

Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Mayor Maile Wilson

I hope each of you had a wonderful, and more importantly, safe Independence Day on July 4th and Pioneer Day on July 24th! As I am writing this month's newsletter, I can't believe it is already August and that the summer is quickly coming to an end. It seems like just yesterday we were congratulating the many graduates on all of their accomplishments, and

now it is time for another school year.

The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting and rejuvenating time in our community. For your information, according to the Southern Utah University website, fall semester at SUU begins on August 25th. Similarly, the Iron County School District website states that their elementary and secondary schools (K-12) start on August 15th.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Larry H. Miller Tour of Utah will have come and gone. I hope you took advantage of the opportunity to watch the world class cyclists as they competed in Stage 1 of the Tour. A few fun facts about Stage 1 of the Tour of Utah: the cyclists had a total of 113.5 miles to ride beginning on our Main Street, going through the Parowan Gap, and then heading up Parowan Canyon to Brian Head. The journey up our mountains required the cyclists to climb approximately 5,706 feet with an exciting final descent of nearly 4,000

feet and a sprint to the finish of the race on Main Street. Next month the newsletter will have a recap of this, and other events that have occurred throughout the summer.

For those of you who, like me, have seen the numerous Letters to the Editor from children of all ages in the *Spectrum* newspaper this summer, you have likely read about the fun they are having participating in the Cedar City Unplugged program. The Cedar City Unplugged program was designed to encourage children to get away from all of their electronics, and to actually go outside and play. Numerous businesses and individuals have sponsored different activities that the children could participate in, and then each child receives a "brag tag" after completing these activities.

Thank you to all of those that have made the Cedar City Unplugged event such a huge success this year! It has been such a delight for me, and the other City staff members, to see and hear from many of the children that have participated. I have loved reading the Letters to the Editor from kids discussing what activity they enjoyed the most, or sharing that they have had fun spending time together completing a project with family and friends. Equally as rewarding have been the many messages on Facebook from parents writing about how excited their child is to collect their brag tags and then seeing kids around town wearing them.

Again, I will say thank you to those that made this event possible, and I hope we can continue Cedar City Unplugged as a yearly summer tradition. If you want any additional information about this program visit their website at www.cedarcityunplugged.com

As many of you are aware, a few weeks ago there was a fire at Stone Castle Recycling. The City is aware of the concerns from many of

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Derek Shirley honored

Firefighter Derek Shirley has been selected this month as the Cedar City Employee Advisory Committee's Employee of the Month. Derek was nominated by Fire Marshall Mike Phillips who submitted the following:

"Derek is a great example of an outstanding employee and we would like to nominate him for the Employee of the Month. Derek is a model Fireman. Whenever we are out in public Derek will always take the opportunity to interact with the public. I have witnessed many occasions when a group of little kids will notice us and ask their parents if we are the firemen. Derek carries a stack of our badge stickers in his pocket, and hands them out to the kids and it's a great touch that I appreciate very much.

"Derek takes on every job with a smile and has an infectious, positive attitude, which makes the mundane chores around the fire house seem a little easier to do (even when it comes to cleaning the toilets after 500 second-graders have come through the fire station).

"Derek is the architect and head constructor for the new regional confined spaces prop at the Department Training Center. Without Derek the prop would never have been built. Derek has spent countless hours in all kinds of nasty weather doing very demanding work on the prop, and has never let down on his regular duties.

"Derek's expertise and experience in welding and fabrication is invaluable not only to the Fire Department, but also to other City departments. He has been helping Public Works on some welding projects that are outside of his job description as a Firefighter, and has saved the City thousands of dollars.

"Thank you, Derek, for what you do for the Fire Department and the City."



Cedar City Half back for fourth year

The Cedar City Half Marathon is a scenic downhill race that takes runners through spectacular Cedar Canyon. Held on September 13, 2014, the Cedar City Half is a perfect high-altitude trainer for those preparing for full marathons held a few weeks later, including the Top of Utah and St. George marathons. This course is one of the nation's fastest.

The race begins at 7 a.m. on US-14 at Wood's Ranch (8200 feet above sea level) approximately 11 miles up Cedar Canyon. The full course has total road closure. The first third of the course is a steady downhill run, dropping through white sandstone cliffs filled with spectacular fall colors. The NBC *Today Show* included Cedar Canyon as one of their Eight Great Fall Foliage Destinations. Mid September is the peak of the fall foliage viewing season. At approximately mile five, the course begins to flatten out some and continues in a more gradual decent - winding its way along the banks of Coal Creek. At mile 10, after passing the Red Hill, runners take a soft left turn off of US-14 across the footbridge to the Canyon Trail, a well-maintained, paved running and walking trail lined with willows and shaded by cottonwood trees. The trail continues through the Canyon Park area where runners are greeted by spectators who flank the grass-lined trail. Leaving Canyon Park, competitors transition back on to US-14 for just a moment as they turn right on to Highland Drive and through a neighborhood that sits at the base of the Red Hill. Making an easy left off of Highland the course winds around the Cedar Canyon baseball complex and past the newly-completed Veterans Memorial Park. Runners then head south for a short stint, making their way to 200 South then north on 100 East for a short downhill stretch past the historic Rock Church and Heritage Center Theatre to the finish line at Main Street Park.

For the second year, Intermountain Health Care Valley View Medical Center is hosting a 5K race and a 10K race in conjunction with the Half Marathon. Runners for these races will be bussed to their respective starting lines in Cedar Canyon, and all will begin at the same time. Now friends and family members of all abilities will be able to RUN THE CANYON and experience one of the West's premier running venues!

Registration is available until September 11th. Don't miss the opportunity to participate! Go to www.active.com and search Cedar City Half Marathon to register. Cost is \$40 for the Half; \$35 for the VVMC 10K; and \$25 for the 5K.

Event details and schedule:

***PACKET PICK UP for the Cedar City Half & the IHC Valley View Medical Center 5K & 10K races are scheduled for Friday, September 12 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, September 13 from 5:30 a.m. to 6:15 a.m. Packet Pick-up will be held at the Pavilion at Main Street Park (200 N Main Street in Cedar City).

Runners will board busses beginning at 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, and the races will begin at 7 a.m. For any questions, please call Byron Linford at (435) 463-1694, or e-mail him at byron@cedarcity.org.



Public Works

WASTEWATER: The Airport Road Sewer Line Replacement Project is well underway. We are replacing 4,760 feet of 18-inch concrete line with a new 21-inch polyethylene plastic pipe that is not subject to corrosion from the wastewater that it carries to the treatment plant. We are using a process called “pipe-bursting”. The process begins with guiding a pneumatic pipe bursting head through the existing concrete pipe while pulling the new polyethylene pipe behind. This process shatters and displaces the old pipe into the surrounding dirt and allows the new pipe to be installed at the same time in the existing trench. The polyethylene pipe is fused together before being pulled through the trench, making it seamless. The bursting process runs from manhole to manhole, and since it utilizes the existing trench, there is no need for the contractor to dig a new construction trench to lay the new line. The existing manholes are also being replaced with new “Armor-Rock” manholes that are also non-corrosive and have a 10-year warranty. The project should be completed in mid-September of this year.

STREETS: The Street Division is continuing our annual skin patch and chip seal on City streets. The skin patch fills dips and pot holes in the asphalt and is done before the crews come back and chip seal the roadways. When we start the chipping and sealing process, we are distributing flyers in the affected areas to make sure all residents are aware of the roadwork. After the chipping, a sealant is applied to the roadway. This involves oil and tar, and it takes several hours for the process to dry, so please be aware of this and if possible, try to keep your vehicles out of the roadways. We appreciate the cooperation we have and are receiving from everyone.

WATER: Water conservation measures are continuing. Remember please do not irrigate your lawn and yard with culinary water between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. These restrictions are in place seven days a week, beginning April 1st through October 31st. Water Division employees are monitoring residential and commercial systems. First time violators receive a warning, whereas second offenses, third and so on, have their water shut off and must pay a fine before their water will be turned back on. Lawns take less water than you think. Typically, your lawn needs to be watered for about 20 minutes every four days during the spring and fall, and 20 minutes every 3 days during the summer. If you see brown spots, water that area, and not the entire lawn. Deep and infrequent watering encourages deeper root growth in your lawn. You can save water by fixing leaky faucets and toilets. (A leaking toilet can waste up to 200+ gallons of water a day!) Wash your car on the lawn and use a spray nozzle instead of letting the hose run. Use a broom to clean driveways and sidewalks instead of the hose. Repair broken sprinkler heads and pipes. More information about water conservation can be found at www.conservewater.utah.gov.

SUU license plates

As Cedar City prepares to welcome students back to SUU’s campus, the University has enhanced its visitor parking options. Vehicles displaying a T-Bird license plate can once again park free in SUU parking lots without a permit (excluding housing lots, which are designated gray on lot signage).

Collegiate license plates are a great way to show support for Southern Utah University. The money from every SUU plate issued goes directly to scholarships, and is a fantastic way to show your school pride. If you wish to get an SUU plate, you can obtain them through any State of Utah Department of Motor Vehicles office.

Homecoming/Inauguration festivities

SUU’s homecoming weekend this year will be as much about its yet-to-be announced future as it is about the 117 years that have come before, when Scott L Wyatt is formally inducted as Southern Utah University president.

For those who may have questions about President Wyatt’s plans for SUU’s future, he will introduce these plans in his presidential address at inauguration on Friday, September 12, at 2 p.m. The new president’s vision is the end result of a 100-day Listening Tour in which Wyatt gathered input from faculty, staff, students, and community members on their ideas and concerns for SUU. All are welcome to attend the SUU inauguration in the Centrum Arena. Following the formal installation, the University will host an open Inauguration Celebration on the Multipurpose Quad just south of the Centrum. For a complete list of all of SUU’s 2014 Homecoming and Inauguration festivities, visit suu.edu/inauguration.



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our residents that we don't have a place locally to take glass or cardboard. Unfortunately, due to this fire, the Stone Castle facility is not allowed to accept any additional recyclables. Therefore, local recycling will have to be done through the use of the Binnies that are throughout town. The Binnie Program that so many of you have taken advantage of will continue. In fact, we are currently working on renegotiating our contract with Washington County for their continued pick up of the various recyclable materials from our Binnies. (As a reminder the Binnies accept plastic, paper, and aluminum and are located at Home Depot, Frontier Homestead State Park, Cedar Middle School, Canyon View Middle School, the SUU Tennis Courts (1025 W. 200 S.), and Smith's (633 S. Main Street).

With that said, the City Staff, community members, other local officials, and I are looking into various alternatives and long term solutions so that our residents who have a desire to recycle will have the ability to do so. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we continue to work through the different issues, challenges, and concerns regarding a recycling program.

CEDAR CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT VIPS PROGRAM

This month's article will complete our information about our Patrol Division by highlighting the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Next month we will present information on our Operations Division which consists of the Investigations Division, Narcotics Task Force, Neighborhood Preservation, and Administration.

Our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) are under the Patrol Division, because their many hours of contribution directly augment Patrol's duties. These volunteers help to lighten the load for Code Enforcement and Patrol Officers which allows them to deal with more serious and pressing matters. It also gives residents a chance to see how the Police Department functions and to invest in their community by making Cedar City a quality place to live and raise a family. We have 10 solid volunteers who each donate a minimum of 16 hours a month. In 2012, the VIPS volunteered 2,937 hours of service to the City and to the Police Department. In 2013, they volunteered 3,141 hours.

Our VIPS have been assigned the primary responsibility for traffic control at the City's many parades, festivals, and special events, thus relieving many

of the overtime hours that would be paid for Police Officers and Street Department employees to perform these duties. This responsibility consumes many of their donated hours, especially in the summer months. In addition to the traffic control for the special events, the VIPS contribute their time performing the following tasks:

- Deliver cards to businesses and residences who received a false alarm response from the Police Department to educate them about the City's false alarm ordinance, so they can avoid being charged a fee by the City for future false alarms. We have averaged 311 false alarms a year over the last 10 years.
- Conduct security/vacation checks on homes when residents leave town and request additional patrol for their residence.
- Enforce violations of handicap parking.
- Do all the fingerprinting of residents for civil reasons such as adoptions, being bonded, background checks, etc.
- Track the graffiti cases in the City and work with property owners to have it cleaned up.
- Conduct tours of the Police Department for various groups.
- Assist the Code Enforcement Officers in the enforcing of the City Nuisance Ordinance by removing yard sale signs from public utility poles, contacting land owners to clean up their property, and tagging abandoned cars in the City.
- Teach the Eliminate Alcohol Sales to Youth (EASY) classes twice a month. This class is required by City ordinance for every employee of a business that sells alcohol. The VIPS also educate these employees on how to recognize false or altered cards used for identification by those who are underage and trying to buy alcohol.
- Assist with traffic control on traffic accidents as well as securing the outer perimeter area on crime scenes and volatile cases.

We truly appreciate the dedicated service of our VIPS and all they contribute to the residents of Cedar City. If you have questions or interest in joining our VIPS, please contact our department at 586-2956.

CHIEF ROBERT ALLINSON