

Panguitch City

Fall Newsletter 2007

It's amazing how fast time goes by. It seems at times the hours go by slowly, however, the days and months speed by very quickly. Winter is just around the corner, and we have already had a few dusts of snow on the tops of the mountains. 2007 will go down in history as a year of extremes. In January we had some of the coldest temperatures on record. Even the "old timers" said it was one of the coldest spells in many years. Then we went several months during February, March, April, May & June with little or no precipitation. Water was in short supply and things looked pretty dire, and had one of the hottest July's on record. The hot temperatures made for beautiful hay and gardens where we could keep them irrigated. Gardens in Panguitch were very dry. The water needs for many years to come. Our springs are now safer and more secure, and we are

successful this year. The rains in July and August helped save our crops and ranges and gave us some optimism for the coming year. I am no longer sure what average is. Maybe over a 20 year period 2007 was average, but the extremes were noteworthy.

Panguitch was again filled with activities in 2007. There were many fun and exciting things to do, and we hope each of you took the opportunity to enjoy and participate in many of the activities. We appreciate the hundreds of volunteers and the thousands of hours put in to make the many activities in our community worthwhile. Thank you for a job well done.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful. The City Office is always open getting additional water. We appreciate the help of the Forest Service, Harward & Reese

to your comments, questions, and concerns. Don't hesitate to contact us if there is you have questions about activities within the city.

Spring Project: The City has been working to complete a project at our springs near five mile mountain for the last couple of years. That project is now 95% complete, and we only have a few miscellaneous cleanup items left to do. This has indeed been a beneficial project. We have been able to capture between 50 and 100 gallons of water per minute that has previously been lost. We are also able to rebuild several collection boxes, put in valves and new lids on other collections boxes.

Construction Company, and the City Council who recognized the need to continue to improve our

water system.

Landfill: Winter landfill hours will start in November. The hours will be Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Remember household garbage cannot go in our landfill; it must be placed in the green garbage bins. The green garbage bins continue to be a source of concern. Please bag your garbage and remember all garbage must be placed in the bins. Never place anything outside of the bins.

Roads: The City was able to chip seal all the city roads this past summer. This ended up being a very expensive project as the price of oil has risen significantly. We have tried to chip seal our roads every 4th year. However, with rising costs we will have to evaluate how often we can redo the roads. We have met with Garfield County, and they have graciously agreed to work with us in chip sealing projects in the future. This should cut approximately 1/3 of the cost.

One-Way Street at Panguitch Elementary:

By now most of you have realized there is a one way street on the east side of the elementary school on 100 West between 100 and 200 South. This will be a full time one-way street. The purpose of this is to make it safer for the loading and unloading of our children.

Please take time to become acquainted with how this street runs and obey the law in this important regard.

Rights-of-way:

Panguitch City continues to be concerned about items placed on the city rights-of-way. The rights-of-way are not a storage area, even though we do allow vehicle parking. Those vehicles must be licensed, registered, and used on a regular basis. The rights-of-way are not to be used for storage of trailers, boats, junk cars, farm machinery, etc. In the summer months we need to mow, and in the winter months it's important to keep them clear so that we can use our snow plows. Also, items parked on the rights-of-way can cause traffic hazards.

Planning & Zoning: As Panguitch continues to grow, planning and zoning

issues become more prevalent. If you decide to split your property, build on, or build new, please contact the City to make sure you are meeting City ordinances.

Events / Volunteers and Volunteer dinner:

Eventing has become an important part of our community and we have become known as a community that puts on quality events with great help from tremendous volunteers. The events we hold are almost too numerous to mention. Without exception they have been well run. They have been good for the community, for those who live here and those who visit and they go a long way to support the economic structure of our community. We

encourage all of our citizens to come out and support the events held in our community, not only in attending and enjoying the activity, but take the time to volunteer and to help with some of the activities you have the highest interest in. Again thank you, thank you, thank you for your great help and dedication.

Panguitch City will be hosting a "Thank You" dinner for all volunteers and their

families on November 15th, at 6:00 p.m. at either the fair building or the Triple "C" arena. Come and visit and eat on the city.

Library: Check out our new website at www.panguitchlibrary.org. The website is a work in progress so let us know what you would like us to include in our website. You can contact us at 676-2431 or email us at info@panguitchlibrary.org. We will host several Family Reading Nights this year beginning in January 2008. We are looking for volunteers to help with storytelling and crafts. Please contact Donna at 676-2431 if you would be willing to help. We are also looking for artists to display their work at the library. If you or someone you know would like to display artwork at the library please contact Donna.

We invite you to participate in the KUED Reading Marathon beginning November 5, 2007 through November 24, 2007. For more information please call or contact Donna at the library.

Winter Activities:

Things slow down significantly during the winter months here in our beautiful little community. As the sun goes down earlier and the days and the nights turn off cold, it is a real blessing to have time to sit by the fire and enjoy the family. We do, however, have some activities going on through the winter months. The craft fair is scheduled for Nov 10, 2007. We have ongoing events at the Triple C Arena such as barrel racing, team roping, etc. The school is participating in many events with their winter sports program, their drama program, and other activities. We encourage you to take the time to attend some of the activities through the winter months.

One of the big events of the year is the New Years Eve Party. This is scheduled for December 31, 2007 at the Triple C Arena. This years theme is "Redneck New Year." The committee is working on making this a fun and eventful activity for the whole family. We encourage you to put this on your calendar and come out and have a fun New Years Eve activity.

Triple C Arena: This past year we were sorry to lose Scott Christensen as our Triple C manager. He has taken employment in the Sevier Valley area, and we wish him the best of luck in all that he does. We are excited to announce Tony Beckstead, a recent addition to our community, has taken over as the Triple C Arena marketing director and manager. He comes to this position with a lot of expertise in equestrian events. He has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and is doing an excellent job,. We wish him the best of luck and look forward to working with him for many years to come. If you have any questions or would like to schedule events at the Triple C Arena you can contact Tony at 435-616-2282.

Animal Control: We appreciate those of you who take good care of your animals. It seems that animal control issues never go away. This summer the biggest animal control issue we have had is our little black and white friends who inhabit our community and occasionally raise their tails and cause a real

stink. We do have traps to help control these critters. You can contact the city office if you need some help.

We encourage you to make sure that your dogs are licensed properly and have their shots. Rabies has raised its ugly head in Utah this year, and in fact, several small children in northern Utah had to go through the rabies shots after handling a bat that was found to be rabid. One of the main reasons we have a dog licensing program is to make sure that the dogs do have their rabies shots. Panguitch City will again sponsor a clinic where you can license your dogs and get their shots in early February. We encourage you to watch for this and make sure your animals are properly vaccinated and licensed.

Livestock are only permitted in our community on a conditional use basis, and permission to have livestock in the city limits must be received from the City. Please contact the City if you are thinking of putting horses, cattle, sheep, etc. on your property. Pigs are not

allowed in the city limits and goats are only allowed under very special circumstance. If you have any questions about animals, please contact the City Office, we will be glad to help.

Nuisances: This past summer the city has sent several letters out to property owners about nuisances on their property. The City is always working hard to keep the community clean, neat, and a great place to live. Please take the time to clean your yards and not let junk, debris, weeds, and other things inhabit the property you own. The City Council will continue to monitor nuisance issues and will take steps when necessary to clean up nuisance problems. Let's all work together to make sure we have a beautiful clean community.

Secondary Water: Due to the drought and scarcity of water, secondary water was in short supply this year. We did find that most people were able to water their yards and keep their grass green by watering just one time per week. The City continues to have problems with

pressure on the secondary water system. Consequently, a letter was sent out asking people to follow a few simple rules on our secondary water system. Those rules will be in force again in 2008. We all need to watch the number of sprinkler heads, the size of those heads, and be very conscious of potential pressure problems for our neighbors. The secondary water system is now about 25 years old, and we are experiencing more problems. If you are aware of any problems, especially leaky lines, please contact the city so those can be corrected.

UDOT Shed: The City is working closely with the Utah Department of Transportation as they prepare to build a new road shed along the Panguitch Lake road near the DeDe Hollow turn off. The city will have the opportunity to purchase the old UDOT shed on east Highway 89. This will be a significant improvement for the city. We will have a better place to store our equipment and materials. We are looking forward to the day this can be accomplished. The City will be applying to CIB for funding to purchase the

UDOT shed and also trading some work on the water and sewer lines to the new shed as a down payment. Hopefully, by the fall of 2008 the City can make the move to the UDOT shed on the east side of Panguitch.

Panguitch.org: We encourage you to use our new city website, www.panguitch.org. It has quality information and should be a site you visit regularly. It lists activities, important information on the city and other items important to the city.

Election: The election this year is on November 6, 2007. You have the opportunity to vote for 3 city council positions out

of 6 choices. Also you may cast your ballot for the voucher issue. Please take the time to study the candidates and the issues and vote. Greg Payne, who was appointed 2 years ago has decided not to run for re-election. We thank him for a job well done and for his dedicated service to the community.

Panguitch Main Street: The new Panguitchopoly game sponsored by Panguitch Main Street Organization is now available. You can purchase one at the City Office or contact Cheryl Church at 676-2514. The cost is \$25.00.

Christmas in the Country will be on December 1st, 2007 and the first

merchant prize drawing will be held that day with drawings each Saturday through December 22, 2007. Please plan to support these activities.

Congratulations to the Panguitch High School Girl's Volleyball Team for taking the state title.

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