

# Cedar City This Month

CEDAR CITY, UTAH, COMMUNITY UPDATE



FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2017

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Mayor Maile Wilson*

**W**OW! I can't believe how quickly the time has flown. It seems like it was only yesterday that I was preparing to get sworn into office and now I'm entering the last year of my term. These past three years have truly been some of the best years of my life, and I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for the support you have shown

me and our community. This has been an amazing experience so far and one that I would not change for the world, largely because I have the privilege of serving in the most amazing City! We have had some unforgettable (mostly good) experiences together, and I know that I am a better person today because of the residents of this community.

**A**s we enter this new year, I thought in my quest to be transparent I would let you all know of a few of the items that will be a major focus for me during 2017. These priorities include preparing for future water-needs here by exploring new conservation and recharge efforts, working with the State Water Engineer on the Groundwater Management Plan for the valley, and looking for other alternatives to secure water going forward. We will also address the need for a new animal shelter to replace the current facility that is undersized, outdated, and inadequate for the needs of our community (I will provide more information in the

future about the need and ways to be involved as we progress towards making this new shelter a reality). We want to continue the beautification of our community by ensuring that there is adequate and appropriate signage. We also plan on continuing to advocate of behalf of Cedar City with our state and national elected officials, business, site selectors, etc. We will also continue meeting with our current and future business community to provide support and address any concerns. While this list is just a few items, hopefully it will provide some insight into what I do as mayor and our upcoming priorities.

**I**f you happen to see any of our City employees out snow-plowing our streets, gathering up all the extra Christmas aftermath, or any of the other responsibilities they are tending to – don't forget to say thank you! While so many of us were in our warm homes enjoying our families for the Christmas holiday, they were out clearing the snow to make the roads safe. In addition, I know as I drive up and down Main Street I smile because of the beautiful Christmas lights- thank you to the Parks staff for their work in making our City look like "Festival City, USA." A HUGE thank you to all of the City employees for all of the time you sacrifice away from your families to serve our community, making Cedar City the best place on earth to live!!!! I hope that everyone has a wonderful New Year and that 2017 brings happiness to all!

**O**ne thing that I have truly enjoyed has been spending time with our local business owners, doing business visits, and learning about the role their business plays in our City. Over the next year I would like to highlight some of the amazing businesses we have here in Cedar City. In connection with our

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## Kirk Haymore honored

Parks Maintenance Worker, Kirk Haymore, has been selected by the Employee Advisory Council as the Employee of the Month for January. Kirk was nominated by Leisure Services Department Head, Bryan Dangerfield. His nomination reads as follows:



“Kirk’s enthusiasm and can-do attitude makes him a valuable member of the Cedar City Leisure Services and Parks Division team. He has worked for the Parks Division since October of 2014. Among Kirk’s responsibilities are the parks and outdoor facilities in the downtown area. Kirk deals with a very busy schedule of festivals and sporting events during the summer months, including numerous parades, festivals, and large activities at Main Street Park and in the historic downtown district.

“He gets along well with his fellow employees and the parks and event patrons which is essential in dealing with the diverse groups to visit these prominent venues. His fun and professional attitude is a huge asset to the City in creating great working relationships among these groups.

“Kirk’s past professional experience has allowed the City to save a lot of money on various projects (both emergencies and planned projects) that have been accomplished within the Parks Division.

“Kirk is a great supervisor and he and his employees will do everything they can to make sure the downtown area is neat and well-presented for the many people who visit these areas. One of Kirk’s most enjoyable times is setting up the Christmas decorations at Main Street Park, City Hall, and Mayor Square Park. Many people have commented how nice it is to have these areas decorated.

“As a result of his efforts many visitors and citizens have a good impression of our City. He is a credit to Cedar City Corporation and the Leisure Services Department.”

Congratulations, Kirk!

## At the Library...

There are a couple of exciting things happening this month at the Library. First, we will feature a local writing group, “Thinking Through Our Fingers” for a special event on the writing process. This group is comprised of local published and soon-to-be published authors including: Helen Boswell, Rosalyn Eves, Tasha Seegmiller, Erin Shakspear, and Elaine Vickers. The topic they will be discussing is “How Great Starters Can Become Great Finishers” discussing writer’s block, loss of motivation, and the many surprises that come in life which can create a barrier to completing a project. This event is free and open to the public and will take place on January 12th, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Library. Books written by Helen Boswell and Elaine Vickers will be available for purchase by Main Street Books.

Also in January, the Library will be displaying a special gallery called “Art Your Library” featuring pieces that celebrate and feature the Library. This exhibition will be on display from January 15th through February 28th. This is going to be a great gallery and we encourage you to come check it out!

## BillionGraves.com

Cedar City resident Tom Comstock, the CEO of BillionGraves.com, recently gave a presentation to the Friends of the Cedar City Cemetery about how visitors can easily get directions to loved one’s headstones using a smartphone app.

Fortunately for Cedar City, most of the headstones here have been photographed and cataloged using the GPS on a smartphone. Anyone who downloads the BillionGraves app can take a photo of their loved one’s headstone and transcribe the personal information found on the images and upload the information to the website. The more images uploaded will ensure greater accuracy of the location of the grave.

BillionGraves is the world’s largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data. Cedar City Cemetery will benefit from new features on the free iOS, Android, and Windows mobile apps. Anyone can access the BillionGraves.com website to search the free index for family and link records to your favorite family tree resource. Billion Graves is partnered with FamilySearch, MyHeritage and Findmypast.



## Public Works

**CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL:** There are 4 locations for you to dispose of your live tree:

- 100 East & College Avenue
- 100 West & Coal Creek
- North of Cedar Middle School
- 638 East Canyon Center Drive (Fiddlers)

All bins are marked for trees only. Please do not put anything but live trees in these bins, and please do not put your live Christmas tree in your regular trash bin. The bins will be out until January 11th, 2017.

**SOLID WASTE:** For any resident that may have missed the 2017 garbage pick-up holiday schedule, it is shown below. Please keep it as a handy reminder. Landlords – please give a copy of this holiday schedule to your renters. Cans should be out by 7 a.m. on your assigned day. Please make sure your cans are not blocked by vehicles or other obstacles, and that the cans are out on the street, not on the sidewalk. As always, if you have any questions about your pick-up day, or what items can't be placed in your residential trash bin, please call the Public Works Department at (435) 586-2912.

**LANDFILL:** There are many items that the City garbage trucks are not able to pick up such as carpet/padding, appliances, furniture, televisions, electronics, and residential construction materials like brick, lumber, fencing, etc. You may dispose of these items at the landfill. Certain items require a fee before disposal. The landfill is located at 3127 North Iron Springs Road. If you have any questions, please call the landfill at (435) 865-7015.

**WATER:** We have had several broken water services due to the cold weather already this winter. The Water Division would like to remind home owners that on extremely cold nights, they may want to leave an inside faucet dripping to avoid frozen pipes.

### 2017 HOLIDAY GARBAGE PICK-UP CEDAR CITY PUBLIC WORKS

HOLIDAY	DATE GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP
New Year's Day - City Holiday Monday, January 2nd	Wednesday, January 4th
Civil Rights Day - Monday, January 16th	Wednesday, January 18th
Presidents' Day - Monday, February 20th	Wednesday, February 22nd
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th	Wednesday, May 31st
Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4th	Monday, July 3rd
Pioneer Day - Monday, July 24th	Wednesday, July 26th
Labor Day - Monday, September 4th	Wednesday, September 6th
Veterans' Day - City Holiday Friday, November 10th	Monday, November 13th
Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 23rd	Wednesday, November 22nd
Day After Thanksgiving Day – Friday, November 24th	Monday, November 27th
Christmas Day - Monday, December 25th	Wednesday, December 27th



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Economic Development Department, we are going to start a new section of this monthly newsletter called "Business Highlights." This will focus on making our residents more aware of those who have sacrificed to run a business here in our community. If you would like your business (or would like to recommend a business) to be part of our monthly "Business Highlight" section or if you would like to have us come and visit your local business please contact Cameron Christensen, the Economic Development Coordinator, at [cameronc@cedarcity.org](mailto:cameronc@cedarcity.org) or (435) 586-2770.

When I came into office one of the things that was important to me, and that has been discussed in multiple newsletters, was establishing a City Strategic Plan and associated Annual Budget Report Document containing our City Department/Division Goals. As we enter the new year and begin the City budgeting process we have updated the Annual Budget Report Document to reflect the current goals and accomplishments for each of the City Departments/Divisions. This report document is designed to provide the "how" aspect for accomplishing the goals laid out in the Cedar City Strategic Plan. We believe this structure for our Strategic Plan will provide more transparency to our residents, while also providing additional accountability. During our annual budget process, we will review the Strategic Plan and related Annual Budget Report Document addendum. If you would also like to see the goals set by each of our City Departments/Divisions, the Annual Budget Report Document is now available on the City website under the FY 16/17 Budget Report tab under the Finance Department page or at the following link <http://cedarcity.org/512/Budgets>.

Each year there are many fun and exciting events that take place here in Cedar City. One of these is this month when BYU's top female a capella group, Noteworthy, will be putting on a concert that combines vocal percussion, humor, and a tight harmony. Noteworthy has appeared on NBC's hit television show, "The Sing-Off," and was crowned the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella (ICCA) champion in 2007.

Noteworthy's varied repertoire includes everything: rock, pop, country, jazz, R&B, spiritual, and other musical styles, which make them a crowd favorite. The

performers take songs and rearrange them to deliver a new rendition with just their mouths. They mimic complex instrumentation, hold a perfect pitch, and give a beautiful harmony. All nine members are carefully selected through competitive auditions and they are experts at displaying musical ability, creativity, and stage experience—resulting in original, skillful, and spirited performances. You won't want to miss this talented a capella group performing at the Heritage Center Theater on January 21st at 7 p.m. For tickets and more info visit: <http://www.heritagectr.org/>.

The Cedar City Chamber of Commerce's 66th annual awards banquet will be held on Thursday, January 19th at 6 p.m. Renowned comic magician, Eric Buss, will add a unique twist to this year's banquet, which promises to be highly entertaining.

At this event, the Chamber will recognize local individuals and organizations for their contributions to the community. The fun starts at 6 p.m. at the SUU Sharwan Smith Center Ballroom. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. and the magic show and awards presentation begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are just \$50 and are available at the Chamber office at 510 West 800 South. For more information and/or to reserve your tickets call (435) 586-4484.

This month I wanted to give you an update on the progress of the Leisure Services Parks and Recreation Master Plan and let you know what the next step is and how to get involved. To date, we have had over 1,033 responses to our survey regarding the future of parks, trails, recreation facilities, etc. These survey responses have included some great comments from our citizens--thank you to everyone that has taken the time so far to let your voice be heard! If you haven't taken the survey yet, you still have time as it will remain posted on the main page of our Cedar City website.

As a next step, there will be a follow-up public Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th in the Explorer's Room (in the Heritage Theater basement), from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At this Town Hall meeting the consulting team will present its findings and recommendations in a rough draft format to allow for the public to make additional written comments. Another iteration of the report will be done, reviewed again, and eventually presented to the City Council. We invite everyone to attend!