines:*

**Angel Trees** - December 13 at the latest. Anything donated after the 13th will be saved for needy families next year.

**Toys for Tots** - December 24

**Care and Share** - December 20 (can also accept a few donations the morning of the 24th)

For more information on donation or volunteer opportunities call Amy at the Volunteer Center (435) 867-8384.

## 2013 Holiday Garbage Pick Up Schedule

Holiday	Garbage pick up date
New Year's Day, Tues. Jan. 1	Mon. Dec. 31
Civil Rights Day, Mon. Jan. 21	Wed. Jan. 23
President's Day, Mon. Feb. 18	Wed. Feb. 20
Memorial Day, Mon. May 27	Wed. May 29
Independence Day, Thurs. July 4	Wed. July 3
Pioneer Day, Wed. July 24	Mon. July 22
Labor Day, Mon. Sept. 2	Wed. Sept. 4
Veterans Day, Mon. Nov. 11	Wed. Nov. 13
Thanksgiving Day, Thurs. Nov. 28	Wed. Nov. 27
Day after Thanksgiving Day, Fri. Nov. 29	Mon. Dec. 2
Christmas Day, Wed. Dec. 25	Mon. Dec. 23

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if we would implement this information in our daily lives.

I hope all of you take the time to walk around our downtown and enjoy our new lights and decorations. They add such a festive air to our City. The sleigh on the corner of Center and Main Street was designed for holiday photographs, so please feel free to let your children climb in it and take some memorable family photos.

I also want to take space this month to sincerely wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Since we have covered all the major hiking places in Iron County and the Cedar City area in the last eleven months, I felt some might like to visit spectacular places within a day's drive of Cedar City. I promised my top ten hikes, but there are at least twenty-five hikes which deserve top-ten status. Due to space constraints, I will present a baker's dozen of places to go to see the wonders of our region. There will not be a lot of detail as to where to drive, but that information can be obtained on the internet or by contacting a nearby park ranger. Here is the list:

#13- Sinkholes of Southern Utah: The best sinkholes can be found along the Virgin River below Sun River (Bloomington). It is very impressive to stand beside a circular hole in the ground that is one hundred feet across and sixty feet deep.

#12- Pedestal Rocks: These spectacular formations are located along Warm Creek and the Paria River, just north of Highway 89. There are literally hundreds of them. My favorites are the eighty-foot tall Gregory Pedestal on the west side of the Paria River, the remarkable "Madonna" on Warm Creek a few miles north of Big Water, and the site just east of the Paria River information center.

#11- Calf Creek Falls: In addition to the superb lower falls there is an interesting upper falls and some intriguing petroglyphs. One glyph I call the "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

#10- Spectacular Viewpoints: I can suggest four: Delano Peak in the Beaver Mountains where you will likely see a herd of wild mountain goats; Powell Point, which hosts the

oldest bristlecone pines in Utah; the Spencer Trail overlook above Lee's Ferry; and the indescribable view at Toroweap, about 100 miles south of Cedar City.

#9- Bryce Canyon from below: If you want an unbelievable view, hike into Bryce Canyon and look up at the blue skies, white clouds, green pine trees, and the orange-pink cliffs of Bryce.

#8- Wolverine Petrified Forest: Next to Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona there is none that exceeds the beauty of the Wolverine Petrified Forest on the southern edge of the Circle Cliffs, east of Escalante.

#7- Utah's Natural Bridges: The short hikes to Hickman Bridge at Capital Reef; the Sipapu, Kachina, and Owochoma at Natural Bridges National Monument; and the unbelievable Rainbow Natural Bridge on Lake Powell are the best hikes to the most spectacular natural bridges in the world.

#6- The Grand Canyon from Rim to Rim: Explore this great national park at the North and South Rims, along its wonderful trails, and by floating down the Colorado River which created the canyon.

#5- Utah Arches: There are hundreds of unique arches in southern Utah, especially in Arches National Park. My two favorite arches in the park are Landscape Arch and Delicate Arch. Down river from Moab is the incredible Corona Arch, and closer to home is Broken Bow Arch east of Escalante.

#4- Zion National Park: Everyone should hike the Zion Narrows, the West Rim Trail, and Angel's Landing and visit the Kolob Arch.

#3- White Pocket and the Wave: The Wave may be the most photographed wonder in the area, an extraordinary place. Nearby is the unreal White Pocket in the Vermillion Cliffs National Monument. The jeep trip is definitely worth it.

#2- Havasupai: The most beautiful waterfalls in our region can be found along the blue-green waters of Havasupai Canyon. You'll never regret a visit to Havasupai.

#1- The Subway: This is but one of many remarkable places in this wonderful canyon. I've never tired of hiking it.

Thanks for taking the time to read about Mother Nature's Crown Jewels. Southern Utah has nearly all of them - *Steven Heath*