

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE



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From Mayor Bruno

LEADING THE CHARGE

The Town of Springdale, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council are working on many initiatives, including Dark Sky Certification, revising the Transient Housing ordinance, considering the creation of a Workforce Housing Overlay Zone, and water conservation.

In addition to working on these items, I am leading the charge on several important things for Springdale residents. I'll provide more information on each of these items as we make progress, but here's a high-level summary of each:

Medical Clinic & Pharmacy
We're still looking for (and working on acquiring) a property to build a medical clinic with a retail pharmacy. Mike and Helen McMahan have announced their retirement in October of 2023, and we are committed to a succession plan. Family Healthcare is still willing to open a clinic in Springdale once we find a location. The Town will most likely own the building and lease it to a provider at a discounted rate so we can ensure that it remains a medical clinic in perpetuity.

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118 Lion Boulevard
Springdale, UT 84767

Something's Up with my Water Bill

Last month, the Town Council approved several changes to how the Town bills for water, sewer, irrigation, and garbage services. These changes are effective on January 1st and will be reflected in billings at the end of January.

The Council does not undertake to change user rates lightly and has been discussing these changes for several months. They know the impact changing rates can have on many of our residents and small businesses. However, the Council also understands the fiduciary responsibility of ensuring that the Town's utility systems are properly funded and sustainable. User rates are the primary revenue source for our utility systems and pay for operations, repair and maintenance, and new improvements.

The most significant changes are in the sewer and irrigation systems, including new tiered rates based on usage. Information on the new rates can be found in the [December TC meeting information](#), and if you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call Rick Wixom at the Town Hall.



Request a Pre-Application Meeting

If you are planning a building project in Springdale, please get in touch! We welcome pre-application inquiries for projects of any size and offer pre-application meetings in person or by video conference. We particularly recommend a pre-application meeting if you plan to build a house or for any commercial project. It could save you valuable time and money!

To arrange a pre-application meeting, please reach out to Niall Connolly, Principal Planner at (435) 522-4117 or nconnolly@springdale.utah.gov

New Year, New Job?

The Town of Virgin is hiring! Three positions are available -

- Public Works Director (full-time)
- Zoning Administrator (part-time)
- Code Compliance Officer (part-time)

For job descriptions and more information, visit the [Virgin Town website](#)



Short-Term Rentals in Springdale

There are a number of properties in Springdale with short-term rentals (also known as "vacation rentals" or "Air BnB's") advertised on short-term rental websites. The vast majority of these are legally operating, located in appropriate zones, and have the required licensing from the Town.

Occasionally a property in a residential zone is advertised as a short-term rental online. To protect the neighborly character of residential zones, the Town's land use regulations do not allow short-term rental of property in these zones. However, the State of Utah has clarified that it is not illegal to advertise a property for rent on a short-term rental website. Thus, the Town cannot take enforcement action against a property in a residential zone for violating short-term rental land use regulations based solely on that property's listing on a short-term rental website. The Town must first obtain actual documentation that the property is actively being used as a short-term rental before proceeding with enforcement.

The Town's Code Enforcement Officer actively investigates potential violations of the Town's short-term rental land use regulations. The Code Enforcement Officer has several tools and strategies, in addition to an online advertisement, to help bring properties in violation of short-term rental regulations into compliance with the Town Code. One of the most effective of these tools is collaboration with impacted neighbors. If your property is being negatively impacted by what you suspect to be a short-term rental operating in violation of land use regulations, please get in touch with Code Enforcement Officer Jeff McKee at 435-522-4130. He will be happy to discuss ways you can help be a part of the solution to encourage compliance with short-term rental regulations in your neighborhood.

A Focus on Renewable Energy

Utah 100 Communities is working towards 100% renewable energy to match electricity use by 2030.

Springdale is a partner in this effort. Want to learn more? Check out the newsletter and subscribe for updates at

www.utah100communities.org/subscribe.



Leading the Charge *(Continued from page 1)*

Improved Cell Phone Service

We recognize that many people can't make a phone call from their homes and some locations along SR-9. 5G technology has exacerbated the problem because the "line of sight" needs to be more direct. We're working with Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile to see how service can be improved. We will have some decisions to make about viewsheds vs. reliable cell service. Small cell technology on light poles along SR-9 could help with locations nearby, but we may need to rethink our cell tower ordinance to get better coverage in foothill locations.

On a happy note, Verizon is getting close to eliminating the "dead zone" between LaVerkin and Rockville. They've found a location for their equipment, and the Mayor of Virgin has signed a letter of approval. We might see Verizon coverage in that area as soon as January.

Fiber Optic Internet to Every Resident

We are working with three internet providers (First Digital, Utopia, and SC Broadband) who are all willing to offer high-speed internet to every resident of Springdale. While the funding model is different for each (First Digital is hoping to get a grant from the State for installation, Utopia issues a bond to fund the installation, and South Central is willing to fund installation themselves), all three are committed to bringing fiber to us. The timing is somewhere between mid-2023 and early 2024.

Post Office

Three municipalities in the State of Utah (including Virgin) and many others throughout the country have lost their local post office when the lease for their current building expires. We are trying to eliminate that as a possibility here in Springdale by working with the postal service to construct a leased building to their specifications. I've been working with Senator Lee's, Senator Romney's, and Representative Stewart's offices on finding someone at the postal service to begin a conversation about this. Senator Romney's office is setting up a meeting with the local district manager. Our current lease expires in March of 2025, so we have some time, but we should act now to ensure continuity.

Feel free to contact me to discuss any of these items or to suggest new items that would be of value to Springdale residents. Meanwhile, I hope 2023 is a great year for you and your loved ones.

— BARBARA

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JANUARY

2023

Springdale Meetings & Events Calendar

Visit the Community Calendar at 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
Happy New Year!	Town Offices will be closed 5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon 6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous		5-7PM Planning Commission Special Meeting			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon 6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous		5-7PM Town Council Meeting			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon 6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous		5-7PM Planning Commission Regular Meeting		10AM Public Official's Training	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon 6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous			10AM Town Council Capital Priorities Meeting		
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon 6:30PM-7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous		2PM Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau 5-7PM Planning Commission Work Meeting			

Canyon Community Center Class Calendar

126 Lion Blvd, Springdale

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Scan the QR code [below](#) or visit bit.ly/CCCWellFit 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 bit.ly/CCCWorkshops to do any of the following:

- Purchase an Art Workshop Loyalty Card
- Pay a single Art Workshop drop-in fee
- Pay to attend the Macrame Workshop on 1/10



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM	2 Building Closed- New Years	3	4	5	6 Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM Art Workshop- Vision Boards 3PM-5:30PM	7
8 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM	9 Free Bingo 10AM-11AM Free Community Games 11AM-1PM	10 Macrame Workshop 5PM-8PM	11	12	13 Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM Art Workshop- Silhouettes, Shadows & Cutouts 3PM-5:30PM	14
15 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM	16 Building Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19 Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	20 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM Art Workshop- 3PM-5:30PM	21 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM
22 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM	23 Free Bingo 10AM-11AM Free Community Games 11AM-1PM	24 High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM	25	26 Paint Night 6:30PM	27 Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM Art Workshop- Artist Talk & Open Studio 3PM-5:30PM	28 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM Kids Book Art Club- The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau 1PM-2:30PM
29 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 12PM-1:00PM	30 Free Bingo 10AM-11AM Free Community Games 11AM-1PM	31 High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM Free Talking Stick: Meditation Practice 5PM-6PM				

SPRINGDALE SHRED EVENT

The Town of Springdale will hold a
FREE shred event on Saturday,
January 7, 2023.

Date: January 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

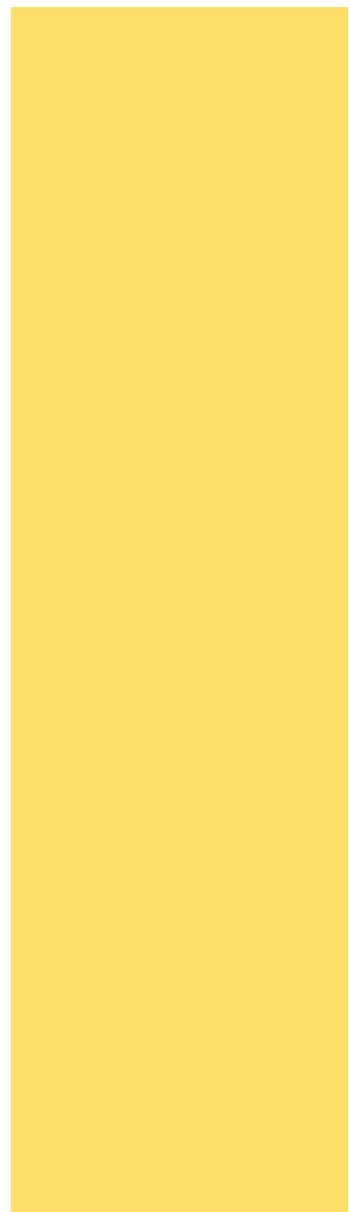
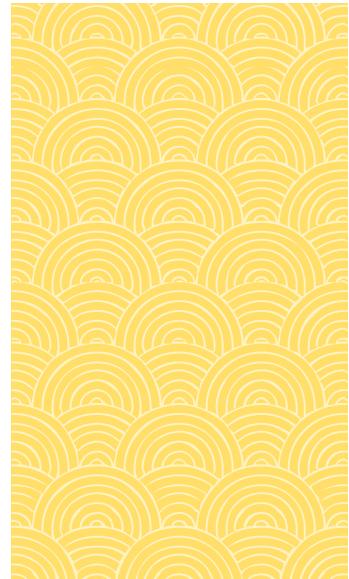
Location: 118 Lion Boulevard in Springdale

*Please make sure that the material and items you provide to us for shredding **ONLY include** approved types of materials for your project.

Paperclips, binder clips, hanging file folders, rubber bands, staples, and all the typical filing fasteners **DO NOT** need to be removed.

*NO 3-ring binders

Be advised that batteries, backup tapes, x-rays, live ammunition, prototypes, product/part samples, tools, garbage, and careless inclusion of unapproved items will damage the shredders, contaminate recycling, and cause fires.



Macrame Workshop

with Kyndal Sagers

Spots are limited!

\$25



Tuesday, January 10th

5PM-8PM

\$25.00

Register Here:
bit.ly/cccmacrame

Paint Night

④ **THE LIBRARY**

Thursday January 26th @ 6:30 pm



Space is limited.

Please register in advance

- 435-772-3676
- anna.weyher@washco.utah.gov

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO PATRONS 18 AND OLDER.

ALL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED.



ART BOOK CLUB

AGES 6 TO 15

*Led by Artist Lanell Dike
and Librarian Anna
Weyher*

EACH MONTH WE WILL READ (OR
LISTEN TO) A BOOK ABOUT AN
ARTIST'S LIFE AND ART

WE WILL THEN MEET TO TALK ABOUT
THE ARTIST AND MAKE ART IN THEIR
STYLE

First meeting: Saturday January 28th
- 1pm - 2:30pm

*Artist book: The Fantastic Jungles of
Henri Rousseau*

*Visit the library Facebook page for more
information and to watch videos of the book
being read aloud.*

*Advanced Registration required
Call (435) 772-3676*

*Sponsored by the Canyon Community Center and the
Springdale Library*