Huntsville Happenings

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Town Council Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meetings 4th Thursday each month at 6:30 PM

The Public is always welcome!

**Christmas Lights at the Town Square**

It’s that time of year to bring Christmas back to Huntsville. The Stoker Sisters (Cathy and Carol) are so grateful for those wonderful friends and neighbors who have stepped up to get things moving along to make the town look merry and bright for the Christmas holiday. Thanks to these great people we have all the big and heavy items moved from the shop to the square. Also, we have a couple of new items thanks to some generous people. The cold weather and snow have added some challenges, and we still have several things to finish up. Last spring’s snow and winds damaged several things especially the lights around the trees and around the decorations. Donations are greatly needed to replace lights. This Christmas project can only be completed by generous donations from the good people of the Huntsville area, etc. Please mail donations to: Huntsville Town Christmas, P O Box 267, Huntsville, Utah 84317. Or you can place money in an envelope and drop it off at the Townhall drop box. A big thank you from Cathy and Carol Stoke for your willingness to help.

**Hello Winter!**

Winter is here and we want to remind you to be kind and help our snowplow drivers. It is unlawful to push or place snow from private property onto a paved Town street. When clearing your driveway please place the snow on the same side of the street as the driveway where possible, or on the parking strip or within the shoulder of the paved street. Also, please bring your trash cans in off the road as soon as possible after the trash is picked up (and help your neighbors if they aren’t home or aren’t able to get out.) It would also be helpful if you could clear the snow from the fire hydrants near your home and around your mailbox, and again, help with your neighbor’s mailbox if they need it.

Remember our streets will get more narrow with more snow, because when the first snow falls our snowplow drivers try not to plow onto the grass verge because residents complain about the plows digging up their lawns. This will cause the pile of snow to build from the edge of the asphalt into the street. As our banks of snow get higher, be patient, slow down and be extra careful at intersections on our narrow streets.

**New Businesses in Town**

The Valley House Inn, which has been a bed and breakfast in Huntsville for over 30 years, has a new owner, Sherry Crandall. Sherry has done some remodeling and is excited to show it off at an Open House on Saturday, December 7, from 3 to 6 pm. There will be hors d’oeuvres, live music and you can tour the newly remodeled rooms. Please visit the Valley House Inn Open House at 7318 E 200 S.

Also, Imagine Music in the old Town Hall building has opened its space to Mountain Arts and Music. You can “Support the Arts in the Valley” by visiting the Mountain Arts Gallery and Gift Shop on Thursday, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 am to 5 pm. They also offer concerts, “Sip and Paint Parties,” Open Art and Music Jams, among other things. You can find their events listed at [www.mountainartsandmusic.org](http://www.mountainartsandmusic.org).

**Mayor’s Message**

While the Holiday Season is one of my favorite times of the year, it is hard to believe that it is already December. I love the snow and hope for another good year for moisture, but it seems as though the first snowstorm always comes a week too early, and I never quite finish my fall chores. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I am especially thankful this year as I recover from some unexpected health issues. According

to my doctors, I 'dodged a bullet,' and I sincerely appreciate the outpouring of prayer, phone calls and texts, and positive healing energy from family, friends, and neighbors. Your support continues to be an inspiration and key to my recovery. I do want to offer a plea to get your teens vaccinated with the meningococcal vaccine. Meningitis is very rare, but deadly. Sadly, it has hit our small town of Huntsville very hard, as two beautiful young girls died from it about 20-25 years ago. It is more typical in teens and young adults, who have a headache, fever, and other flue like symptoms, then go to bed and never wake up. I think of those neighbor girls often.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to Council member Sandy Hunter, who immediately stepped up and assumed the role of Mayor Pro Tem during my illness and subsequent recovery. She fielded my phone calls, responded to my emails, and kept the town running flawlessly. I also need to thank the amazing ladies in the office - Shannon, Nikki, Beckki, and

 Melissa, who also stepped up and took care of every possible task and issue. Additionally, thanks to the Town Council members who stepped up in a big way. We are very fortunate to have great people in Huntsville.

**Christmas Lights**

Special thanks once again to Carol and Cathy Stoker who spent many days beautifying and decorating our downtown area. Tommy Lee cleaned up the planter boxes to prepare them for the decorations. Be sure to bring your family downtown to see their great work.

**Happy Holidays**

Thanks for being great neighbors and friends. On behalf of Regen and I, we would like to wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Sorensen

Mayor, Huntsville Town