A Message from the Mayor

One hundred years ago on December 2, 1921, a newsclip found in the Iron County Record (the local weekly for many years) said the following:

“John Hamilton, of Hamilton’s Fort, spent Thursday in Cedar on business.”

That’s all that was written, nothing more.

What seemed like a newsworthy event in 1921 seems lackluster in today’s modern fast-paced life. Hamilton Fort in 1921 was a trip of eight miles by car if you had one, about three to four hours by foot, or two hours by horse.

In the future, there could be a new freeway interchange that hopefully we will call Hamilton’s Fort. Then the trip from Hamilton’s Fort to Cedar could take less than 10 minutes.

Cedar City is quickly growing to the south, with talk of an elementary school being built in Hamilton Fort, thousands of homes in sketch and various phases of development.

This leaves the obvious place for a new interchange to be where West View Drive and I-15 meet.

Hamilton’s Fort has certainly changed from 1921 to 2022

As a boy growing up on 900 West and 200 South in the 50’s, I lived next door to a woman named Jamima Hamilton.

Aunt Mima, as we called her, always said she was from the “Fort.” She was elderly and of poor health and I was often tasked to help her pick apples, plumbs, corn, peas, or mow the lawn and weed the garden.

She had little money but when she made her famous “Brown Bobbins” I would always get two of them.

I could have easily eaten a hundred of these sweet triangle-shaped donut pastries because they were so delicious but was nicely satisfied with two.

Aunt Mima cooked them in a cast iron pan, and I assume they were baked in the oven, but I was never allowed to see the manufacturing. I am sure this pan came from the “Fort.”

I hope we all take an opportunity this spring to remember others and how we can help a neighbor, because that is what makes our community so special.

Cedar City has a wonderful annual tradition known as Spring Clean-Up offered by our Public Works Department, where they pick up yard debris left out on the curbside during designated days in April (read upcoming schedule and details on Page 2 of this publication.)

I hope we all remember to do nice things, lend a helping hand, and be appreciative in return. Perhaps offering a token of appreciation could go a long way for your neighbor, just as I received Aunt Mima’s “Brown Bobbins.”

I’m looking forward to a beautiful spring where neighbors are neighborly, flowers are blooming, and the sun is shining in beautiful Cedar City.

MAYOR GREEN’S BANANA SPLIT BOOK CLUB COMING SOON!

Be sure to follow Cedar City on social media to stay connected and learn more about the Mayor’s new Banana Split Book Club coming in May!
Do you have the urge to start spring cleaning around your property?

Our Public Works Department has scheduled the City’s Spring-Clean Up Days in April to assist residents in purging any excess yard waste.

On your neighborhood’s scheduled day, City crews will pick up brush, branches, clippings, leaves, grass, untreated wood including pallets and crates, asphalt, dirt, rocks and concrete.

Due to restriction on the dump site, we will no longer be able to accept tires. We will not pick up furniture, carpeting, appliances, electronics, or regular garbage.

All unacceptable piles will not be picked up and must be removed from the street by those who placed them there. City crews will not load debris if it is piled on private property.

Please have your debris out on the curb by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled week. Crews will NOT come on Friday, Saturday or Sunday and WILL NOT return to streets that have already been completed.

Do not put debris out more than one week before your scheduled clean up date. A maximum of one (1) 10-wheeler dump truck load will be picked up per single residence.

Debris must be in front of the curb on the street. Keep vehicles off the street during your scheduled week, as well as the following week, so that city crews can sweep the street.

This service is provided to Cedar City residents, except for those living in a Planned Unit Development (PUD), or with commercial or industrial properties.

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**SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE:**

- **Area 1:** West of I-15
  - April 11 - 14, 2022
- **Area 2:** South of Center Street and east of I-15
  - April 18 - 21, 2022
- **Area 3:** North of Center Street and east of I-15
  - April 25 - 28, 2022

(SEE MAP BELOW)
Main Street grant project awarded to assist Historic Downtown businesses

The Cedar City Historic Downtown Economic Committee was recently selected as a recipient of a Downtown Enhancement Grant from the Utah Main Street Program of $30,000 up to $42,000, made possible through the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity.

A portion of the awarded grant will be used as a Façade and Tenant Improvement Grant. It is a great opportunity for local business owners or tenants occupying “historic period” buildings (roughly 50 years or older) to refresh and revitalize their buildings within the Historic Downtown Project Area.

Businesses who apply and are selected by the Committee will work closely with City officials to update and/or renovate historic infrastructure façades through a 50/50 funding match. A meeting will be held for all Downtown business and building owners on April 14th to learn more about the opportunity. All applications will be evaluated by the Historic Downtown Committee. To learn more about this committee and the members, visit www.bit.ly/cedarhdec.

Cedar City recognizes the importance of preserving our Historic Downtown and is dedicated to assisting local businesses. If you qualify and are interested in this opportunity, contact the Economic Development Department for more information at (435) 586-2770.

Important Reminder

Per City Ordinance 27a-8, dogs and other domestic animals are only permitted in designated parks and public spaces in the City. Cedar City baseball fields and parks have been experiencing an increase of issues relating to pets, such as the presence of dogs and defecation. This City Ordinance is in effect to maintain the cleanliness and safety for all who visit our City parks, fields, and public spaces. While our outdoor areas will begin to be used more frequently with the warming weather, we remind everyone to be mindful of this and keep all pets leashed and in marked areas only, such as parking lots and various walking trails, or the Enoch Dog Park (6337 North 675 East, Enoch). Officers will be present to address this issue and enforce the ordinance and we thank you for the cooperation.

LAKE AT THE HILLS IS NOW OPEN!

Fishing and beach going is now open at the Lake at the Hills, located at the Cedar City Aquatic Center (2090 W Royal Hunte Drive). Rentals for paddle boards and kayaks will become available Memorial Day.

The Lake at the Hills is open from sun up to sun down and is free except for rentals. Please note, a fishing license is required to fish. Visit www.CedarCity.org/520/Lake-At-The-Hills, for more information.

ANNUAL IRRIGATION RESTRICTIONS BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2022

Per City Ordinance 37-7.1, water restrictions on irrigating with culinary water between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. go into effect on April 1st, 2022 and will continue through October 31st, 2022. This restriction is enforced every day of the week to conserve our water during the warmer months. Failure to comply will result in violations:

1. 1st violation - Warning.
2. 2nd violation - Water supply shut off and $25.00 reconnection fee.
3. 3rd violation - Water supply shut off, $25.00 reconnectio-in fee, and $100.00 penalty.

All fines and penalties shall be paid in full prior to the restoration of water service. Please be mindful of conserving our water resources. For more information on water conservation, visit www.conservewater.utah.gov.

To have your water meter turned off before you turn on the Stop-and-Waste sprinkler system, please contact Public Works at (435) 568-2912.

Do not go into your meter barrel by yourself. The meter can only be operated by an authorized city water division employee.

APRIL 16TH: EASTER EGG DIVE-IN AT THE AQUATIC CENTER

Join Leisure Services on Saturday, April 16th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for an egg hunt in the pool! All children under 11 years old are able to participate in their age group and if you find the golden egg, you win the grand prize!

Admission is covered under daily pool admission or existing membership, and open swim begins at 12:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.bit.ly/eggdive2022.
Storm drain improvements continue to be made around the City

The Public Works Storm Drain and Streets Divisions have been actively working all winter and through spring to clean and clear the storm water basins and channels within the city. Crews have cleared out all the basins on the east side of the city, including those that were impacted by the recent floods, removing silt, trees, willows and debris leading into the storm drain system.

On the west side, crews have also finished clearing out Coal Creek going toward Quichapa. In addition, crews are currently working on the storm drain ditch from Main Street to I-15 and Nichols Canyon, clearing willows and debris. Crews will be removing a small storm drain pipe out on Cross Hollow Road across from Silver Silo, creating an open ditch to alleviate flooding in that area.

The next project will be at the end of Shurtz Canyon road. Erosion is threatening to eat into the parking lot of the walking trail and crews will be extending the storm drain pipe and filling in the eroded area.

Cedar City Fire Department receives upgraded rating and classification for services and capabilities

Effective April 1, 2022, Cedar City Fire Department will be recognized as a Class 3 Fire Agency, after being evaluated by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) with a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

The Fire Department received a grade from the Public Protection Classification (PPC) and is rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with Class 1 representing an exemplary fire suppression program.

The new rating puts Cedar City Fire Department in a higher classification based on certain criteria, equating to a more efficient fire department and a safer community.

How does this affect residents? The Fire Department will continue to operate at their greatest capacity, just like they always have. However, the new classification can help residents potentially receive lower homeowner’s insurance rates because of how Cedar City Fire’s services and capabilities are viewed and evaluated by insurance companies.

Insurance companies use the ISO rating to determine and establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance.

Be sure to check with your home insurance company to have them reassess costs based on this new rating!

To determine the rating, Cedar City Fire was evaluated based on five criteria and received points above state standard for many of the following:

- Needed Fire Flows
- Emergency Communication
- Fire Department
- Water Supply
- Fire Prevention

The Fire Department is always working towards improving this rating as best they can to ensure the highest level of service is always being offered.

Cedar City firefighters thank the community for the constant support, resources and encouragement and are proud to serve Cedar City and the surrounding communities each and every day.