

SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCTION

We have had a beautiful winter in Panguitch with plenty of snow. Water reports from the mountain look good and Panguitch Lake has risen through the winter and should provide plenty of water for the needs in our valley.

As I watch the events unfolding around the world and even here in the United States, I feel blessed to live in Panguitch where we are somewhat protected from some of the problems of the world.

We continue to be concerned about the economy and the impact it has on each of us. Even though we didn't have the growth other cities had, we didn't fall as hard as many communities. We live in challenging times, and we sympathize with those suffering economic hardships. There are signs that the economy is turning around, but it appears it will be a long time coming, and we will continue to feel the impacts for years to come.

Attached to this newsletter is a calendar of events planned for 2011. We hope you will come and enjoy the many activities planned for this year. These events and activities take a tremendous amount of time and hundreds of hours of volunteer labor. Please show your appreciation to those volunteers who help, and take the time to volunteer when you can.

TREE CITY USA



Panguitch was recently named for the 4th time the *Tree City USA* designation. Trees are an important part of any community. We encourage citizens to plant trees and maintain the trees we have. Trees provide cooling in the summer, help clean the air and beautify our city. Citizens should be careful to not plant trees where they will get into power lines and keep them off the city right-of-way.

DUE WEST CONCERT

On April 8th 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triple C Arena, Panguitch City and Garfield County will have a Benefit Concert of DUE WEST, a country western group out of Nashville, Tennessee. Due West has had a couple of big video hits and have music the entire family can enjoy. Tim Gates the lead singer grew up in Richfield and attended SUU. ***They are very good.***

All proceeds after costs will go to the Max Yeager family of Henrieville and the Mike & Jill Camp family of Circleville. Both of these families have had major medical bills over the past few months. Two dollars of each ticket sold and all profits will go to help these families. This is a great opportunity to help those in need and have great entertainment. Ticket prices are \$17.00 for reserved seating and \$12.00 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the City Office.



SOCIAL HALL

The social hall continues to be a busy place, especially in the winter months when youth and adults use the facility to play basketball and work out on the exercise equipment provided by the city. The social hall is also used for dance, gymnastics and karate lessons. The social hall is an old building and needs constant upkeep and repair. The city is spending nearly \$30,000 to put a new roof on the social hall, so it can be used for many years to come. We continue to have some vandalism and broken windows due to misuse. The social hall is there for all to use, but each of us needs to do our part and take care of the building. Keys to the social hall are available at the city office for \$20.00.

BASEBALL PARK

On February 26, 2011 Greg Excell, the city recreational director, was inducted into the National Babe Ruth Hall of Fame in Las Vegas, Nevada This is a great honor not only for Greg but for all those who make our Ball Park a great place to play. The Babe Ruth Organization gave the city the ultimate compliment when they called the Panguitch Ball Fields a true "Field of Dreams" and that the people of Panguitch rolled out the red carpet for those visiting our area.



Panguitch will again have an opportunity to host a Babe Ruth Regional Tournament in late July. We also host several state qualifying tournaments, our own Ice Breaker tournament, the Pat Dix tournament and the Grand Slam High School Tournament. These tournaments are great and help the local economy. However, the greatest thing is the opportunity for our local youth to have a quality place to play and learn.

LIBRARY

We are trying to find Panguitch High School Yearbooks and Histories of local residents to be placed in our library. If you have old Panguitch Yearbooks, we would love to make them available in the library, so that our history can be maintained. We would also like to collect old programs from past events i.e. 24th of July etc. Please don't throw them away without checking with the Library.

The Garfield County Bookmobile recently received several thousand new books and over 400 DVD's from a grant provided by the Utah State Library. As a partner with the Garfield County Bookmobile, the Panguitch Public Library is excited to have access to these new materials.

The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1, 2011 and run through July 29, 2011. Story time programs will be held on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. The theme this year is *One World - Many Stories*. We are excited to present stories and crafts from different lands and people this summer. All children ages 3 through 15 are invited to participate in summer reading. For more information check with Donna at the Library.



ELECTIONS

The Mayor and 3 councilmen will be up for election this year. You can sign up in early July if you are interested in running for city council. The Primary election will be in September, and the general election will be in November. Please watch the newspaper for actual sign-up dates and notice of election.



SECONDARY WATER



The city will stay with a similar schedule as last year. This seemed to help with the pressure problems we have had in the past. The schedule will be posted in the newspaper in late April and water should be available in May. It appears we will have plenty of water, however our water is metered and we still need to conserve. If we all work together, follow the schedule, and be conservative, all of us will have the pressure and water necessary.

CULINARY WATER/SEWER



We are lucky to have great water to drink and most years it is plentiful and can be used as needed. Our staff works hard to ensure our water is safe and plentiful. The city continues to be concerned about delinquent water and sewer bills. Unpaid bills affect the costs of water for each of us. We will continue to work hard to collect unpaid water and sewer bills. This may occasionally mean that we will turn water off for non-payment and charge additional fees for those that are delinquent on their bills. To keep water reasonably priced we must all do our part.

WEBSITE



Panguitch.org continues to be improved. Minutes for the past several years are now available on the website, and we hope to continue to make changes so our citizens and the traveling public can use the website for great information about Panguitch and the surrounding area.

GARFIELD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

As most of you know, the courthouse will undergo major renovation during the next 18 months starting in late April or early May. The county will move their operation to the county fair building during that time. This will impact some of our events. However, we will work them out and will continue to work hard to ensure people visit our area.

The Court system will use the Panguitch Council Chambers during the Courthouse renovation. We are happy to help out while this exciting remodel takes place.

The County has placed a rendering of the new remodeled courthouse just outside the county treasurer's office if you want to see what it will look like in the future.

We will need to be patient as this takes place, but the courthouse will continue to be one of our main attractions once it is completed. The original courthouse will be restored and additional offices will be built to handle growth in the county.

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ANIMAL CONTROL

The city council has asked that the animal control ordinance be reviewed as we continue to have problems with animals in the city.

Dogs

1. All dogs must be licensed and have proof of rabies vaccination. License fees are 5.00 for a neutered or spayed dog or 10.00 for an un-neutered dog. All dog licenses should be purchased by March 31 or face a penalty.
2. All dogs must be kept on a leash or in a kennel. They must be under the control of the owner at all times. Barking dogs are considered a nuisance and will be handled by the Sheriff's Department..
3. Licenses can be purchased at the city office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.
4. Panguitch has a part time animal control officer, and we work closely with Garfield County Sheriff office when citations are required.
5. Panguitch has a pound and dogs found running at large will be impounded. Minimum fee to get a dog out of the pound is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per day. If an unlicensed dog is impounded it is \$50.00 to get the dog out of the pound plus licensing cost.
6. Please call Panguitch City or Garfield County Sheriff Office with dog complaints.
7. Only two adult dogs are allowed per household unless you have a kennel license, which is \$150.00 and is only allowed in an agricultural zone.

Cats

Panguitch does not control cats; we do however have traps that can be borrowed. Panguitch does not allow shooting in the city limits and the sheriff's office will strictly enforce those laws.

Wildlife

The city does have traps to catch skunks. The Division of Wildlife Resources should handle all other wildlife problems.

Livestock—cows, horses, sheep and hogs.

All livestock require a conditional use permit to be located in the city limits of Panguitch unless you are in an Agricultural zoned area.

Pigs and Billy goats are not allowed in Panguitch city limits.

Conditional Use permits are for one year only (automatically renewed unless we have complaints or problems) and must be approved by the Planning and Zoning committee and city council. Please call the city office with additional questions about animals in our city.



BUDGET PROCESS

Panguitch will start working on next year's budget within the next 30 days. We must have a preliminary budget approved by the first council in May and a final budget approved by June 22 of each year.

Panguitch has not had an increase in property tax in over 18 years and the only sales tax increase was the resort tax approved in the early nineties. The city council takes spending and collecting your tax dollars very seriously and does all in their power to keep costs down while running the city in a financially prudent manner.

Fees collected for water and sewer can only be spent on water and sewer budgets. General Fund which covers all other city expenses come from sales tax, Class C road funds, Property tax and a few other misc. funding sources.



TRIPLE C ARENA

Check out the calendar for activities at the Triple C. The Triple C will be a busy place, as we will transfer many of the events taking place at the fair building to the Triple C. County Commission meetings will also be held at the Triple C during the Court House restoration. We will continue to have barrel racing, team roping, Rodeos, BMW Rally, Red Rock POW, ATV Rally and other activities through the year. We have already scheduled our New Year's Eve entertainment, which will be a professional singer/comedian from the Midwest.



Remember, stalls are available for rent, and the Triple C can be rented for family reunions and other activities.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP

The city will conduct a clean up the week of May 16-21 2011. Please have your items out to the right-of-way and contact the city office to let them know you need items picked up.

We encourage all citizens to help beautify the city by keeping their yards cleaned up and rights-of-way clear of garbage and unnecessary junk and other material.



LANDFILL

The landfill will go on extended summer hours starting April 1, 2011. The Landfill will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Remember no household garbage can go to our landfill. Our landfill can only take construction waste, furniture, metal, tree limbs and grass clippings. The green Garbage bins provided by the county and located in the Industrial park can take your household garbage. Remember, never dump garbage on the ground at the Garbage bins. Tickets will be issued if you are caught dumping illegally.

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MAIN STREET

Coming Soon....

Plans are underway for the **2011 Panguitch Valley Balloon Rally**. This year we will be working with the **American Cancer Society**. This is in honor of Janet Oldham and all those who have been affected by this disease. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 during that weekend to donate to the American Cancer Society on behalf of Panguitch City. Watch for the opportunities during that weekend to donate!

The Main Street Committee is currently working on a coupon book to have available for this season. The purpose of the book is to encourage tourists and local residents to patronize our local businesses. Each household will be given a coupon book to use this summer.

The "Giant Yard Sales" will be held on Saturday, May 28 (Memorial Weekend) and Saturday, September 3 (Labor Day Weekend). This is a great time to sell your items. Table spaces are \$10. This money is used to advertise these sales.

The beautiful flower pots will be making their appearance the first week in June. These definitely add to our Main Street. These are made possible by our "flower pot" sponsors. The cost this year will be approximately \$60. If you are interested in sponsoring a flower pot, please contact us.

The Big Fish Fiddler Festival will be held July 14 & 15 and the taste of Panguitch on July 15.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the events and other things that keep the Main Street Board busy. If you would like to be a volunteer or have any questions, please contact: Cheryl Church, 676-1897 / 435-590-2892 or email at cherylchurch@gmail.com.



CITY COUNCIL

City Council is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these meeting. If you want to get on the agenda, the city has a short form that should be filled out stating the purpose of the request. The Mayor and Council determine what items will be heard at city council. If you have any questions about these, please call the city offices or talk to the mayor or any city council member. They can answer most questions.



CONCLUSION

There you have it. Hopefully this information is helpful for you and your families. We hope you will take the community calendar and hang it where you can refer to it often. We have many exciting events and we hope you will participate and volunteer when you can. ***The Mayor, Council and Staff of Panguitch City are trying hard to make our city a great place to live, but it's the people just like you who make this a great community.***

Sited Reference

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