A Message from the Mayor

BANANA SPLIT BOOK CLUB IS HERE!

As we begin to countdown the days until summer, excitement fills the air of our town in anticipation of more days filled with family, friends, and fun memories. I am especially looking forward to the launch of the Banana Split Book Club (BSBC) in Cedar City, which I started several years ago in 2017 with my own grandchildren.

As a father of five children and a grandfather to 25 grandchildren, I understand the work and dedication it takes to keep our youth up to speed with academics. This is what inspired me to create the BSBC for a few of my grandchildren who were struggling in school, and particularly with reading.

The Book Club was a great success for my grandkids, the neighbor kids and their friends, as I picked fun children's chapter books that had movies made from them, and offered a banana split as a reward for reading the book.

The children read books like Paddington, Matilda, and Babe, and prepared for Grandpa Garth's BSBC night at our house. Every effort was rewarded with a chance to watch the movie based off the book, hang out with their friends, eat a banana split... and Yes, they would get their next book too! It always brought a smile to my face to hear them say, “The book was better than the movie!”

I’m excited to bring the Banana Split Book Club to all of Cedar City this summer to encourage reading and focus on a fun summer activity for our youth. As your Mayor, I’ve partnered with our Cedar City Public Library to host this event every Thursday beginning May 26th through August 11th, 2022. Pre-registration begins on Thursday, May 5th at the Library (303 N. 100 E., Cedar City) and you’ll get a free banana split just for signing up! Check out the full registration schedule and summer reading list at www.CedarCity.org/BSBC.

Everyone, both young and old, are invited to participate and enjoy the BSBC. Flyers have been distributed through the schools and are available at City Hall and the Library. I am looking forward to connecting with our community this summer on Thursdays for the BSBC, where every reading effort will be rewarded with a banana split on me. Our library has thousands of books and it’s all free. Yes, even the banana splits are completely free!

We want every child to not only learn to read, but to enjoy reading. We also want everyone to become familiar with our library and the vast book selection that is available. Almost everyone likes banana splits, and we all like to be with our friends and other good people, so we hope you’ll join us!

BANANA SPLIT BOOK CLUB PRE-REGISTRATION SCHEDULE:

Thursday May 5th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 12th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 14th - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 19th - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 21st - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 26th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BOOK TITLES THIS SUMMER INCLUDE:

Matilda
A Bear Called Paddington
BFG
Holes
Nim’s Island
Fantastic Mr. Fox
Babe
... and More!
The Cedar City Council has approved a new Voluntary Water Irrigation Restriction Schedule (Resolution No. 22-041301), requesting the community’s help to limit culinary water use for irrigating based on house address (see above).

This effort has been made to get ahead of the dry, summer months and is one of the many ways Cedar City is encouraging conservation to address the region's water crisis. Members of the City Council voted in favor of the Resolution to approve the voluntary restriction schedule at the April 13th, 2022 City Council meeting, after City staff presented on the topic at the April 6th meeting.

This schedule applies to all who use culinary water, including city facilities, and is effective immediately through September 30th, 2022.

Exemptions to this Resolution would include City facilities, public facilities, and individuals that utilize secondary water for irrigation purposes.

The Cedar City Water Division may grant an exemption to those that have planted new sod or seed for a two-week period from the date of planting. Please contact the Water Division to place this request if planting new sod or seed by calling (435) 586-2968.

The new voluntary restriction schedule is in addition to the annual mandatory irrigation restrictions per City Ordinance 37-7.1, restricting all culinary water use between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., which is not optional and is enforced by officials through October 31st, 2022.

Our community is known for coming together when times are tough,” said Cedar City Water Division Superintendent, Robbie Mitchell. “We are looking for voluntary participation in this effort to conserve water on your scheduled day, which will give our basins more time to fill up every week.”

On July 1st, 2022, the City will implement a marginal rate increase for both industrial and residential culinary water users.

After nearly 10 years with no rate increases, the tiered rate increase structure is also meant to encourage conservation by rewarding those who use less water with a lower bill each month.

Cedar City would like to thank the community for their awareness and effort to come together to conserve our water resources for today, tomorrow, and our future generations, and is committed to addressing the region’s drought with researched and practical solutions.

For more information about water restrictions, conservation efforts, and the upcoming rate increase, visit [www.cedarcity.org/water](http://www.cedarcity.org/water).

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### The Harmful Effects of Illegally Dumping into the Sewer

Over the past three years, illegal sewer dumping has become an increasingly large problem for the Cedar City Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Illegal dumping of hazardous materials and other non-hazardous liquid/solid wastes into our City Sewer harms the environment, the Wastewater Treatment Facility, and puts City employees and the public at risk.

It can cause severe damage to your neighborhood, home, and health and is a felony offense resulting in possible jail time and fines.

When someone illegally dumps fuels, oils, and countless other substances into the City Sewer, it can cause sewer overflows and potentially cause treatment issues at the Facility.

Such illegal discharges have the potential to inhibit or kill the Facility’s micro-organisms, and damage the treatment process required to meet regulations.

The additional time and resources needed to clean and treat illegally dumped substances is costly and can affect future costs for all residents.

Contrary to popular belief, the City Sewer System is not just a series of pipes, but rather a complex system requiring a great amount of science and skill to manage.

If you see someone illegally dumping into our public sewer system, please report it immediately to prevent damage to our system.

### REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING ASAP:
Cedar City Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility: (435) 865-4552 or (435) 867-9430
Cedar City Police Department’s 24-Hour Dispatch: (435) 586-2955.
To ensure a safe, aesthetic and enjoyable environment for patrons of the cemetery year-round, the cemetery staff would like to share guidelines on where to place decorative items on the headstones of your loved ones.

This allows the patrons and cemetery crew to be safe while working around the headstone.

TEMPORARY ZONE:

Please place all ground-level flowers and decorations on the sides of the headstone, preferably on the concrete base area known as the “Temporary Zone.”

This allows staff to clean in front and behind the headstone without damaging anything you have placed near your loved-one’s headstone.

Other items for this area include potted plants, flower arrangements on wire stands or anything too large to fit on the raised portion of the monument.

Items in the “Temporary Zone” should be removed within 5 days after being placed.

Any items remaining after the 5 days will be removed and discarded by the cemetery staff and volunteers during cleanups.

SMALL & LIGHT ITEMS:

Smaller and lighter items such as toy cars, stuffed animals, trinkets, etc. that may get caught or moved by lawn machinery should be placed on top of the headstone or on an elevated section of the headstone to minimize the potential of the decoration being disturbed.

These items may remain on the headstone if they do not detract from the look and safety of the Cemetery.

The Sexton will remove these items once they become unsightly or unsafe. For the safety of those visiting and to aid in the maintenance of the Cemetery, the following decorations are always prohibited: fragile and breakable items (glass, ceramics, etc.) perishable foods, permanent decorations, and perennial plantings.

Shepard hooks, ground stakes for potted plants, and large spinning decorations are discouraged. Again, fragile and breakable items are prohibited for the safety of our visitors.

Cedar City would like to remember and honor the fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30th, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.

CONGRATULATIONS, POLICE OFFICER MCCOY!

Cedar City Police Officer Pat McCoy was recently recognized and awarded Officer of the Year in a mid-sized police department by the State of Utah at the Utah Police Chief’s Conference. This award was a result of his heroic actions that took place in January, when he entered a home that was on fire and rescued an elderly man. Thank you, Officer McCoy for your service and dedication to our community!
Cedar City Fire and public safety agencies celebrate Life Safety Week with 2nd graders

The Cedar City Fire Department recently conducted their annual Life Safety Week with over 900 second graders from Iron County Schools, with support from the Cedar City Police Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, Bureau of Land Management, Cedar Communications Center, and of course Sparky the Dog and Paw Patrol characters, Chase and Marshal!

The students toured the fire station where firefighters demonstrated fire equipment, apparatus and tools.

In the life safety house prop, the students learned about safety in the kitchen, stop drop and roll, and how to crawl low in smoke.

The highlight of the life safety house is jumping out of the window from a smoke-filled room onto a foam pad, meeting at a designated safe place, and how to report emergencies to 911.

The Cedar City Police Department taught about bike safety and the importance of helmets and safety gear when riding a bike.

The Gold Cross ambulance EMT’s demonstrated their emergency medical equipment. And the Bureau of Land Management spoke about outdoor fire safety, forest fires in southwest Utah, wildland urban interface, including the introduction and history of Smokey the Bear. They also shared with the students that it only takes one spark to start a wildfire.

Cedar City Fire would like to thank the program’s sponsors who help make this event possible including D&P Performance who arranged the Paw Patrol character appearances, and Coca Cola Bottling Company, who has been providing refreshment service to the students for over 20 years.

Take a stroll on Coal Creek Trail and learn about nature!

In February of 2021, Southern Utah University’s STEM Center partnered with Cedar City Parks and Recreation, and the Iron County Schools to brainstorm an outdoor opportunity for kids to study the various rock formations and hillsides along Coal Creek Trail.

The hope was to install 5 to 6 stations along the Trail from the bridge to West Canyon Park that would provide information related to the nature and scenery.

Thanks to grant funding received through the State of Utah, we are excited to announce this project has been brought to life!

Students have already been taken on field trips along the trail, where they encounter a station along the trail and scan the QR code to learn more about what they see.

As part of the curriculum, the students get t-shirts, a workbook, bag and other items for their classroom experience provided by the STEM Center and Iron County School District.

The community is encouraged to also enjoy the trail and the QR codes to learn more about our beautiful red rocks and Utah scenery!