

Town of Springdale News

March – April 2008

Citizen of the Season Spring 2008

Tom Haraden

Known with affection as “the Batman”, Tom travels the state giving lectures about the nature of bats. But this is only the smallest part of what Tom does for the Zion Canyon Community. As Assistant Chief of Interpretation, Tom’s position with the National Park Service is all about educating the people who visit Zion Canyon. His ability to teach, interact and express his obvious love for the Zion Canyon area shows in the many ways he helps educate the community.

During the construction of the Canyon Community Center, Tom did countless hours of work for the library. He handcrafted the beautiful shelving end caps, donated materials and time and did other work to beautify the building. His efforts have certainly made the library a beautiful and peaceful learning space.

Tom is the Park Service liaison on both the Planning Commission (his second term) and the Visitors Bureau. He spends a great deal of time traveling to shows, making presentations and representing the community and the Bureau. Often he brings back educational slideshows to the Planning Commission to see what other tourist towns look like and some of the pitfalls we should avoid.

A great many thanks to Tom and his service to the community.

Mayor Pat Cluff



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Calendar of Events

Please see the Town Calendar included with this newsletter.

If you would like to have an event included on the calendar, you may call the Town Hall at 772-3434 or use the online form on the Town’s website: (www.springdaletown.com/eventscal.html).

Zion Canyon Community Garden Plots Available

If you like to garden but don’t have a place to dig in the dirt, you might want to check out the new community garden that has just been created for Zion Canyon locals. The garden is located next to the Springdale Town tennis courts and will be available for the first planting in April.

We are building the site now and could use some additional help in getting the watering system, fencing and shed built. If you are interested in helping or in obtaining a garden plot, contact Lisa Zumpft at 772-0435 or zumpft@aol.com for an application. The applications will be accepted on a “first come, first served” basis.

Zion Canyon Trail gets Funding Assistance

The Town has been awarded \$150,000 in grant money to begin construction on Phase I of the Zion Canyon Trail. The money is from UDOT’s Safe Routes to School program. We anticipate constructing the section of trail from the River Park to Majestic View with this money. This section of the trail will be placed alongside SR-9 in the UDOT right-of-way. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the trail project.

Plans Examiner Office Hours

The Town’s building plans examiner, Roger Condie, will have regular office hours at the Town Hall on Tuesdays, from 10 AM to 12 PM. If you need building permit approval, have questions about code requirements, or would just like to discuss some of the finer points of the IBC, drop in and say hello.

An Alternative Energy Challenge

There has been a great deal in the news recently about the proposed coal-fired Toquop power plant. Much of the discussion about the proposed plant debates the viability of alternative energy sources such as solar, wind and geothermal energy. Proponents of the proposed plant argue that the plant is necessary to keep energy costs in Utah low, which they say is more important to our residents than alternative energy.

Many energy suppliers provide a method where people who are concerned about the continued use of coal and other fossil fuels can voluntarily sign up for power produced from renewable energy sources. Last year, the Town Council adopted a resolution supporting the goals of the Kyoto Protocol and the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. In establishing this resolution, the Council committed the Town to pursuing courses of action that help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help reduce the nation's dependence on fossil fuels.

Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky Program is an opportunity for power customers to buy blocks of power produced by renewable sources. Many businesses and communities in the state have taken advantage of this opportunity. The Cities of Moab, Alta, Ogden, Salt Lake City, Park City, Springdale and others have stepped up to support the development of renewable energy sources.

You may not be aware that the Town currently buys 15 percent of the power used in town operations through the Blue Sky program. While this is a great start, it is not nearly enough. Only a few of our local residents and businesses are Blue Sky power customers. This is an opportunity to show our state and federal representatives that there is support for programs that lead to a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

I challenge all the residents and businesses of Springdale to join with the Town Council in supporting the development of renewable energy sources. I firmly believe that if we all do a little, together we will help to change the world. Wouldn't it be great if 15 percent of ALL the power used in Springdale came through Blue Sky?

You can find out more about the Blue Sky power program on the Rocky Mountain Power website. The address is www.rockymountainpower.net/bluesky.



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CCC Corner

April is Earth Month in Springdale

Friday April 11th - Canyon Community Center

2 - 3 pm Activities for Kids ~ Music, Stories and Socializing

7 pm Z-Arts! Presents ~ Dave & Victoria performing original contemporary Folk music



April 12th Saturday @ 4 pm - Canyon Community Center

Social, drum circle and lectures on Solar Energy and Climate Change. Come meet and greet neighbors while enjoying food cooked in solar ovens and participate in a drum circle. **Bring your instruments!** Beginning at 6 pm Gerald Whipple from Solar Unlimited will present information and a demonstration on solar energy. At 7 pm Dr. Robert Davies will give a lecture on "Earth's Changing Climate: The Climate Project". Dr Davies is a physicist, educator and former Air Force meteorologist. He has worked for NASA on the international space station and as a visiting professor of physics at three universities. Currently he is working as a project scientist at Utah State University's Space Dynamics Laboratory.

April 19th Saturday ~ Earth Day ~ 9 am - 6 pm

Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd.

The Town of Springdale and Zion National Park are sponsoring their fourth annual Earth Day Celebration with additional support from Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau and Z-Arts! The event will be held from 9am to 6 pm on Saturday, April 19th, 2008 at the Bit & Spur 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Among the free activities and demonstrations included in this year's celebration: Live music powered by solar energy, Farmers Market, native plant giveaways, alternative fuels, green building materials, adobe workshop, organic food samples, Arbor Day Ceremony, activities for children and solar/wind products.

New this year will be food vendors and a beer garden provided by the Zion Canyon Brewing Company.

Additionally Zion National Park will host guided hikes and offer presentations in Zion National Park.

Schedules will be posted around town and on the CCC website.

Please contact Julie Hancock for more information. ccc@infowest.com or 772-3434 ext 106

ST. PATTY'S DAY



March 15th, 2008

23rd Annual Spring Festival

Parade begins at 2 pm - Best Float Prize = \$100 CASH (the green stuff)
(entries line-up at 1:30 pm on Lion Blvd)

Following the Parade at the *Bit 'n Spur Park* :

Green Jell-O
Sculpture Contest
(deliver all entries between
noon and 1:30 pm)

Jell-O Eating
Contest
For kids of all ages

Climbing Wall,
and Bounce Castle
(weather permitting)



'*Yankee Clipper*' will perform following the parade
and during dinner hours on Saturday at the Spotted Dog Restaurant
Irish Specialties available on the 14th, 15th, and 16th at many area restaurants

Irish Food - Live Music - Green Fun!

SENIORS 60+

CALENDAR FOR MARCH AND APRIL

- March 4 & 6 Meals Cancelled. Sign up for bus to Hurricane Senior Center and call Donna at 635-2089 for reservations. Meet at the CCC at 11:30 a.m.
- March 11 Celebrate Birthdays and Bingo. Wear green for St. Patrick's Day.
- March 13 Wear green (St. Patrick's Day). Ping Pong, Cards: Hearts, Dominoes: Mex. Train
- March 18 Easter is almost here - Let's make ice cream sundaes, Movie: Easter Parade.
- March 20 Music for Easter – performer to be announced
- March 25 Basic computer class from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Library. Cards – Hearts, Ping Pong, Blood pressure checks
- March 27 Basic computer class from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Library. Dominoes: Mex. Train

- April 1 Basic computer classes from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Library.
- April 8 Celebrate Birthdays and Bingo
- April 10 Dominoes: Mex. Train, Ping Pong
- April 15 Cards: Hearts and Skip-Bo
- April 22 Movie: Loves Endearing Promise
- April 24 Cards: Hearts, Dominoes: Mex. Train, Horseshoes at Town Park
- April 29 Bake Sale at 12:30 p.m. Bring baked goods, candy, etc. Blood pressure checks, games

Other activities:

- Every Thursday: **Pilates** by Ellen
9:00–10:00 a.m. (except Mar. 6th)
- Every Monday: **Gentle Yoga**
5:00–6:15 p.m. (except Mar. 5th)
- Call Arlene at 772-0323 to sign up for **computer class** on Mar. 25, 27 and Apr. 1.

Sign up for **photography class** (mostly outdoors) taught by Bob Warren. Call 772-2432

MARCH LUNCH MENU

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
4 Chicken stuffed with Broccoli & Cheese Potato Puffs Corn Coleslaw Fruit/Bread	6 Turkey Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Veggies Green Salad Fruit/Roll
11 New Zealand Fish Fries Mixed Veggies Green Salad Fruit/Roll	13 Veal Rollups Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Green Salad Red Fruit/Roll
18 Spaghetti/Meatballs Peas n Carrots Green Salad Fruit/Roll	20 Ham Au Gratin Potatoes Mixed Veggies Green Salad Fruit/Roll
25 BBQ Pork Rice Green Beans Green Salad Fruit/Roll	27 Chicken Fried Steak Potatoes/Gravy Capri Blend Coleslaw Fruit/Bread

LUNCH RESERVATIONS: CALL CLARA 772-3242 BY 10 AM MONDAY MORNING

NEED VOLUNTEERS! CALL ARLENE 772-0323