

# Hyde Park City Newsletter



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## SEPTEMBER

## CALENDAR

### City Council Meetings

7pm

2nd & 4th Wednesday

### Planning Meetings

7pm

1st and 3rd

Wednesdays

As needed

### All meetings are held at

the Hyde Park City

Office Building

113 East Center

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## Message From the Mayor

As we transition into Fall, we are welcomed by its beautiful colors and the return of children to school. It's important to be especially mindful of pedestrians, particularly near crosswalks, as this time of year often sees a rise in auto-pedestrian accidents. Inattentiveness to surroundings and speeding are significant contributors to these incidents, especially when children are walking to school or to their bus stops.

Additionally, with the upcoming change to daylight saving time, it's crucial to be aware that children will be navigating in the dark. I urge everyone to exercise caution and to always watch for kids. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

I wanted to take a moment to address some questions and concerns that have come to my attention regarding the condition of the hillside above Middle Lions Park, located near 700 East. In the past, our public-works employees made efforts to regularly mow this area, but due to safety concerns, I requested a different approach. We researched and identified a drought-resistant grass variety that grows to a height of 6" to 8". This grass remains green even in dry conditions, and a couple of years ago, our City Parks employees successfully planted it.

While the grass has been thriving, we are now encountering a new issue. It appears that e-bikes and e-motorcycles have taken to the parks and the hills, using them as makeshift bike tracks. This activity is causing significant damage to the hillside and the grass, leading to the exposure of dirt. Unfortunately, this can result in erosion, particularly during wetter weather, which threatens the integrity of our beautiful hillsides and trails.

I would like to address some important updates regarding the use of e-motorcycles and motorcycles in our parks. As a reminder, these vehicles are strictly prohibited outside of designated parking lots. Our trails and sidewalks are intended for the safety of pedestrians, and we've received concerning reports of accidents and injuries resulting from these bikes traveling at speeds exceeding 30 mph on public walkways. We are actively working on establishing new regulations concerning e-bikes and cycles. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated 2-4 residents who consistently answer the call for volunteer service projects in our parks. Over the summer, we organized three community-wide calls for volunteers to assist for a couple of hours on Saturday. It's inspiring to see the same small group show up and make a significant impact. Imagine what we could accomplish if we had 8-10 or more volunteers! I encourage everyone to consider lending a hand when the next opportunity arises to help enhance our city parks.

~ Bryan Cox, Mayor

## YOUTH COUNCIL

Thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our **Back-to-School Water Slide!** We hope everyone had a blast! There was a big turn out and lots of fun.

A special thanks to our Youth Council kids who worked to help put up the slides and then stayed out in the sun to make sure everything went well!! They monitored lines, made sure the water was going down and fixed tarps when needed. We have the best youth on the council!!

We also want to thank Jed Sorenson & Max Leavitt from our public works department who helped haul everything, put up tarps, fix hoses and water and then take down the tarps, dry and fold them and haul them again. It was A LOT of work. We really appreciate these two guys, and their muscles!

The Youth Council's next project is the **Haunted Hyde Park Hollow Spook Alley**. We'll be planning and plotting the best way to give everyone a good scare. The dates for the Spook Alley are Oct. 28, 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> (Tues, Wed & Thurs). Save the dates now to make the Spook Alley part of your Halloween fun. **Little Boo** will be on the same dates and will be sponsored by our Royalty.

**Our new Youth Council members have worked so hard at both our city celebration and our water slide. Please thank them if you see them!**

Addy Lamb, Adison Tippitts, Analisse Amott, Elsie Krebs, Evi Gomez, Dawson Wilkins, Drew Kane, Haddy Barton, James Poulsen, Jane Romney, Kate Argyle\*, Lily Meier, Lucy Nixon\*, Millese Argyle\*, Noelle Williams, Phoebe Nichols, Lucas Jenkins, Silver Wilson, Stockton Low, Troy Hansen, & Tucker Lee. \* Also on Royalty!

Advisors: Charlene Willams, Karen Suisse, Marci Case, Susi Tippitts & Steph Allred.



### 100 Miler Club & 200 Miler Club

Hey club members, how are you coming with this year's goals? Are you on track to meet or exceed your goal?

Mile Logs are due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. If your T-shirt size has changed, please let us know. We will be ordering T-shirts the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Nov so get those logs in after Sept as quick as possible.

### DUP

Please join us for the William Hyde Camp meeting of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1:30 pm. in the Relief Society room of the Center Street Church. This month's exciting lesson is titled **Ghost Towns of the West**.

DUP meets on the second Monday of the month from September to May at the Center Street Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## PARK SURVEY

A big THANK YOU to those who took the parks and trails survey last month. The city received great input that will be used to develop a Master Parks and Trails Plan. A few highlights include :

- The top priority for all residents is to expand / improve the walking trails
- Interest in obtaining easement rights to the area along the canal is very high
- Lower Lions Park is the most frequently visited park while Lee Park and City Office Park rated lower than other parks in all categories
- The majority of residents wanted great improvements made to the city and were willing to accept a \$4/month tax increase to pay for it.

The Online Dashboard allows you to view results in an interactive way. View the instructions on the "Study introduction - detail" page. Here's the link to see all the results and comments: [Hyde Park Parks & Trails Survey](#)



## Smithfield City Library

### Happenings

For more info visit

[smithfieldutah.gov/library](http://smithfieldutah.gov/library)

**Kids:** This fall we're offering five different ways to enjoy storytime, including a brand-new monthly Spanish language storytime in partnership with USU's MIECHV program. Kids ages 6-11 can join our *After-School Kids Club* on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 4 pm. And don't miss the return of our popular *Music & Movement* program, Wednesdays at 1pm. Children's programs are always a hit, so be sure to come early --- space is limited!

**Teens:** Our *Teen D&D* group continues on Wednesday evenings and *Girls Who Code* meets every other Monday for grades 6-12. Our Saturday Teen Activities will be happening at noon on these Saturdays:

**September 6** - Teen Craft Day Making friendship bracelets - All supplies provided.

**September 13** - First meeting for Teen Book Club. Come share some snacks, meet new friends, and pick up our first book: *Egg and Spoon* by Gregory Maguire

**September 20** - Staff from Bridgerland Technical College will be giving a presentation on careers in tech and coding. This is a great chance for teens to ask questions about potential careers & program pathways here in the valley!

**Adults:** Join us for *Stitch & Stories* every Thursday at 1 pm

Adult Book Club meets on Thursday, September 18 at 9:30 am



## THE FRONT PORCH

### A New Gathering Place for Seniors 55+

We're excited to announce...

The Front Porch is a warm, welcoming community group for neighbors **55 and older!** Join us for **friendship, food, fun activities**, and opportunities to **learn, stay healthy, and connect with one another.**



#### FIRST GATHERING

Thursday, November 6, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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#### FEATURED ACTIVITY: Porch-side Mushrooms – Grow It, Cook It, Share It

Discover how to grow mushrooms right in your own kitchen and explore creative ways to cook with them.

The first 20 guests to arrive will receive their own mushroom growing kit to take home!



#### PLUS...

Light refreshments and engaging conversation

Sneak peek at upcoming programs & activities

Whether you're looking to try something new, take part in community events, or simply enjoy good company—**The Front Porch is here to welcome you!**



#### QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

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### Message From North Park Police Chief Goodrich

Welcome back students! As school starts up again, North Park Police would like to bring to your attention the safety rules regarding school crosswalks. Many of our student's bike or walk to school and use the crosswalks daily. Please remember:

#### 41-6a-1002: Pedestrians' right-of-way.

*The operator of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way by slowing down or stopping if necessary: To a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling; or When the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.*

*The operator of a vehicle approaching a school crosswalk shall come to a complete stop at the school crosswalk if the crosswalk is occupied by a person.*

*If a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the operator of any other vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.*

Please follow the directions of our crossing guards. Our crossing guards play a critical role in helping our students remain safe as they walk or bike to school. The biggest threat to our students and crossing guards is from vehicles turning left or right. If you are in a hurry, consider taking an alternate route and avoiding the crosswalks at the start and end of school.

-Kent Goodrich, Chief of Police

**Meet Your City Council Candidates**  
**Thursday September 25, 2025 – 7:00pm**  
**Hyde Park Civic Center**



**Charlene Farley Williams**

I love Hyde Park! Our family was excited to return to our roots in Cache Valley with our 2 young kids. I hope to use my past experience to benefit our community.

Proper growth can maintain the feel & quality of life that Hyde Park families expect and deserve. Growth is a hot-button issue. Due to state requirements, it is no longer a “yes or no” question, but an issue of how, when and where. My real estate and legal background, along with having lived through both good & bad growth in other communities, give me real-life experience that I can utilize to help guide our city’s future.

I was a title account executive for over 30 years, including outside sales & educational presentations to a client base of about 1,000 real estate professionals. I went to Ventura College of Law at night while working full time, graduated with honors and passed the CA bar, enhancing my career (not changing it). I served as a volunteer on the Real Estate Fraud Advisory Team for 16 years (a team that works with the fraud unit at the Ventura DA’s office) and organized many large fraud awareness forums.



**David C. Fowles**

I love serving on the Hyde Park City Council! I was appointed by the city council to finish Kevin Flint’s term. I have stayed busy ever since working to make a difference.

I am a vocal advocate for residents during city council meetings and regularly review the city’s plans and ordinances to prepare for those meetings. I attend planning meetings and meetings with the city’s engineering firm. I serve on the North Park Police Commission and am an active member of the city safety committee. I started a city parks & trails service organization and spend part of a Saturday each month working along side city residents beautifying our parks. In these and other efforts I have worked with most of the city staff and they are the best! I’ve thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many town residents.

My parents instilled in me a desire and love for work and service which I have done and continue to do for family, church, community and our great nation. I served 20 years on active duty with the U.S. Army and another 10 years as an Army civilian. I retired following my wife’s passing and moved to Hyde Park 11 years ago after marrying Cami Kerr King.



**Gerald Allen Osborne**

I have been serving on the Hyde Park City Council for the past 8 years, and I am seeking re-election. As a member of the city council, I try to make decisions that will allow Hyde Park to continue to be a great place to live and raise a family. I have lived in Hyde Park for 53 years, and I feel that I have a good understanding of the history of our community. I have also seen many new great people make Hyde Park their home and add to our city. As a city, we continually face new issues that need to be clearly understood so that our decisions as a council will be in the best interest of our city and its citizens.

I graduated from USU with a degree in Human Resource Management. I have worked in several different industries throughout my life, and I have learned something valuable from each one. I am employed with the State of Utah as a manager for a great group of people in the real estate appraisal and auditing fields. Our family loves Hyde Park, and we are grateful for our friendships and the positive role models who have influenced our family.