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 6:00 PM
The Public is always welcome!

Culinary Water System Update

The culinary water pipeline replacement project along 1800 South is making good progress, and we will be making the change over from the old line to the new line either the week before Thanksgiving or after the holiday. Of course, we don't want to do anything to interrupt the holiday, so depending on progress, the weather, and amount of time required to switch from the old to the new line, it will either be well before or after the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be posting more information in Town emails and at various locations around town when we know the exact schedule.

Huntsville Town Christmas Decorations

Due to the various winter weather conditions our supply of Christmas decorations constantly get broken and destroyed. We need donations to purchase some new ones. You can donate to Huntsville Town with the memo "Christmas Decorations." The donations will be given to Cathy and Carol Stoker who have organized and managed our Christmas decorations at the intersection of 200 S and 7400 East for the past several years. Thank you to Cathy and Carol for the great job they do.

New 4-Way Stop in Huntsville

The Huntsville Town Council voted to place a new 4-way stop at the intersection of 200 South and 7300 E. Previously, it was a 2-way stop for traffic coming from 7300 E onto 200 South. The decision was made by the Huntsville Town Council for safety purposes. There is a lot of pedestrian traffic crossing 200 S between the blocks of 7300 E and 7400 E. There are businesses along this: The Valley House Bed and Breakfast, Imagine Music, The Shooting Star, Mark Goodsen's Art Gallery, The Green Haus, and The Mercantile which generate a lot of pedestrian traffic. These pedestrians walk across 200 S to visit the different businesses, and because there are no sidewalks, the street is used more by pedestrians. The Town Council and most business owners want Huntsville Town to be a walkable community, especially in the heart of the commercial area.

There are only three 4-way stops in Huntsville Town. The first one was put in around 2019 at the intersection of 200 S and 7400 E when the planters were installed. Then in 2025 the 4-way stop was placed at 200 S and 7500 E to protect pedestrian traffic around the new Town Hall and the park. And now in 2026 the new 4-way stop has been placed at 200 S and 7300 E. The main intent is to slow traffic through these two blocks of 200 S which is Huntsville's downtown. There are more pedestrians in these two blocks of 200 S crossing the street due to the Town Hall and Community Center across from the park, and the businesses in this area. Residents who live near this section of 200 S have made comments such as, "people have been racing down this street and ignore the speed limit, putting all of us at risk," and "Unfortunately people were doing 50 down 2nd sometimes. It has slowed them down going by my house." These three 4-way stops will slow traffic through the commercial area and make drivers pay more attention and not pick up speed accidentally. None of us want an accident. With winter coming it will get dark earlier and snow will be piled up around intersections, and it is better to be safe than sorry. Let's all slow down, be careful, and enjoy our beautiful little Town.

Opening Town Alleyways

Last month we gave notice to Town residents to remove any obstructions that may block access through Town alleyways adjacent to their property. Some residents who would like to comply have asked for more information to help them determine the boundary lines

between their property and Town property. Following is some helpful information.

Most Town alleyways were platted in the late 1800's and are 33 feet wide. All Town streets and alleyways are depicted on Weber County plat maps. You can access these plat maps from the Weber County Geo Gizmo webpage at webercountyutah.gov/GIS/, or search Weber Geo Gizmo. From the Geo Gizmo site, you search Huntsville Utah and then highlight your parcel. Once highlighted, you click on your parcel and then click on "More Parcel Info" which takes you to the page with access to plat maps. Most Town streets are 99 feet wide, with some newer neighborhoods having streets 66 feet wide. But only 20 to 30 feet is paved. The property from the edge of the pavement to your property is called the Town Verge. Most residents maintain this property like their own yard but it is Town property. It is hard to determine the boundary line unless you have a survey marker. Some clues residents can use to determine their property line is the location of a power pole. Most power poles are directly on the boundary line of Town property and private property. Another important issue is Huntsville Town ordinance requires the front of a house to be 30 feet back from the property line. A clue to the boundary line between the Town alleyway and private property is a fence. But some Town alleyways have mistakenly been blocked by private fences over many years and different owners. If you need more assistance, you can reach out to our Town Clerk, Shannon Smith, or to our Code Enforcement Officer, Chris Tremea.

Emergency Preparedness Classes Open to Everyone!

Being prepared for an emergency starts with being informed and knowing what to do. Weber County offers Emergency Preparedness classes on the third Wednesday of the month. These classes were previously available only to those serving in emergency preparedness positions, but they are now open to everyone! Upcoming topics include **November 18**, when Ray Parks, will teach about alternate heating, cooking, and power. Ray Parks has the most thorough and complete emergency preparedness instructions and supplies that I have seen; **January 20**, when Lisa Gosline, Weber County Emergency Manager, will present "How Should a Neighborhood Respond in an Emergency Situation?"; and **February 17**, when the topic will be emergency communications. All classes will be held at the Weber County Sheriff's Training Complex, located at 1400 Depot Drive in Ogden. These are great opportunities to learn practical skills, gain valuable information, and help make our Huntsville community better prepared to respond when emergencies arise. Everyone is welcome!

New Residents' Welcome Package

Thanks to our Town Clerks, especially Nikki, we now have a "Welcome Package" to give to new residents. Basically, this is an educational tool that we can use for old or new residents about what you need to know about the how's and what's of the Town. You can see this new Welcome letter on the first page of the Huntsville Town website under the tab "New Residents" which is just under the picture.

Roundabout Design

UDOT has given Huntsville the authority to plan the landscaping and design for the center of the new roundabout at the intersection of 100 S and Highway 39. We are working with a firm on drawings for our roundabout and we will be looking at funding. The project will begin in early spring 2027.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Fall is one of my favorite times of the year, and this one was truly one for the history books. We enjoyed beautiful Fall colors, followed by record-breaking rainfall in October, all mixed in with some delightful Indian Summer weather. With the reservoir being drained, many of us have enjoyed exploring the exposed lakebed in search of buried treasures and glimpses of the past. You've probably heard about the old railroad tracks that have resurfaced, so I thought I would share a little more about Huntsville's railroad history. Years ago, the train traveled up Ogden Canyon, with Huntsville serving as its final destination. One of its stops was Jespersen's Mercantile, which would later become Leon's Market (my father's store) and is now the Huntsville Mercantile. As a child, I remember a small corral with a loading ramp located between the south side of the library and what is now the

CenturyLink building. The ramp was used to load livestock onto the train, and remarkably, the original wooden gate is still in place today, in a field on my property. It's not readily accessible to the public, but I'd be happy to show it to anyone interested in seeing this little piece of Huntsville history. The railroad tracks continued south to the intersection of 7400 East and 200 South, near the southeast corner of the LDS Church property. As I understand it, the tracks ended there, and the train would simply reverse direction for its return trip down the canyon.

In the early 2000s, when the town constructed the ice shack in the park, we excavated across the street in front of the church to install a water supply line. Much to our surprise, we uncovered a pair of railroad tracks buried nearly four feet below the surface, roughly in the center of the street!

At the time, we were amazed by the discovery. Looking back, I wish we had preserved a section of that track to display in Town Hall. It would have been a wonderful reminder of a fascinating chapter in Huntsville's history.

Halloween in Huntsville

Downtown Huntsville was bustling once again this Halloween! Thanks to all the families who decorate their homes, dress up, and make this such a fun tradition for our community. We even had decorated trailers, complete with straw bales, giving rides to friends and neighbors as they collected what must surely be their year's supply of candy. My daughter-in-law, a Nashville city girl, experienced Halloween in Huntsville for the first time and affectionately dubbed it "Halloween Town." I have a feeling she'll be back next year!

Water Update

It's hard to believe that nearly two years have passed since our major water leak in December 2024. The good news is that we are nearing completion of a major waterline replacement project that should significantly improve the reliability of our water system. As mentioned above, there will be some temporary water service interruptions in the coming weeks as we connect the new replacement line to the existing water system. These are planned interruptions associated with the construction project, rather than unexpected system failures. Please make sure you're signed up to receive the Town's text and email notifications so you can stay informed about upcoming interruptions and project updates. We appreciate your patience as we complete these important improvements to our town's infrastructure.

Holiday Season

As we enter the holiday season, I encourage everyone to take a little extra time for family, friends, and neighbors. While this is a wonderful time of year, it can also be a difficult season for some. A simple act of kindness or a friendly visit can make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for making Huntsville such a wonderful place to call home. I'm grateful for the friendships, generosity, and sense of community that make our little town so special.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Best regards,
Richard Sorensen
Mayor, Town of Huntsville