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Greetings, friends and neighbors!

October is shaping up to be a busy and important month in our community. To start, please mark your calendars for **Monday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.**, when the **candidates for the Hurricane City election** will be here for a Q&A and some informal visiting. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the people who want to serve our city, hear what they have to say, and ask your own questions. These conversations not only help us get to know the candidates better, but they also help us all feel more invested in the future of our community. We encourage everyone to come—it promises to be an informative and enjoyable evening.

We also had a productive board meeting recently, with some exciting upcoming projects. Be sure to read the **president's column** in this issue for insights into what's coming up and how it will impact you. And don't forget to keep an eye on the **marquee announcements**, as that's where you'll find timely reminders and updates. Both are great ways to stay in the loop as things unfold.

Of course, October isn't only about meetings and announcements—it also marks the long-awaited arrival of fall. After months of heat, we're finally able to enjoy those cooler mornings and evenings. It's the time of year when people open their windows to let in the fresh air, gather for warm meals, or take evening walks without the sun beating down. Even if our corner of the world doesn't always boast the fiery colors of autumn leaves, there's still a sense of renewal in the air. The change of season always seems to bring a little energy with it—a reminder that life moves in cycles and that each turn brings something new.

Here's to a full and promising October—filled with good conversations, fresh ideas, and a touch of seasonal comfort.

Maria Allan

Editor



News from the Board

by Kenny Allred



Greetings Homeowners,

Thanks so much to those who attended our Quarterly meeting. It is truly an honor to be part of such a caring community. As a reminder, we have an opening on the board for an additional Board Member. If you have any questions or are interested contact any of the existing board members.

The road resurfacing project is still planned with us working with the contractors to firm up a date. We will keep everyone posted on a final date.

I would like to send out special thanks to everyone that does so much to make this a great place to live. I wanted to do this during our meeting, but with the meeting taking up so much of your precious time, I failed to do so. There are too many names, who do so much, to mention them all.

We continue to have water leaks in our main line as well as the irrigation system. We will continue to notify homeowners when planned water and power outages are conducted but when they are not planned, the best way to find out what may be going on is our face book page or by calling the office. Please do not call Luis unless it is a major leak in the main water line. A leak in the irrigation system is not an emergency unless it's flooding someone's house. Irrigation system issues require completing a work order and marking with a flag available from the office, to mark the location of the problem.

In closing, the events going on in the world around us have some folks on edge. While some of us may not like each other, we need to be able to get along with one another to live in harmony. Remember, we are all in this together.

Thanks for everything.
Kenny

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October Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all our friends and neighbors born in October!

- 1st - Richard Palfreyman
- 2nd - Joe Macari
- 4th - Ray Spigner
- 7th - Tara Wilson
- 15th - Cassandra Ward
- 14th - Thomas Metcalf
- 20th - Jean Latham
- 21st - Steve Anderson
- 23rd - George Gadd
- 24th - Dan Funk
- 24th - Cheryl Thompson

Did we miss your birthday? Please send a note to the editor (see front page) or the office so we can fix it for next year!

Friendly Reminder:

Please, please remember to be courteous and pick up after your dogs! We would like this to be a clean and friendly neighborhood. Everyone must contribute. Thank you! (P.S. Dogs must be kept on a leash outdoors.)





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Around the Neighborhood!

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I need your eyes and ears. If you know of something noteworthy that our neighbors would find fun, interesting or uplifting, shoot me an email (marvelousmom2@yahoo.com). Bonus points if you have pictures!

Emergency Preparedness
by MaryAnn Allred

September Is National Preparedness Month! Little did we know with the recent power outage we were going to get a "Surprise Test" to actually live through, to learn how prepared or exactly how unprepared we really are.

Well, as if that was not enough to teach us to learn to be more prepared, we are "Getting a second chance test" with the Board's recent announcement that the dates for the Road Resurfacing Project have once again been changed by the contractor Yes....it is still a moving target. Attached to the back of this newsletter is an additional page I hope you find helpful as a guide to get through any crisis,



Prepare now for when the dates are announced and actually happen.

My Tip of the month is -Please contact Rocky Mountain Power (1-888-221-7070) or on line to sign up to have your phone receive the automated power outage messages delivered to your phone for your address. That is what I do for both our addresses, and I did as a property Manager for multiple apartment complexes, and several commercial buildings, as well as my own rentals for years. That's how it gets on Facebook. The OFFICIAL Harrisburg Estates Utah FB page. Thank you Janice!

Last but not least: "Crisis + Time = Humor." We Will make it through this, you have made it through 100% of every single "crisis" you have had in your life if you're reading this! Til next month, be kind, be safe, do good...MaryAnn Allred




“Oh, Helen! You're pregnant? That's wonderful! ... At first, I was taking you quite literally when you said you had one in the oven!”

Things to Do: World Senior Games

It's that time again for the World Senior Games, the largest annual multi-sport event in the world for athletes aged 50 and over. The event, which includes over 30 different sports, has taken place for two weeks each October in St. George, Utah, for over 30 years.

From softball to swimming, from square dance to soccer, the Huntsman World Senior Games offers a world-class competition experience.

This year, the games run October 6th through 18th. Some of our own residents have competed in past games, so you may recognize some faces! For information on the schedule of events and how to be involved, go to <https://seniorgames.net>



To find more fun things to do in this area, go to GreaterZion.com/upcoming-events.



Cauliflower Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 2-1/2 cups water
- 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon or 1 vegetable bouillon cube
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups 2% milk
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, optional

Directions

In a Dutch oven, combine the cauliflower, carrot, celery, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 12-15 minutes or until vegetables are tender (do not drain).

In a large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Stir in the cheese until melted, adding hot pepper sauce if desired. Stir into the cauliflower mixture.



Strange BUT TRUE

On April 1, 1979, an 18-year-old bricklayer's apprentice named Mihavec was mistakenly placed in custody after being a passenger in a crashed car. He was forgotten in a holding cell by three policemen who each believed that one of the others had already released him.

Despite his mother's desperate pleas for information about her son's whereabouts, the officers ignored her concerns.

Since Mihavec's cell was located in the basement, no one could hear his cries for help. He managed to survive by drinking condensed water from the walls and ultimately lost 24 kg (53 pounds) during his ordeal. Eighteen days later, on April 19, an officer who had unrelated business in the basement discovered the cell after noticing a foul smell coming from it. Mihavec required several weeks to recover his health.

In the subsequent criminal trial, the three policemen accused each other of negligence. Ultimately, they were fined an amount equivalent to 2,000€, as there was no conclusive evidence of criminal neglect or who was primarily responsible. However, two years later, a civil court awarded Mihavec 250,000 Austrian schillings (approximately 18,000€) in compensation.



Black Cat Day

Black Cat Day is always observed on October 27. It's four days before Halloween. As this spooky holiday arrives, everything is eerie, scary and evil. Black cats are very much an ominous symbol of the Halloween holiday. Therefore, it is only fitting we celebrate Black Cat Day today, an October 27 holiday. These cats are a dark, evil symbol of Halloween. Witches and demons are known to be able to transform into a black cat and back again whenever they desire. As Halloween nears, those witches and demons begin to increasingly appear, temporarily transforming at will into a cat, as needed to escape or get near a human victim. Despite all these ominous superstitions, many people believe these cats have the power to foresee prosperity, fortune, and luck

Did You Know? Black cats are the least adopted pet in the United States? I guess their reputation precedes them.

Are black cats good ... or evil? The answer to this question depends upon where you live. In Celtic folklore, it was believed the cats turned into fairies and back. Upon arrival to the New World, Pilgrims put a twist on this belief. They believe these cats are evil and foreboding. They also believed it was a witch or a demon. Never let a black cat cross your path. It will bring bad luck. In Europe, they were once burned alive. People caught harboring one, were severely punished. In Egypt, Great Britain, and Japan, people have just the opposite opinion of black cats. People there, see them as bringing good luck and a good omen.

Black Cat Superstitions - Good and Bad:

- Don't Let a black cat cross your path. It will bring bad luck.
- One white hair on a black cat and it will bring you good luck.
- They protect fishermen at sea.
- A cat in an empty cradle of newlyweds, and a baby will arrive soon.
- At Halloween, these cats turn into witches and demons.

I'm glad we don't believe all that superstition about our furry friends these days!



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“You’ve got to be in it to win it.” —Tony Robbins



“It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop.” —Confucius



“Find out who you are and do it on purpose.” —Dolly Parton



“For me, becoming isn’t about arriving somewhere or achieving a certain aim. I see it instead as forward motion, a means of evolving, a way to reach continuously toward a better self. The journey doesn’t end.” —Michelle Obama

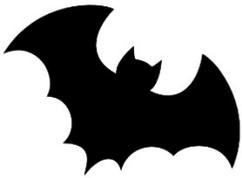


“Confident people have a way of carrying themselves that makes others attracted to them.” —Sofia Vergara



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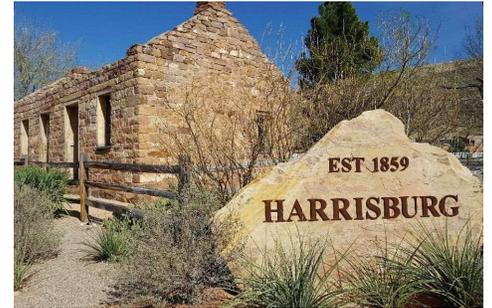
The HIC did some great work out in front of the park this month, weeding and cleaning and beautifying our “street view.” We appreciate all the volunteers who came to help and welcome anyone who wants to help out. Watch the marquee, the Facebook page and your email for announcements of our upcoming work parties. Bring gloves and water and join the fun!



Harrisburg is on Facebook

Be sure to join the official Harrisburg Facebook page for up-to-the-minute updates, information, and connection.

Go to Facebook and search for “The Official Harrisburg Estates Utah FB Page.”



The Bargaindales table brought in \$74 for the month of September!! Thank you! Please remember that items are not free—put your donations in the box.

For those of you who are new, The Bargaindales table is located in the southeast corner of the clubhouse, near the pool table. This is where residents can donate items in good condition that are no longer being used. You can also purchase anything on the table that you want to have for a price that you think is reasonable. Put your payment in the locked box on the wall next to the table. Your donations go to the Activities Committee and the Improvement Committee to pay for all the fun activities we have and putting in new flowers, etc. Contact MaryAnn if you have any questions about donations.



Just for Laughs



Just got back from a job interview where I was asked if I could perform under pressure. I said I wasn't too sure about that but I could do a wicked “Bohemian Rhapsody.”



What's the best thing about living in Switzerland? I don't know, but the flag is a big plus.



I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I? (Your breath)



At the job interview, they asked me, “Where do you see yourself in five years?”

I told him, “I think we'll still be using mirrors in five years.”



A buddy asked how many fish I caught. I told him it's not polite to fish and tell.



The Western Ground Snake

If you've spent much time outdoors in southern Utah, you may have crossed paths with a little snake that's more curious than scary: the western ground snake. These small snakes, usually less than a foot long, are one of the more colorful residents of the desert. Some wear bright bands of red, black, and cream, while others are dressed in more subtle shades of tan, gray, or orange. Because of their variety, people sometimes mistake them for more dangerous snakes, but rest assured—this is a harmless species.

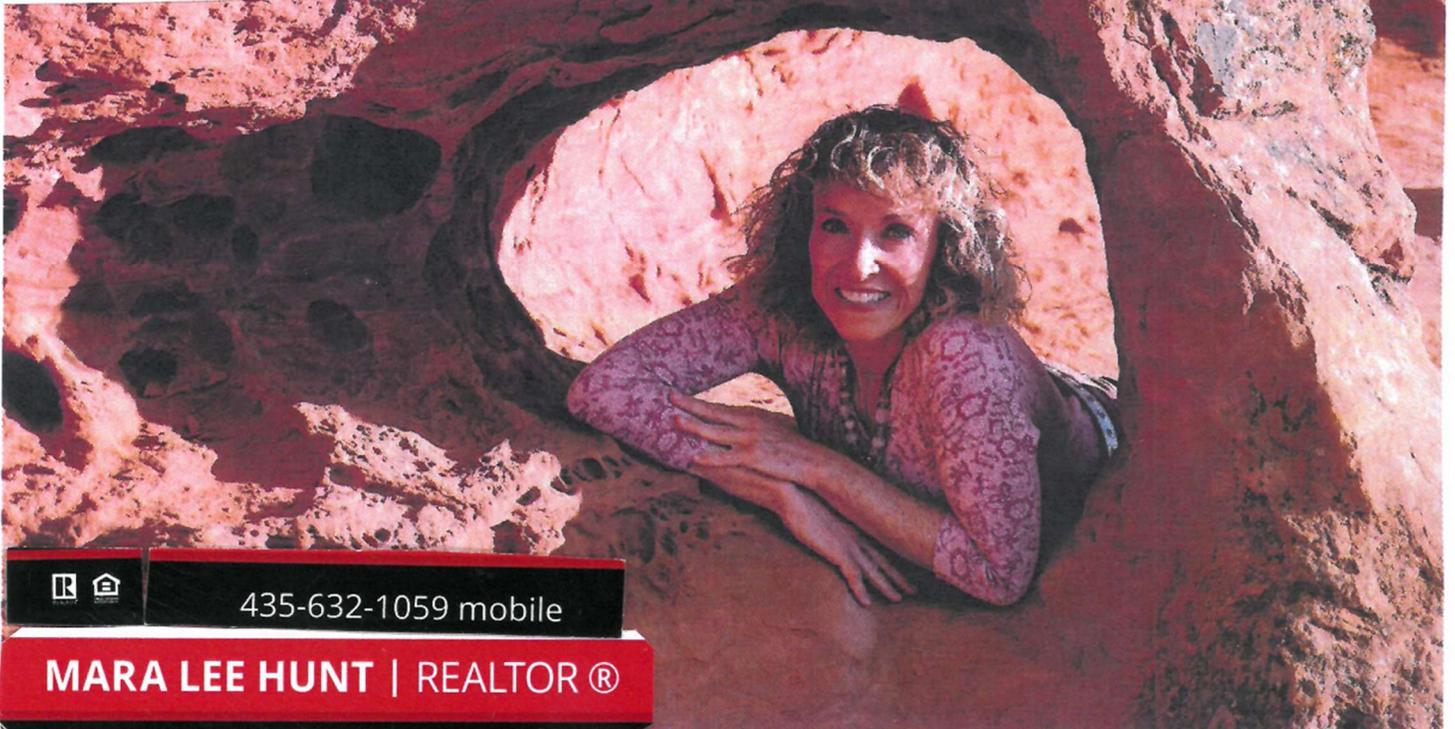
Western ground snakes are perfectly suited to our desert environment. They prefer rocky hillsides, sandy washes, and areas with plenty of cover. During the day, they hide beneath rocks, logs, or leaf litter to escape the heat. At night, when the desert cools, they become active hunters. Their menu includes insects, spiders, centipedes, and other small invertebrates. This makes them a helpful part of the ecosystem, quietly keeping down the numbers of pests that might otherwise get out of hand.

Their wide range of colors has fascinated scientists for years. At one time, people thought they might even represent several different species, but today we know it's all just natural variation. That means you never quite know what pattern or shade you'll see when you spot one, which makes every encounter a little different and a little special.

Unlike rattlesnakes, western ground snakes don't have venom, and they rarely, if ever, bite. If you pick one up—which isn't recommended—they usually just wriggle and try to escape. Their first instinct is always to avoid people, not to confront them. That makes them one of the friendliest neighbors you could ask for in the snake world.

So the next time you catch a glimpse of one of these colorful little snakes, consider yourself lucky. You've spotted one of the desert's quiet helpers, doing its small but important part to keep our wild spaces healthy and balanced.

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Activities Committee Report

Welcome to fall! We're excited to be planning some fun stuff for the upcoming months and hope you'll all be able to make it. Get out your calendar now and block off some dates!

On August 31, we watched "Pirates of the Carribean." A fun drama/adventure that'll keep you on the edge of your seat. A lot of twists and turns!

On September 9, the potluck dinner was a hit with several neighbors showing up to share their yummy dishes and compete for prizes at Bingo. We were surprised that there were two "ties" this time, with the contestants having to decide how to split the prizes. Everybody always has a great time playing. The more people there are, the bigger the prizes!

Mark your calendars for what's coming up next:

- **Saturday, September 27 at 6:30 PM – Movie Night:** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" starring Kevin James. This one is not too heavy, and maybe a little corny, but we're there to have fun (and there's always some yummy movie snacks)!
- **Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM – Meet the Hurricane City Council Candidates:** The candidates for Mayor and City Council will be here to meet our residents, answer questions, and get to know you. This is a great opportunity to really learn who you want to vote for! All six candidates have agreed to come (two Mayoral candidates and four Council candidates). There will be refreshments afterward and an opportunity to visit with them. Mark your calendars for this one!
- **Tuesday, October 14 at 5:30 PM – Pot Luck Dinner and Bingo Night:** We have some great cooks and enjoy each other's company. Bingo is \$1 per card, and you can win cash and prizes.
- **Sunday, October 19 at 6:00 PM – Ice Cream Social:** We have lots of flavors and you can sit and visit in the air conditioned clubhouse with your neighbors! 75 cents per scoop, with all the toppings included.
- **Saturday, October 25 at 6:30 PM – Movie Night:** "Young Frankenstein," a Mel Brooks classic.
- **Thursday, October 30 at 5:30 – Annual Harrisburg Halloween Golf Cart Parade:** Meet at the clubhouse at 5:30 to decorate golf carts (or bikes or whatever you want to drive!). Bring your decorations and share the wealth! When everyone's ready, we'll drive around Harrisburg passing out candy to observers, probably a little after 6:00. Get out your lawn chairs and come watch. We have great fun. Doughnuts and apple cider in the clubhouse afterward!



There will be a trunk-or-treat activity sponsored by the town of Leeds (Harrisburg is invited if you want to participate) on Halloween, October 31, 6:30 at the church.

Looking ahead:

Just a heads up for November – We'll be having the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Friday, November 14. We'll be providing turkey, ham and potatoes and gravy, with potluck everything else to show off your awesome talents. There will be a sheet in the clubhouse to sign up for what you're bringing. We've hired an entertainer to come and sing for us afterward, so mark your calendar and plan to come, it will be fun!

Thank you!
Activities Committee



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
In addition, there is usually a card or board game going on weekdays at 1:00 or 1:30. Check the signup sheets in the clubhouse or just show up and join in!			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Meet the Hurricane candidates 6:30 PM 	8	9	10	11
12	13  Columbus Day	14 Potluck dinner & Bingo 5:30 PM \$1 per card 	15	16	17	18
19 Ice Cream Social 6:00 PM \$.75/scoop 	20	21	22	23	24	25 Movie Night 6:30 PM "Young Frankenstein" 
26	27	28	29	30 Halloween golf cart parade 5:30 at the clubhouse to start decorating carts	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	(To add announcements to the calendar, please contact the editor.)