

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE - September 2023 Newsletter

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

The Town of Springdale will have two open Town Council seats beginning in January of 2024. Three candidates are campaigning to take those two spots. All three are members of the Springdale Planning Commission, which means that we will need to backfill two spots on the Commission. We are now accepting applications to fill those spots.

The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing new development, preparing, and updating the General Plan, and making recommendations to the Town Council on land use issues and regulations. Serving on the Commission is a great way for residents to have an impact on the future appearance of the Town as well as the implementation of ordinances that support our vision for the Town -- everything from lighting ordinances to approval (or not) of new transient lodging units.

The time commitment is predictable. There are two meetings per month. Work meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month and run from 5 to 7 pm. Regular meetings (public hearings, etc.) are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month and occasionally run past 7 pm depending on the length of discussions of agenda items.

The Planning Commission meetings are held in the Canyon Community Center at 126 Lion Boulevard in Springdale.

Packets are delivered to Commissioners on the Friday prior to the meeting. Each item includes a staff report with all of the relevant information for the agenda items. For example, a staff report would address whether an application complies with setbacks, height limits, landscape requirements, lighting compliance, and screening. Letters from community members often arrive up to the day of the meeting and should be read prior to the meeting.

Planning Commissioners must be full-time residents of Springdale. No prior experience with land use regulations is required, and training is provided. New members are "alternate commissioners," which means they participate fully in discussions but don't vote unless one of the five voting members is absent. This provides some time for training prior to becoming a full voting member.

If you are interested in applying for the Commission, please contact Aren Emerson (aemerson@springdale.utah.gov) and she will provide you with an application. Feel free to contact me or Kyla Topham, Planning Commission Chair (ktopham@springdale.utah.gov) with questions.

Thanks for your consideration.

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NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE & REMEMBRANCE

Monday, September 11th at 7:00 AM.

Street Cleanup

Meet at the George A. Barker River Park at 7:00 AM. Bring gloves and water.

ASK A PLANNER: WHAT 'S THE DEAL WITH FOOD TRUCKS?

The Community Development Department gets lots of questions from the community. Sometimes there are recurring themes in these questions. From time to time we will be publishing responses to common community questions in the “Ask a Planner” feature of the Newsletter.

Question: I saw a food truck in Town the other day. Aren't those prohibited?

Answer: Not anymore. Up until 2018 the Town did not allow food trucks. In that year the State Legislature passed a law which required all cities and towns to allow food trucks. As mandated by the new State law, the Town revised its ordinances to allow food trucks. Under the Town's current ordinances food trucks can do business in the Town, as long as they meet the requirements of the Town Code. The Town Code regulates food trucks to the extent allowed by the State. For example, food trucks can only operate on private property in the CC, VC, or AG zones, but not in the required setback areas. Food trucks can't operate in the public right-of-way. Food trucks can stay in one location for a maximum of three hours before they must move to another location at least 300 feet from the prior location. Only one food truck can be in operation on a commercial property at any time. Food trucks can't block access to driveways, parking areas, pedestrian pathways, etc. If there is a permitted event at the Town Park (like a festival) food trucks are allowed as a part of that event.

If you have additional questions about food trucks (or any other planning related topics) please reach out to the Community Development Department at 435-522-4130. We are here to answer your questions and support the community. Thank you!

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS: WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS?

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are becoming more popular and prevalent across the country as one solution to housing affordability. An ADU is a second living quarters on a single family residential property. An ADU is different from a guesthouse or a casita. The former is permanently occupied, while the latter is used occasionally by guests of the main residence. An ADU can be internal (meaning it is completely contained within the same structure as the primary dwelling) or external (meaning it is in a structure that is physically separate from the primary dwelling).

The Town currently allows internal ADUs in the Valley and Foothill Residential zones. External ADUs are only allowed in the Valley Residential zone. The Town currently only allows one ADU per property. Complete details about the Town's current ADU regulations are available in section [10-22-9 of the Town Code](#).

The Planning Commission is considering making changes to the regulations for ADUs. Specifically, the Commission is researching allowing external ADUs in the Foothill Residential

zone. The Commission is also evaluating whether more than one ADU per property should be allowed. Various other associated revisions to ADU regulations are also being considered.

The Planning Commission wants your feedback and input. What do you think about ADUs? Should external ADUs be allowed in FR? Should more than one ADU be allowed per property? **Are there other changes to ADU regulations that should be considered?**

Please let us know what you think. Send your comments and suggestions regarding ADUs to Thomas Dansie at tdansie@springdale.utah.gov. If you would like to learn more about the Town's current ADU regulations, please contact Thomas Dansie at the Town Hall (435-522-4130).

SPRINGDALE - STARLIT 24-7

In case you missed it, Springdale is now designated as an International Dark Sky Community. This designation represents quite a bit of work and would not have been possible without substantial support and help from the community. Thank you for your efforts to preserve dark skies in the Town. To keep our Dark Sky Community designation, we have to maintain current progress and work to implement continuous improvement in night sky preservation.

As part of the certification process, Springdale's Town Code Title 10 Chapter 15C - Outdoor Lighting was heavily scrutinized and, with minor modifications, approved by the International Dark Sky Association. Town Code is the minimum standard required to maintain International Dark Sky certification and requires annual demonstration by the Town showing compliance or substantial improvement working toward compliance.

To ensure the Town maintains Dark Sky designation, property owners should review the Code and audit their current lighting to make sure it complies. As a courtesy, the Town will be conducting a Town-wide light audit and will begin educating and working with property owners to bring properties into Town Code compliance. Unfortunately, some light fixtures marketed and advertised as "dark sky compliant" do not meet the specific requirements of Springdale's Town Code. In some cases, these lighting fixtures emit lighting above the horizontal. Please review your outdoor lighting to make sure it complies with the Town's Code. If you have questions about the Town's outdoor lighting standards and your lighting fixtures, please contact the Community Development Department at 435-522-4130.

BUTCH CASSIDY 10K/5K RACE

The race is on Saturday, November 11, 2023 and begins at 9:00 AM.

Register on [raceentry.com](https://www.raceentry.com)

Early bird registration is \$45 from 08/25-10/14

FREE OUTDOOR FITNESS MEET-UPS

Every Sunday and Tuesday at 9:00 AM at the Gazebo Park located at 126 Lion Boulevard in Springdale.

ZION CANYON FLU SHOOTOUT

Monday, October 2nd from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Drive-thru or walk up at the Gazebo Park located at 126 Lion Boulevard in Springdale.

Pick up a consent form at Springdale Town Hall or the Springdale Post Office. Forms are also available on Springdaletown.com

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) are activated when local entities call us in or when local police and fire personnel are busy with more immediate needs in the community. The CERT concept was developed after a major earthquake in Mexico City, where people were injured or killed trying to help other people. Training on how to help, yet stay safe could have prevented rescuer injuries and saved lives.

It is a rewarding way to be of service to your community when the need is greatest.

CERT Training will be offered early next year. It is 12 hours of online work from home and 16 hours of in-person training and certification. We cover first aid, fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster preparedness, medical operations, psychology, and team organization.

The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response.

Online CERT is developed to provide the FEMA-standardized 2019 curriculum to learners across the United States, meeting the lecture portion of the CERT training requirements. Once completed, you just follow up with your local CERT Coordinator to complete the hands-on practical portion and receive your full CERT credentials.

Hybrid CERT is partnered with the National CERT Association and Utah Division of Emergency Management.

If you are interested or have questions, please call Megan Honer-Orton at (435) 772-3393.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Mario movie will be played on the back lawn of the Canyon Community Center located at 126 Lion Boulevard in Springdale on Friday, September 22nd at 8:00 PM. Free admission, popcorn, and snacks! Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

UPCOMING LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

ROCK PAINTING NIGHT

September 28, 2023, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at the Springdale Library. The event is open to all patrons 18 and older. All materials are provided and space is limited. Feel free to bring your own rock, if you would like to. Please register in advance (435) 772-3676 or Emily.jurgensmeier@washco.lib.ut.us

STORY TIME

Will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM at the Springdale Library

JR. D&D CLUB

Adventures wanted! Calling all tweens and teens to put on their imagination hats and boldly adventure forth with us in our quest for storytelling fun with Dungeons and Dragons! The first meet-up and character creation will be on September 14th at 5:00 PM. Space is limited. Please sign up in advance. For more info, call (435) 772-3676 or email Emily.jurgensmeier@washco.lib.ut.us

TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Will be held at the Springdale Library on September 27th at 4:00 PM.
Discussion of: The Tunnel of Bones by Victoria Schwab. Registration required (435) 772-3676 or alexis.degraw@washco.lib.ut.us

MURDER MYSTERY: TERROR IN TRANSYLVANIA

Join us for our bi-annual murder mystery night!! It will be held Friday, October 13th, from 6:30 PM-9:30 PM. There is limited space. For registration and questions, please call (435) 772-3676 or email alexis.degraw@washco.lib.ut.us. Sign-ups begin on August 14th. Characters assigned September 13th.

SPRINGDALE TOWN MEETINGS CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2023

Visit the Community Calendar at www.springdaletown.com for the most up to date event schedules.

Saturday, September 2, 2023 - Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Monday, September 4, 2023 - Town Offices Closed for Labor Day, Al-Anon: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau: 2:00 PM, Planning Commission Work Meeting: 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday, September 9, 2023 - Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Monday, September 11, 2023 -Al-Anon: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 - Mayor's Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL): 12:00 PM, Town Council Meeting: 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday, September 16, 2023 - Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Monday, September 18, 2023 -Al-Anon: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 -Planning Commission Regular Meeting: 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday, September 23, 2023 - Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Monday, September 25, 2023 - Al-Anon: 5:00 PM-6:00 PM, Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Saturday, September 30, 2023 - Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER CLASS CALENDAR

Friday, September 1st:

Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM

Art Workshop- Sketchbook Explorations 3PM-5:30PM

Sunday, September 3rd:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM

Yoga Nidra 5PM-6PM

Monday, September 4th:

CLOSED- LABOR DAY

Tuesday, September 5th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM

Beginner Line Dancing 4PM-5PM

Hatha Yoga 5:30PM-6:30PM

Friday, September 8th:

Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM

Art Workshop- Sketchbook Explorations 3PM-5:30PM

Sunday, September 10th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

Monday, September 11th:

9/11 Day of Service- Trash Cleanup Meet at River Park @ 7AM

Tuesday, September 12th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM

Hatha Yoga 5:30PM-6:30PM

Wednesday, September 13th:

Mayor's BYOL 12PM-1PM

Friday, September 15th:

Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM

Art Workshop- Sketchbook Explorations 3PM-5:30PM

Sunday, September 17th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM

Monday, September 18th:

Free Bingo 10AM-11AM

Free Community Games 11AM-1PM

Tuesday, September 19th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM

Beginner Line Dancing 4PM-5PM

Friday, September 22nd:

Art Workshop- Sketchbook Explorations 3PM-5:30PM

Sunday, September 24th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM

Monday, September 25th:

Free Bingo 10AM-11AM

Free Community Games 11AM-1PM

Tuesday, September 26th:

Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 9AM-10AM

High Fitness 9:15AM-10:15AM

Friday, September 29th:

Gentle Yoga 10AM-11:15AM

Artist Talk & Open Studio- Aubrey Taylor 3PM-5:30PM