

Festival City USA This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2013

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Joe Burgess

My term is winding down fast. I will have less than two months left to serve when you receive this newsletter. It has been a great experience and opportunity to serve the citizens of Cedar City, and I thank you for it. But enough of that - I'll save

it for next month.

If you haven't taken the time to browse the City's new website, please do. There is lots of information on just about anything to do with Cedar City, and there is an area to voice concerns and give suggestions, pay your utility bill, get a building permit, and look up City ordinances. Look it over and give your input. There are some areas that aren't complete yet but will be finished soon.

When I was elected nearly four years ago I had several goals. One was to help Cedar City's citizens to be more healthy, better educated, and in the best financial condition of any city in the country. Those of us in the municipal government have done what we can to help make our citizens' everyday lives better in these areas, and I hope that you are all doing well. Another goal was to fix some of the City's infrastructure problems. We spent a lot of your money taking care of these problems, and hopefully these improvements will benefit the City for

many years to come. There are several things I am leaving to my replacement, like solving the parking problems for Canyon Park, re-doing the south interchange, and finishing the upgrade on the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

One other thing that I would like to accomplish before I leave office is to find someone to take over the "Family Festival." My wife, Becky Hyde, Mauri Bleazard, and several others have been in charge of this for the last few years and need a break. If there is anyone who wants a great community project please call the City Office at (435) 586-2953.

November will be a busy month as they all seem to be. Starting the month out will be elections on the 5th. This newsletter will go out before that, but I sincerely hope everyone exercises their right to vote. On the 9th will be Iron Mission Days at the Frontier Homestead State Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$3 per family. This includes living/pioneer craft demonstrations and hands-on activities.

Cedar City's Birthday Ball will also be on the 9th from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. also at the Frontier Homestead State Park. This event is free to the public with door prizes, DJ music, and delicious apple cider.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah will also have an event on the 9th with "Legends Never Die." This is a tribute to Richard Wagner's 200th birthday and will feature his music. This will be held in the Heritage Theater at 7:30 p.m.

On Veteran's Day, November 11th, the

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Charlie Crosby selected

The Cedar City Employee Advisory Council has nominated Patrol Officer Charlie Crosby as this month's Employee of the Month.

Charlie was nominated by his supervisor, Corporal Nate Williams, who wrote, "During Officer Crosby's two-month rotation on my patrol shift, I have found him to be very dilligent and hard-working.



Officer Crosby has not only been proactive with the regular calls for service, he has also worked extensively with the Drug Task Force to develop the leads and

contacts to obtain probable cause to make drug arrests. I have been very impressed by Charlie's dedication, hard work, and proactive efforts, and feel that he is well-deserving of the Employee of the Month award."

Charlie has been with the Police Department for two years. Prior to being hired by CCPD, Charlie worked for the Iron County Sheriff's Office as a jailer.

Charlie grew up in Alton, Utah and graduated from Valley High School. He has made Cedar City his home for the last 10 years.

Charlie is married and the father of four children, including a newborn baby girl. He enjoys outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, baseball, football, basketball, and all other sports. Charlie says he enjoys "everything" about his job as a patrol officer. Congratulations, Charlie!

Public Works

WATER: We've had our first taste of winter, and while we look forward to this time of year and being with friends and family, let's not forget that snow is not far off. That means taking steps now to ensure we have a safe winter season and minimal problems in the spring. Irrigation and sprinkling systems need to be drained and winterized to avoid frozen and/or broken water lines, but remember, **IT IS AGAINST CITY POLICY** for anyone other than a Cedar City Water Division Employee to get into your water meter barrel.

STREETS: When the snow plows are out, it's easier and more effective for us to plow when the vehicles are not parked on the streets. Also, please keep the sidewalks in front of your homes and businesses clear. Don't force folks to walk in the streets.

GARBAGE PICKUP: Please make sure your garbage cans are out in front of the curb and a safe distance from your vehicles to help the crews with pickups. Cans should be out on your assigned day by 7 a.m. Please make sure your cans are not blocked by vehicles or other obstacles, and please make sure your cans are on the street, not the sidewalks. The crews will not pick up trash that is not inside the cans. Remember the holidays that are coming up in November: Monday, November 11th - Veterans Day and Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th - Thanksgiving Day and Day after Thanksgiving. Veterans Day garbage will be picked up on Wednesday, November 13th, Thanksgiving Day's garbage on Wednesday, November 27th and Day after Thanksgiving's garbage will be picked up on Monday, December 2nd. Landlords - please remind your renters of the holiday schedule.

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

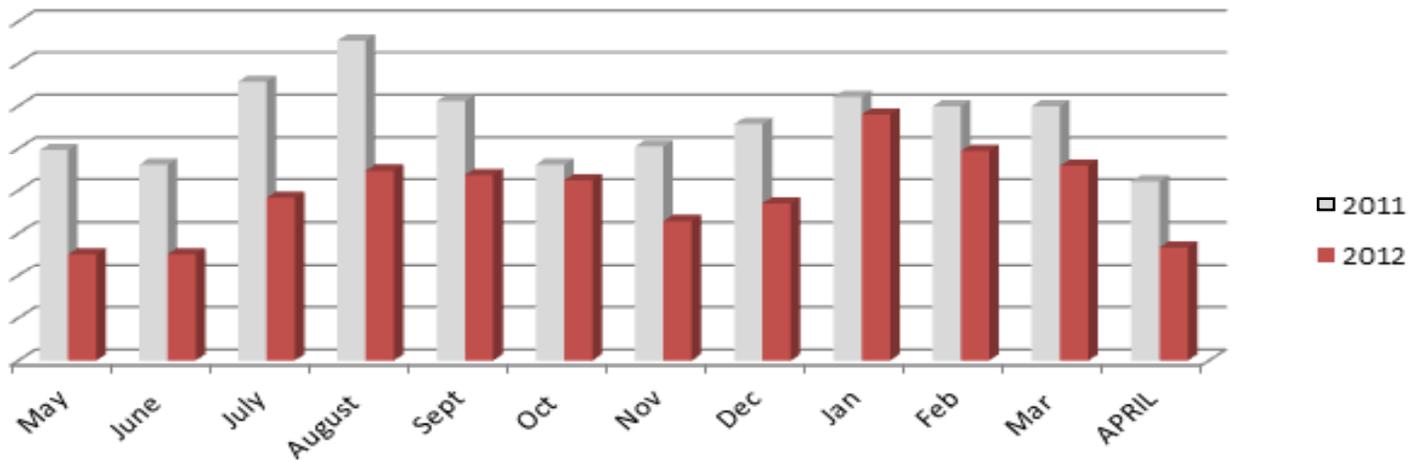
STREET LIGHTS: If you notice a street light out please get the location and, if possible, the pole number. You can call in a light out at (435) 865-4510 or e-mail streetlights@cedarcity.org.

CATS: Are you 65 or older and/or disabled and in need of transportation? In addition to our scheduled route service, the Cedar Area Transportation Service has a program called "Dial-A-Ride" which is available Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fares are \$2 one-way. Wheelchair accessible vans assist disabled and elderly customers within the city limits. Rides are by appointment with a 24-hour notice minimum. Saturday appointments must be scheduled with the Dispatch Office by Friday before 5 p.m. To check if you may be eligible for this service, please call (435) 865-4510 and our friendly dispatchers will be glad to assist you. We appreciate any comments or observations on any Public Works operations. Please call us at (435) 586-2912 x-300.



Fire Department solar panels saving energy

In December 2011 the Cedar City Fire Department was awarded a grant from the Rocky Mountain Power – BlueSky Program to install ninety-nine 235 Watt solar panels on the roof of the department’s main fire station located at 291 North 800 West. This 23 kW project was completed in the spring of 2012. During the first year of operation the department has realized an average 31% cost savings on electricity at the Main Station. In an interesting side note, the summer months used to be the main stations highest usage months – now they are the lowest thanks to the BlueSky Program. (See the electrical usage comparison chart below)



Foster care changes lives

As a society, we don't like to believe the nightmares we hear about in the evening news. People don't really do those things to their own children do they? The sad reality is that due to circumstances we can only begin to understand, and can rarely make sense of, some parents turn their frustrations, inadequacies, and anger on their children. Every day in Utah, in every community, children are abused and/or neglected. The Division of Child & Family Services (DCFS) does its best to intervene in these cases, give the parents a much needed time out/reality check; and give the children an opportunity to heal, in foster care.

“Foster care changes lives” is not just a trite statement; foster care truly saves and changes lives. The changes impact the children most. Children are offered an opportunity to heal, to learn, and to grow in a healthy environment while their parents get the help they need to be safe caregivers again. The change that most parents experience when faced with losing their children permanently is life altering. Seeing a family reunited and in a healthier state is extremely gratifying.

People often ask why there aren't more foster families in Utah given the altruistic culture here. There are no cut and dried answers, but possibly it is because people simply don't know there is a need. Utah Foster Care's mission is to find, educate, and nurture families to meet the needs of Utah's children in foster care. We find families through community outreach, presentations, media, and social media. We educate with a research based curriculum in order to prepare families to meet the special emotional and behavioral needs of children in care. We then nurture and support families through the licensing process and beyond.

Children need good strong foster families in every neighborhood of our state. The best scenario would be to keep children in their same schools, with the same friends and supports they've come to depend on. Sometimes the interaction a child has with a teacher is the safest relationship they have. Why split up a good team? More families are needed in the “pool” so that the most appropriate placement decision for each individual child can be made.

Now that you know there's a need, here's the next step: Visit www.utahfostercare.org or call Debbie at (435) 656-8065 for more information. Utah Foster Care stands ready to help you determine if foster care is right for your family. Foster care changes lives; let it change yours.



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Master Singers will have a concert in the Heritage Theater at 7:30 p.m. This is always one of my favorites. Also honoring our Vets, there will be a flag-raising and program at 10 a.m. at the Korean Veterans Memorial, followed by a program at 11 a.m. at the Randall Jones Theatre, and the traditional lunch put on by the Elks' Club following the program.

November 13th is Sesame Street Live—"Elmo Makes Music" at the Heritage Theater. This is a musical production geared for children from one to six but can be enjoyed by the entire family. It sounds like something my grandchildren would love.

Many Christmasy events are coming up starting with the "Storybook Cavalcade" parade on November 23rd at 11 a.m. This is a wonderful event, and a big thanks to Mayor Sherratt, Joyce Messer, and many others for this event. Our grandchildren look forward to it each year. On November 26th Cedar City Music Arts will present the Moscow Ballet performing *The Nutcracker* at 7:30 p.m. at the Heritage Theatre. The Oak Ridge Boys will perform a holiday concert at the SUU Centrum on December 3rd at 8 p.m. For ticket information, call (435) 586-7872.

Finally, another inspiring annual Christmastime event will be on December 8th and 9th, when the Orchestra of Southern Utah presents *The Messiah* at the Heritage Theatre at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you at many of these events, as I plan on attending as many as I can. Have a great month!

For the month of November, the newsletter is spotlighting two divisions of Public Works that handle Cedar City's water supply, the Water Department and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Robbie Mitchell is the Water Superintendent and has worked for the Cedar City Water Division for 19 years. Before coming to the City, Robbie worked for a private plumbing company for two and a half years. Rob supervises 11 employees.

The Water Division maintains and repairs 236 miles of water pipelines, eight culinary wells that supply water to 10 storage tanks,

two secondary irrigation wells that supply water to the Lake at the Hills, one surface water pump station, five spring collection areas, four disinfection stations, nine pressure reducing stations, and three booster pump stations.

The Water Department is responsible for reading 8,233 water connections each month. The Division also handles Cross-Connection / Backflow Hazard Assessments and Compliance and DEQ / DDW regulated water sampling. The Water Division supplied 2,426,794,699 gallons of water during 2012. To contact the Water Department, call (435) 586-2968.

The Wastewater Department consists of the treatment plant, wastewater collection, plant laboratory, and industrial pretreatment. These activities are all supervised by Darrell Olmsted, who has been with the Cedar City Wastewater Department for 15 years.

In addition to Darrell, Department employees include four collection operators, four plant operators, a laboratory technician, and an industrial pretreatment coordinator. The Wastewater Collection Division collects the wastewater and conveys it to the treatment plant. The treatment plant treats the wastewater and discharges it to the environment. The laboratory tests the treatment plant for various biological and operational parameters. The industrial pretreatment program ensures that local businesses and industries do not discharge any contaminants or chemicals into the wastewater system that may cause harm to the works or that may prohibit the treatment plant from meeting its required discharge limits set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Department maintains eight lift stations, approximately 160 miles of sewer, and over 2,400 manholes. The Department cleans and videos one-fourth of the lines each year. The Treatment Plant treats 2.5 million gallons of wastewater each day.

The plant produces about 250 metric tons of biosolids each year, which is then given to the public as fertilizer for lawns and gardens.

To contact the WWTP, call (435) 867-9426.