



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Executive Director's Dialog



This newsletter ushers in a new year for the Association and a new year and era for both Utah and the United States. Change is constant, in addition to being actively involved in areas where we can participate in national changes we also have changes locally. Our governing body, the Steering Committee, sees

change once a year as the elected officials serving as the Chair and Vice-Chair rotate clockwise manner through the five counties. Staff and I at the Association express our sincere thanks to Beaver County Commissioner Mike Dalton who served this past year as Chair and Garfield County Commissioner Dell LeFevre who served as Vice-Chair. The Chair now rotates to Garfield County and the Vice-Chair to Kane County. Those appointments will be formally made and the gavel passed at the February 8th Steering Committee meeting in Kanab. I am excited to start a new year serving the people of southern Utah.

I am pleased to announce that the we hired a Community Fire Planner who will serve a three year assignment here working directly with local rural communities and counties in developing community wildfire protection plans. **Bevan Killpack**, who has extensive land management experience and previously worked with the U.S. Forest Service Pine Valley Ranger District, joined us here at the Association in mid-January to take on this new activity.



Bevan Killpack

Again I want to thank our great staff and Steering Committee that works hard every day to make southern Utah an exciting place to live, work, and recreate!

Bryan D. Thriot, Executive Director

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

- Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. in Kanab
 - Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Kanab
- These next two meetings will be held at the Kane County Emergency Services Training Facility/Search & Rescue Building located at 30 West Airport Drive; Kanab

The Dixie Regional Transportation Expo is Tuesday, February 7th at the Dixie Center



Please join us on Tuesday, February 7th at the 2017 Dixie Regional Transportation Expo! Each year, for the last 12 years, the Transportation Expo has been held in St. George to provide a comprehensive and informative public open house to consider all things transportation. This giant "one-stop-shop" on the future of transportation provides a convenient and comprehensive opportunity to coordinate and discuss transportation needs, view existing plans and gather public input.



The Expo is a great time to ask questions and discuss transportation issues with local, regional and state representatives. Come see Tesla, Chevy Volts, Nissan Leaf and other innovative and interesting vehicles. The Expo will be held in the Dixie Center at February 7, 2017 (Tuesday) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission to the Expo is free.



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The Transportation Expo is organized by the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Five County Association of Governments, and St. George City. Funding is provided by the MPO, City of St. George, Hurricane City, Ivins City, Santa Clara City, Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance, SunTran, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Clean Cities Coalition, Washington City, Wilson and Company, Inc. and Zero Fatalities.

The Transportation Expo typically attracts attendance by over 600 people who come to find out about the state of transportation in Utah's Dixie. Come and ask questions of community and agency representatives and learn about current projects and future transportation needs in your own neighborhood and greater community.



Don't miss the bus or the Expo!

The 2017 Transportation Expo offers a unique opportunity for people to gain a first-hand understanding of a variety of transit, road, intersections,

traffic signal improvements, active transportation/bike trail programs and projects. The 2017 Transportation Expo is the place to be to learn about local transportation trends and provide meaningful input that will shape the future of Washington County.

"CIB 101" Application Tutorial Workshop scheduled



If your entity intends to apply for funding from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board for public infrastructure or facilities in the coming 12 months, you should have a local official and/or staff person from your entity attend the upcoming "CIB 101" Application Tutorial Workshop.

The CIB 101 workshop is held yearly in each region of Utah and is conducted staff of the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (known by most as simply the "CIB").

Our region's CIB workshop for this year is scheduled on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington City Community Center; 350 North Community Center Drive, Washington, Utah*. The workshop will be approximately 1½ to 2 hours in length.

At the tutorial, the presenters will discuss **'who can apply?'**, **'when can you apply and what are CIB Trimesters?'**, **'what are eligible projects?'**, **'how to**

apply?' and **'what comes next?'** after you are funded, such as reimbursement procedures. Any new CIB policies and procedures will also be addressed.

The CIB is a program of the state of Utah which provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state which are or may be socially or economically impacted, directly or indirectly, by mineral resource development on federal lands. The source of funding through CIB is mineral lease payments and ongoing royalties which are Utah's share from mineral extraction on federally controlled lands. The CIB will only fund applications submitted by an eligible applicant, for an eligible project.

Any town, city, county or special service district that plans to apply in the June 2017, October 2017 or February 2018 CIB trimester application cycles should have the person, or persons, from your jurisdiction who will prepare a CIB application, as well as manage the project once CIB funding is secured, attend this informative workshop.

It is strongly recommended that any engineering and architectural firms whose staff will be directly involved in preparing CIB applications, providing cost estimates, or providing technical assistance to CIB funded projects, attend this workshop. Any jurisdictions with future CIB application plans beyond the next three application cycles are also encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP your attendance at the CIB-101 Tutorial on Wednesday, March 15th to Gary Zabriskie, CIB Regional Planning Program Planner, via e-mail to: gzabriskie@fivecounty.utah.gov or by telephone to: (435) 673-3548, ext. 126.

These workshops are also held in other regions of the state. While you are encouraged to attend here in our own region, you may attend at any of those other sessions, if you are unable to attend here. Please visit the state CIB web page for the dates and locations of those other tutorials: <http://jobs.utah.gov/housing/cib/index.html>

Youth Volunteer Corps of Cedar City Receives Top Honor - Was Just Named One of the Top YVC Programs in North America



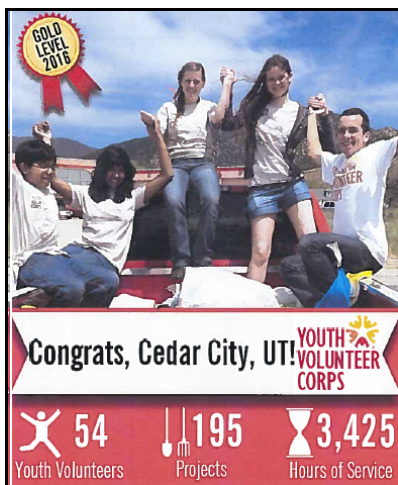
Youth Volunteer Corps of Cedar City was just named a Gold Level YVC Affiliate, one of less than 15 YVC programs throughout the US. and Canada awarded this prestigious honor. The youth service program, hosted by Five County Association of

Governments, offers volunteer opportunities for dozens of youth who serve more than 3,000 volunteer hours every year.

According to David Battey, founder and president of YVC's headquarters in Kansas City, "YVC of Cedar City is paving the way for YVC programs all over the U.S. and Canada."

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Mr. Battley also said that “The program has had such a profound impact on both Youth Volunteers and the community they’re serving.” YVC Headquarters works with YVC affiliates to ensure that they are serving the youth and their community in the best way possible.

The Gold Level rating goes only to the very top YVC programs that serve as stand-out examples for how the program can serve its community. Last year 54 youth served a total of 3,425 volunteer hours at 195 projects with YVC of Cedar City, helping out at places like retirement homes, soup kitchens, animal shelters, parks and more. We’re proud of this honor for the YVC program and the youth volunteers involved and we look forward to seeing all the great things that Cedar City youth will accomplish in the coming year.

Youth Volunteer Corps of Cedar City’s mission is to create volunteer opportunities to address community needs and to inspire youth for a lifetime commitment to service. The program offers volunteer projects for youth ages 11 to 18 on weekends, after school and during the summer.

Find more info about the Youth Volunteer Corps on the web at: <http://www.yvcsouthwestutah.weebly.com>

Cindy Rose, Program Director of YVC of Cedar City

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English

speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. Before going to a VITA site, please read IRS Publication 3676-B online at: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3676bsp.pdf> for services provided and check out the "What to Bring" section on that page to ensure you have all the required documents and information our volunteers will need to help you.

*Note: available services can vary at each site due to the availability of volunteers certified with the tax law expertise required for your return.

*Also please note: Returns that qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) will not be distributed until February 15th or later. Beginning this year, the IRS must hold their refund until February 15. This new law requires the IRS to hold the entire refund - even the portion not associated with EITC or ACTC. This change helps ensure that taxpayers receive the refund they are owed by giving the IRS more time to help detect and prevent fraud.

The Five County Association of Governments office in St. George is one of several locations in the five county region where you can have your taxes prepared.

Five County Association of Governments office building
1070 W. 1600 S. Building B; St. George, UT 84770
Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Please call 211 to schedule an appointment.

See our VITA web page for the locations of the tax preparation services in other locations within this region: <https://fivecountycap.wordpress.com/cap-programs/volunteer-income-tax-assistance-vita/>

Five County Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved by FEMA



Hazard Mitigation Plan

In our November-December 2016 edition of this Newsletter we reported the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was reviewing the final draft of a regional Multi-jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan developed by the Association staff in collaboration with all the cities and five counties, and almost all of the towns in the region.

The Plan contains information regarding the type, location and extent of eight regularly occurring hazards in the Five County area and includes information on previous occurrences of hazard events and the likelihood of a future hazard event. The natural hazards identified in this plan are: wildfire, flood, landslide, drought, severe weather, problem soils, earthquake and radon gas.

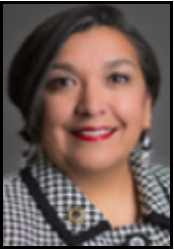
We are pleased to report that FEMA has completed its review and has approved the Plan, placing it in what is called "Approved Pending Adoption" status. What is now needed is for all of the jurisdictions which participated in the development of the Plan to formally adopt the Plan by resolution. Association staff has sent out information on the Plan as well as how to adopt it. If there are any questions on the Plan and its adoption by your jurisdiction, contact Nate Wiberg, Five County Community Planner, at (435) 673-3548 ext. 105, or via e-mail to nwiberg@fivecounty.utah.gov
LINK TO THE PLAN: <https://www.hazardmitigationplan.org>

FIVE COUNTY SENIOR CONFERENCE : "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A CON-ARTIST? "

This is an early advanced notice to mark your calendar and reserve the date of Friday, May 12, 2017 for the Five County Senior Conference.



We are excited to announce the special key note speaker this year will be Paul Greenwood. Paul has many years of experience in the legal system. He is currently San Diego City's lead prosecutor of elder abuse cases. Join us to learn from Mr. Greenwood and many others.



Also participating at the event will be Rebecca Chavez-Houck, a member of the Utah State House of Representatives. She represents House District 24. Chavez-Houck earned a BA and an MPA, both from the University of Utah. She currently lives in Salt Lake City with her husband Martin and two children and works in public relations.

The Conference will be at the Heritage Center in Cedar City located at 105 N. 100 E. There will be a Health Fair that morning. The Conference itself will begin at 10 a.m. A more detailed article with complete Conference information will be provided in our next newsletter.

Please submit articles, or suggestions for them, to our Newsletter editor via e-mail to (newsletter@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: FCAOG Newsletter Editor P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550.

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