

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!

Huntsville Holiday Open Mic & Art Stroll

The Holiday Open Mic & Art Stroll was a success in downtown Huntsville last Saturday night, November 29th. It was sponsored by our local businesses: Mountain Arts and Music, Compass Rose, Mark Goodsen Art Gallery, The Art Space in the Imagine Music building, the Valley House Inn, and the Green Haus Gallery w/Emie James. Mountain Arts and Music had an open mic in the Town Hall that featured local artists and Christmas music; along with refreshments and instruction in watercolors by Jennifer Sorensen. The Compass Rose had cookies and a free tour of their Huntsville Astronomic and Lunar Observatory (HALO). The Mark Goodsen Gallery, Green Haus Gallery and the Valley House Inn were all open and had great cookies. The Ogden Valley Library also offered family activities. Santa Claus was seen about the Town.

Huntsville Launches “Report a Repair”

The Huntsville Town Maintenance Team is excited to announce, “Report a Repair,” a new initiative that makes it easy for residents to help keep our community safe and well-maintained. If you see something broken, unsafe, or in need of repair, please notify our Town Maintenance Team. This includes potholes, damaged street signs, flickering or burnt-out bulbs, damaged facilities, and especially suspected water leaks. Residents can submit requests through the Town’s website by visiting the “Contact Us” page and selecting “Maintenance” for the Department to contact. Requests are sent directly to maint@huntsvilleutah.gov, ensuring prompt attention. A QR code on signs around town allows residents and visitors to access the form instantly from their smartphones. Submitting a request is simple: contact name and email are required. Please note the location of the issue in the subject line. Add a brief description of the problem and indicate if texting is

allowed for follow-up in the message block. Each request is assigned a work order, prioritized by urgency, and tracked to completion. To spread the word, the Town is distributing refrigerator magnets with the QR code, putting the QR code in water bills and placing informational signs around town. These materials reinforce the message: if you see something broken, unsafe, or in need of repair, please notify our Town Maintenance Team. Our goal is to get everything safe and looking great for our country’s 250th Birthday celebration. By participating in “Report a Repair,” Huntsville residents become vital partners in keeping the town safe, functioning, and beautiful. Please be patient as we manage the initial volume of requests. If you’d like to volunteer to help address issues, email Maint@huntsvilleutah.gov. We’d love to have you join our efforts! For more information or to submit a request, scan the QR code on campaign materials or visit huntsvilleutah.gov/contact.

Let It Snow!

A note from your Huntsville Maintenance Team: Neighbors, we hope you’re looking forward to winter. This year, we’ve added another qualified snowplow driver and increased our maintenance staff. Please bear with us as we settle in and learn the most efficient way to keep our little town safe and accessible. First, please be patient and courteous with our plow drivers. While experienced, accidents can happen, and some team members are still in training. Your understanding helps us do our job safely and efficiently, keeping streets clear for everyone. Town ordinances make it unlawful to push, place, or blow snow from private property onto paved streets. When clearing driveways, push snow completely off town roads on the same side of the driveway or directly across it. Snow should be piled on the parking strip or within the shoulder and never block

sight lines for cross traffic. Our drivers will try to minimize wind rows, but please remove obstacles from the roadside, like downed branches or disabled vehicles. If snow is in the forecast, hold off on putting out trash cans, and after pickup, bring them in promptly. Consider helping neighbors who may not be able to. Clear roads make snow removal faster and safer for everyone. Unfortunately, we no longer have access to inmate labor from the County Sheriff to clear areas around fire hydrants. Please understand the Town does not have the manpower and is unable to clear hydrants, so please keep hydrants near your property and your mailbox clear. Your help keeps you and your neighbor safe. At the start of the season, our drivers focus on opening roads, which may disturb the grass along the edges. We apologize for any inconvenience and will repair major damage in the spring. As snowbanks grow, please drive slowly and cautiously, especially at intersections. Some team members are new and still learning road edges. Thank you for your patience and support. If you have concerns or if a street was missed, email us at MAINT@HUNTSVILLETOWN.GOV. It's a pleasure to serve this great town.

Mayor's Message

As we enter the holiday season—one of my favorite times of the year—it's hard to believe December has arrived so quickly. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. I'm grateful for the recent snowfall and hopeful for another strong moisture year, though it always feels as though that first storm comes just a bit too early, catching me before my fall chores are quite finished.

Water Improvement Update

On December 10th, we mark one year since the beginning of our water crisis—affectionately known as “The Great Leak.” A great deal has transpired over the past year to evaluate, stabilize, and improve our water distribution system, and I'm pleased to share some important progress. The Utah Drinking Water Board has officially approved \$1,698,000 in funding for

Huntsville's water system upgrade. This package includes \$510,000 in principal forgiveness, with the remaining \$1,188,000 financed at 1.5% over 30 years. As many of you remember, our Town faced a significant water outage in December 2024, when an elusive leak left residents without water for an extended period. That experience revealed that parts of our system were aging and failing much sooner than expected. Over the past year, we have taken important steps—including rebuilding our emergency fund and planning long-term infrastructure upgrades—to ensure we do not face a crisis like that again. This new funding allows us to move forward with:

- Replacing a major section of the Town's main water line
- Adding redundancies to prevent future outages
- Strengthening long-term water reliability and system safety

Work on redundancy improvements will begin immediately. Construction on the new main line is scheduled to begin in early spring 2026. This is a major step forward for our community. Thank you for your support, patience, and engagement as we work to secure safe, dependable water for Huntsville's future. A special thank you goes to everyone who helped make this excellent financing package possible—especially our expert, volunteer, and resident Water Department Manager, Ron Gault, whose dedication and knowledge have been instrumental throughout this process.

Happy Holidays

Thanks for being great neighbors and friends. On behalf of the town council, 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

