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16 FEB 2017 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

I attended the Hurricane City Council meeting on 16 Feb because there were topics that were of interest to the people of Dixie Springs. I have put each topic

in its own section to make it easier to get to the information. I watch the agenda for each meeting and try to attend the meeting when there are items of interest.

WATER RATE INCREASE

In July 2016, the Washington County Water Conservancy district (WCWCD) raised the rate for culinary water purchased from their facilities. The rate went from 84 cents per thousand gallons to 94 centers per thousand gallons. This is an increase of 10 centers per thousand gallons. The WCWCD has said that they plan to increase the rate by 10 cents per gallon each year until the rate reaches \$3 per gallon.

Currently, the Sand Hollow Basin uses 94.78% of this water. Dixie Springs is in the Sand Hollow Basin. The rest of the Hurricane water system only relies on the WCWCD water in emergency situations, such as when there are limited volumes from springs, wells go down or there are water line breaks.

The Hurricane Water Board recommended that the

rates be raised in the Sand Hollow Basin area to offset the rate increase imposed by the WCWCD, and to increase the rates each time the WCWCD increases their rate. This recommendation was accepted by the Hurricane City Council and will be approved at the next meeting.

If you have an issue with this rate increase and the rate increases that will be occurring each year, you need to contact the WCWCD and not the Hurricane Water Board. The City is already in the red because the rate increase started last July and they are just now passing on the cost to residents. For most people, this first increase will raise your bill by between 30 cents and \$3 per month.

DOG PARK

I talked to the City Council about funding for the dog park in Dixie Springs. The City Manager has asked that a cost be given to him so he can look for funds. I am

working on getting the costs to him and will follow up on this project.

HURRICANE POLICE 2016 REPORT

There are 23 full time police officers, and 43 people total in the police department including volunteers.

There were 464 more incidents this year than last year.

In 2016, the police handled:

- 1380 in progress calls (the crimes are in progress)
- 565 just occurred
- 4427 not in progress
- 391 medical

The crime rates per thousand people are:

- 0 homicide
- 3 rape
- 2 robbery
- 13 aggravated assault

- 43 burglary
- 214 theft
- 10 motor vehicle theft
- 0 arson

It takes an average of 5-1/2 minutes for police to respond to in progress calls.

The police made 860 arrests. The number of drug arrests has really increased.

There was \$236K of stolen property with only \$40K of that recovered.

There were 353 car accidents last year which is a big increase.

Good news: Hurricane UT is in the top 5 safest cities in America!

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL

There is a prescription disposal service at the Hurricane City police department. They encourage people to bring drugs that are not needed or expired to them. Do not dump them down the sink or into

the toilet where they get into the ground water. Do not leave them around so others can get access to them.

SKY RANCH GOLF COURSE ON HOLD

Washington County has put the new golf course and development at Sky Ranch on hold. I had talked about the golf course and development in the Feb 2017 newsletter. The community was initially planned before the economic downturn in 2002 and had 1100 single family homes, 500 multi-family buildings, an RV resort and a golf course. The country code governing

developments have changed since 2002. Since there were significant changes in the plans for the development, the County asked for a new plan and the new plan must meet the new requirements. The Developers have initiated the process of getting the property annexed into Hurricane City.

DIXIE SPRINGS AND AREA ACTIVITIES

Skeet Shooting

Every Wednesday at 9 am, meet at the Purgatory Clay Sports range for fun shooting skeet.

Hurricane Community Choir

The choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings at 7 pm starting on 1 Feb 2017. Contact webmaster@dixiesprings.info for more information.

Pickle Ball

A number of residents go every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 pm to play Pickleball at the courts by the High School. Contact Deanna Sudweeks at 602-768-2603.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies of Dixie Springs meet for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Sand Hollow Golf Course restaurant. Come join us!

Motorcycle Trail Bike Riders

We have started a small group of trail bike riders that go on short trips around the area. Please see this web site for more information: trail90utah.com.

ATV

Contact Debbie at dhohens@sbcglobal.net or Mike at mikemunsell65@yahoo.com if you would like to join the community ATV rides.

Weaving

Calling all weavers, spinners and "want to be" weavers and spinners! For info, see the web page at <http://www.dixiesprings.info/weavers>

Motorized RVs

If you have a motorized RV, join the Red Rock Rovers! They are a great group that plans great trips 4 times per year. For more info, go to <http://www.redrockers.org/>.

Cannery Trip

Once a month, a group goes to the cannery in St George on the first Wednesday of the month. You can purchase freeze dried canned foods with long shelf lives. The group meets at 9:30 am in front of the mailboxes on the corner of Wilson and Dixie Springs Drive. The group carools from that location.

Tai Chi in the Dixie Springs Park

Tai Chi classes will be held every Tuesday starting 16 August at 10 am in the Dixie Springs Park.

Woodworkers

Looking for other hobby woodworkers to meet and share ideas, projects & skills. I did belong to the Woodworking Guild in Salt Lake before moving to Hurricane. Contact Jeff Blonder at 801-205-5605

DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	156	69%
B	231	153	66%
C	274	96	35%
D	204	95	47%
E	259	89	34%
F	111	26	23%
G	86	50	58%
Total	1390	665	48%

SECTION CAPTAINS

I have the need for Section Captains. These people would contact new people, welcome them to the community and ask if they would give their email for the newsletter. It would be really great if there was more than one person for each section. This is a great chance for you to meet your new neighbors. It also ensures that everyone feels welcome to our community.

DIXIE SPRINGS COMMUNITY FUND

I have established a Dixie Springs Community Fund. The fund would be used for the following:

- Fight threats to our residential community by establishing a relationship with a lawyer who can provide council and other representation
- Fund the Dixie Springs Community Web Site
- Fund the email messages (free now but there is a cost once we get to a certain size).

No funds would be used without approval of a committee of community members.

The fund will **not** be used to enforce CC&RS.

The money for the fund would come from voluntary donations. We recommend \$100 per year per home,

BURNING SEASON

Spring Burn season is March 1 through May 30th and Fall Burn season is September 15 through November 15 2017.

See: <http://washingtoncity.org/burn/permits.php>

For those that do not know, Dixie Springs is platted into lettered sections. We have sections A through G. **I REALLY need one or two section captains for section C.**

To see the sections, see the following web page:

<http://www.dixiesprings.info/information.htm>

If you would like to help, contact Nancy at webmaster@dixiesprings.info

but any amount is welcome. Any use of the money will be reported in the newsletter. We need to start building the fund now. If we are forced into a lawsuit, the cost could well be over \$20K.

To contribute to the fund, put your donation into the following account at the Mountain America Credit Union: 9992856. Put your name and lot number or address as a memo on the deposit so I can credit you with the donation.

You could set up a \$10 a month automatic deposit into the account, if that would be easier.

Please help your community. You may not be impacted by some of the threats now, but you may be in the future and will be glad of the support of your neighbors and the fund. Let's all work together!

If you have an empty lot next to you that is not being cleaned, pitch in and "adopt a lot" by cleaning up some of the lot. This will reduce the tumbleweeds flying around the neighborhood.

BLOCK PARTIES

I know of groups that are planning block parties so you can get to know your close neighbors in a more intimate setting. If you want to put any information about a block party in the newsletter, please send the information to me at webmaster@dixiesprings.info.

There was also discussion of a day for block parties. The date is not set in stone—feel free to have one at any time! The date proposed is the afternoon of Saturday, 6 May. There is one scheduled for that day for the folks around the west end of 2700.

CALENDAR

Spring Fling / Concert in the Park/ Potluck Community Party, Saturday, April 22nd. Hopefully, I will get more information about the time and details soon.

Block Parties, Saturday, 6 May 2017.

Fall Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, September 23rd

Dixie State University Events can be seen at:

<https://visit.dixie.edu/calendars-events/>

They have lots of great concerts, plays, orchestra performances, etc.

For events in St George, see:

<https://www.visitstgeorge.com/calendar>

For Events in Hurricane, see:

<http://www.hurricanerecreation.com/>

RECOMMENDED VENDORS

The list of recommended vendors is on the web at <http://www.dixiesprings.info/vendors.htm>. If you had good service from a vendor, submit your information so everyone can benefit from your experience.