

# TOWN OF SPRINGDALE



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From Mayor Bruno

## GROWTH (PT 2)

In the October newsletter, I shared the state-wide results of the "Guiding Growth" survey. We have now received the Washington County results, and I thought I'd present them to you in the same format. If you refer to my column in the October newsletter, you can see how the two results differ.

### Housing

Urban Washington County residents want to allow more houses to be built on smaller lots and incentivize the construction of smaller homes, increase the number of housing units with the potential for owner occupancy, and allow more townhomes, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units. Rural Washington County residents want to create new housing in both new and existing areas, but mostly around major streets and town centers. Both groups expressed a strong desire to limit short-term rentals through regulation.

### Water

Urban Washington County residents want to provide rebates or incentives to encourage low water use landscape conversions, require low water use landscaping in all new residential and commercial areas, and invest in water recycling and reuse systems. Rural Washington County residents want the same things and also support tiered water rates and transparent billing practices to encourage water conservation.

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## COME HAVE SOME PIE AND GET IT OFF YOUR CHEST!

A big thank you for supporting the Community Development Department's most recent "2 Cents" event. We're not sure if it was the chance to meet the Community Development Department or the promise of Bumbleberry Pie that enticed so many of you to attend... but either way, we were happy to see you!

In case you missed it, there were updates from Town staff on our dark sky preservation efforts, the Town Plaza project, and work the Town is doing on improving cell service in Springdale. Great discussions followed on these topics.

We also appreciated hearing your ideas on other topics, including:

- The Town should encourage / incentivize battery powered yard care equipment over gas powered equipment to reduce noise / nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Some specific questions about Big Springs Road. Town staff are scheduled to meet with Big Springs Road residents in the near future to discuss these questions in more detail.
- Could the Town explore allowing Pop-up Restaurants? (i.e. informal, invitation only dinner appointments made available to tourists).
- Some discussion on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)- such as a suggestion that an ADU permit shouldn't be required if you are renting a part of your home or a casita to a National Park employee, school teacher, or other "key community members". NOTE - the Planning Commission will soon be sending out a survey to the community to get opinions on ADUs. We look forward to your responses to the survey.

The Planning Commission will soon be deciding on their work priorities for 2024, so we will make sure they are aware of these ideas.

We look forward to seeing you at our future "2 Cents" events in the New Year--in fact, we want to come meet with you at your place. Watch for announcements about our plans to take 2 Cents on tour.

Finally, we would like to wish you and yours a very happy holiday season and a prosperous 2024.



## A SEASON OF GIVING

Named after the famous book by Shel Silverstein, members of the Zion Canyon Rotary Club created their own version of "The Giving Tree" in 2013. The concept was simple yet impactful – they would set up a physical tree in a public space where people could adopt 'ornaments' that featured a local child and what they wanted for Christmas.

Over the years, "The Giving Tree" has expanded its reach and impact. Hurricane Valley Rotary Club joined us early on, and the program became more than just a physical tree; it became a symbol of hope and compassion in the community. More recently, the program has been referred to as the "Angel Tree" in reference to the angel ornaments that listed the children's wishes.

Signups to donate are now done [online](#), and each year, the program provides a good Christmas to around 200 kids. In addition, local hotel owners have joined the cause and provided a full Christmas meal to the families.

The success of "The Giving Tree" can be attributed to the dedication and selflessness of the members of the Zion Canyon and the Hurricane Valley Rotary Club. Their commitment to improving their community and helping those in need has created a ripple effect of kindness and generosity.

Donation opportunities can be accessed online at [volunteersignup.org/D7LLX](http://volunteersignup.org/D7LLX). To sign up, simply follow the instructions on the page. **The deadline to provide unwrapped gifts is December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts can be delivered to the Canyon Community Center (126 Lion Blvd., Springdale) or the ERA Brokers Consolidated office (10 N 100 W, Hurricane).

Your help is also greatly needed to assist with gift wrapping. Join us on Wednesday, December 20th, from noon to 4:00 pm at the Canyon Community Center. If you have questions, please contact April Gates at 435-632-8869.



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### Transportation

Urban Washington County residents want to invest in public transportation for peak usage of tourism areas and invest in more bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. Rural Washington County residents want the same things but also strongly support a statewide passenger rail and investment in improvement or expansion of high-use state highways and main streets.

### Open Space

Urban Washington County residents want to invest more in natural-area recreational amenities on state or county lands, and they want to invest more in urban trails and trailheads. Rural Washington County residents want the same things but they also want to invest in the preservation of open space through conservation easements or purchases. They also want to encourage ongoing agricultural uses through prioritizing prime farmlands in long-range planning efforts and by utilizing zoning.

### Slow / No Growth Areas

People in no- or slow-growth areas of Washington County want to stay the same, even though this might mean jobs for current and future generations are hard to come by.

I thought the demographics of respondents in Washington County that responded to the survey might be interesting. There were 639 responses. Most were 65 or older (195), most were white (521), most own their residence (508), most have a bachelor's degree or higher (431), most have lived in Utah for 20 or more years (382), and most have children over 19 years old who live away from home (283). Most identified their political views as "independent" (125) or "Conservative" (137).

Again, these responses will inform the Utah Legislature's actions in the 2024 session, so stay tuned.

-BARBARA

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## PAYING IT FORWARD: RANGERS AT ENTRANCE STATIONS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS FOR ZION NATIONAL PARK

Did you know you're improving other visitors' experiences when you wait to pass through Zion National Park entrance stations? It's true!

By allowing entrance station rangers to connect with every visitor who enters the park, you help the park accomplish two essential functions.

First, you allow time for rangers to share critical updates about factors like weather, rockfall, or changes in shuttle bus operations. Second, you allow time to pay the park fee so that the National Park Service can continue improving everyone's experience at Zion.

Zion National Park collects entrance fees in line with national guidance to support park operations. In recent years, the fees visitors paid at Zion supported improvements like:

- Improved trail surfaces at [Canyon Overlook](#).
- Enhancing the quality of images and video we share online and in exhibits.
- Improving accessibility on the Pa'rus Trail and throughout the park.
- Enlarging restrooms at the [Kolob Canyons Visitor Center](#).

To avoid frustration when you or guests enter the park, remember to put your pass in your pocket before you head out to explore. A receipt or pass at home, in a car, or at a hotel room won't do any good if you don't have it with you when you enter Zion. Having your pass ready (with ID if you signed the back) can also speed entry.

Zion National Park rangers appreciate your patience at entrance stations and look forward to welcoming you into the park every time you visit!



Learn more about [how fees help Zion National Park](#) and about the [park's fee structure](#).

## LIBRARY EVENTS

**LIBRARY PAINT *night***

**Thursday Dec. 28th @ 5:00pm**

**Painting and art made easy for everybody!**

**Sign up now!**

This free event is open to all patrons 18 and older.  
All materials are provided, but space is limited.  
Please register in advance (435) 772-3676 or  
emilyj@washco.lib.ut.us

**MEET SANTA**  
**AT THE LIBRARY**

**SPRINGDALE LIBRARY**  
**DEC 21, 2023 | 5:00-6:30 PM**  
**126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM**

# Canyon Community Center Class Calendar

126 Lion Blvd, Springdale

DECEMBER  
2023

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

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



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31 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 11AM-12PM						

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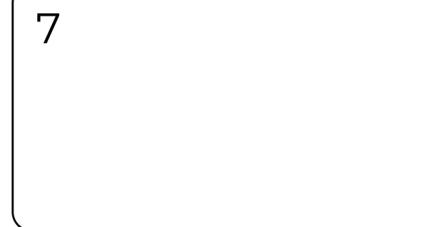
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- 5:00PM-6:00PM Al-Anon
- 7:30PM-8:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous



- 5:00PM-7:00PM Planning Commission Regular Meeting



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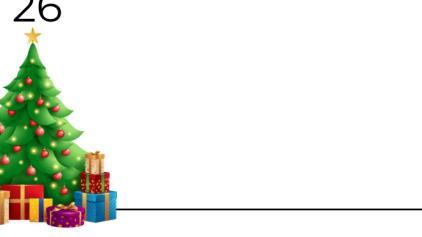


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**Town Hall closed in observance of Christmas**

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ZION JOY TO THE WORLD

# NEW YEAR'S EVE

## Celebration

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DECEMBER

LINE DANCING @ 6:30PM  
DRONE SHOW @ 8PM

@ CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER  
126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE



## Annual Light Parade & Sweets Social

Saturday, December 9th  
@ 7PM

Parade starts on Canyon Springs DR, SR-9 toward ZNP, left on Lion Blvd. to the Canyon Community Center. Sweets Social at the Community Center following parade.  
(126 Lion Blvd, Springdale)

Cash prizes for the best floats,  
a chance to see & take pictures with  
Mr. & Mrs. Claus & more!

Register your float By  
scanning the QR Code

1st Place: \$350  
2nd Place: \$250  
3rd Place: \$150



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# WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
@ 10AM  
AT THE JOLLEY-GIFFORD CEMETERY

*Please join us as we place wreaths on  
Veteran's headstones following a short  
ceremony.*

(AGES 18+)

AN EPIC ADVENTURE AWAITS

## ~ DUNGEONS & DRAGONS ~ SPRINGDALE LIBRARY

SATURDAYS @ 2:30 PM

WHERE FATES MEET

FOR MORE INFO: CALL (435) 772-3676  
OR EMAIL EMILYJ@WASHCO.LIB.UT.US



Join us for the

Springdale Elementary

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday, December 14th

6:30 pm

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER  
97 BUMBLEBERRY LANE