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DIXIE SPRINGS PARK STATUS

The Parks representative at the City of Hurricane that is working on the next phase of the Dixie Springs Park was contacted about the status. This was the response:

“We are still working on a plan and getting cost estimates. Once we get that all together it will take a while to get construction bids before any actual work begins. We are still working on it and I was also just informed that we have more

money now than we did when we last spoke.”

As a reminder, the following upgrades are being bid on:

- 2 pickle board courts
- Splash pad
- Dog park

If there is available funds, they will also look at shade over the playground area.

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE RESULTS

The 2019 Utah State Legislative session ran from 28 Jan to 14 Mar 2019. 844 bills were introduced and 538 were completed. To see a list of every bill, see this web site:

<https://legiscan.com/UT>

Here are some more notable ones.

Tax Reform. The tax reform bill did not pass but will taken up again in the next session. Utah has

a fund surplus but there is a source problem. Income tax can only be used for education. The sales tax is not growing with the economy but the income tax is. The bill attempted to tax services but it failed.

The goal was to reduce taxes. The increase in the internet sales tax revenue started in 2019 but they could not estimate how much that would bring in.

UTAH LEGISLATURE RESULTS (CON'T)

Other options that are being looked at are:

Sale tax increase on unprepared food

State wide property tax

Allow income tax to go to Medicaid

Look at sales tax exemptions

Article: <https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900060812/2019-legislative-sessions-over-but-work-continues-on-tax-reform-in-utah.html>

Abortion Bills. Two bills passed. Abortions are banned if they are sought solely because of a Down Syndrome diagnosis. Most abortions are banned after 18 weeks.

Increase in beer alcohol content. A bill passed that raises the alcohol limit from 3.2 to 4 percent starting in November. Many other states have moved away from 3.2 beer leaving Utah as the last state, which means beer manufacturers will quit producing it. Moving the limit to 4 percent allows the selling of about 90% of the beer that is produced.

Limited Medicaid Expansion. A bill passed that changed an initiative that was approved by Utah voters because the increase could not be funded. The plan extends coverage to an additional 80,000 people while allowing another 70,000 people to buy heavily subsidized insurance under the health care marketplace created by Obama.

Hate Crimes. The bill passed. It creates stronger penalties for people convicted of targeting someone because of factors such as sexual orientation, race, political expression or religion. The bill requires 2 burdens of proof. Must prove that was the intent and the crime actually

occurred.

Social Security Income Tax. A bill was introduced to exempt social security from income tax. The bill did not come for a vote but it is still in the works for the next session.

Year Round Daylight Savings Time. The bill was introduced but not passed.

Convention of the States. The resolution passed calling for a convention of states to discuss possible amendments to the Constitution of the United States. So far, 34 states have called for a convention. Any change in a convention would have to be voted on by all of the states.

Robocalls. Wanted a bill to stop robocalls but it did not go anywhere because this is an issue that needs to be handled by the Federal Government. The estimates are that 26.3 million robocalls were placed in 2018 with most people getting 10 per month. Even though the "Do Not Call" registry is still active, it is not stopping the tremendous increase in robocalls. The "truth in Caller ID Act" prohibits that transmission of misleading or inaccurate caller ID information with the intent to defraud. The enforcement of this act resulted in over \$200 million in fines in 2018. Many of the calls come from overseas but they seem to be coming from a local source. They use the same area code. There is a new act in Congress called the TRACE act that would strengthen the Federal Communications Commission and other regulators' ability to go after illegal robocallers. The bill would make civil forfeitures for intentional robocalling violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act easier to obtain, and also increase

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potential criminal fines for repeated violations. Under current law, there's a criminal fine up to \$10,000 for a violation. Under the bill, for a continuing intentional violation, the fine could be

three times that amount, for each day of the continuing violation. This bill is still being worked on.

DIXIE SPRINGS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Dates: 17 – 18 May 2019, Time: 8 am to 1 pm

The garage sale is always well attended and the people managing it do a great job of getting lots of buyers to Dixie Springs.

The cost is \$5 per home. This will pay for the advertising, maps that are handed out at the entrance to Dixie Springs, and signs at major corners. The maps will have the location of each participating home marked.

You will set up your items at your home. You are responsible for signage to your home. It is a good idea to put a sign pointing to your home from the major roads in Dixie Springs. It is a good idea to put a sign in front of your home and a sign at the

end of the road to point people to your home.

If you want to participate in the garage sale, please pay \$5.00 to Debbie Hohenstein to pay for the ads, signs and copying. Debbie needs your name, address, and if you would like to list the items you are wanting to sell. Please have the info and payment to Debbie by May 3rd. Call her at 435-216-8219, or you can drop payment and info off at 4154 W 2700 S (leave behind pot at front door).

Volunteers Needed for Next Year

Debbie and her helpers have been managing the garage sale for many years, and need to hand next year's garage sale to another group of people. If you can help, please call her. Without volunteers, these community garage sales will not happen.

HURRICANE CITY WATER DEPARTMENT BACKFLOW PORTECTION

From the Hurricane City Water Dept:

The backflow prevention device/s on your property is due for the periodic test, as required under City Code 8.3.1. Will you please have this test performed by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester possessing a valid certification issued by the Division of Drinking Water of the State of Utah.

If the test discloses that the assembly is not operating satisfactorily, please have the necessary repairs made and the assembly retested by a certified tester. On completion of a test showing that the assembly is operating satisfactorily, the certified tester shall

complete a Test and Maintenance Report form and forward it to this office.

We have enclosed a list of certified testers (the list is on the next page of the newsletter). Additional information relative to this matter may be obtained by calling or writing to our office at the number and address listed below.

147 N 870 W • Hurricane, Utah 84737
Phone (435) 635-9442 • Fax (435) 635-2616
connie@cityofhurricane.com

HURRICANE CITY BACKFLOW TESTERS

Accurate Backflow Testing	669-2548	(Charlie Hill)
Alliance Fire & Safety	669-4039	jyuen@aaafireutah.com
Roger Blaser	619-4623	
Jill Almquist	619-9853	jill.almquist@gmail.com
Hortin Backflow Testing	435-503-2571	ryhort88@yahoo.com (Ryan) Will
CCI Mechanical	574-8874	jdent@ccimechanical.com
Kaleb Demille	674-3700	
Scott Lawton	435-574-8832	
Shayne Demille	674-3700	
James Hoenboken	703-0702	
Bruce Cook	208-390-3574	
Jeff Putnam	680-2703	
Delta Fire Systems (will install)	986-0064	rhean- na.bristol@deltafiresystems.us
Performance Testing	435-574-8832	
Chaparral Fire Protection	435-574-2701	

CALENDAR

Hurricane Community Choir Concert

There will be a FREE concert on Saturday, 25 May, at 7 pm at the Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 93S 100 W. The concert is in observance of Armed Forces Day. There will be patriotic songs, folks songs, and just plain fun songs. If you have never been to one of these concerts, they are well worth attending.

St George Concert in the Park

13 May, Vernon Worthen Park, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Second month of each month from April to September.

David Gerald—Eric Dodge, Country music

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, food and family.

Hurricane Concert in the Park

The concerts are the Third Thursday of each month from April to August. They are in Pioneer Park at 200 North Main Street. The concerts are FREE!

18 April. Tom Bennett - One Man Band

16 May - Stephen Michaud

20 June - Casey Lofthouse

18 July - Broadway in the Park

15 Aug - Way Off Broads

ACC MEMBER NEEDED

One of the members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will be moving from Dixie Springs and a replacement is needed.

The primary purpose of the ACC is to approve all home plans and all changes to the outside of existing homes to ensure they comply with the CC&Rs and building standards.

If you would like to help your community, or would like more information about being on the ACC, send

Hurricane Memorial Day

There is a ceremony at the Hurricane Cemetery, 600 N 225 W, at 8 am, with a pancake breakfast at the American Legion Post afterward.

St George Memorial Day

Monday, May 28th

Ceremonies start at 9 am at the St George Cemetery, 650 E Tabernacle Street. Colors, music and a speaker.

Dixie State University Events can be seen at:

<https://events.dixie.edu/mastercalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx>

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

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

For **Events in Hurricane**, see:

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

an email to webmaster@dixiesprings.info and someone will contact you.

This is a great opportunity to get more involved in the Dixie Springs community.

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 for more information.

Pickle Ball

A number of residents go every day to play Pickleball at 8 am Sullivan Park in Washington. Contact Rose Card at card_rose@hotmail.com.

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

If there is someone that can help manage the ATV group, contact Nancy at webmaster@dixiesprings.info. The group has gotten so large there is a need for people to help manage the group.

Weaving

Calling all weavers, spinners and “want to be” weavers and spinners! For info, see the web page at <http://www.mmawg.org/SWUtahBranch.htm>

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, 801-455-2988

DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	175	78%
B	231	179	77%
C	274	177	65%
D	204	136	67%
E	259	157	60%
F	111	55	50%
G	86	60	70%
Total	1390	939	68%

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

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!