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Mayors Message – As the clock strikes midnight on December 31st, the world collectively bids farewell to the old year and welcomes the promise of a new beginning. New Year's Eve is a time of reflection, celebration, and anticipation for the year ahead.

This last year, I chose the word "Remember" instead of making a New Year's Resolution. The following came to my mind throughout the year: Remember my ancestors; Remember people who inspired and encouraged me; Remember challenging times and those who helped me through them; Did I remember how to play the flute after all these years?; Remember to take time

for myself; Remember how I've been blessed; Remember to always be kind. It was interesting the different directions the word "Remember" led me.

I like to reflect at the end of the year on things we've accomplished in Hyrum City. Projects were completed at the Blacksmith Fork Park, Salt Hollow Park, East Park, baseball diamonds, Elite Hall floor refinished, natural gas generation plant & substation built to produce power during peak loads, roads rebuilt & slurry sealed, improvements to Bandit's Cove disc golf course, "Life Sketches of Hyrum's 1860 Founders" book printed (\$20 a book at the museum), steps taken to update our emergency operations management, new playground structures & bark, property purchased for future cemetery expansion & public works yard, improvements to 900 West truck route, improvements to the water reclamation facility, a walking trail begun on 500 West, steel water mains replaced on 300 East (100 North – 100 South), and projects at the Senior Center, Museum & Library to name a few.

I look forward to seeing our plans for 2025 completed. I have much to be grateful for. It is a privilege to serve the citizens of Hyrum!

Wishing you and yours a safe, healthy, and prosperous new year!
Sincerely – Mayor Stephanie Miller



January 1
Happy New Year!
City Offices CLOSED

January 2
City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

January 9
Planning Commission Meeting
6:30 p.m.

January 16
City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

January 20
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Offices CLOSED



January 31
Business License Renewals DUE

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 1st, even when there is no snow.

Indoor Walking - If you have a new year's resolution to get in better shape, then visit the Elite Hall during free public walking hours every Monday-Friday from 7:00-10:00 a.m. All are welcome, but please supervise children and don't bring any food or drinks other than water.

Business Licenses – All current business licenses need to be renewed & also a new requirement this year is a fire prevention inspection for ALL commercial & home occupation business licenses. If renewal is not made by January 31st a late fee will be assessed. If you are starting a new business or for more information, please call the Hyrum City Office at (435)245-6033. There is a \$10 application fee for a new license plus the following: home occupation business \$20; landlord business license \$75; & commercial businesses are \$75 + \$50 yearly fire prevention inspection fee.

Dog Licenses – Any dog(s) four (4) months or older is required to be licensed with Hyrum City. Dogs are required to be licensed even if they stay inside your home or never leave your yard. The license fees are as follows: Neutered/Spayed dogs - \$12 Male/Female dogs - \$22

A veterinarian certificate is required to verify rabies vaccination and the dog being neutered or spayed. All dogs must be licensed by Friday, February 28th. After February 28th a \$5 late fee will be assessed in addition to the regular license fee. Owners will be issued a citation for failure to have their dog(s) properly licensed. Also, please remember that Hyrum City Ordinance permits a maximum of **two dogs per household**.

Tune In To Meetings – Did you know you can tune to 94.9 FM KVWJ and listen to Hyrum City Council Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, and the Planning Commission Meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month. This is a great way to stay informed on topics discussed at these meetings if you are unable to attend.

Indoor Recreation Survey - We would like to know your thoughts about the possibility of collaborating with other cities to create a new Community Recreation & Wellness Center.

Last year Hyrum, Wellsville, & Nibley cities asked about interest in and willingness to financially support creating an indoor recreation and wellness center in the USU Wellbeing Survey. A follow-up survey has been created to determine if there is interest in supporting a larger facility that would serve the needs of southern Cache County. The survey will also provide an opportunity for you to share what programs and amenities, if any, might be a valuable addition to the community and help us more fully understand your level of interest and support.

Where to take it: This survey has been created as a web-based survey, is easiest if taken on a computer, and may take up to 10 minutes to complete. However, it can be completed by phone (see QR code) and hard copies of the survey are available at City Hall. Survey Link: https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ddwvRiXd6FWX2MC



UAMPS Scholarship – UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) in conjunction with member utilities that participate in the Steel Solar project is offering four 2025 scholarship opportunities. Hyrum City is excited to be a partner and hopes that students will pursue these opportunities. For more information, eligibility and application information please contact Hyrum City (435)245-6033.

UAMPS Rebate Program - The UAMPS Home Energy Savings Program is available to customers of participating UAMPS energy partners like Hyrum City. Home Energy Savings offers cash incentives to customers who purchase energy efficient appliances and lighting fixtures from participating retailers.

If you are thinking about adding or replacing air conditioning in your home, our Cool Cash Incentive Program can help you select just the right system for your needs, while saving energy and money! Or if you have an old refrigerator or freezer in your garage or basement, taking up space and using up energy, you can now say "See Ya' Later Refrigerator" and earn a \$30 cash incentive.

For more information visit <https://www.uamps.com/Rebate-Programs>.

Ordinance Highlight – [17.70 Fence Regulations](#) [17.70.020 General Requirements](#)

A. **A zoning clearance is required to build a fence.**

1. The Zoning Administrator, or their designee, shall have the authority to review applications and grant permits for fences.
2. A fence permit shall be valid for one (1) year from the day it is issued.
3. The applicant may appeal a denied permit as defined in HCC 17.16 Appeals.
4. Any new fence or the reconstruction of an existing fence is subject to the requirements of this Section.

B. All utility meters must be readily accessible in an unfenced area of the front or side yard including the following restrictions:

1. Utilities not owned by the City are subject to this requirement.
2. Water or irrigation meters not located within the park strip. Water and irrigation meters are required to have a three (3) foot wide by six (6) foot long work zone adjacent to the meter barrel that is parallel to the sidewalk.
3. Temporary meters for construction or short-term purposes.
4. Gates do not qualify for an accessible, unfenced area.

C. Fence heights are subject to building code requirements of the current building code accepted by State Code.

D. Front Yards: No fence shall be erected in any front yard setback area to a height in excess of four feet (4') and shall be of transparent construction within twenty (20) feet of a driveway;

1. Lots fronting on two city streets shall meet the front yard requirements along both frontages. Fences along a street frontage that is not the front of the house may be taller than four (4) feet where it does not conflict with sight restrictions listed in the Hyrum City Code.
2. Where a lot has no vehicular access adjacent to a street as restricted by plat or deed, the City may deem this as a rear yard. Fences along a frontage that is not restricted may still be subject to the front yard requirements.
3. Where vertical utility features such as pedestals and transformers are installed, the fence is not allowed to be constructed within three (3) feet of the base of the feature.

E. Rear and side yards: No fence shall be erected or maintained in any side or rear yard to a height in excess of seven feet (7') without a building permit and shall be subject to the limitations identified herein for fences bordering Public Trails, corner lots, and adjacent to streets.

F. Under no circumstances shall a fence, structure, or landscaping element interfere with property address identification. Landscaping elements exclude varieties of trees approved by the Zoning Administrator. Any conflicts between this Chapter and other portions or provisions of the HCC shall be governed by the more restrictive or limiting provision.

G. The height of the fence shall be measured from the lowest adjacent ground. Example: a fence on top of a retaining wall.

H. Fencing types and materials may be combined so long as they do not exceed four feet (4') in height or exceed the transparency requirements.

I. Fences installed adjacent to a street shall have the finished side facing the street. All gates that adjoin public property or public easements shall open inward toward the property owner's yard.

J. Fences shall not be built within one foot (1) of a sidewalk or the anticipated location of a future sidewalk.

K. All rear yards shall provide gate access for emergency purposes, which access shall be at least four feet wide.

L. Gates in rear or side yards shall be subject to driveway distance requirements in respect to distances from property lines and road intersections.

- **See Additional Code [17.70.030 Corner Lots And Clear View Triangles](#)**

Senior News – Happy New Year from the Hyrum Senior Center! We're excited to kick off 2025 with new programs, fresh opportunities, and a warm welcome to our new cook, Lisa! Join us for lunches every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon—a great chance to enjoy a delicious meal & good company.

Our regular hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., but please note that we'll be closed on New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day this month.

Stay active with our exercise classes, specifically for older adults of all ability levels:

- Chair Yoga on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- SilverSneakers on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.



Field trips this month include a visit to hear the Utah Symphony and other exciting outings. Plus, start the year off right with our Personal Values & Goal Setting class—perfect for reflecting on what matters most and planning for a fulfilling 2025.

For full details on our activities, meals, and trips, check out our newsletter and calendar on the senior center webpage at <https://www.hyrumcity.gov/seniors>. Call us at 435-245-3570 to RSVP for a meal or with any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you this month—let's make it a fantastic year together!

Museum News - Did you know that this year during our SUPER SATURDAY events, we are going to highlight one of our exhibits each month, plus offer a fun art activity? We're kicking the year off with a special addition to our "Heart of Hyrum" exhibit based on interviews we've conducted with community members who grew-up in Hyrum in the 1940s--1960s. The museum will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and we'll also have a special panel discussion at 1:00 p.m.

On Friday, January 3rd, we will be showing "The Wild Robot" for our free family movie at Elite Hall! Doors open at 6:30 pm and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!!

Finally, for our "Back in Time" children's activity, "Sledding & Sliding," we will think about the fun things children do in the winter and consider how it was the same or different in the past with some neat artifacts and a fun art activity. Join us January 14th-16th from 1:00-1:30 p.m. each day. All children are welcome and sign-up is appreciated.



The Hyrum City Museum is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and one Saturday each month from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will be closed on December 31st and January 1st.

Don't forget that we are happy to open by appointment for families and groups of all sizes. Come in, call 435-245-0208, or email museum@hyrumcity.gov to make arrangements. Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram or visit hyrumcitymuseum.org for the latest info on our exhibits, programming, and other news.

Hyrum Heritage Foundation - SAVE THE DATE! Jazz Nights at Elite Hall---the biggest dance of the year---will be February 13th, 14th, & 15th. Visit www.elitehall.org for more info.

Library News – Library Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The library will be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Children's Programs

Story Time (ages 0-5): Mondays 10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 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. *Please note: due to popularity the story time door will be closed after the opening song or if the room becomes full. In effort to keep distractions to a minimum, no one will be allowed in once the door is closed.*

Magic Tree House Adventure Club: Friday, January 17th or Friday, January 24th, 3:30 p.m. Sign up is required and will open on December 30th. The book that will be discussed is Magic Tree House #13 "Vacation Under the Volcano." If you need a copy, just ask the front desk.

Food, Fun & Reading (preschool-2nd grade): Wednesday, January 8th, 4:00 p.m. USU Extension will be here to teach all about MyPlate, each class will focus on a different food group, why different foods are important in our diet and a fun activity.

Art Time (ages 5-11): Tuesday, January 7th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Stop by the library during the hour and do your own Style Painting (while supplies last).

Legos @ The Library (ages 5+): Wednesday, January 15th, 4:00-5:00 p.m. story time room. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. We will be closing the door at 4:05 p.m. and ask if you are later than that to plan to come next time.

Teen Programs

Chess & Checkers Club: Friday, January 3rd, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room.

TAC (Teen Advisory Committee) Meeting: Thursday, January 9th, 3:30 p.m. During this meeting the TAC Committee will plan upcoming programs. Would you like to join TAC? Stop by the library and ask for Deonna.

Teen Activity: Friday, January 31st, 4:30 p.m. Activity TBA.

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

Adult Programs

Book Club: Tuesday, January 14th, 11:00 a.m. Join us for a book discussion on "When Stars are Scattered."

Family Programs

Family Movie & Popcorn: Monday, January 13th, 4:00 p.m. story time room. Movie: TBA children under 5 must always be accompanied by a parent.