

Huntsville Happenings

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Town Council Meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month at 6:45 PM
Planning Commission Meetings 4th Thursday each month at 6:30 PM
The Public is always welcome!

Reminder for Control of Dogs

We have recently had reports of aggressive dogs who are roaming free and attacking other dogs, and chasing children riding their bicycles, etc. Our Animal Control ordinance states “all persons having custody of animals in Huntsville Town shall exercise proper care and control of his/her animals in order to prevent them from becoming a public safety hazard or nuisance.” A dog is deemed a nuisance or a potentially dangerous animal if it causes harm to anyone or their property (including other pets), chases vehicles, or chases people and pets in a threatening or menacing manner. A dog who is determined a public nuisance may be removed by a Weber County Animal Control Officer. And any owner of a potentially dangerous dog who allows the dog to go loose or be “at large” is guilty of a misdemeanor. Our ordinance also requires anyone, including the owner, who has knowledge of a dog that bites an individual to report that bite to the Weber County Animal Control Department. We understand the above is a lot of legal verbiage. Basically, it is the responsibility for all of us to report dangerous dog events to Town officials so we can monitor and address the problem.

Off-Highway Vehicles on Town Streets

We love our Huntsville Town streets. They provide a way for us to get around by foot, bicycle, stroller, tractor, mower, golf cart, scooter, ATV, and of course, cars and trucks. This time of year, brings an increase of traffic to the area, so please be mindful of others on the road. Huntsville streets are designated as approved Off Highway Vehicle routes and are allowed on Huntsville Streets and Roads under the follow conditions:

1. OHVs are prohibited on the streets and roads between the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. until October 31st.

2. OHVs are prohibited on First Street (or 100 South). OHVs are allowed to cross 100 south to gain private access.

3. OHVs are prohibited from operating on shoulders of the roads or the verge (which is the area between the paved road and private property lines).

4. OHVs are not allowed in Huntsville Park.

5. A person under age 16 may not operate OHVs including golf carts, and an owner may not give that person permission to operate an OHV on Huntsville streets and roads.

6. All operators 16 years of age or older must possess either a valid driver's license or an OHV Education certificate.

Also, a reminder that Huntsville is surrounded by many Forest Service trails and paths. For example, paths to the lake and Winter Grove Trail. Motorized vehicles are prohibited from operating on Forest Service roads and paths.

Construction on Hwy 39 Starts July 8

Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will start a repaving project on State Route 39 from MP 34 east to the Monte Cristo campground on July 8. A project to install rumble strips and upgraded barriers will begin at the end of July in the Ogden Canyon. During paving operations, expect lane closures with flaggers for one-way alternating traffic operation. At times, a pilot-car will be necessary to lead vehicles through the construction zones. Motorists should expect moderate delays of 5-15 minutes. Parking will be restricted along the shoulders. There will be up to 8 nighttime closures. The Monte Cristo project is expected to last 70 days and the Ogden Canyon project should last 45 days. Please check the UDOT website for updates.

Survey for Weber County

Weber County is preparing a Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan and is looking for feedback to improve that emergency plan to help make our county and town more safe. Please go to our Town Website and use the QR code to take you to the survey. Thanks for your input.

Mayor's Message

By the time you receive this newsletter, my favorite holiday, Independence Day, will have passed. As a child and teenager growing up in Huntsville, I always looked forward to July 4th, a day to celebrate our Nation's Independence. Mayor Sterling Wood (father of Suzanne Ferre, Becky Wood, and Willow Buttars) was the mayor during my youth, and his celebrations were both patriotic and memorable. This year is particularly special as we also celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Huntsville becoming a town. Back in the day, the town had an industrial grade wooden water slide, constructed of plywood and lined with black plastic, which made for speedy descents. The old slide was supported by two steel girder trusses, and the entire contraption was hoisted high into place with a front-end

loader. Times have changed and the old slide would not go over well with OSHA, but the love of Independence Day in Huntsville has been passed on to future generations of Huntsville Natives and visitors alike. My adult kids love Independence Day more than Christmas Day, as it is the one day they can see old friends while sharing a snow cone with our grandkids. We hope your day was special.

Huntsville T-Shirts and Hats

On July 4th, we unveiled a new line of Huntsville 100 Year Anniversary gear, complete with T-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps. They are available for purchase at the town office during normal business hours (Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm). Proceeds help fund the town hall / community center project.

We hope you are having a great summer. Thanks for making Huntsville a great place to live.

Sincerely,
Richard Sorensen
Mayor