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# *Dixie Springs Community Newsletter*

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## **DIXIE SPRINGS PARK SURVEY**

I will be sending out a park survey to everyone in the Dixie Springs Newsletter email list this month. It will be a very simple survey asking what you would like see in the Dixie Springs Park. Because we have so many people, there is a cost to do the survey and I will pay for that personally.

You will be asked for your email address and your lot number. This is to verify that you are an owner in Dixie Springs and there is one response per lot. If you do not remember your lot number, try and find your lot on the lot maps at:

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

If that does not work, email me at [webmaster@dixiesprings.info](mailto:webmaster@dixiesprings.info) and I will try and look it up based on your physical address.

You can send the survey link to others not on the email list. I would like to get as much feedback as possible.

I am going to take the results of the survey to the Hurricane City Manager. Last year, I was told that the Dixie Springs bonds would be paid off by the

summer and they would be more amenable to constructing the next phase of the park in the budget they will be approving in 2019. Since there is no group that can speak for Dixie Springs, this survey is the best that I can do to get input from the community.

I cannot guarantee that the next phase of the park will be approved in the budget or all of the things we want will be put into the park. Using the newsletter, I will keep the community informed about the results of the survey, what was submitted in the budget and when the budget will be discussed in the City Council meetings. The first step is to get the park updates in the budget. The second step is to keep the park updates in the budget. When the budget goes to the City Council, they need to cut projects in order to stay within budget. We need to try and not have the park updates cut from the budget by the City Council.

The City of Hurricane's fiscal year ends 6/30/2019. Therefore, the budgeting process starts early in the year and is finalized in the spring. Last year, the best time to present to the City Council was in April. I will see when the best time would be in 2019.—Nancy

## CITY COUNCIL NEWS

### 15 Nov 2018 Work Meeting

Arthur LeBaron gave a presentation regarding the Transportation Master Plan Survey Results. The survey started in the summer of 2017 and ended in February 2018. The survey was posted online and advertised throughout different areas of the City. There were upwards of 650 responses with the majority of responses coming from Hurricane residents. Mr. LeBaron highlighted the survey results by stating residents would like more pedestrian infrastructures, such as more sidewalks, trails and bike lanes. Safety is also a concern. The completion of the Southern Parkway in Hurricane also ranked high for the citizens

of Hurricane. Mr. LeBaron stated that the Southern Parkway project will start in May 2019. The project is eight miles long and has a lot of infrastructure work that needs to be done. Another project that is set to begin early next year the Exit 16 ramps on I15. Survey results indicate that people feel the worst traffic issue in Hurricane in five years will be traffic congestion. Congestion is defined as not being able to go the posted speed limit because there are too many cars on the road. Connectivity of sidewalks and trails is also important to the community.

The City is proposing to increase the water, power, and parks impact fees.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSERVANCY PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

There will be a property tax increase in 2019 that will go to the Washington County Conservancy.

The property tax increase will raise property taxes on homes in Washington County an additional \$6.81 on a home valued at \$291,000.

This translates to a bump in the annual property tax of

\$97.47 to the water district to \$104.39 for a home at the listed value.

To see a full discussion of the increase, see:

<https://www.stgeorgeutah.com/news/archive/2018/12/06/mgk-unwise-water-use-property-tax-hike-condemned-by-public-hearing-attendees/>

## WASHINGTON COUNTY CONSERVANCY IMPACT FEE INCREASE

An impact fee is placed on each new home built in Washington County that goes to the Conservancy. These fees will be going up each year as shown in the chart

### Wholesale Cost: Impact Fees

- Fees increase annually as outlined in the Impact Fee Facilities Plan
- 2018 Fees
  - 0.75" meter \$8,417
  - 1" meter \$18,181
  - 1.5" meter \$60,350
  - 2" meter \$97,132



## CALENDAR

### Winter 4x4 Jamboree

The Winter 4x4 Jamboree is a non-competitive, guided trail-run event for high clearance 4x4 vehicles.

Groups of participants are led on rated trails by experienced trail leaders and helpers.

Trails are rated on a 10-point scale, with a rating of 1 for graded roads that may be easily traveled by most cars and a rating of 10 for purpose-built vehicles (buggies) with sophisticated suspensions and drivetrains operated by expert drivers. Trails used for the 2019 Winter 4x4 Jamboree will be from 2 rated trails through 10 rated trails.

New for 2019: A competitive RC Rock Crawl Competition and a Kid's RC Play Course.

Online Registration Closes January 2, 2018. No walk-ins if all trails are full.

<https://www.winter4x4jamboree.com/>

### Arts to Zion Art and Studio Tour

The "Arts to Zion" Art and Studio TOUR is a self-guided art adventure through our beautiful, mountainous, breathtaking countryside.

This annual event, will be held over the Martin Luther King weekend, upcoming Jan. 17-21st. 2019.

Washington County galleries and museums will be participating in our self guided tours free to the public by hosting their Artists in Residence or Special Exhibits during the Arts to Zion art and cultural tour weekends, Sept. -June, as well as the countywide January TOUR.

You will be able to meet and watch your favorite artists as they work, or talk about their processes.

The Home Studio Tour

during the countywide January TOUR

will cost \$10.

and you will receive a

punch-card and detailed map to their homes.

<https://artstozion.org/>

### St George Senior Expo

At the Dixie Convention Center Friday, 11 Jan and Saturday 12 Jan from 8 am to 5 pm.

All things for Seniors dedicated to enhancing your lifestyle. So, come catch the wellness wave where you will experience Pickleball, Free Health Screenings, Movie Corner, and Bingo are just some of the fun things we will have to offer at this annual community event. Come see vendors relating to health care, insurance, hobbies, travel, financial investment, future planning, care giver planning and so much more.

### St George City Half Marathon and Expo

The Expo is at the Dixie Center on Friday, 18 Jan. The half marathon is on Saturday, 19 Jan. This is Southern Utah's longest running half marathon, attracting up to 2500 runners. In it's 36th year this spectacular race is on paved city trails that wind along the Virgin River and take you through the beautiful landscape of St. George.

**Dixie State University Events** can be seen at:

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

For **Events in St George**, see:

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

For **Events in Hurricane**, see:

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

## 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 evening at 7 pm starting again on 5 Sep 2018. Contact [webmaster@dixiesprings.info](mailto:webmaster@dixiesprings.info) for more information.

### Pickle Ball

A number of residents go every Monday and Saturday at 6:30 AM to play Pickleball at Sullivan Park in Washington. 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!

### 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>

### All RVs

If you have an RV, join the Red Rock Rovers! They are a great group that plans amazing trips 4 times per year. All types of RVs are welcome—trailers, fifth wheels, and motorized RVs For more info, go to <http://www.redrockers.org/>.

### 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 Desert Strings Community Orchestra. We meet on Thursday night from 6:30 to 8:30. See <http://www.desertstrings.org> for information.

### Learn a Stringed Instrument

Want to learn to play a stringed instrument or get back into playing after maybe really long absence? Join the New Horizons group. You will get instruction and play with a bunch of great folks.

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

### Bicyclists

For any Dixie bicyclists that are up for 20 to 50 mile road rides from the Springs, text or email me, I am riding all the time. Also like getting on the dirt and gravel for those fat cats, although my mountain bike is a bit old school. Patrick McEwen, [Jopj888@msn.com](mailto:Jopj888@msn.com), 801-455-2988

## DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	173	77%
B	231	175	76%
C	274	169	62%
D	204	133	65%
E	259	150	58%
F	111	53	48%
G	86	59	69%
Total	1390	912	66%

## 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!