



# Newsletter

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## December 1

All Wrapped Up Craft Fair

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Senior Center

## December 2

All Wrapped Up Craft Fair

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Senior Center

Christmas Celebration

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Free Family Movie

7:00 p.m.

Elite Hall

## December 7

City Council Meeting

6:30 p.m.

## December 14

Planning Commission Meeting

6:30 p.m.

## December 22

Holiday Office Hours

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## December 25

Merry Christmas

City Offices CLOSED

## December 26-29

Holiday Office Hours

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



## Mayors Message - I

enjoy inspirational Christmas stories about giving, love, spirit, and cheer. Perhaps you've become jaded by

Christmas as you've gotten older, or maybe you sometimes get overwhelmed by the shopping, wrapping, and busy work that accompany the holiday. Take a moment to read the following Christmas story. Hopefully, the inspiring generosity in this story helps get you into the holiday spirit. You

can do simple acts of kindness at any time. Your small acts of kindness can do a lot to make this world a better place! Hoping your holidays are wonderful.



## The Postman Lifted Us From Depression

My parents, at the height of the Depression, were forced to go on home relief, which is known as welfare today. It was 1935, when I was 10 years old, and we lived on the first floor of a walk-up apartment on 43rd Street, in Brooklyn, New York.

A few days before Christmas, I looked out a kitchen window to see my father sitting on the stoop, dejected and depressed, with tears in his eyes. The mailman was approaching our building and asked my father what was wrong.

I heard my father say that he had used up his food vouchers and that the rent was past due. He had tried to work as a laborer through the Works Progress Administration, but he wasn't a very strong man, and the work had been too hard for him. I was scared, having seen newspaper pictures of people being put out on the street with all their belongings.

"Ike, how much do you need?" the mailman asked. My dad said he needed \$33 for the rent, and without hesitation, the mailman took \$50 from his wallet and handed it to my father.

My dad said, "I don't know when I'll be able to pay you back." The mailman put an arm around my father and said it would be okay if he paid him back or he didn't pay him back.

The mailman noticed me looking through the window and said, "Isaac, things will not be this way forever. If you or your son will remember this day, there will be times in the future when someone needs your help. Help them within your means and tell them what happened this day. This will be my payback. Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah."

As long as he lived, my father helped others when he could, and I've done my best to do my part in paying his generosity back. —*Martin Klapper, Longmont, Colorado*

Sincerely - Mayor Stephanie Miller

**Hyrum City Christmas Celebration** - Please join us on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the historic Elite Hall for the Hyrum City Christmas Celebration! We are excited to host the celebration at the Elite Hall this year where Santa will visit with children while we enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. We invite citizens to provide decorated Christmas trees for display in a community tree festival and contest. To compliment the trees, we also invite the public to bring gingerbread houses for display at the celebration.



First, second, and third place tree & gingerbread house entries will receive a \$200, \$100, and \$50 credit to their utility account. Voting will be by the public from 12:00 to 1:45 p.m. when votes will be tallied, and the winners announced at the end of the celebration. Sign up for a tree space on Hyrum's website at [www.hyrumcity.org](http://www.hyrumcity.org). Only 32 tree spaces are available, so sign up quickly to reserve your space.

The Elite Hall will be open on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> between 10:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. to set up and decorate trees. Gingerbread houses can also be dropped off during this same time. After the celebration, the Elite Hall will remain open until 5:30 p.m. for you to take down your tree and pick up gingerbread houses. Email Craig Rasmussen at [crasmussen@hyrumcity.com](mailto:crasmussen@hyrumcity.com) or call/text at (435) 232-7265 with questions.

**Home For The Holiday/Christmas Lighting Contest** - Start planning and decorating now for Hyrum City's Annual "Home For The Holiday" Christmas Lighting Contest. Nominate homes by calling the Hyrum City Office 245-6033 by Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Photos of the top nominees will be posted on Facebook, December 11<sup>th</sup> for residents to vote for their favorite decorated home. Winners will receive a \$50 credit on their utility bill.

**"ALL WRAPPED UP" Annual Craft Fair** - Mark your calendars and stop by the Hyrum City Senior Center on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for our annual craft fair. Gifts, baskets, quilts, treats, fully decorated Christmas Trees and much more. Everyone is invited and admission is FREE!

**Winter Parking Restrictions** - Parking is not allowed on city streets or within ten feet of roadway pavement in any municipal right-of-way, unless such vehicle is in a driveway approach or otherwise parked behind the curb where curb exists for a period longer than fifteen minutes when loading or unloading or delivering property between the hours of **11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.** This law allows for snow removal and is in effect until April 1<sup>st</sup>, even when there is no snow.

**Indoor Walking** - As the weather turns colder, don't forget that the Elite Hall is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. for free public walking. All are welcome, but please supervise children and don't bring any food or drinks other than water.

**Museum News** - Did you know that the first metal detectors were invented in the late 1800s to help locate bullets in injured patients? Inventors also recognized the value of finding pockets of metal underground to aid mining operations, so developed many types of portable and industrial metal detectors throughout the last century. Today, many hobbyists enjoy finding and exhuming pieces of the past including Hyrum's own Alex Koyle. Alex has spent countless hours unearthing many treasures in Hyrum and they are on display in our Community Exhibit through the end of the year! Be sure to stop by and see Alex's amazing finds! You also won't want to miss student entries from Lincoln's Reflections Art Contest on exhibit through mid-January.

We are very excited to cap-off Hyrum's new holiday tradition, the Christmas Celebration & Tree Display at the Elite Hall by showing the community's choice for YOUR favorite holiday movie at our FREE Family Movie Night Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Join us for an awesome movie on the big screen! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wear your comfy clothes, bring your pillows, blankets, bean bags, camp chairs, etc. and your own dinner and/or treats. This is a free public event, and everyone is welcome so bring ALL of your family, friends, and neighbors! Follow the museum on Instagram, Facebook, or visit [www.hyrumcitymuseum.org](http://www.hyrumcitymuseum.org) to find out which holiday favorite we'll be watching!

Celebrate Pearl Harbor Day during our "Pearls of Wisdom" Back in Time children's activity on December 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. each day. We will learn a little about the "date which will live in infamy" and complete a soaring art project. All children are welcome to attend, and sign-up is encouraged.

The museum will be closed the entire week of December 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Elite Hall Restoration Committee** - The USU Big Band Swing Club will be hosting a dance at Elite Hall on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> featuring live music from the Cache Community Big Band. The dance starts at 8:00 p.m., with free dance instruction starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and everyone is invited!

**Senior Center News** - The Senior Center welcomes ALL seniors Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are located at 675 East Main Street. Lunch is served on Wednesdays & Fridays at noon. Please call before 9:00 a.m. if you are joining us for lunch, 245-3570.



Mondays –	December 11:	Breakfast & Bingo, 10:00 a.m.
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	December 25:	Merry Christmas!
Tuesdays –	December 5:	Bunco & Lunch, 11:00 a.m.
	December 19:	Tip Class, Brunch & Sharing, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays -	December 6:	Christmas Facedown.
	December 13:	Christmas Dinner & Program by Femme Chorale, 12:00 p.m. Seating is limited, Cost \$5, Raffle Tickets \$1.
	December 20:	Game Day!
	January 3:	New Year's Party, 12:00 p.m. Bring a nice white elephant gift.
Thursdays -	December 21:	Mystery Trip.
Fridays –	BINGO, 10:45 a.m. Lunch, 12:00 p.m.	
	December 29:	CLOSED.

**Library News** – Library Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Contact us at 435-245-6411 or [hyrumlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:hyrumlibrary@gmail.com). The library will be closing at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for a staff party. The library will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday.

### **Childrens Programs**

Story Time (ages 0-5): Mondays at 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. No age groups - pick a time that works best for you! Each story time will feature the same stories. Throughout the month of December, we will be reading Christmas books. Each week's titles will be posted on social media and the Storytime room door. \*Please note: Due to popularity the story time door will be closed after the opening song or if the room becomes full. In an effort to keep distractions to a minimum, no one will be allowed in once the door is closed.\*

CAPSA Story Time (ages 0-5): Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Please join us for an empowering story time with CAPSA, they will teach about communication skills.

Magic Tree House Adventure Club: Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #4 "Pirates Past Noon." Sign up is required & opens November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Book copies will be available at the front desk.

Winter Holidays (grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>): Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Let's learn about the holidays that we celebrate in the winter months and learn about holidays that are celebrated by cultures around the world.

Art Time (ages 5-11): Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00-5:00 p.m. Join us for a fun Christmas craft (while supplies last).

Food, Fun & Reading (ages 5-11): Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Learn about MyPlate, hear a story, enjoy an activity and a snack. Presented by USU Extension.

Lego's At The Library (ages 5+): Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the story time room. We supply Legos – you supply the imagination! Doors will close at 4:05 p.m. and ask if you are later than that to plan to attend next time.

### **Teen Programs**

Chess & Checkers Club (ages 10+): Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Please note, the club will meet in the library meeting room.

TAC Holiday Decorating: Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. If you are a member of the Teen Advisory Committee, come join in the fun and help decorate the library for the Christmas holiday. If you would like to join TAC stop in the library and ask for Deonna.

TAC (Teen Advisory Committee) Meeting: Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m. Help plan for teen activities.

Teen Activity: Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a program planned by the TAC!

Don't forget to check out the Teen Zone for this month's craft.



### **Adult Programs**

Book Club (ages 18+): Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a book discussion on "The Man Who Invented Christmas." You can pick up a copy of the book at the front desk – all books checked out will be due back the day of book club.

### **Family Programs**

Family Movie & Popcorn: Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. story time room. The library will be showing "Elf." Children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

**The Family Place** – Looking to help this holiday season – Did you know that your donation to The Family Place Utah will be doubled dollar for dollar with any amount up to \$1000,000? For more information visit <https://thefamilyplaceutah.org/> or call 435-752-8880. The Family Place is also looking for donations of the following items: white copy paper, air freshener spray (any kind), Aaron's Thinking Putty (any kind), and paper plates. Drop off donations at 10 North 600 East – Hyrum, Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.