Huntsville Happenings

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Town Council Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at 6:00
Planning Commission Meetings 4th Thursday each month at 6:00 PM
The Public is always welcome!

The Aldous Cabin

The work is continuing on the Aldous cabin. The old chinking has been removed. A fungicide/insecticide product has been applied to help preserve the wood. The logs have been cleaned and made ready for the next steps. In the process, we have found the rear wall on the west side to have far more decay and rot than we anticipated. Dave Bastain, who professionally restores old cabins and other structures, is helping in the process. He is analyzing several solutions for the back wall. After he repairs that wall, we will apply several coats of UV Guard Wood Finish to help protect the wood from the weather. After that, Dave Bastain will do the final chinking of the logs. We are also restoring the Aldous cabin sign, Steve Songer, who helped design and make the Aldous Cabin sign, has volunteered to repaint the sign and we will make new posts and a frame to put the sign in and place it back in position. We will need a few extra hands in the restoration process. As that help is needed, we will send out emails. Thanks to all those who have helped so far.

Pineview to be Partially Drained

Ogden City is proceeding with the next phase of replacing their 36-inch culinary water line which crosses under Pineview from the well-field on the north shore of Pineview, just west of Stringtown Road (5900 E), and connects near Port Ramp. This phase is being timed to take advantage of naturally lower reservoir elevations caused by drought conditions. This unique window allows the work to be completed with less impact than would be required during a normal or high-water year. Construction timing is being finalized through ongoing coordination with partner agencies and expected to begin this fall. Utah's 2025–2026 water year has produced the lowest statewide snowpack on modern record, and Pineview Reservoir is already projected to reach low levels independent of this project. These conditions create a unique opportunity to complete critical infrastructure work at a time when the reservoir is naturally lower than normal, reducing the impact that would occur during a typical water year. Also, due to the Port Ramp and Windsurfer Beach closures this year, along with the low water year, the boat activity is expected to be lower. Major draining will have occurred by September 1 through mid-September. Any water released to support construction will remain within the broader water management system, where it will continue to serve beneficial uses and be managed through existing storage and delivery facilities, including Willard Bay. This project is about protecting long-term water reliability while responsibly managing a valuable water resource.

Volunteers Needed at Senior Luncheon

We're looking for someone to take over the volunteer role at the Senior Center Luncheon provided by Weber Human Services. The luncheon is held at the Ogden Valley Library, 131 S 7400 E in Huntsville, every Wednesday at noon. The volunteer role would be to set up the tablecloths and place settings, help serve food, and help clean up afterwards (approximately 11:00am to 1:00pm). Please contact Majken Harris at 801- 644-6952 if you are interested. It is a great way to serve the community.

On another note, we are encouraging seniors in Ogden Valley to come to the Ogden Valley Senior Center for socialization and lunch every Wednesday at noon in the Ogden Valley Library in Huntsville. Reservations are needed so they know how many meals will be required. There is a suggested $3 cash donation for the senior lunch and $6 for those not yet a senior. You can call 801-399-8392 to make a reservation. Bingo is offered at 1:00 PM on the second Wednesday of every month.

Huntsville Community Hall's New Sign

We hope you have noticed the newly painted sign on Huntsville's Community Hall. We thank Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for the grant we received to secure the painting. We also thank our local artist, Rebekah Songer, for doing such a beautiful job.

Culinary Water Back-flow Preventer

A few months ago, we informed you about a new Utah law that requires commercial establishments to install backflow devices on culinary water hookups. The issue some towns have faced, such as Riverton and Hatch, is

their culinary water supply got contaminated by the backflow of unclean water into the culinary water system. The state law requires commercial establishments to have a device to prevent this issue, and all new residential construction is built with the required protective devices. But there is no required protection for established residences. If you connect a garden hose to an outside culinary water faucet and that hose is used to fill your hot tub or is connected to a small sprinkler in your flower bed, it could inadvertently create an unprotected backflow from the hot tub or the flower bed of contaminated water into Huntsville's culinary water system. There is an easy fix to this issue with a very inexpensive "backflow preventer" that you can place on all your outside culinary water faucets. These can be purchased for about $8 at a hardware store or from Amazon. Let's work together to keep Huntsville's culinary water clean and safe for all.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

While the dog days of summer are winding down, it's hard to believe that Christmas—and hopefully plenty of snow and a beautiful ice rink—are only about 140 days away. Our wonderful Independence Day celebration is now in the rearview mirror, and I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it such a special day. From the volunteers and town staff to those who participated and attended, your efforts helped make it another memorable Fourth of July in Huntsville.

Water Update

Good news on our water line upgrades. As many of you will recall, the town received favorable funding to replace a section of water line near the Monastery that has experienced repeated leaks over the years. We recently put the project out to bid and are happy to report that a contractor has been selected. Construction should begin within the next few weeks. Even better, the bids came in substantially lower than anticipated. We are now working with our engineers and state funding agencies to determine whether we can use some of the remaining funds to replace another section of aging pipeline that has also experienced problems. If approved, that second phase would likely take place next spring. We are hopeful these improvements will significantly increase the reliability of our water system. When we turn on the faucet or step into the shower, we all expect clean, reliable water and rarely think about everything that happens behind the scenes to make that possible. We are fortunate to have an outstanding water team, led by our own resident, Ron Gault, whose experience and dedication have helped us navigate several challenging water issues over the past few years.

Cemetery Point Traffic

This summer has been particularly challenging for many of our residents. With Port Ramp closed all season, Cemetery Point became the primary boat launch on the west end of Pineview Reservoir, resulting in significantly more traffic through town. To help address these issues, the town formed a First Street Focus Group made up of residents and neighbors who live along the heavily traveled corridor. Together, we have been discussing both short-term and long-term solutions. One of our first efforts was to station a town employee at the intersection of 6800 East and First Street on a busy Saturday to direct traffic away from Cemetery Point once the parking areas were full. While we learned some valuable lessons, it became clear that approach was not the best long-term solution. Since then, we have rented an electronic message board on Highway 39 south of the roundabout to warn visitors of lengthy delays. We also had "Boat Parking Full" and "Beach Parking Full" signs made. With the help of Focus Group members, those signs have been deployed on weekends whenever the parking areas reach capacity. We continue to explore additional ideas and hope to collaborate with the U.S. Forest Service, the Weber County Sheriff's Office, and the Weber Fire District to improve safety while reducing congestion. The good news is, with Pineview Reservoir continuing to drop, boat launching at Cemetery Point will likely no longer be possible by mid-August. Looking ahead to next summer, we are optimistic that the improvements at Port Ramp will help return traffic patterns to something much closer to normal. We recognize the growing impact this has had on our residents. Since Pineview Dam was raised in the early 1960s, the west end of town has become an increasingly popular recreation destination. While living in such a beautiful place comes with challenges, please know we are committed to doing everything we reasonably can to lessen the impact on our community.

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Be sure you are signed up to receive town email and text notifications so you can stay informed about important announcements, road closures, water updates, and community events.
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That's all for now. Thank you for being such great neighbors and for helping make Huntsville a wonderful place to live.

Richard L. Sorensen

Mayor, Huntsville Town