



News from 10,000 Feet!

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Brian Head Resort Awarded Economic Driver of the Year

The Cedar City – Iron County Office of Economic Development instituted the Economic Driver Award in 2010. This award recognizes businesses and individuals who initiate, nurture and support business growth, create jobs and drive the local economy.

Brian Head Resort was recognized this year for the significant impact it's had on our local economy for more than half a century, and especially since 2012 when John Grissinger and his team purchased the resort. Under the current ownership, the Resort has invested more than \$20 million in capital improvements and has seen tremendous winter and summer growth. Last season's skier visits of over 200,000 set an all-time record for the Resort and compared with about 117,000 in 2011. Summer revenues during this same time period grew by over 550%.

At the height of the ski season, Brian Head Resort employs more than 500 people, with \$4.0 million in total annual payroll. The Resort alone pumps over \$1.6 million into Iron County's economy and contributes more than \$945,000 in annual sales and property taxes.

This prestigious award was presented to Brian Head Resort on September 4, 2019. Congratulations!

Here is a list of recipients of the Economic Driver Award:

- 2010 – Genpak
- 2011 – Quantum Construction
- 2012 – G.O. Green Enterprises
- 2013 – Construction Monitor
- 2014 – GAF
- 2015 – Sun Edison
- 2016 – Utah Shakespeare Festival
- 2017 – Mueller Industries
- 2018 – Southern Utah University
- 2019 – Brian Head Resort



From left to right: Gary Herbert (Utah Governor), Burke Wilkerson (Vice President, General Manager & CFO of Brian Head Resort), John Grissinger (President & Owner of Brian Head Resort), Dan Stewart (Economic Development Director - Cedar City Corporation), and Spencer Cox (Utah Lieutenant Governor)

Town Tidbits

- We have only received a few photos for our 2019 photo contest. Please submit your Brian Head pictures by October 31, 2019. We have had a beautiful winter, summer, and spring. Now we are looking forward to fall. We love that we get to experience all four seasons up here in Brian Head and participants have captured nature's finest scenery. So . . . get out your cameras and cell phones and take that perfect photo! Send your photos to cajohnson@bhtown.utah.gov. Good luck!
- There is still time to get your tree branches chipped. Please place your limbs on your own property, with the thickest end facing the road, by **Monday, September 23, 2019**. The Town will have a chipper available to clean up the limbs. Only trees and branches 4 inches in diameter will be chipped. Please call the Town Office at (435) 677-2029 to let us know if you have a pile of limbs to be picked up. We are also keeping track of labor (contracted or personal) on all fire mitigation projects, since we can use this information as a match for any fire mitigation grant applications.

Public Works Department Summer Project Updates

STREETS: 1) The 2019 Streets project is complete. Vasels and Trails at Navajo roads have been upgraded. 2) Planning and design for next year's street project will begin shortly. 3) Road grading is about 50% completed and, with the natural water helping us, we look to keep checking the dirt roads off the list. 4) UTV dust control signs have been installed.

CULINARY WATER: 1) The Public Works crew takes water samples of the springs and distribution systems monthly. They are continuing to monitor the results. 2) After the recent boil order, the Town Council is looking into the possibility of chlorinating the water supply system. The Public Works Department has made the corrections to the areas that needed attention from the sanitary survey that the Town was required to complete because of the boil order. 3) The Salt Pile springs project and Mountain View waterline project are moving along at a good pace. 4) Meter maintenance and installations of new meters continue as needed. 5) Hydrant repair will begin in late September. The hydrants have been delivered and are ready to install.

TRAILS/PARK: 1) Asphalt fog coating has been completed along the new routed wood signs. 2) Fog coat on the Chair 1 parking lot has been completed. 3) The waterline around the park has been installed. Four areas of grass have also been planted around the pond. 4) The new zig zag fence by the pond is nearing completion. 5) Construction of the Chair 1 restrooms has begun, with the Public Works digging the footings for the foundation. We have the back-fill material standing by so, as soon as the footings are poured, the backfilling can begin.

SEWER: 1) Twin D has completed the sewer cleaning project for the year. 2) When inspecting the sewer manholes, it was noted fat and grease were found in some of the lines. Please don't pour grease into the sewer lines! We will be sending out a notice to remind people of this important message.

SOLID WASTE: 1) Dumpster maintenance continues on our dumpsters (paint, labels, welding, etc.).

As you can see, the Public Works crew has been busy. Now, we're preparing for fall/winter. bring on the snow!



From left to right - Clayton Calloway (Mayor), Aldo Biasi (Public Works Director), Rex Rose (Public Works Tech), Kasey Hatch (Public Works Tech), and Jason Wallis (Public Works Tech)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RECOGNITIONS

Three members of the Brian Head Public Works Department were recognized at the Town Council meeting of September 16, 2019 for achieving some important accomplishments. Recently they received the following certifications:

Kasey Hatch: Utah Drinking Water System Operator - Distribution Grade I

Rex Rose: Utah Drinking Water System Operator – Distribution Grade I & State of Utah Wastewater System Operator – Collection 1 Restricted Wastewater Operator

Jason Wallis: Utah Water System Operator – Unrestricted Water Distribution Grade 1 & State of Utah Wastewater System Operator – Collection 1 Restricted Wastewater Operator

For fiscal year 2020, Brian Head Town hired a new part-time Public Works Technician. Kade Beaumont comes to us clear from Paragonah! He's been a great asset to the department. Welcome aboard Kade.

This year's seasonal parks worker is Zackary Stopper. He's been a big help with the park maintenance and trail signs. This summer season has seemed to last a little longer than most and lots of work is being completed. Thanks for your hard work Public Works Department!