

## From Mayor Bruno

### TRANSIENT LODGING

I want to thank those who responded to our recent survey regarding Transient Lodging Units (nightly rentals). Your input is helpful to the Task Force in its work to draft a new ordinance.

Most of the trends we saw in responses were not surprising. However, there was one common theme that I would like to address here. Many survey respondents believe that the increase in nightly rental units is contributing to the crowds in Springdale. As the Task Force has examined this issue we believe this is not the case; people are visiting Springdale because they want to visit Zion National Park. They will continue to come to Springdale and Zion National Park whether they stay in Springdale or somewhere else.

Transient lodging units come in many forms (hotel rooms, bed & breakfasts, inns, personal residences that are owner-occupied, and "stand-alone" units), and not all forms are created equal. They all impact the community in different ways.

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## Utah's Focus on Water

On April 21, Governor Cox declared a state of emergency due to the dire drought conditions affecting the entire state of Utah. While this declaration gives the state and regional water conservation districts access to federal resources, including funds for drought-related losses, no specifics were given for what we as citizens should do or not do. This order does not reduce or eliminate the ability of counties, cities, and towns to approve building permits or subdivisions. Regional water conservancy districts or local water systems still have to make decisions on whether they can serve new development on a case-by-case basis. The Washington County Water Conservancy District has asked municipalities that purchase water from the District (Springdale does not) to pass a water conservation ordinance. That ordinance pertains to new construction and requires hot water circulation systems, water-efficient appliances, minimal sod in yards, etc.

Here are things we can all do to conserve water:

- Use a broom instead of a hose to sweep sidewalks and driveways.
- When washing dishes by hand, use a sink full of rinse water rather than letting the water run.
- Install low-flow showerheads/Limit showers to 5 min. or less.
- When washing the car, use a hose with an on/off nozzle or use buckets of rinse water.
- Water yards (especially lawns) in the mornings or evenings when water will not evaporate quickly. Make sure the water lands on vegetation and not on streets or sidewalks. Consider not watering your lawn this year.
- Fix leaks! Monitor your water usage on the *Eye on Water* app to detect those leaks. Don't have the app? Get the app and set up an account.
- Run the dishwasher or washing machine with a full load.
- Don't leave water running when brushing teeth. Turn off the water between soaps and rinses when washing hands or showering.
- If you need to run water before it becomes hot, store the cool running water in a bottle for use in rinsing dishes, washing vegetables, and washing hands.

Issuing a State declaration of emergency enables other local governments to also do so if circumstances dictate, and the Town will utilize emergency powers if the situation warrants it. Priorities of water rights can also be modified by the state under an emergency declaration. Please help us to avoid that scenario by conserving now.



## Local residents & NPS staff train for search and rescue operations in ZNP

In 2021, Zion National Park managed more than 130 search and rescue operations. Some of these were frontcountry rescues, and others involved more complex, technical operations. In order to respond to these incidents, the park relies on its highly trained search and rescue team. The team meets in the park for training at least once a month. Visitors in need of rescue benefit from the experienced climbers and canyoneers in our community who lead rescues alongside National Park Service staff.



If you want to learn more about serving on the park's search and rescue team, contact Jonathan Shafer [jonathan\\_shafer@nps.gov](mailto:jonathan_shafer@nps.gov). The National Park Service will train you to provide this vital service to Zion National Park visitors.

## Transient Lodging *(Continued from page 1)*

Most of our hotels offer valuable services to their own guests but also to the community. They typically have a restaurant, a lobby with public restrooms, ample off-street parking for their guests, and a manager on duty to handle issues that arise. Bed and breakfast properties, inns, and owner-occupied residences also offer guest parking and have an owner or manager on site.

In contrast, lodging units that are unstaffed and unsupervised can be problematic. These types of establishments are more likely to displace residents and/or businesses and lead to the loss of housing, restaurants and retail businesses. This contributes to the workforce housing crisis that we are experiencing and exacerbates the difficulty of staffing businesses.

Visitors who stay in our legal nightly rental properties are our "ideal" visitors, compared to visitors who stay in other communities. Visitors staying in Springdale park their cars at their lodging and walk, shuttle, or bike around Town and into Zion National Park. They patronize our businesses and provide transient lodging and sales

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## Springdale Parks

The Parks department has installed a new water fill drinking fountain at the Gazebo Park restrooms.



Please enjoy this new addition to your open space.

## Springdale Water Quality Report

Consumer Confidence Reports (CCRs), also known as water quality reports or drinking water quality reports, provide you with important information about the quality of your drinking water. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires every community water supplier to provide a CCR to its customers. The 2021 CCR is now available on the Town website for review.



## Paint Night!

Springdale Elementary PTO is hosting a Paint Night!

**When:** Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 3:00pm or 6:00pm

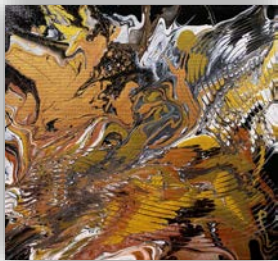
**Where:** Springdale Elementary School

**Who:** Everyone is invited to participate

**What:** Come and make your own abstract masterpiece just like the exhibit hanging in the CCC. All supplies are provided.

**Cost:** \$25

Sign up or ask questions by emailing  
[pto.springdale.elementary@gmail.com](mailto:pto.springdale.elementary@gmail.com)



## Transient Lodging *(Continued from page 2)*

taxes that allow Springdale to have amenities and services that benefit our residents. In contrast, visitors staying in other areas create traffic and parking congestion on our streets and are less likely to shop at our shops and eat at our restaurants. It would be great if we could get the same number of visitors every day and never get a surge (such as on holiday weekends). As Zion National Park implements a visitor management plan, that may be possible.

The task force should have draft language to the Planning Commission by May. Please attend the public hearings and help us craft a new ordinance that is fair to all.

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## Cross-Connection/Backflow Prevention

### What is the purpose of Backflow Prevention and why is it required?

Backflow is the reversal of flow from a residential or commercial water system back into the public drinking water system. A backflow incident could occur if the Town's water systems pressure decreases, or the customer's water pressure is higher than the Town's water systems pressure. This can happen when a hydrant is used to fight a fire, during a main line break, or in other similar situations. Under these conditions with no backflow protection, contaminated water from a sprinkling system, trough, bucket or any other plumbing connection can flow back into your residence or business or the Town's water system. A backflow incident could carry pollutants or contaminants into our public drinking water supplies making them unsafe to use. The Plumbing Code and the Utah Public Drinking Water Rules require that all cross-connections be eliminated or protected against backflow by installing an approved backflow device or assembly that will ensure that no impurities or contaminants are introduced to the public drinking water supply.

### What is a Cross-Connection?

Many public drinking water systems are contaminated each year by pollutants or contaminants that backflow into the water system through unprotected cross-connections. A cross-connection is a physical connection (piping configuration) between the public drinking water system and anything else, including another water supply that can allow undesirable pollutants or contaminants to backflow into the public drinking water system. Identifying and eliminating or protecting cross-connections with approved backflow prevention devices is a matter of public health! The Public Works Department will be conducting Cross-Connection Hazard Assessment Surveys at all commercial properties over the next several months. For voluntary surveys at a residence or general cross-connection questions, please contact the Public Works Department for more information at 435-772-3434.

## Springdale Library Events

**Junior Zion Adventure Club** - May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12pm @ Springdale Elementary (K and 1<sup>st</sup> graders)

**Ukraine Aid Kit Assembly** - May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3pm – Come join us as we assemble all of your generous donations into individual aid kits. All ages welcome.

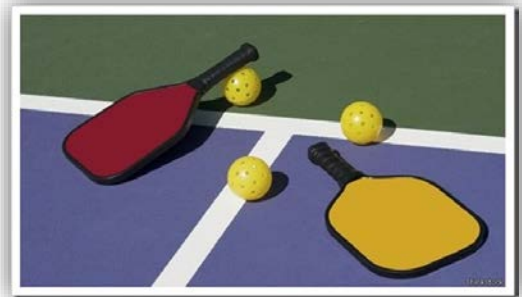
**Summer reading** is just around the corner. Join us each Thursday in June and July for presentations and projects centered around this year's theme **Oceans of Possibilities**. Presentations this summer include hula dancing lessons, a bioluminescence STEM activity, a Mad Science event, and a magic show.

Our **Hydroponic Garden** is growing like crazy. Stop by to take a peek and take home a free bag of organic greens.

## Pickle Ball Fun

Calling all pickle ball players and people who want to try out pickle ball! The Springdale Parks and Recreation Department is looking at upgrading and adding to our pickle ball courts. As part of the project, we will be trying out a new playing surface. In the next week, Sport Court will be installing their sport court tiles. Take advantage of the chance to try out the new surface over the next few weeks and give Parks and Recreation your feedback.

We want to hear from you. Send any feedback to Ryan Gubler at [rgubler@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:rgubler@springdale.utah.gov) or Suzanne Elger at [selger@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:selger@springdale.utah.gov).



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## Bike Month in Springdale!

The Town of Springdale is proud to celebrate Bike Month for the month of May! Springdale is a great place to ride a bike, whether for transportation, recreation, exercise, or any other reason. We encourage residents to get out and ride a bike during bike month, as well as the rest of the year!

Over the past several years the Town has made many improvements in the community to support safe and convenient bicycle use. These include bike lanes on SR-9, more paved trail connections, and bike repair stations distributed through the community. We hope both residents and visitors enjoy the bike infrastructure improvements.

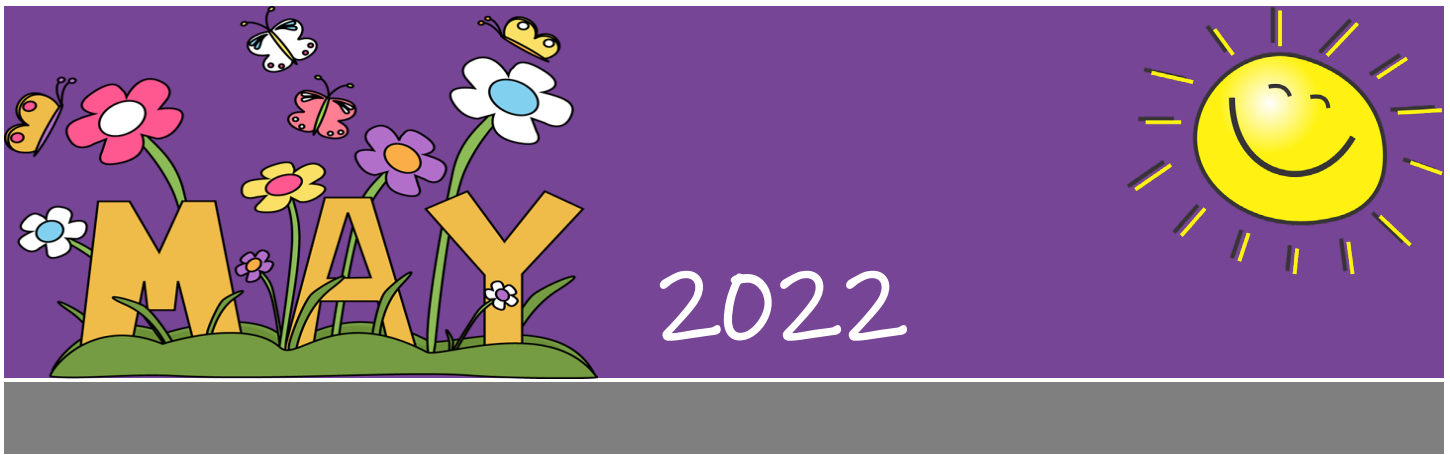
We are always looking for ways to make riding bikes in Town more convenient, fun, and safe. To that end we are excited to announce some new programs and initiatives.

Working with Zion National Park the Town will be implementing a Bike Ambassador program. This program will have trained volunteers stationed throughout the Town and Park to assist cyclists with education and information. The goal is to help those who are new to cycling in the community be aware of local policies and practices to ensure safety. These Ambassadors will also be working with bike rental shops to ensure visitors who rent bikes receive adequate safety orientation and training.

We are also finishing up an Active Transportation Plan. This plan will suggest more ways the Town can make riding bikes better in Springdale. Look for opportunities to comment on this plan in the coming weeks.

As part of Bike Month, the Town will be holding a community bike ride on **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. This bike ride will start at the Town Park next to the Canyon Community Center on 126 Lion Blvd. From there, we will make our way down to the George A. Barker River Park and back up canyon to the finish at Cable Mountain Lodge. Come join in for a chance to win some awesome prizes and to rub shoulders with your fellow cyclists!





## Springdale Meetings & Events Calendar

Visit the Community Calendar at [www.springdaletown.com](http://www.springdaletown.com) for the most up to date event schedules.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8AM-9AM Mass	6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30PM 6:30PM Al-Anon	5PM-7PM Planning Commission Work Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8AM-9AM Mass	6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous	5:30PM 6:30PM Al-Anon	5PM-7PM Planning Commission Regular Meeting			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8AM-9AM Mass	6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous  Town Offices closed	5:30PM 6:30PM Al-Anon	12PM-2PM Mayor's Bring Your Own Lunch 5PM-7PM Planning Commission Work Meeting			

# Canyon Community Center Class Calendar

126 Lion Blvd, Springdale

MAY  
2022

Scan the QR code below or visit  
springdaletown.com/454/Fitness-Wellness-Classes  
to do any of the following:

- Purchase a CCC Wellness Loyalty Card
- Pay a single Wellness class drop-in fee
- Sign a class waiver



Scan the QR code below or visit  
springdaletown.com/467/Workshops  
to do any of the following:

- Purchase an Art Workshop Loyalty Card
- Pay a single Art Workshop drop-in fee



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Bingo 10AM-11AM	3 High Fitness 8AM-9AM	4 Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga 7:30AM-8:30AM	5	6	7 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11:15AM-12:15PM
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15	16 Bingo 10AM-11AM	17 High Fitness 8AM-9AM	18 Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga 7:30AM-8:30AM	19	20 Art Workshop- Layered Compositions 3PM-5PM	21 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11:15AM-12:15PM
22	23 Bingo 10AM-11AM	24 High Fitness 8AM-9AM	25 Sunrise Vinyasa Yoga 7:30AM-8:30AM	26	27 Art Workshop- Local Artist Talk & Open Studio 3PM-5PM	28 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11:15AM-12:15PM
29	30	31 High Fitness 8AM-9AM				

First fitness/wellness class is free  
Local Artist Talk is free  
Bingo is always free



# YOU CAN AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER YOU DRINK

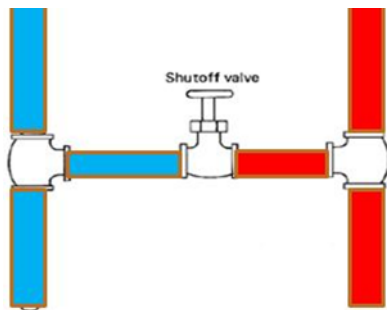
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**Identifying and eliminating or protecting cross connections is a matter of public health!**

## What is a Cross-Connection?

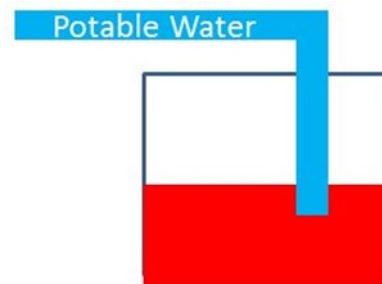
A **cross-connection** is a physical connection (piping configuration) between the public drinking water system and anything else, including another

water supply that can allow undesirable pollutants or contaminants to backflow into the public drinking water system.



*Drinking Water*

*Non-potable water or substance*



## What is Backflow?

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customer's water pressure is higher than the water systems pressure. A backflow incident could carry pollutants or contaminants into our public drinking water supplies making them unsafe to use.



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approved backflow device or assembly that will insure that no impurities or contaminants are introduced to the public drinking water supply.



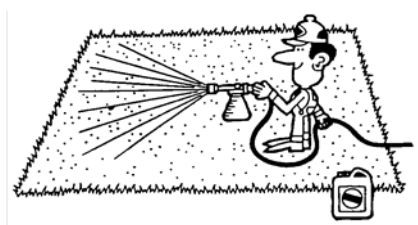
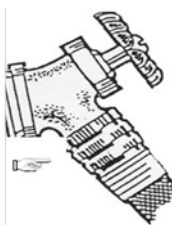
## Can I protect my home or business from the dangers associated with cross-connections and backflow?

Yes! Several common cross connections are described below:

### Threaded Hose Connections (Hose Bibs)

A large majority of backflow incidents are created by the common garden hose. Hoses can be connected to most anything that may contain undesirable substances such as chemical sprayers, buckets and pools, stock troughs. Plumbing Code requires that all threaded potable water outlets (hose bibs or sill cocks), except

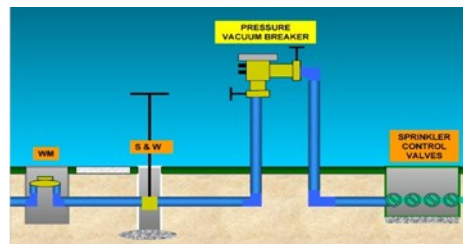
water heater drains and clothes washer connections, be protected by a non-removable hose bib vacuum breaker or an atmospheric vacuum breaker. The installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker is an inexpensive way to protect against contamination.



### Landscape Sprinkling System

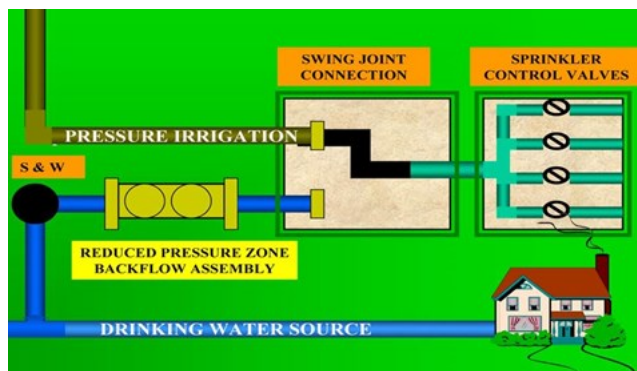
The Plumbing Code requires that all landscape sprinkling systems connected to the public drinking water system be equipped with an approved backflow

prevention device or assembly. Landscape irrigation systems could subject the drinking water supplies to things such as fertilizers, pesticides and animal waste.



Any sprinkling system that can utilize both public drinking water supplies and secondary water supplies must follow specific plumbing regulations to prevent raw water from entering the drinking water system!

Please contact your local drinking water supplier for specific requirements regarding landscape irrigation systems and which type of backflow prevention is appropriate for your landscape irrigation system.



### Where can I get more info or have my questions about cross connections answered?

Call your local public drinking water agency or plumbing inspector regarding cross connection control and backflow prevention requirements in your area.

For further info, call the Utah Division of Drinking Water at (801) 536-4200.