



Introduction

Another summer has come and gone, and it is already early October. We had an extremely dry Spring and early Summer, and then we had a wet July and August. We were truly blessed with summer moisture, and even though some farmers ended up with some “black hay” the rain was welcome, and we made it though the summer without water restrictions here in the City. Even with ample rains this summer, Panguitch Lake is still nearly empty and we need some good snowstorms to give us water for next year.

Panguitch has had a fairly prosperous summer. Some stores are reporting a record year for sales, and the motels have been nearly full the past few weeks. Events sponsored by the City and the Panguitch Main Street organization were well attended, and this has helped over the years to make Panguitch more of a destination rather than just a pass-through city.

It takes many hundreds of volunteer hours to put on the events in the City, and those volunteer hours are greatly appreciated. The events would not go on without you.

Panguitch City welcomes your comments. Please feel free to contact the Mayor or any Council Member or City staff with concerns, problems, or solutions to problems. It is our goal to keep you informed.



Allen Henrie Retirement

Allen has announced that after 20 years, he will be retiring as city manager of Panguitch City. Allen will retire sometime after the first of the year. Allen has indicated that he is both sad and glad. He is looking forward to feeding his cows after lunch instead of after dark, but will miss working with some great employees, mayors, city council members, and volunteers. Allen stated that he is proud of the improvements made to the City over the past 20 years and appreciates the opportunity to work with great people to make Panguitch a better place to live.



Allen plans to spend more time on the farm/ranch, play with the grandkids and do some volunteering (his wife thinks he will clean house and do yard work) in the future and maybe do a little traveling with his wife (it's been

awhile since we have been to Bryce Canyon).

Culinary / Secondary Water

Panguitch citizens had adequate water this summer due to wise use, planning, and some timely storms in July and August. The well ran constantly in May and June, but due to good storage tanks and the well, no one went without water, and restrictions were not necessary. We have had several leaks this summer that needed repair. We encourage you to report any water leaks on the main lines to the City as soon as possible. Our secondary water system is getting older, but still works well, and as long as we get the lake filled back up again, it will continue to serve us many more years. Please open your secondary water valves so the water can drain properly.

Landfill

New hours for the landfill will be from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays starting November 3, 2012. Due to state regulations, the landfill must be manned when open. The landfill can take metal, construction waste, grass clippings, and tree limbs.



We have a class 4 landfill and cannot take household garbage at the landfill. Please take household garbage to the green garbage dumpsters at the Industrial Park. Please, Please, Please do not put garbage on the ground at the dumpster site. Panguitch City can and will cite you for illegal dumping of garbage.

Election Day

Election day is November 6, 2012 There are some important local, state, and national races that concern each of us. Early voting starts on October 23, 2012 and goes through November 2, 2012 at the Garfield County Courthouse, or you can vote on election day from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Voter registration by mail ends on October 9, 2012, and you can register in person at the courthouse until October 22, 2012. If you have questions on the election process, please contact the Garfield County Clerk's Office. Please take the time to vote.

Upcoming Events

Most of the summer events are over. However, fall and winter activities will soon be going strong. The high school sports programs are in full swing with baseball, volleyball and cross-country coming to an end and basketball and wrestling starting in November. Check with Panguitch High School for an event calendar.

The High School will be putting on the musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat" on November 2nd and 3rd and November 9th and 10th 2012. This is a great play, and the kids are hard at work learning their parts.

Other events scheduled this fall are the Craft Fair, Panguitch wrestling tournament, Christmas in the Country, Christmas drawings, Sub for Santa, and our annual New Year's Eve party scheduled for December 31, 2012 The theme for the New Year's Eve Party is Cowboys and Indians. We will have some great food and entertainment. Watch the Garfield Insider for details.



Animal Control

What would a newsletter be without a comment about animal control. We still have many complaints about dogs running at large and barking. The law states that dogs must be in control of their owner. Please keep your dogs on a lease or in a kennel.

This summer we had a Rabies scare as a dead bat with Rabies was found in Panguitch. There was some fear that a cat may have killed the bat or had played with it after it died. We probably have wild animals with Rabies in our area most years, but this was a reminder that we should tell our children to stay away from wild animals and dead animals. Rabies is a fatal condition unless treated properly, and the treatment can be a painful process.

We do have cat / skunk traps available from the City. However, the individual using the trap is responsible to get rid of any animals they catch. We also have some dog traps. If you are having problems, please contact the City Office.

Remember all livestock (cows, sheep, chickens, horses, etc.) must have a conditional use permit that can be obtained from the City Office. There is a process that includes getting signatures from neighbors and going before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council.

Swimming Pool

Much has been said about the closure of the swimming pool at the High School. The Panguitch City Council is negotiating with the School Board to find an equitable solution to the pool closure.

It is improbable that the pool will be reopened at the present location, However, that has not been decided at this point. The City does own the pool and has an easement on the property. However, the School District is no longer interested in running the pool. The heat has been taken out of the building that houses the pool, and the pool needs some major repairs.



Panguitch City will have a table set up on Election Day at the courthouse to have voters give their opinion on what the City should do about building a new pool. The vote will be non-binding, but will help the Council make an informed decision on whether to build a new pool.

Website

Panguitch recently received a \$10,000.00 grant to redo our website. The new website will be tourist friendly and will also have great information for our citizens. Currently our website is panguitch.org and has our City Council minutes and other important information. Check it out and watch for the unveiling of our new website around the first of the year.



Community Covenant Program

Panguitch City recently passed a resolution making Panguitch City a Community Covenant City. The program helps show our support to our troops, especially those from the Panguitch area. A celebration will be held in connection with the Veteran's Day dinner on November 12, 2012. We have many citizens both young and old who have served our country in the military. We appreciate their sacrifice and dedication to preserving our freedoms.

Tourism / Marketing

A move is underway to find better ways to market Panguitch and the surrounding area. Eric Houston of the City Council is leading the charge and is working on many ideas to better market Panguitch. These include revamping the website, signage, and turning our lobby at the City Office into a travel center. Look for these exciting changes over the next couple of years.



Main Street

Watch for the Christmas merchant drawings which will be held the 8th, 15th, and 22nd of December 2012.

Library

Our community has completed another very successful Summer Reading Program: "Dream Big, Read!" 186 dreamers (children) participated this year with 45 of those kids completing the full summer reading program. Those who completed the program were awarded a movie ticket to Gem Theatre! Ten story time programs were held with an average attendance of 45. Our highlight activity was a rocket launching show by Daniel Cloud from Bryce Canyon. We had great volunteers who came and read to the kids, helped provide fun activities, and really made the Summer Reading Program a success. Thank You!

You can keep up to date with library programs and new materials by liking Panguitch Library on Facebook.

New materials are also posted on the website: panguitchlibrary.org.

Library patrons have access to Pioneer: Utah's Online Library made available to us through the Utah State Library. Check out pioneer.utah.gov for access to programs like Overdrive; where you can download audiobooks, ebooks, and eVideos.

OneClickdigital is an all new, easy to use website and platform for downloading audiobooks. Searchasaurus is a fun resource to provide children homework help.

Pioneer has many databases, digital collections, and more! For help getting started, call the Library at 676-2431.

Park Project

The park project is moving ahead, but at a slower pace than originally planned



due to getting funding from UDOT to put in turning lanes on Highway 89 and replacing restrooms at the park. In the long run the UDOT money will be a great blessing to our community. However, in the short run it is taking longer than expected to get everything into place to start the project. The project is scheduled to be bid out this winter and start early in the spring of 2013. This project included new restrooms with a lobby for tourist information, turning lanes, redoing the parking lot, repairing the pavilion and removing all cement and replacing it, new fencing and several other minor items to make our park more user friendly and accessible to all people.

Head Start

Head Start is up and going and openings are still available. Head Start is a preschool program that provides kindergarten readiness for 3 and 4 year olds, and offers helps for families with parenting, career, and life goals. Call 1-800-796-6070 for more information or visit the Head Start Preschool in Panguitch..

Playground Equipment at the Baseball Fields

Paula Palmer is spearheading a drive to get playground equipment at the baseball fields. This is a great project, but she needs community support. She has been fund raising and will have a bake sale Friday the 19th of October, which is the day before the deer hunt. The City supports this project, the County has donated some money and other funds are being raised at this time. She could use all our help to make this worthwhile project a reality.

Rights-of-way / Roads



As winter approaches, we remind each of you that it is important to keep rights-of-way clear of trailers, junk and other items. The rights-of-way are city property and oftentimes problems arise as we remove snow from our roads. It is especially important not to park too close to the road, so the snowplow doesn't damage your vehicle.

Triple C Arena / Baseball Fields

Both facilities had a busy summer with many activities. Close to 30 youth teams use the baseball fields each year due to excellent youth programs. Our High School baseball program is doing great and we are currently ranked #1 in the State. We hosted several state Babe Ruth tournaments and a couple of high school tournaments this past summer..

The Triple C has been busy with many barrel races, team roping events, and youth rodeos almost every weekend. Remember you can buy a pass to use the Triple C Arena for \$50.00 a year, and the Triple C Arena is available at all times except December and during events. Stalls are also available for \$25.00 a month.

Conclusion

The City hopes you find this newsletter helpful. We are always looking for new material, so if you have ideas pass them on, and we will try to incorporate them in future newsletters. The Mayor, City Council, and City staff are here to serve and want Panguitch to continue to be a great place to live and raise our families. Please contact the City Office if you have concerns or if you see problems in the City that need to be addressed. We will do our best to help.

