

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!

Culinary Water System Update

We have updated the Huntsville Town website with the new “Huntsville Town Culinary Water System Information” and “Leak Information” pages. You can find them under the “Residents” tab.

We are continuing to experience new water leaks this spring. Here in Town they are primarily leaks in connections that are still using galvanized pipe, which has exceeded its expected useful life. Under EPA and State direction for these repairs we are replacing the entire section of galvanized pipe between the meter and our main line with poly pipe as part of the repair process. Investigations into a suspected major leak outside of Town moved forward with the installation of a new gate valve in the 12-inch distribution line from the treatment plant to Town that allowed us to narrow down the general location where we are losing water. There are photos of this effort on the Town Culinary Water page. The next step is to conduct pot holing, digging small holes in the ground, to determine the exact location of the leak. Also, this month the Town Council will be evaluating a raise in the water rates as part of our yearly budgeting process. Cost information will be posted on the Town Culinary Water page on the Town website.

Cyclekart Race (The Huntsville Grand Prix)

This will be the 6th annual Huntsville Grand Prix featuring the Cyclekarts which are a caricature of pre-World War II vintage cars. The event this year will be held May 30 and 31st. On Friday, May 30, the Cyclekart drivers will be set up in the LDS church parking lot. They will be driving around in the parking lot and around the Huntsville Park at a slow speed. The actual “race” or heats will be held on Saturday, May 31, starting at 8 AM and continue through the day. Some of the morning will consist of “gentleman's heats” or drives around the course in costume. Period costume is

encouraged. This event will happen rain or shine. A food truck will be available on Saturday. More information is available on the Huntsville Town website under the “Events” tab.

Huntsville Town July 4th Celebration

The Huntsville Independence Day Celebration will begin Wednesday evening, July 3rd, with the Patriotic Program at the Huntsville Town Community Center. Come kick off the celebration with an evening full of pride, honor, and community spirit. On Thursday, July 4th, the day will be filled with the Fun Run, Flag-Raising, Breakfast in the Park, Parade, Games, Patriotic Program, Water-slides, food trucks, local vendors, Melodrama, dance party and the Fireworks Finale. If you are interested in vendor information, please email huntsvilletown4th@gmail.com. For parade information please email Hillary Evans at had_evans@yahoo.com. For any other questions please contact Lindsey Ketchum at lindsey@32main.com or text 801-814-8364. Also, please contact Lindsey if you would like to volunteer or if you are interested in exclusive sponsorship opportunities.

Huntsville Town Nominating Convention

Huntsville Town will hold its nominating convention at the Huntsville Town Hall on Tuesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. There are three municipal offices in Huntsville Town, Utah to be voted on in the 2025 Municipal General Election. They are the following:

- One: 4 – year term for Mayor
- Two: 4 – year terms for Council Member seats.

Both Nominating Conventions, Party #1 and Our Town, will hold a combined Nominating Convention at the Huntsville Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend the convention and show your patriotic duty by

supporting your local neighbors and leadership. Candidates must be a registered voter of Huntsville Town, and live within Huntsville Town boundaries for a period of 12 months. Candidates nominated at the Convention must file their Declaration of Candidacy with the Huntsville Town Recorder between June 2nd and June 6th.

Weber Mosquito Abatement

The mosquito species that carries and transmits West Nile Virus could be growing in your own yard. Mosquitoes need water to breed and can lay eggs in even the smallest amount of standing water. To do your part in keeping your family, neighbors, and yourself safe, inspect your yard often and drain water sources. Watch out for birdbaths, rain gutters and downspouts, plant saucers, tree holes and stumps, open trash or recycling bins, kiddie pools, pet dishes, horse troughs, old tires or buckets, leaky hoses and puddles, sand pails and other toys, neglected pools and any other trouble spots which may contain standing water. Mosquitoes can grow from an egg to an adult in just a few days, so check these spots weekly. Please be sure to contact the Weber Mosquito Abatement District to stock your ornamental pond with mosquito fish, to anonymously report sources of standing water throughout the neighborhood, or when experiencing mosquito problems around your home. The Weber Mosquito Abatement District can be reached at (801)392-1630. If you currently have a beehive located in Weber County and would like more information, please contact the Weber Mosquito Abatement District.

Huntsville Waterworks News (Irrigation Water)

The yearly assessment for irrigation shares will be increased from \$60 per share to \$70 per share. This assessment will be included in the June culinary water bill. There will be a follow-up Board of Directors/Shareholders meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor's Message

The Winter of 2024 was relatively mild, but we have been blessed with moisture and full reservoirs as we approach summer. We would like to offer a special

thanks to all who helped with our recent Town cleanup. Our residents always show up and step up.

Special Events

We have a few special events planned this summer and hope you will join us.

- May 26 Memorial Day Celebration at the Huntsville Cemetery - check our website and watch your emails for traffic and parking details
- May 30-31 Huntsville Grand Prix Cycle Kart Races
- July 3-4 - Independence Day Celebration

Condolences

Sadly, we recently lost a couple of longtime residents:

- Former Mayor and Planning Commission Chair, John "Jack" Cox, passed away on March 9, 2025. Jack dedicated his life to serving others, especially the residents of Huntsville. During his time as Planning Commission Chair, I had the opportunity to attend a few of his meetings and was always impressed by his leadership and efficiency. His meetings never lasted more than an hour—by 8:00 p.m. sharp, they were adjourned. I'm sure our town clerks sometimes wish I would take a page from Jack's book, especially during our own three- and four-hour sessions. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Jack's wife, Karla, and their family.

- Huntsville native and lifelong resident, Velma Ahlstrom, passed away on March 23, 2025. Velma dedicated her life to serving her family, neighbors, and the residents of Huntsville. Most recently, she served as a docent at the Aldous Cabin and was also one of our Town historians. Over the course of her life in Huntsville, Velma witnessed the evolution of communication—from having no phone, to operator-assisted calls, to party lines, to cell phones, and now smartphones. In 2024, she was honored as the Grand Marshal of the Huntsville Independence Day Celebration. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Velma's family, including Bruce and Brent, who reside in Huntsville.

That's all for now. Thanks for being great neighbors and friends.

Richard L. Sorensen
Mayor