

# Huntsville Happenings

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

Planning Commission Meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 6:30 PM

The Public is always welcome!

## **Antique Organ for Sale**

The Huntsville History Center has a small antique pump organ for sale. We do not have room for it in the new Town Hall History Center office. The organ is one of the first pump organs in Huntsville and was used in the old white church in the children's room. The organ was built by the Newman Brother's Company in Chicago, Illinois sometime between 1880-1920. After being used by the Church it was restored by Wayne Devereux, a well-known organist in the Ogden area, for the lady who purchased the organ from the Church. We would like to find a good home for it. Please call Carol Stoker at 801-710-4588 if you are interested.

## **Culinary Water System Update**

June was a significant month for our culinary water system. The first major event was a result of our continued monitoring of the area where we suspected Cfinally brought success as we detected a spot where water began surfaracing. Following this discovery we dug, found, and repaired a second major leak within a month's time! There are photos and further information on the town website under Residents/Culinary Water. The second event was the arrival of backordered parts for our main line pressure reducing valve. We were able to perform maintenance on the entire pressure control subsystem and now have reduced our in-town system pressure to the 60-psi range, which is within the recommended range for residential homes. You may have already noticed the decrease in you water pressure. We know that extra high water pressure is hard on older pipes and may be adding to our substantial leak problems in Town. Due to this we have decided to decrease our water pressure to the recommended 60 psi. This July, the Town Council will be reviewing a Zion's Bank culinary water system

financial data study that will be used to determine the amount of a needed raise in the culinary water rates. Information will be made available on the Huntsville Town website.

## **Resident Parking Passes**

We are now in the summer season and the Huntsville Resident Parking Passes are required if you are parking in the "Parking by Permit Only" areas of Town. This would be at the Pineview access area on the corner of 200 S and 7800 E, and most other areas west of 7300 E. Residents of Huntsville Town may park in these areas if they display their residential parking permit. Every residence in Town may have two parking permits. You may pick these up at the Town Hall if you don't have one. The parking fine for parking in these areas without the permit is \$75. Residential parking permit holders may also obtain annual or temporary guest passes.

## **HELP! From the Huntsville History Center**

On July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, the Huntsville History Center needs some help moving some items from the old History Center to the new Town Hall. We will be moving three file cabinets, one medium sized antique pump organ, and one antique storage trunk. Also, we will need someone to drive a truck to pull a small trailer. If someone has a heavy-duty dolly cart that would be helpful as well. Please let Carol Stoker know if you can help, 801-710-4588

## **DWR License Required to Visit Middle Fork or Causey**

H.B. 309 is a new state law requiring anyone 18 years or older to have a valid hunting, fishing or combination license to access the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in Middle Fork and Causey Reservoir. Since this is a new law DWR officials are not issuing citations

this year but will start in 2026. WMAs are primarily funded by the sales of Utah hunting, fishing and combination licenses and by federal excise taxes (which are paid on hunting and fishing equipment) — typically, state taxes do not pay for them. All license sales go toward conservation in Utah, so having a current license is a way to support wildlife conservation, land acquisition, management and habitat restoration at your favorite WMA and statewide. The area of Causey that is affected is the Skullcrack hiking area. Fishing and paddling on Causey Reservoir is not affected.

### **Mayor's Message**

By the time you receive this newsletter, my favorite holiday—Independence Day—will have come and gone. Growing up here in Huntsville, I always looked forward to July 4th, a day that filled our small town with patriotic spirit and celebration. One of my early heroes, Mayor Sterling Wood (father of Suzanne Ferre, Becky Wood, and Willow Buttars), was at the helm during those formative years, and the festivities he led remain etched in my memory. Back in those days, one of the highlights was an industrial-grade wooden water slide. Constructed of plywood and lined with black plastic, it offered thrilling rides supported by steel girder trusses and lifted into place with a front-end loader. It wouldn't exactly pass OSHA standards today, but it sure made for some unforgettable summers. Although times have changed, the spirit of Independence Day in Huntsville lives on. My adult children often say they love the 4th of July even more than Christmas—it's a rare day when old friends reunite, and generations share snow cones and laughter together. This year, we had the pleasure of honoring Gary and Julie Probasco as our Grand

Marshals. Riding in a beautifully restored surrey pulled by an antique Power Horse tractor, they truly embodied the heart of our community. Though they have since moved away, their legacy and impact will not be forgotten.

### **Welcome to Our New Businesses**

We're thrilled to welcome some familiar faces back to downtown Huntsville!

- Mark Goodson Art has returned and is now located at 7381 E 200 N (across from Huntsville Mercantile), in the building formerly used as the Town office. Mark's work has long been a treasure in our community, and we're excited to have him back in the heart of town.
- The Greenhouse Gallery has also reopened, bringing with it a showcase of talented local artisans. We're especially pleased to welcome the Emie James Gift Shop from Eden, now partnering with the Gallery to bring a fresh shopping experience to Huntsville.

Please take a moment to visit and support these local gems. They help make Huntsville unique and vibrant.

I hope your summer is going well. Thank you for everything you do to make Huntsville such a wonderful place to live.

Warm regards,

Richard Sorensen

Mayor of Huntsville