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#### JANUARY

#### 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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# Hyde Park City Newsletter

## Happy New Year

JANUARY 2026

### Susan Balls Retiring after 28 years of service



After 28 years of dedicated service to Hyde Park City, Susan Balls is retiring, leaving behind a legacy of commitment, leadership, and institutional knowledge that has helped shape the city as it is today.

Susan began her career with Hyde Park City on **June 1, 1997**, as a **building custodian**, in **August 1998**, she transitioned into the role of **Receptionist**, where her responsibilities quickly expanded. In this position, Susan scheduled use of the building, handled animal control matters, managed business licensing, and played a key role in developing the city's **initial building permit process**. This work became especially significant in **2000**, when Hyde Park City established its own building department after many years of relying on county services.

In **January 2003**, Susan was appointed **City Treasurer**, a role she has carried with professionalism and care ever since. Over the years, her contributions extended well beyond this title. At various points, she has served as **Planning and Zoning Secretary**, a **Development Review Committee member**, and has overseen or supported **payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, human resources and benefits**, as well as serving as a **building permit technician**. Her versatility and willingness to step in wherever needed made her an invaluable asset to the city.

Susan has served under six mayors during her tenure: **Mayor Daines, Mayor Kooyman, Mayor Christensen, Mayor Flint, Mayor Wheeler, and Mayor Cox**, providing continuity and stability through decades of growth and change.

Her service has also extended far beyond Hyde Park City. Susan has been deeply involved with the **Utah Association of Public Treasurers**, serving on its board for **17 years**, including a term as **President from 2014–2015**. Most recently, she served as the organization's **Executive Director**. In addition, Susan has spent the past **three years** as a **Director with the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada**, where she most recently served as **Chair of the Membership Committee**. She also contributed to the planning committees for the last three **National Conferences**, held in **Salt Lake City, Greenville, South Carolina, and Chicago, Illinois**.

Since Susan began her career with Hyde Park City, the community has seen tremendous growth and change. The city's **population has more than doubled**, growing from approximately **2,500 residents in 1997 to nearly 6,000 today**, and the city's **budget and operations have expanded significantly** to meet those needs. Through it all, Susan's steady presence, institutional knowledge, and dedication to public service have been a constant.

Hyde Park City sincerely thanks Susan Balls for her **28 years of exceptional service** and wishes her all the best in a well-earned retirement. Her impact will be felt for years to come. She will be working through the month of January if you would like to come in and wish her well.

## January 2026 newsletter

One thing that is certain in life is that there will always be changes. Over the last year, North Park Police Department has had officers join the force, and a few have left for other opportunities. I wanted to introduce some new officers to the community.

Our newest officer is Meg Bartlett. Officer Bartlett is not a rookie though, and comes to the police department with 19 years of law enforcement experience and has jumped in by handling several priority cases. Officer Bartlett has been a wonderful addition to the department.



Officer Zach Checketts joined the police department in October and brought a wealth of knowledge with him. Officer Checketts has 18 years of law enforcement experience. Officer Checketts enjoys working traffic and interacting with the public.

I am proud to have both Officer Bartlett and Officer Checketts working in our community. These two officers bring 37 years of experience between them to the police force! If you happen to see either of these officers out working, feel free to say hello and welcome them to our city.

Lastly, I wanted to say thank you to the donors, volunteers, and citizens for the incredible support during the annual 'Shop with a Cop' event in December. Many of you came out to help wrap presents, help kids shop, and provided resources that made this year's event possible. I am proud to help organize this event and was overwhelmed by the generosity of our citizens and business owners. Thank you.

Kent Goodrich



### Dog License Renewal

You can now renew or get a new license on-line through the Hyde Park City Website [hpcutah.gov](http://hpcutah.gov)

if you have a current dog license, you should have received an email with a link to complete your renewal. The tags will be mailed to you.

435-563-6507

\$10.00 for a spayed or neutered dog

\$20.00 for an intact dog

Proof of current rabies vaccination is required



## New Elementary School Building in Hyde Park



A new elementary school building is currently being constructed at 333 E. 300 N. in Hyde Park, UT, as a part of the Cache County School District. The school will be named Old Ephraim Elementary School, named after Cache Valley's last living grizzly bear. Building construction began in the summer of 2025 and is planned to be completed in the fall of 2026.

For more information on the school and about kindergarten registration, please visit our website at: [ccsdut.org](https://ccsdut.org)



### SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

City snowplows are not deployed unless more than 2 inches of snow has accumulated on the roads or if there is a major safety concern. When they are deployed, they follow prioritized routes. All city streets have been categorized according to priority as follows.

1. Arterial roads and major collectors such as Center Street, 600 S (3100 N), and 400 E
2. Subdivision streets, and smaller through streets
3. Cul-de-sacs, other dead-end streets, and parking lots

**Nov 1, 2025 - April 1, 2026.**



**No parking on the street between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.**

- Where no curb and gutter exists, a vehicle must be parked 6 feet off the asphalt.
- Equipment or trailers must be removed.

The parking ordinance applies during the entire 5 month period whether or not there is snow on the ground.

### Kindergarten Registration

We are excited to welcome all future kindergarten students! If your child will be five years old on or before September 1, 2026, it's time to begin kindergarten registration.

#### REGISTRATION DATES:

Online registration is open from **January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026.**

#### How to Register

Visit our [district website](#) to begin online registration

- After completing registration, gather the required documents. Bring your documents to the school your child will attend during school hours. Schools will also be open for registration on **March 5th until 7:30 pm.**

#### Special Instructions:

- If your student will be attending **Cedar Ridge Elementary**, please bring your documents to Cedar Ridge.
- If your student will be attending the new **Old Ephraim Elementary**, also please bring your documents to Cedar Ridge.

#### Dual Language Immersion:

For more information on our Dual Language Immersion program (offering Chinese and Portuguese at Cedar Ridge), please visit our [DLI website](#).

Don't miss the registration window! We look forward to welcoming your child to our schools!

# YOUTH COUNCIL & ROYALTY



## YOUTH COUNCIL & ROYALTY

We had some winning sweaters at our Hometown Christmas Festival. In our kids competition Grace Huish took 1st place and Levi Caldwell 2nd place. Dave Suisse took 1st in adults and Kadence Lamb scored 2nd place. Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Christmas Festival! Please plan on coming next year!



## Smithfield City Library

25 N. Main  
Smithfield, Utah 84335  
(435) 563-3555

Check out all the fun happenings at the

## Smithfield City Library

### Teen Saturdays:

January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm: Craft - DIY Snowball Curtains

11<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm: Narnia Movie

18<sup>th</sup> @ 1 pm: Ultimate Uno Game

Wednesdays: Dungeons & Dragons @ 5 pm

Thursdays: Girls Who Code @ 4 pm

### Teen Tuesdays:

January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm: ACT Prep (Reading)

14<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm: Bracelets with CAPSA

21<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm: ACT Prep (Science)

28<sup>th</sup> @ 4 pm: Life Skills

January 24 (Friday): Movie Night (While You Were Sleeping) @ 5 pm

Lego Club: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month for kids 5-11. Take on our building challenge for free! Build, Design, Construct, and Create @ the Library.

Book Club: Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am We will be reading the book: "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Books are available to check out at the front desk.

Check out our website for more information and programs happening in January and regularly: <https://smithfieldcity.org/library>



## Hyde Park City Parks & Trails Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Parks and Trails survey this summer! Your feedback has been incredibly valuable, and we're excited to share our next steps.

**The city has applied for a state-funded grant to develop a Parks & Trails Master Plan.** This is an important step toward building the parks and trails you said you wanted and that our growing community deserves.

**The City is inviting voluntary donations to support our parks and trails efforts.** An incredible 83% of survey respondents said they would support better parks through a tax increase! Instead, to keep things affordable for everyone, the City has decided to seek donations. Every contribution will help. Donations of \$1,000 or more will come with a memorial plaque if desired. You can even earmark your donation for specific park improvements. (The City will provide you with a donation receipt for your personal tax purposes upon request.)

### **You can help by:**

- making a **voluntary donation** at [Hyde Park City Fees](#) or scan this bar-code.
- sharing your ideas, questions, and feedback with city staff or council members.
- staying engaged as we move through the grant process and future planning.

**THANK YOU** for caring about our parks, our trails, and our community. Together, we will build spaces that bring our community together, support healthy living, and preserve the beauty of Hyde Park for generations.



## **IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDARS**

There are some important dates to pencil in now for 2026. We hope that you will plan to join with your Hyde Park City Family in participating & celebrating throughout the year!

February - Royalty applications available

March - Royalty Pageant

April 4 - Easter Hunt

May - Sign Ups for 100/200 Miler Club. Youth Council Applications available

June - Youth Council Applications due. (YC is free for youth in 8th - 12th grade)

July 17 & 18 - Car Show, Hyde Porker Contest & Hometown Days

August 18, Tuesday - Back to School Waterslide (School starts on the 20th)

October 28, 29 & 30 Spook Alley

November 30 - Hometown Christmas Festival

This is not a comprehensive list and dates may change. Please watch each newsletter & city website for information. Please consider signing up at the city building or calling 435-563-6507 ext.10 with your phone number & email for texts/emails also.

# North Logan Recreation Center News



## JANUARY



### Youth Sports

#### Spring Soccer

Calling all future soccer players! North Logan Youth Soccer registration opens January 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on February 28<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to see you on the field!

Season Dates: April 7<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>

Ages: 3 (pre-k) - 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost: \$35-\$50 (Jersey cost if needed \$12)

#### Baseball & Softball

Don't miss out on the action! North Logan City Baseball and Softball registrations open on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dates: May-July

Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

Cost: \$35-\$75

#### Just Jumpin'

Jump, hop, and have a blast in our super fun jump roping class just for kids! Learn awesome tricks, play exciting games, and build confidence while staying active. Whether you're a beginner or a jump rope pro, you'll have tons of fun with new friends. Let's get jumping

Ages: 6-12

**January Session:** Thursdays Jan. 15th-29th

Cost: \$33

Registration is open NOW - Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>

**February Session:** Thursdays Feb. 5th-26th

Cost: \$44

Registration is open NOW - Feb. 4th



### Events

#### Toddler Time

Join us for a once-a-week, four-week adventure where your child will discover the world around them through stories, games, crafts, and active play

**Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30** Cost: \$10/kid

Activities: Kids ages 3-5

Winter Wonderland

Dinosaur Day

Tropical Party

Fruits and Veggies

#### Wicked: Girls Night Out

Join us for an enchanting evening filled with the magic and music of Wicked!

Whether you're a fan of Oz or just curious to see how the Wicked Witch's story began, this event is perfect for girls ages 7-13 who love fun, music, and a touch of magic

**Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>** ages 7-9 from 5pm-6:30pm

ages 10-14 from 7pm-8:30pm

Cost: \$20/kid Registration is open

### Adult Events

#### Murder Mystery Date Night Murder on the Rocks

It's 1927 at The Belladonna Noire speakeasy when chaos breaks out—a secret blackmail ledger disappears, and an undercover federal agent is found dead. With a raid on the way, everyone is trapped inside... and everyone is a suspect. Work together to uncover the killer, find the missing ledger, and survive a night of jazz, secrets, and betrayal. Dress sharp. Trust no one.

**January 30th and 31st** from 5:30pm-8:00pm

Cost: \$65/couple (catered dinner is included)

Registration is open NOW!

For registration and  
more information visit  
[northloganrec.org](http://northloganrec.org)

