

PANGUITCH CITY NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2012

Introduction:

Another Panguitch winter is over, and we are all looking forward to spring. The winter weather has been mild, but we need more snow. There may be more cold weather coming, so put an extra log on the fire, keep your coat nearby and enjoy the few warm days until summer arrives.

We have struggled with the recent death of longtime employee Cindy Breinholt, her infectious laugh and care and concern for others is missed greatly. We hope and pray that Cindy's family will have positive memories of her time here on earth. In memory of both Cindy and her mother Karen who also worked for Panguitch City as recorder and city manager, Panguitch City has set up a \$1,000.00 scholarship for deserving students to further their education.

Panguitch is a great place to live. We are hoping the economy improves, so we can enjoy life in Panguitch even more. On a national and state level the economy is moving forward slowly. However, a report recently showed Garfield County with over 10% unemployment.

Attached to this newsletter is a listing of events for 2012. We hope you will post this list and come and support the many festivals and events to be held in Panguitch this year. We appreciate the thousands of hours of volunteer help each year. We could not hold these events without your help.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any questions or suggestions on the newsletter or about city government activities, please let us know.

Park Project:

We will start our City Park renovation project this summer. This will be in conjunction with UDOT and will include a new restroom and travel center at the park, refurbishing the pavilion area, new blacktop in the parking area, new turn lanes from Highway 89, some fencing, and repairs to the old grandstands. We appreciate grant help from UDOT, Community Impact Board, Panguitch Main Street, Panguitch Lions Club, National Mormon Heritage Area and Panguitch City. Mayor Lori Talbot has spearheaded this project, and it is one that continues to make Panguitch a great place to live.

Secondary Water / Panguitch Lake Dam / Pipeline Project:

Due to a dry winter, secondary water could be in short supply in 2012. The Panguitch Lake dam has been repaired and is holding back water. However, unless we get significant moisture during March and April, the lake will be far from being full. The dam improvements included replacement of the head gate and new hydraulic controls. Special thanks to Garfield County who helped with the temporary dam, the Division of Water Resources for a grant and loan to do the work, and Mac Hatch for heading up the project for West Panguitch Irrigation Company.

West Panguitch Irrigation Company has an opportunity to get some funding from Central Utah Project to possibly put in a new line to help transport secondary water to Panguitch City and the south fields. This will be worked on during the next year, and the

work should be completed in 2013. If this project is approved, it could help solve some of the secondary water pressure problems we have during the summer months.

The secondary water will be in the system in late May or early June, and we will stay with a similar schedule as the past few years. Watch the local paper for the secondary water schedule. **Please close your secondary water valves in preparation for water in the system.**

Animal Control:

As always we remind you to please keep dogs on a leash or in a kennel. All dogs in Panguitch must be licensed and have proof of a rabies shot. Dogs running at large are subject to a ticket and pound fees. Cats are considered a free roaming animal and are not controlled by the city. We do have a limited number of live cat / skunk traps, but you are responsible for disposal of the cats. A conditional use permit is required for any livestock in the city limits. Contact the city office for this permit.

Landfill:

The landfill will open for summer hours on April 2nd 2012. Hours will be Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Remember only construction waste, yard waste, metal and old furniture can go in our landfill. No household garbage is allowed at the landfill; it must be taken to the green garbage cans in the Industrial park. Tickets can be issued for dumping on the ground at the green garbage can site. Please help us keep the area clean by getting all garbage in the cans, put garbage in bags if possible and shut the garbage can lid, so garbage won't blow out.

New Employee:

Panguitch City has hired Brinda Bair as Library Director, marketing secretary and assistant city clerk. She replaces Donna Osborn who is now the City Clerk/Recorder in place of Cindy Breinholt. We are excited to have Donna working in the city office, and she is already doing an excellent job. Brinda will start in late March, and we are excited to have her on the City staff. We had many excellent candidates for this position, and it helped reaffirm that Panguitch has some quality people who can do most anything.

Marketing Program:

Eric Houston on the City Council is heading a new marketing program to promote Panguitch. The city has authorized additional funds to develop a new website, add new tourist information signs and remodel the foyer of the Panguitch City Offices as a tourist information center. Also the new City Park restroom will have a visitor center included in the foyer. The new librarian, Brinda Bair will spend some of her time marketing Panguitch through social media outlets. We are excited to see Panguitch moving up to the next step in marketing. If our citizens have suggestions for marketing, please contact Eric Houston or Allen Henrie.

For the present time, www.panguitch.org is the website for information on Panguitch activities and information on local government including minutes, forms, payment information, etc.

Calendar of Events:

Attached to the newsletter is a calendar of events. Please keep this information available and use it often to plan your summer. The events and festivals are great, and we encourage all to attend and participate as much as possible. Events on Main Street, at the Baseball Diamonds, and the Triple C Arena are well planned and couldn't happen without the great number of volunteers who spend many hours to organize and implement these events. A new Western Festival on Main Street on the Memorial Day weekend is being planned and should be a lot of fun.

City Cleanup:

The City will do a city wide cleanup in May (exact dates are yet to be determined). Those wanting to have material picked up will need to call the city office at 676-8585 starting the first of May and have the material placed on the city right-of-way for pick up.

Main Street:

Save the Dates!!

Plans are underway for a NEW event "The Panguitch Western Round-Up." We are really excited about incorporating this new event into our city. It will be held on Saturday, May 26th Memorial weekend. This new event will be the "kick off" to the summer season and the upcoming summer events. It will include the giant yard sale, a book signing by Bill Betenson author of "Butch Cassidy, My Uncle" and Marilyn Grace, author of "Finding the Sundance Kid", music, food, western costume contests and much, much more. Watch for advertising for a full schedule of this event.

The 13th Annual Panguitch Valley Balloon Rally will be June 22, 23, & 24. We know how much this event is enjoyed by our community, and we really appreciate your support!

The Big Fish Fiddler Festival will be July 19th and 20th. The Taste of Panguitch which is held in conjunction with this festival will be July 20th behind the Zions Bank at 5:00 p.m. The Fiddler Festival is free and is a great night of entertainment. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Social Hall. The Taste of Panguitch features many of our local restaurants and food vendors. The cost is only \$5 per person or \$25 for immediate family up to 6 members. This is a great time to show support to Main Street as all proceeds from this event are used for funding. We are also hopeful to begin a couple of other fun events for the City, so stay posted!

Giant Yard Sale

The first Giant Yard sale of the season will be held on Saturday, May 26th (Memorial Weekend). If you are interested in having a table, they are \$10. This money is used to advertise this event. Please contact Bobbi Bryant at 690-0044 or broncobobbi@gmail.com.

New Panguitch Recipe Book & Merchandise

Panguitch Main Street is currently printing a new Panguitch Recipe Book that will be available at the Giant Yard Sale on Memorial Weekend. This is a compilation of great recipes from our residents. The cost will be \$10 per book. Special thanks to Gayle Long for her hard work on this project. We will soon have new Panguitch tee shirts, a new

ornament and puzzle. Watch for these items ~ they will make great gifts for friends and family.

Panguitch Area Coupon Book

The coupon books from last season were a big hit, so we will be sending them out again this year. Watch for them in the Garfield County Insider. These should arrive before the end of May.

Flower Pots

The beautiful flower pots will be making their appearance the first week in June. These definitely add to our City. 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.

Special Thanks to the Wonderful Volunteer Main Street Board Members!

They are: Art Cooper, Linda Rabin, Bobbi Bryant, Randy Yard, Shelley Yardley, Scott & Gayle Long, Dave & Rochelle Mitchley, Deanna Moore, Pete Larson, Eric Houston, Heather Childs, and Diane Sheridan.

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.

Library:

Brinda Bair has been selected as the new Library Director to replace Donna Osborn, who has replaced Cindy Breinholt as City Clerk/Recorder. Brinda has great qualifications and enthusiasm. Brinda plans to continue the Summer Reading Program and add other programs as well. The library website is www.panguitchlibrary.org. Watch for more information on programs or call the library at 676-2431. Better yet, come in and meet Brinda Bair!

Social Hall:

The Social Hall will close for open gym on March 31, 2012 or sooner if usage declines. The Social Hall will, of course, be open for exercise all year except during the Quilt Walk Festival. Keys for the Social Hall can be purchased for \$20 at the City Office, and if you return your key, you will get a \$10 refund. There is exercise equipment upstairs, and the main floor is available for walking and basketball.

Old Yearbooks / Family Histories:

The City is still looking for old Panguitch High yearbooks and Panguitch family histories to go in our special collections section of the library. Don't throw those old books away, check with the library or city first. We need to preserve our history.

Swimming Pool:

As most of you know, the swimming pool is closed and will remain closed until something can be worked out between Panguitch City and the Garfield County School District. There are also some expensive repairs that need to be completed. The City wants your opinion on the swimming pool and will be sending out a survey to our citizens. Depending on the response to the survey there may be an item on the ballot at

election time in November asking for your opinion and the possibility of a bond for money to fix the pool or build a new pool at a different location. Watch for more information on the pool in the months to come.

Scenic Byway 143 / Mormon Heritage Area (Highway 89) / Scenic Byway 12 (All American Road):

We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the state and all major roads leading to Panguitch have been designated Historic or Scenic by the Federal Government. Work is underway to help promote these roads to the traveling public. Encourage your friends and family to get off the freeway and see what we have to offer. City personnel serve on each of these road committees, and this is another tool to encourage people to stop and visit beautiful Panguitch.

Rights-Of-Way:

It is important for everyone to realize the right-of-way in front of you house belongs to the city and should be kept clear of trailers, junk cars, and other things that may inhibit city employees from doing their job. In some cases improperly parked vehicles and trailers cause a traffic hazard. Remember that our water and sewer lines are in the rights-of-way and if you plant grass, trees, etc. the city may have to tear them out to make necessary repairs. The City also tries to mow the rights-of-way at least once per summer.

School Activities:

Our schools continue to be a bright spot in our community; our students continue to impress us through all their activities whether it is sports, scholastic achievements or other activities they are involved in. We appreciate the teachers, school staff, and others who make our students the best and the brightest. We encourage our citizens to support the different activities our students are involved with during the school year.

Prescribed burns:

The Forest Service will have 3 prescribed burns on the Paunsagunt plateau during the summer from April to September 2012. This is a continuation of an ongoing project that is being conducted by the Powell Ranger District; approximately 600-800 acres are planned for treatment this year. The Forest Service will report to the City before, during, and after the burns. They will be as cooperative as possible with events taking place in the area.

Budget:

Panguitch has several sources of revenue to run the City—this includes property tax, sales and resort tax, franchise taxes, licenses and permits, funds from other government agencies (including grants, class C road funds, State liquor funds, etc.),

charges for services, Justice Court fines and miscellaneous other income. These funds all go into the General Fund. These funds are then used to pay a majority of the City bills. The City, of course, also collect fees from sewer and water utilities and those funds are used to run the sewer and water departments in Panguitch.

The City Council is very careful with your money and does their best to spend it wisely. There has not been a property tax increase in over 20 years, the sewer fees have never increased in 15 years, and there have been few increases in the water fees over the years. The City did install the resort tax in the mid nineties to help pay for some capital improvement projects such as the Baseball fields, Triple C Arena, Main Street project, Social Hall improvements, and other improvements as needed. Much of the spring is busy in preparing the budget for the 2012/2013_fiscal year. We commit to continue to keep expenses in line and take good care of our citizens' money.

Conclusion:

The Mayor, City Council and staff appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Panguitch. We are serious about keeping Panguitch a great place to live, play and work. We appreciate the thousands of volunteer hours that are contributed to our community. Keep up the good work! Please contact any of us if you have questions, concerns, complaints or compliments. We look forward to seeing each of you during our busy summer season.