A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The beginning of fall has got to be one of my most favorite times of the year, as the leaves start to change colors up Cedar Mountain and begin to trickle down into the valley. I am thrilled that so many events are pushing through the “red tape” to proceed as planned, in spite of the restrictions for social distancing and allowing “Festival City USA” to live up to its name. I hope you all enjoy the festivities while the weather allows it and while keeping yourselves safe and socially distant whenever possible.

It just wouldn’t be fall without the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival. This year marks the 15th Anniversary for the Festival and it promises to be just as exciting as years before, with a few special modifications. As with nearly every event these days, social distancing guidelines will be in effect and certain precautions will be put in place. Events are subject to change and some may not be able to be proceed due to COVID restrictions, so please check the schedule to see which events will continue. To view the schedule of events, visit www.cedarlivestockfest.com/schedule.

The Festival provides a very unique and rich history of our community. Livestock production was the main source of income in this area, which provided basic staples for that time period: milk, meat, butter, cheese, hides and wool. Sheep were and still are the dominant livestock species on Cedar Mountain. Cattle and sheep are moved up and down seasonally from the summer ranges on the mountains to the winter ranges in the valleys and that’s what makes the celebration of our livestock heritage a natural festival for our community.

The Livestock & Heritage Festival is set to begin Friday, October 22nd and runs through Saturday, October 23rd. The ever popular Sheep Parade down main street is the highlight event of the festival and continues to be one of the most unique parades in the country. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday the 23rd, where sheep will be herded down Cedar City’s Main Street.

For everyone’s safety, they ask that you please leave your dogs at home and stay on the sides of the street so you do not get in front of the sheep. All events are FREE and take place at the Cross Hollows Events Center (Iron Rangers Outdoor Arena and Diamond Z Indoor Arena) located at 11 N. Cross Hollows Drive. For any questions regarding the Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival, please visit their website at www.cedarlivestockfest.com or call (435)586-8132.

Also, you may have noticed the “sheep” along the sidewalks throughout the City. They are actually part of the Livestock & Heritage Festival’s largest fundraiser. They are made of wood and are intended for businesses to decorate how they wish and then display them on the sidewalk outside their buildings to show their support for the Festival. It’s fun to see all the unique ways they are decorated and some go all out and look to be, what I consider to be, serious works of art. If you are interested in purchasing a Heritage “sheep”, call Diane Janes at (435)590-2067.

I would like to take a moment and welcome all the incoming freshmen and returning students coming to attend the fall semester at Southern Utah University. I can’t tell you how excited I am that they are resuming in-person classes, so each one of you can really get the full “university” experience. As a graduate of SUU, I know that you will just fall in love with our absolutely amazing community the same way that I have. Good luck to you all and GO T-BIRDS!

As some of you may know, October is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The goal is to raise public awareness about domestic violence and educate our community and communities around the country on how to recognize and prevent it. It’s also a time to celebrate survivors of domestic violence and mourn those who could not get the help they needed. If you or anyone you know has been or is currently a victim of domestic violence or abuse, please call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1(800)799-7233, or Canyon Creek Services’ local 24-hour hotline at (435)233-5732, or contact any of our local law enforcement agencies. Help End Domestic Violence.

Canyon Creek Services will be presenting their 2nd Annual Legacy Gala Masquerade: Exploring the Mask on Friday, October 9th, 2020 at the Iron Springs Resort (3196 W. Iron Springs Road, Cedar City). This year, they have made the option available to participate online or in person. They will be hosting both a live and silent auction during the event, and all proceeds from the Gala will help support essential services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout our community.

Check-in and social hours begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Dinner & a Program at 6:30 p.m. and the Live Auction & Announcement of Winners at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the event can be purchased online at www.canyoncreekservices.org/events. Single tickets are available for $75 or a full table for $500. Sponsorship Spots are available for purchase as well, ranging from $800 for the Silver Package to $1,500 for the Platinum Package. For more information on how to purchase tickets or a sponsorship, call their Administration Office at (435)867-9411.
PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

WASTEWATER:
Construction is currently underway on the 3rd final clarifier at the wastewater treatment facility. The completion of this clarifier will put the treatment facility design capacity out to 4.8 million gallons per day. The excavation and dirt work has been completed and the concrete floor of the 70-foot diameter tank has been poured with the sump and piping set in place. The 15-foot tall wall sections are scheduled to be poured and completed the first part of October, 2020. Additional piping, mechanical, electrical, cement work and clarifier mechanism will follow. The clarifier is expected to be completed and placed into operation in March, 2021. It will allow the plant staff to take down the other clarifiers for annual maintenance and still continue to meet the effluent requirements set forth by the State of Utah and the EPA.

The wastewater collections division is almost finished cleaning and videoing this year’s pipeline section, on the west side of I-15 from Highway 56 to 7200 North. Work is also currently underway on the sewer line replacement project on McArthur Avenue. This project will replace 450-feet of under-sized and damaged sewer line along with new lateral connections and 2 new manholes that will allow easier access for cleaning and videoing.

WATER:
As colder weather comes upon us and the irrigation season draws to a close, please remember that it is a violation of City Ordinance 37-5-3 for anyone other than a Cedar City Water Division employee to get into your water meter box. If you need to shut off your water meter before you shut off your stop and waste valve, please call the City Office at (435)586-2951 to have them arrange for a water employee to come to your home and shut off your water meter. We will be glad to take care of this.

AS A REMINDER: Water restrictions for irrigating with culinary water continue until October 31st per City Ordinance 37-7-1. Thanks for doing your part in conserving this precious, natural resource.

The Public Works Department can help you with maintenance of streets, water lines, water meters, water leaks, sewer lines, missed trash pickups, replacement trash cans, street lights, etc., but we can’t help you set up new service, or pay bills. We’re happy to forward these calls to the City Utilities Department, but to help save you frustration from being transferred from department to department, please call 435-586-2951 to ask questions about your utility bills, pay your bill or set up new services or discontinue services with the City.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN SURVEY
Cedar City and Enoch are working together to update and prepare city-wide Transportation Master Plans, including an integrated Active Transportation Plan, for each city. The study components will consist of:

- Master Transportation Plans: Plan for safe and effective movement of people and goods for the 10-year, 20-year, and 30-year planning periods.
- State Route 130 Access Management Plan: Provide implementation guidance on how to improve ST-130 through traffic, reduce crashes and decrease vehicle conflicts in Enoch City.
- Active Transportation Plans: Identify opportunities and gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in order to plan for a safe and connected active transportation network.

For more information and to take the survey, visit our website: www.cedarcity.org.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!!

DON’T MISS THE 20TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL!!
The Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce and Cedar View Pediatric Dentistry will be hosting the 20th Annual Pumpkin Festival. The Festival will be held at the Diamond Z Arena - Cross Hollows Event Center located at 11 N. Cross Hollows Road in Cedar City, UT on October 10th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is $5 per child. There will be vendor booths, fun activities for the kids, a Live Scarecrow contest (come dressed-up), and more!

The Chamber is also inviting all the downtown businesses to decorate their shops inside and outside, including their window displays, with all the great things that fall has to offer. For more information call (435) 586-4484 or visit www.cedarcitychamber.org.
Robinson Family Pumpkin Patch

Take a wagon ride to search the patch for that perfect pumpkin, have fun getting lost in the hay maze, and see all the animals in the petting zoo (bags of food can be purchased for $1). Open Monday – Friday 4:00 p.m. – dark (approx. 8 p.m.) & Saturday 9:00 a.m. – dark (approx. 8 p.m.) located at 1450 W Industrial Rd. (Cedar City) Pumpkins are $0.30 a pound. For information call (435) 691-5014.

Judd Pumpkin Patch

Come spend the afternoon finding the perfect pumpkin at the Judd Pumpkin Patch. Located at 314 E. 270 N. in Paragonah. Open Monday – Saturday 9:00 am – dark (approx. 7:00 pm) While you’re there, you’ll see all the animals in the petting zoo, and get dirty in the sandpile. Admission to all activities is FREE and pumpkins are $0.25 a pound. For information call (435) 477-9783.
One of the most unique cycling events in the country will be coming to Southern Utah this month. Cedar City will be hosting their inaugural Belgian Waffle Ride (BWR) on October 17th, 2020. This event will be filled with professional road and gravel riders and a long list of hungry amateur riders that have been drawn to this unique opportunity to race alongside their heroes, including World Tour rider, Peter Stetina, who won the 2019 San Diego edition.

The race promises unparalleled punishment for entrants along a 125-mile course, featuring 6,000 feet of climbs at an average altitude of 5,800 feet, and over 60-miles of off-road terrain that mildly compares to the teeth-rattling cobblestone of Europe’s most grueling races. The course will provide a variety of different surfaces, including gravel, single track, rocky trails, sandy sections and some asphalt and bike paths.

Racers and event patrons will be treated to food, pre- and post-event, adhering to the guidelines set by Health Officials on race day. After the race, you will be able to sample brewed ale from Policy Kings Brewery while enjoying more waffles. For more information on the event, please call our Events Department at (435)865-5108 or visit our website, www.cedarcity.org.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and what better way to show your support than registering for the 8th Annual Power in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and 5k Run. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th and begins at 8:30 a.m. at Canyon Park West (151 S. 400 E.). This fun walk and run fundraiser benefits women and their families in Iron County who are dealing with breast cancer.

This event is being sponsored by Power in Pink Iron County, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping local women that are affected by breast cancer. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and is $25 per person. There will, of course, be physical distancing guidelines and masks with registration. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end when all the participants cross the finish line. A raffle will be held at 9:15 a.m. For more information on this event, visit www.active.com or powerinpinkironcounty.blogspot.com.

The Haunted Homestead will be back again this year with fun events for all ages. It’s a 4-day “spook”-tacular that’s held at the Frontier Homestead State Park Museum every year during the second weekend of October. This year, the Haunted Homestead we will be featuring virtual events, like a self guided cemetery tour and a digital paranormal presentation. They’ll have fun Halloween themed crafts for everyone on October 9th & 10th and activities will be available to groups that call in and pre-register. Cost for the activities will be $1 per person.

This year you and your family can grab some flashlights and head to the Cedar City Cemetery for a self-guided tour. The museum will provide information and stories about the most prominent people that are buried there, as you explore our historical cemetery and uncover its secrets. Booklets will be provided and graves will be marked. Their ever-famous “More Than Ghost Stories: Paranormal Investigations in Southern Utah” will be entirely online this year. For more information on presentation times, dates or if you have questions, visit their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheFrontierHomestead or call the Frontier Homestead Museum at (435)586-9290.

Don’t miss the Utah High School Cycling League South Region Race #4 on October 9th, 2020. The Utah High School Cycling League is a non-profit organization that began in 2011 and is an affiliate league of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). They provide a high-quality mountain bike racing experience that emphasizes the value of each participant, camaraderie among their peers and a positive sporting behavior for cultivation of health over competition. They also facilitate the development of interscholastic cycling teams and clubs from grades 7 through 12 and provide education, training, licensing and insurance for coaches and volunteers.

The event will be held at the Three Peaks Recreation Area (about 10 miles northwest of Cedar City off of Midvalley Rd.). The race begins at 7:00 a.m. For more information visit their website at www.utahmtb.org or call (806)473-7915.

Get your goons and goblins ready for a great time at the annual Cedar City Aquatic Center Halloween Spooktacular! This year, the spook alley will be done “Drive-In” style in the parking lot of the Aquatic Center. There is a $5 fee for each vehicle and vehicles more than 7-feet high and/or 8-feet wide will be allowed to enter. Treat “hands” will be given out to the kids at the end of the drive-thru. Each treat will be prepackaged and handed out by individuals meeting all safety protocols. The Spook Alley starts Thursday, October 22nd and runs through Saturday, October 24th. Times are from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. each day. Come dressed as your favorite character or a spooky costume and enjoy a wicked good time COVID style! For more information, call the Cedar City Aquatic Center at (435)865-9223.

Calling all Cinema Fans! The 14th Annual Red Rock Film Festival will be back in town, from November 4th through November 7th. The Red Rock Film Festival is an international gathering place for cinematic art right here in Festival City, USA. Our beautiful scenery will provide the backdrop for independent premiers and films that will “enlighten the senses and empower the mind.” The first screening with be at 12:00 p.m. with the last screening at 8:30 p.m. at the Cedar Theater (33 N. Main St., Cedar City). Features and shorts will be featured all day, so be sure to check the schedule at the Cedar Theater for details.

This event is great for all genres and a wide diversity of viewers. Spectators will be able to view new independent films that cannot be seen anywhere else at a more affordable price. The Festival will also be doing a fundraiser to “Save the Cedar Theatre Experience”. They’ll be raising funds to save chairs, the screen and try to restore the Cedar Theatre. You can get your name put on a plate on the back of a chair from the Cedar Theatre through heir Adopt-a-Chair program. For more information on how to donate or adopt a chair, the film schedule, or to purchase a pass or tickets, visit their website at www.redrockfilmfestival.com or call (435)705-5555.