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# *Dixie Springs Community Newsletter*

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## **DIXIE SPRINGS 5K RUN/WALK AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

A great time was had by all at the pancake breakfast and 5K run! Even though it was a little windy, it was a great morning. The 5K run did not end up being 5K for most folks. A wrong turn was made by some and most people followed them, but there were three that did the right course. The picture is of the three that actually ran or walked 5K. Everyone that finished the run or walk, no matter how far they went, received a

very nice medal. The pancakes and sausages were yummy and there were lots and lots of great prizes. The pictures from the event are available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/18tfw1o3420kkc6/AAD5jAvcNNJSQAPSLfvq0ba7a?dl=0>

Feel free to download any pictures you want. Thanks to everyone that organized and helped with the event!



## **PARK GRASS**

If you have been to the park, you have seen that a lot of the grass is dead. The grass got hit by a fungus. The grass at Grandpa's pond got hit by the same fungus. The city has treated it and will treat it once more. The city will then top seed the grass.

## **DOG PARK**

The city has not budgeted any funds for the Dixie Springs Park this year for any improvements, including the dog park.

## CONSOLIDATED INPUT TO CITY

When talking to the City about improvements in the park, the City said someone came to them with the results of a survey about what people want for the park, and claimed to represent the wishes of the people of Dixie Springs. The problem is that survey was not seen by most people and represented a very small percentage of the people in Dixie Springs. The other problem is the City is getting input from different entities.

This is a sticky problem. There is no entity that represents Dixie Springs as a community. The ACC is not an HOA and do not represent Dixie Springs. They

are only tasked with approving all housing plans and updates, and enforcing the CC&Rs. The newsletter goes to a large number of residents, but the email list represents about half of the people in the community. However, if we just declare the problem as too tough, the city will do what they deem appropriate and not necessarily what the community wants.

One solution is to take an online survey and get it to as many people in the community as possible without spending a lot of money. If anyone is willing to work on this, please contact [webmaster@dixiesprings.info](mailto:webmaster@dixiesprings.info).

## LAKE POWEL PIPELINE UPDATE

### Background

The Lake Powell Pipeline project builds a pipeline from Lake Powell to the southeast corner of the Sand Hollow reservoir to satisfy the water needs for all the growth. To help pay for the electricity costs of pumping the water all that way, the plans call for the building of two hydropower substations. The pipeline will come off the top of the Hurricane cliffs down to Sand Hollow. One of the substations will be at the base of the cliffs and the other will be near Sand Hollow. The electricity from the two hydropower substations will be sold to whoever will purchase it. To do this, the power must be sent to a power substation. The lines that carry the power from the hydroelectric substations must be above ground because they generate more heat than the utilities that currently run underground in Dixie Springs.

The published plans have these above ground metal poles running down the east side of Sand Hollow, north on 3400 West, out the north of Dixie Springs and to the Dixie Power substation that is north of Dixie Springs. Therefore, there will be people with large metal poles in their front, side or back yards

depending on the direction the house is facing. There will also be many lots with the poles in their view.

No approval is required to place these transmission lines on the lots because there is a utility easement around every lot in Dixie Springs. The City of Hurricane would have to approve the lines but they currently have no reason to disapprove the lines.

### New Information

We have received conflicting information in the past so time was spent contacting different groups and we feel we have the correct information now. We are working to try and get the plans changed so the power lines take a different route to a substation.

### Dixie Power

About 5 years ago, the Washington County Conservancy contacted them to get a cost for running the transmission lines to their substation north of Dixie Springs. Dixie Power hired a consultant to do a feasibility study which included the cost of running the transmission lines. There were other options considered by the Conservancy that did not include Dixie Power. Dixie Power has no further input. If the

## LAKE POWELL PIPELINE UPDATE (CON'T)

Conservancy gets the funds for the project, they will contract to run the lines to the Dixie Power substation and Dixie Power is only obligated to connect to the lines once they arrive at the substation. Dixie Power had not heard anything for 5 years and were not aware that the plans show the connectivity to that substation. Therefore, Dixie Power has no say in where the transmission lines are run. Right now, Dixie Power has no intention of purchasing the power since it will be more expensive than the power they get now. Dixie Power will be passing the power to whoever wants to purchase it.

### Washington County Water Conservancy District

The Conservancy is the organization that made the decision to run the power lines through Dixie Springs. We talked to the project manager. We asked if they would consider changing the location of the lines and the answer was “no”. The current plan is the least expensive path for the transmission lines. He said that there would be a public comment period in a year and a half by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. This Commission issues the permits for the hydropower plants. (The Lake Powell Pipeline project can go forward without the hydroelectric plants.) The approval of the hydropower plants includes the

approval of the transmission lines. The decision is based on the environmental impact and the costs. He said we could send a letter of protest before the public comment period. The recommendation for the power line route came from the Conservancy and has already been submitted to the Federal Commission for evaluation. The next closest substation is near the landfill and that substation is also connected to Dixie Power.

### **Next Steps**

We cannot wait until the project is approved to try and change the location of the lines. If the project is funded, the funding will use the costs associated with running the lines through Dixie Springs. Running the lines using another route will cost more money and will need to be budgeted into the project.

The people most affected by this plan are getting together for some next steps. They will be putting together a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. They are planning to talk to the Washington County Commission and will be presenting alternate routes for the transmission lines. If you want to help with this, please email [webmaster@dixiesprings.info](mailto:webmaster@dixiesprings.info) and state you want to help change the location of the Lake Powell Transmission Lines.

## 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 6 Sep 2017. Contact [webmaster@dixiesprings.info](mailto: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](http://trail90utah.com).

### ATV

Contact Debbie at [dhohens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhohens@sbcglobal.net) 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

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

### 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

### Orchestra

All levels of stringed instrument players are invited to join the Square Pegs Orchestra. See <http://dixiesprings.info/SquarePegs.htm> for information.

## DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	159	71%
B	231	160	69%
C	274	123	45%
D	204	113	55%
E	259	113	44%
F	111	34	31%
G	86	56	65%
Total	1390	758	55%

## CALENDAR

### Huntsman World Senior Games

If you have never attended any of the Senior Games events, find a sport you are interested in and go watch! Or better yet, volunteer to help. Volunteering is a LOT of fun and you meet great folks from all over the world. The senior games run for 2 weeks, 9—21 Oct 2017. You can get information at:

<https://seniorgames.net/>

### St George Marathon

This race has been running here since 1977. It will be

held on Sat, 7 Oct 2017. Volunteer to help or cheer on the runners. You can get more info at:

<https://www.stgeorgemarathon.com/>

**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>

## SECTION CAPTAINS

Section Captains contact new people, welcome them to the community and ask if they would give their email for the newsletter. This is a great chance for you to meet your new neighbors. It also ensures that everyone feels welcome to our community.

Dixie Springs is platted into lettered sections. We

have sections A through G.

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](mailto:webmaster@dixiesprings.info)

## 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.

## DIXIE SPRINGS COMMUNITY FUND

The Dixie Springs Community Fund is used to:

- 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 comes from voluntary donations. We recommend \$100 per year per home,

but any amount is welcome. Any use of the money will be reported in the newsletter.

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.

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!