

HARRISVILLE Happenings



CITY MAYOR

Roger Shuman

CITY COUNCIL

Grover Wilhelmsen
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Christina Palmer
Ruben Morales

CITY CALENDAR

City Public Meetings / City Events are as follows unless otherwise posted on the city website:

**FRIDAY
JULY 3** **City Offices CLOSED**
For holiday observance

**WEDNESDAY
JULY 8** **Planning Commission**
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

**THURSDAY
JULY 9** **Project Management**
Meeting begins at 9:00 AM

**FRIDAY
JULY 10** **Community Gardening Classes**
Meet at Park Bowery at 9:00 AM
See advertisement for more information

**TUESDAY
JULY 14** **Senior Luncheon**
Luncheon begins at Noon
Harrisville Cabin

**TUESDAY
JULY 14** **City Council**
Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

**FRIDAY
JULY 24** **City Offices CLOSED**
For holiday observance

**FRIDAY
JULY 31** **Movie in the Park**
Free to the public
Movie starts at dusk

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1** **America 250 Celebration**
See enclosed flyer for more information

PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

Access to agendas and meeting information may be found on the city website at <https://www.harrisvillecity.gov> or the Public Notice Website at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>. All meetings are noticed and recorded according to the Utah Open Meetings Act (UCA §52-4).

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Harrisville Residents,

I hope this message finds each of you in great health as we enjoy the arrival of summer and begin participating in the nationwide celebrations of America 250. We have a lot of updates regarding our city leadership, municipal operations, and upcoming community events.

City Council Vacancy & Upcoming Selection

Effective July 14, 2026, at the conclusion of our city council meeting, Karen Fawcett will be resigning her position on the City Council. I want to personally thank Karen for her dedicated service to Harrisville and wish her the absolute best in her next chapter.

Because of this resignation, the City Council will be interviewing candidates and selecting a replacement during the July 14 meeting. The appointed individual will serve until the next election cycle, at which point they will need to enter the standard election process so our citizens can vote on who fills the seat.

- How to Apply: If you are interested in serving our community in this capacity, applications must be submitted by July 1, 2026. Please contact the city offices for application requirements.

FY 2026/2027 Budget Update

We are nearing the completion of the city budget process. This has been an invaluable learning experience for me, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to Jill, Jennie, the rest of our city staff, and the City Council for their hard work and collaboration.

Key Takeaway: I am pleased to report that our approved tentative budget for 2026/2027 does not include a property tax increase.

However, due to a previously passed resolution, the city is legally required to undergo the "Truth in Taxation" process even when we are not raising taxes. As elected officials, I believe we need to repeal this resolution so that we only trigger Truth in Taxation when it is truly necessary—meaning situations where we cannot balance the budget by



Harrisville City Monthly

Senior Luncheon

will be held for all Harrisville Seniors 55+

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

@ Noon

Harrisville City Cabin
(725 West Harrisville Road)

Harrisville City will be providing
the main dish which will be

Hamburgers

Potluck style for
Salads, Chips, & Desserts
(Plan for 10-12 people per dish)

This month the hamburgers will be prepared by
The Harrisville Youth City Council

For more information or to register by calling the City
Offices 801-782-4100. Remember to bring a friend!

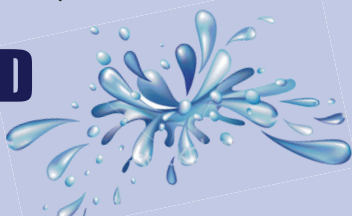
HAVE YOU HEARD?

Over the next few weeks you may see some removal and replacement of trees in the Harrisville Main Park located at approximately 1350 N Highway 89. These trees were either dead or diseased and in need of removal. There will be other beautification projects on an as needed basis within this park and others around the city. If you have any questions about this or anything else happening in or about the city, contact the city offices at 801-782-4100. Thank you.



At the May 2026 City Council meeting, the Harrisville City Council agreed the Harrisville Splash Pad will be open from 10am to 8pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for the season running from Memorial day to Labor day. This may change if drought conditions change. As always, be considerate while using the facility. If you witness any vandalism or misconduct, contact the police immediately at 801-395-8221.

**SPLASH PAD
HOURS**



cutting expenses, or if there are unexpected cost overruns from the previous year.

New City Office Construction

Construction on our new city office building is progressing well, and our contractor, RO, remains on schedule for completion in early 2027. The City Council is working diligently to closely monitor and control spending on this project so that we remain strictly within our set budget.

Water Restrictions and Park Conservation

As many of you know, Northern Utah experienced an exceptionally low snowpack this past winter, resulting in strict water restrictions across the state. In compliance with Pineview Water Systems' direction, Harrisville will be adjusting the watering schedules at our parks to significantly reduce usage.

The smart meters installed on water lines across the city are automated; if we overwater, they signal an automatic penalty. The city does not receive an exemption from these rules. As a result, you will notice more dry, brown spots in our city parks this summer as we do our part to conserve. I appreciate your understanding as we navigate this dry season together.

Important Fireworks Restrictions

On June 25, 2026, the Governor set a statewide restriction on personal fireworks. Our state is as dry as it has ever been, and lighting fireworks is a severe safety hazard. Harrisville is strictly honoring this restriction. The city is handling this as a zero tolerance. The city will have signs up in all city parks and a digital sign stating the restriction. Please honor the restriction I am sure you do not want a fine on the holiday.

- Restriction Period: Effective immediately through July 5, 2026.

Reflecting on America 250

When we look back at July 1776, we often imagine a group of perfect, fearless statues. But the truth is, the Founders were ordinary citizens—merchants, farmers, and lawyers—who were human, anxious, and deeply divided.

In fact, history shows us that nobody actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. The Continental Congress adopted the text that day, but the famous parchment document wasn't signed by the majority of delegates until August 2, 1776, with some not signing until months later.

Even John Hancock's famously massive signature has a practical story. While legend says he wrote it large so King George could read it without his spectacles, the reality is that as President of the Congress, he was simply the first to sign a completely blank page.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

He used his usual flamboyant signature right in the center, leaving the remaining delegates to squeeze their names into the space left below him!

Independence wasn't a single, perfect moment; it was a grueling, messy commitment to collaboration. Building a great community doesn't require us to be perfect or to always agree on every issue—it just requires us to show up for each other.

Mark Your Calendars: Harrisville America 250 Celebration
We have a wonderful lineup of events planned to bring our neighborhood together:

- Friday, July 31, 2026 (At Dusk): **Movie in the Park** We will kick off our official celebration with a movie in the park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs!
- Saturday, August 1, 2026 (Starting at 8:00 AM): **Flag Ceremony & Community Service Project**: We will begin the morning with a formal flag ceremony, immediately followed by our community service projects. We will be writing thank-you letters to members of the military and their families, setting up flags for our Honor Field, and preparing for the Honor Walk. We also need volunteers to help set up and clean our park.
- **Honor Field Nominations & Food Drive**: Prior to the event, you can submit the names of loved ones who have served or are currently serving in the military. These names will be attached to the honor flags as part of our Honor Field. Please scan the QR code included on this newsletter for instructions on how to submit names before walking through the field. We also ask that you please bring and donate food items for the local food bank before taking your walk through the Honor Field.
- Saturday, August 1, 2026 (Starting at 5:00 PM): **Old-Fashioned Block Party & Fireworks** Join us back at the park for food trucks, games, and music, bringing our community together for a good old-fashioned block party. At dark, we will wrap up our celebration with a spectacular fireworks display (unless fire or weather conditions change).

I encourage the community to have block parties and take the time to get to know your neighbors. Please find ways to celebrate the America 250 make it safe and memorable!

Thank you for making Harrisville such a wonderful place to live.

Most Sincerely,
Mayor Roger W. Shuman
Harrisville City



AMERICA 250 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Community Events Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas for the upcoming America 250 event to be held on August 1, 2026.

- Honor Field setup
- Honor Field take-down
- Staffing for various service project activities such as Writing Letters to military services member and families, Food Drive, Beautification Project, Raffle, and Volunteer T-Shirt distribution.
- Become a member of the Community String Orchestra

If you are able, scan the QR code and sign up today!



HARRISVILLE CITY PARKS

SURVEY



Harrisville Parks Committee is looking for your input on Harrisville's Future Parks.

Participate in the survey today by clicking on the QR code!

Thank you participating!



COMMUNITY GARDEN CLASS



Harrisville City

Community Gardening Classes

Friday, July 10, 2026

Water Wise Planting

9:00 AM

Main Park Bowery
1350 N Highway 89

- Harrisville residents are invited to attend these community classes.
- All classes are free to participants unless otherwise indicated.
- If you would like to attend, please call the city offices at 801-782-4100 in order to ensure that enough supplies are provided for all participants.
- The next gardening class will be August 14, 2026.

MOVIES IN THE PARKS

Harrisville City invites you to join us for

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday, July 31, 2026

Starts at Dusk (approx. 9:20pm)

Free to the Public

Featured Movie:

National Treasure
at the **Harrisville Main Park**
(1350 N HWY 89)

Activities for the evening;

1. Corn Hole (6pm)
2. Various backyard games (6pm)
3. Popcorn (8pm)

Hope to see you all
at the movies!

