

TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

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From Mayor Bruno

Dark Sky Week and Earth Day

The Springdale Town Council has designated the week of April 2 to 8 as Dark Sky Week in Springdale.

On June 3, 2021, Zion National Park was designated as an International Dark Sky Place, joining many other National Park Service units and Utah State Parks. On July 20, 2023, Springdale was designated a Dark Sky Community, the third municipality in the State of Utah to receive that honor. We achieved the designation due to the efforts of residents, businesses, town staff, and elected officials to preserve the night sky.

The impacts of increasing visitation to Zion National Park make it more important than ever that we protect our natural resources. This includes planning to preserve the night sky for the benefit of humans and wildlife.

The Town has adopted outdoor lighting ordinances requiring homes and businesses to use dark-sky-compliant lighting. We have also promoted awareness by holding stargazing telescope events, full moon hikes and talks, and publishing dark sky related articles in this newsletter. We also conducted an extensive sky quality monitoring survey. In the future, we will continue to maintain dark sky preservation efforts so that our residents can be inspired by the night sky and the Canyon's wildlife can continue to thrive.

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Community Full Moon Hike

On Monday, March 25, members of the community gathered at the George A Barker River Park to take part in a full moon hike of the Paiute Trail. Autumn Gillard, the Cultural Resource Manager from the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, came and spoke on the significance of the moon to Paiute culture and the importance of Zion Canyon in Paiute history. From there, the group set out with their filtered flashlights and headlamps (red to preserve night vision!) to complete the 1.6-mile loop of the trail. This is just one of the many ways to enjoy the night sky and highlights the importance of preserving it for now and future generations.

We are grateful for those who help to keep our skies dark and for those who came and participated in this fun event. We are also thankful to Autumn in coming to Springdale and teaching us about different facets of Paiute culture.

Future dark-sky activities include a community blackout and telescope night slated for June 6 at the ballfield. More details to come!





Springdale's Outdoor Lighting Ordinance: Protecting Our Dark Skies

Springdale and Zion Canyon enjoy relatively dark night skies. The view of the dark night sky above the towering cliffs of Zion is awe inspiring. The dark night sky is one of the Town's most valued natural resources. It is also among the most threatened natural resources. The amount of artificial light in Springdale and surrounding areas is continuing to increase. This has a direct impact on the quality of the dark night sky.

In order to protect and preserve the natural dark night sky the Town has adopted regulations for all outdoor lighting on properties in Springdale. The intent of these regulations is to limit the amount of artificial light that escapes into the sky, while still allowing the necessary amount of light for safety, security, and convenience on properties. The Town recognizes the need for outdoor lighting. The Town's regulations help guide the placement, amount, design, and quality of that lighting to be most effective in providing necessary illumination of property while protecting the natural quality of the dark night sky.

The Town appreciates the efforts of property owners who take time to think carefully and thoughtfully about their outdoor lighting to protect the night sky. The following is a brief summary of the major points of the Town's outdoor lighting regulations. Please take a moment to review these standards, and then to verify your outdoor lighting meets these requirements.



- Outdoor lighting should be the minimum amount required to fulfill a need. Unnecessary and excessive lighting should be removed.
- Outdoor lighting should only be placed in areas where it serves a safety, security, or convenience function (e.g. at building entrances, along walkways, etc.). Landscape lighting and architectural lighting should be removed.
- All outdoor lighting should use fixtures that are completely down directed such that no light is directed upwards into the night sky. Decorative string lights with exposed bulbs should be removed.
- Outdoor lighting should use "warm" color temperatures, generally 3,000 degrees Kelvin or less in color temperatures. Harsh, bright white lighting should be avoided.
- Outdoor lighting should be turned off when not in use. Outdoor lights should not be left on overnight. Motion sensors are a great way to make sure lighting is on only when needed.

Following these standards for outdoor lighting will help ensure Springdale's night skies remain dark and natural. Thank you for your help in preserving the Town's dark night skies!

Dark Sky Week and Earth Day *(Continued from page 1)*

The International Dark Sky Places program is a voluntary program that encourages communities to preserve and protect dark skies. Artificial light can disrupt ecosystems, impact human health, waste money and energy, contribute to climate change, and block our view and connection to the universe.

April 22 is Earth Day, and Springdale will hold its Zion Chalk and Earth Festival on April 20 and 21st at the Zion Canyon Village. The "doors" open at 10 am and close at 8 pm both days. The celebration will include live entertainment from 2 to 8 pm, food, a beer garden, educational vendors and -- of course -- Chalk Art.

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Thank you for your 2 cents!

Thank you to all those who attended any of our “2 Cents on Tour” events during February. We enjoyed meeting with you, and most of all, hearing your “2 Cents” on all things planning and community development. Here are some of the topics you raised, and how we intend to respond to your feedback:

Feedback Comments	Notes
Interest in removing invasive plant species in the town, in particular in the Anasazi Plateau conservation easement.	The Town has applied for a grant from the Utah Department of Natural Resources to remove invasive species. We will find out if we have been successful this summer. This project is primarily focused on the North Fork Virgin River Corridor rather than the foothills. However, the Town is supportive of other community efforts to remove invasive species in Springdale.
The pros and cons of allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in the foothills.	Please continue to attend, or tune into the ongoing discussion about ADUs at Planning Commission and Town Council meetings. While the public survey is now complete, we welcome comments and input at public hearings on this topic.
More effective lighting at the crosswalks requested.	The streetscape committee is continuing to work with UDOT to implement this, as well as other streetscape and safety improvements.
Is there anything the Town can do about the vacant buildings in the town center?	The Town cannot require a property owner to develop their property. Where necessary, the Town does use its enforcement powers to ensure properties do not fall into a state of disrepair. The Town actively works with property owners in the commercial zones to encourage them to maintain and/or appropriately develop their properties.
Keep the River Park as a space for residents, and don't make improvements that would make it more appealing to visitors.	We appreciate this feedback. This matches much of the feedback we have received at the design charrettes we've held over the last year, and is at the heart of the design process. Watch out for next month's newsletter for more information on the River Park.
Suggestion to encourage Utah Tech University to develop an Observatory and Terrarium at the OC Tanner property.	We are passing this suggestion on to our partners at Utah Tech University.
Some disappointment expressed that the History Center project did not move forward.	Although the History Center is not proceeding at this time, our Historic Preservation Commission is pursuing the preservation and interpretation of some of Springdale's historic assets. These include the Bishop's Granary, the Pioneer Cemetery, the Town Jail, and the historic Irrigation Ditch.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events!

The Community Development Department.

The Great Utah Shakeout

THE GREAT UTAH SHAKEOUT is a statewide annual exercise in earthquake safety and preparedness that takes place every spring. Communities that have organized Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) and other first responders create a preparedness and evacuation drill to review and exercise in the event of an earthquake.

For smaller communities this can be as simple as encouraging individual households to plan and prepare for earthquakes and other emergencies. This is what your Zion Canyon CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) has planned this year. Some time before, during or after April 18, please gather &/or review your emergency responses, supplies and evacuation route. The Be Ready Utah guide can assist you and can be found online and there are a few copies in the Rockville town office.

If you decide to participate, please let me know so I can register how many of us there are in our towns participating. You can opt to prepare or review your preparations for emergencies. Just respond to this email with your name and the approximate date or dates of your preparation. (your plan can specify a date or range of dates). I found alot of resources by typing utah earthquake preparedness into my browser.

You can email me at megan@rockvilleutah.org or meg-n-bo@infowest.com, call or text, cell 435-772-3393 (Bunk House Inn).

April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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



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	1 Bingo 10AM-11AM Art Workshop- Drawing Practice 3PM-5:30PM	2 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM Yoga 5:30PM-6:30PM	3	4	5 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	6
7 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 10AM-11AM Yoga Nidra 4PM-5PM	8 Bingo 10AM-11AM Art Workshop- Drawing Practice 3PM-5:30PM	9 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	10	11	12 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	13
14 Free Fitness Meetup @ Gazebo 10AM-11AM Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM Yoga Nidra 4PM-5PM	15 Bingo 10AM-11AM Art Workshop- Drawing Practice 3PM-5:30PM	16 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	17	18 Chalk Art Workshop *Free* 3PM-5PM	19 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	20 ZION CHALK & EARTH FEST. 10AM-8PM @ Zion Canyon Village
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DOG LICENSE/REGISTRATION

Springdale Police Department Dog Application

NEW DOG LICENSE: _____ RENEWAL LICENSE: _____

DOG TAG #: _____ DATE: _____

FEE PAID: _____ (FEES: Spayed or Neutered \$5.00/Functioning \$40.00)

OWNERS NAME: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): _____

DOGS NAME: _____ DOGS BIRTHDATE (if known) _____

BREED: _____ CURRENT AGE: _____

COLOR/MARKINGS: _____

GENDER: MALE _____ FEMALE _____ SPAYED/NEUTERED: YES _____ NO _____

MICROCHIPPED: YES _____ NO _____

*RABIES TAG #: _____ DATE GIVEN: _____ EXP. DATE: _____
(*Required)

(LATE FEE OF 50% OF LICENSE FEE AFTER MAY 15th)

If you have four (4) or more dogs, you must apply for a kennel permit. Please contact the Police Department (435-772-9096) for information on how to apply, fees, etc.

WRITER'S Club

@Springdale Library

Thursday April 25th @ 12 p.m. to 1p.m.

Flash Fiction! The art of telling a story in few words.

To Participate read one of the following flash fiction examples:

1. 'BOY IN A BEARSKIN BY JOANNA CAMPBELL
 2. NO GREAT MYTH, BY JASMINE SAWERS
- or
3. 'WHEN LAST WE SPOKE' BY DOUGLAS JENSEN
- and

Complete a flash fiction of no more than 400 words based on one of these three writing prompts:

1. There is an urban legend floating around about a taxi that doesn't take you where you want to go, but rather where you need to go. Write about a character that gets into this taxi. Where do they go and why? Alternately – who or what is the driver?
2. Two strangers are caught at the top of a broken roller coaster. A love story ensues.
3. A sailor returns home from the sea only to find that his wife somehow knows everything that happened with him while he was away.

For more information contact Lexi
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Zion Chalk & Earth Fest

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH -
SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST**
10AM - 8PM

@ the Zion Canyon Village
147 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale

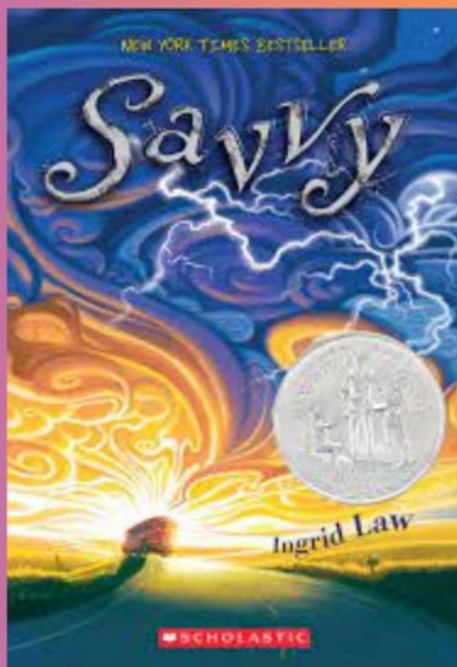
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 2PM - 8PM
- FOOD
- BEER GARDEN
- EDUCATIONAL VENDORS
- AND CHALK ART!

Tween Book Club

@ The Springdale Library

Discussion of
Savvy by Ingrid
Law

April 24th @ 4 p.m.



Registration Required

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LIBRARY CRAFT NIGHT



April 25th @ 5:00 PM

Art of Henna

Please join us for a free Middle
Eastern Art Workshop taught by
Amanda Curnow - Henna Artist
& Tattoo Apprentice

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

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