



Memorandum

To: Town Council
From: Thomas Dansie, Director of Community Development
Shelly Heaton, Zoning Administrator
Date: February 3, 2023
Re: Town Birthday Party - Community Involvement Event

The Community Development Department is planning ways to enhance communication, understanding, and collaboration between the community and the Town administration. One strategy we are developing is a Town Birthday Party. The purposes of this event are to: 1) honor and celebrate the Town's history, 2) engage the community in an informal and relaxed environment, 3) build relationships between Town administration and the community, and 4) have a fun party.

The Birthday Party event will allow Town staff and public bodies (Town Council, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission) to interact with the community and demonstrate the services and value the administration offers the community. It will allow staff, Council Members, and Planning Commissioners the opportunity to develop or enhance relationships with community members in an informal and non-threatening setting (in contrast to public meetings and public hearings). The hope is that both Town administration and community members will leave the event with better understanding and appreciation of each other.

The event will feature an informal lunch (grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, birthday cake, etc.). There will be opportunities for each Town department and each public body to set up a table or booth to present information on services and projects the department / public body is currently working on.

Staff requests the Council discuss Council Members' involvement in the event. Specifically, what projects or services does the Council want to highlight to the community: Utah 100 Communities, bringing broadband fiber to residences, partnering to find a replacement medical clinic, etc. Staff requests two Council Members represent the Council at the event and be prepared to interact with the community regarding whichever projects the Council chooses to highlight.

The event will be held **Saturday, March 11 from 11am to 2pm** at the Gazebo Park (or indoors at the CCC in the event of bad weather).