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From Mayor Bruno

Post Office Update

As I've mentioned in the past, some rural Utah communities are losing their local post office locations. You may know that Virgin no longer has a post office, and their residents must travel to LaVerkin for their mail. To further complicate the situation, LaVerkin has run out of mailboxes and is considering adding banks of boxes outdoors.

The lease for our current post office expires on January 31, 2025, and there was a possibility that the United States Postal Service would choose to close the Springdale post office at that time. I am happy to report that the lease will be renewed, and we will continue to enjoy a local post office location.

Our post office is not adequate for the needs of Springdale and its businesses, and I've been working with a group of representatives from Congresswoman Maloy's, Senator Lee's, and Senator Romney's offices to lobby for a new building. The owner of the current building is willing to lease land from the Town and construct a new building near Town Hall. This would give us a location without SR-9 traffic and with two points of access.

We sent a package to the Postmaster General that included documentation and photos showing our current "condition." This included the inadequate loading dock, the lack of ADA access, and the traffic blocking access to the parking lot on a busy weekend. We also sent letters of support for a new building from the Congresswoman and Senators, Governor Cox, Springdale Town Council, Superintendent Bradybaugh from Zion National Park, the Washington County Commissioners, Rockville Mayor Pam Leach, Virgin Mayor Jean Krause, LaVerkin Mayor Kelly Wilson, Natalie Britt (CEO of Zion Forever Project), Cade Campbell (President of the Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau), and Lisa Zumpft, as a concerned resident of Springdale.

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Get to know the Springdale Community Health Coalition

Did you know that Springdale has a team of individuals whose goal is to promote all types of health and wellness in the community? Back in 2022 and as part of our Healthy Utah Community award, the Town assembled the Community Health Coalition comprised of Zion Canyon residents, elected officials and Town staff. Our job is to meet regularly and find ways to improve physical, emotional, mental and social health in the canyon. So how do we do this? We do it through activities, events, programs and amenities. Anything that has to do with the wellbeing of the community, we are interested in it! This team is now two years old and is continuing to look for ways to make Springdale a better place to live, work and play. We are excited for what lies ahead and to continue to serve you, the residents of Springdale. If you or anyone you know is interested in providing suggestions, you may contact the Community Health Coalition Chair, Kyla Topham, at ktopham@springdale.utah.gov.





Comments wanted on the draft Wireless Communications Master Plan!

The Planning Commission is developing new rules to govern how and where new cell towers could be built in Springdale. Many of you came to our drop-in sessions on this topic at the community center in January and also responded to the public survey in March. Thank you for your time! The Commission is using this feedback to develop ordinance language and a master plan which will highlight the preferred locations for cell towers in Springdale. The map below shows the locations that are identified in the draft plan. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Niall Connolly, Principal Planner on 435 522 4117 or nconnolly@springdale.utah.gov.

Also, watch out for future Planning Commission and Town Council meeting agendas if you want to listen to, or participate in discussions on this topic. We anticipate that the new ordinance and master plan may be adopted within the next few months.

So now is the time to make your voice heard!



Emergency Preparedness Tip: Check Your Property Address Posting

The faster first responders can locate the scene of an emergency the better the chance for a positive outcome. You can help first responders maintain the fastest possible response times by ensuring that your property has an address identification that can be seen from the road or street. Make sure to maintain landscape to prevent blocking the view of address identification and check regularly to ensure a clear view of address numbers. This will make it as easy as possible for emergency response personnel to locate an emergency.

The building code requires all properties to post building addresses. The purpose of this code is to help ensure the fastest possible response times to an emergency. Please review your property address posting for compliance with this code.

International Building Code Section 502- Building Address.

502.1 Address Identification. New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be a minimum of 4" high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch. Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building address can not be viewed from a public way, a monument, pole or other approved sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.

Soon to be under construction – Erosion protection by the River Park

The Town will soon be beginning a project to protect essential infrastructure (water, wastewater, power, and transportation) from erosion hazard near the River Park. The Town has the dual goals of ensuring continued reliable utility service and protecting the health and natural function of the Virgin River. This streambank protection project is primarily aimed at accomplishing the first goal, and has been designed in keeping with the second as much as possible.

The area where the streambank protection is located is at high risk from erosion hazard. The Town's main culinary water line, main wastewater line, a key power line, and an irrigation line are located within the high erosion hazard zone and are at risk of catastrophic damage in an erosion event. Further, SR9 is in the erosion hazard zone and is at risk of damage in a flood event. The project will protect this critical infrastructure in a flood and erosion event.

The project will begin in mid-October. Construction is scheduled to last for up to three months. This project has been a number of years in the making, and is being partly funded through a Federal grant which the Town was awarded. The erosion protection will consist of rock riprap, interspersed with willow planting. While the general guidance in the Town's General Plan and Virgin River Management Plan is to leave the river in a natural state, protection of infrastructure is critical in this area and requires some non-natural intervention. The project has incorporated as many natural elements as possible (such as interspersing native willows in the rock rip-rap), as directed by the Virgin River Management Plan.

Access to the George Barker River Park and the Marj Bonner Dog Park will still be available throughout construction, however some areas will be fenced off for the duration of the project. The section of the paved multi-use trail near the River Park will be closed. Also, the section of the natural surface path on the east bank of the river immediately north of the upper bridge at the Park will be closed. We apologize that these two important recreation and transportation assets will be temporarily unavailable. There will also be two construction staging areas - one on the Town owned parcel immediately to the south of the park, and the other on a previously disturbed area on the east side of the river. Construction vehicles will also be moving around the area.

We recognize this project will cause some inconvenience and apologize for this. Town staff will be monitoring the construction site daily during the project. The contractor will be required to repair any damage they cause to the paved multi-use trail and any other town infrastructure. They will also be required to re-seed and restore the staging areas, temporary haul roads, and any other disturbed areas. These areas are sensitive and important parts of the Town's open space and we are committed to repairing any damage that may be done during construction and restoring these areas to a natural condition.

If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please contact Thomas Dansie at the Town Office, 435-522-4130.



Post Office Update

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At this point, a new building has not been approved. We are determining the next steps toward that end, but I want to thank everyone who provided letters of support. I also want to thank Merle Peifer, our resident postal service expert, for his input on what we should emphasize in our request.

We will continue to push for a new building for Springdale and the return of a post office to Virgin. If anyone has any insight or connections to help with our "case," please contact me. Thanks for your patience with this process.

-BARBARA

bbruno@springdale.utah.gov

801-243-5861



Protecting the Virgin River: The Importance of Stormwater Infrastructure, Curb, and Gutter System

As the Town of Springdale continues to thrive along the Virgin River, we recognize this waterway's vital role in our community's well-being. Ensuring its health has become increasingly important. Stormwater infrastructure, curbs, and gutter systems are crucial in managing runoff and protecting this valuable resource from pollutants.

In 2015, the town began to implement various stormwater system projects. These projects include Juniper, Redhawk, Hummingbird, Moenave, and two systems on Zion Park Blvd. at the Desert Pearl and West Temple. These systems are designed to channel rainwater away from roads and sidewalks, preventing flooding and ensuring water flows efficiently into natural waterways like the Virgin River. By directing stormwater, these systems reduce surface runoff that can carry harmful pollutants, such as oil, heavy metals, and sediments, directly into the river. In combination with this infrastructure, the street department employees are also certified in SWPPP (stormwater pollution prevention plan practices) and have contacts within the State of Utah Environmental Quality Division to help mitigate potential issues.

Curb and gutter systems are essential in capturing and filtering pollutants before they enter the stormwater system. Forming a barrier with curbs and curb inlets helps to prevent runoff from impacting roads. This significantly reduces the number of harmful substances that could otherwise wash into the river, protecting aquatic life and maintaining the ecosystem's overall health.

In addition to environmental benefits, well-maintained stormwater infrastructure significantly enhances public safety. These systems protect homes, businesses, and infrastructure from water damage by preventing flooding. Moreover, they ensure clean water free from contaminants, providing safe water for others downstream.

Investing in stormwater infrastructure, curb, and gutter systems is critical for the health of the Virgin River and the communities that depend on it. We can preserve this precious resource by effectively reducing pollution and managing stormwater. Your awareness and support for these infrastructure projects are vital to ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment. Together, we can make a difference.

Streets Department Supervisor,
Robert George



2024

September

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  Town Hall closed in observance of Labor Day • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	3	4 • 2 PM Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau • 2-3 PM Alcoholics Anonymous • 5 PM-7 PM Planning Commission Work Meeting	5	6	7 • 7-8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
8	9 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10	11 • 2-3 PM Alcoholics Anonymous • 5 PM-7 PM Town Council Regular Meeting 	12	13	14 • 7-8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
15	16 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	17	18 • 2-3 PM Alcoholics Anonymous • 5-7 PM Planning Commission Regular Meeting	19	20	21 • 7-8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
22  <i>hello FALL</i> 	23 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	24	25 • 2-3 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	26	27	28 • 7-8 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
29	30 • 6:30-7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous					

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



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 CLOSED-LABOR DAY	3 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	4	5	6 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	7
8	9 Bingo 10AM-11AM	10 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	11	12	13 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	14
15	16 Bingo 10AM-11AM Art Workshop- Gelli Plate Printmaking Techniques 3PM-5:30PM	17 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	18	19	20 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Art Talk & Reception- Shirley Smith 3PM-6PM	21
22 Crystal Sound Bath Meditation 11AM-12PM SETI Scientist- Peter Jenniskens Lecture & Stargazing @ 8PM	23 Bingo 10AM-11AM Art Workshop- Gelli Plate Printmaking Techniques 3PM-5:30PM	24 High Fitness 8AM-9AM Yoga 10AM-11:15AM Knitting/Crochet Group 2PM-4PM	25	26	27 Yoga 10AM-11:15AM	28
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LECTURE & STARGAZING

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DETER JENNISHENS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

@ 8 PM

AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER
126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE

FREE



\$50
UNTIL 10/15

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SPRINGDALE TO GRAFTON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH
@ 9AM

REGISTER ON
RACEENTRY.COM

REGISTRATION CLOSES
11/7 OR WHEN WE'VE
REACHED OUR CAP



QPR FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION: QUESTION, PERSUADE & REFER

Join us on Thursday,
September 5th @ 4PM
at the Canyon
Community Center
to learn the warning
signs of someone
contemplating suicide
and what you can do to
help.



September 5th @ 4PM
at the Canyon Community Center

9/11 DAY OF SERVICE



SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2024 | @ 8:00AM

JOLLEY-GIFFORD CEMETERY CLEANUP

221 PARADISE LANE
SPRINGDALE, UT

BRING WATER AND GLOVES.
TOOLS WILL BE PROVIDED

LAUNCH LUNCH

Enjoy lunch and learn more about the new interactive GIS Map with the Community Development Department!

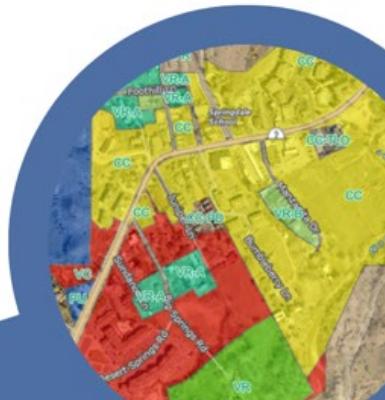
 ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

 STARTS AT NOON

 SPRINGDALE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

 435-522-4130



HERO DAY



Wednesday,
September 11th at
9:30 am

Join Springdale
Elementary in honoring
our first responders!



~SEPTEMBER~ Tween Book Club



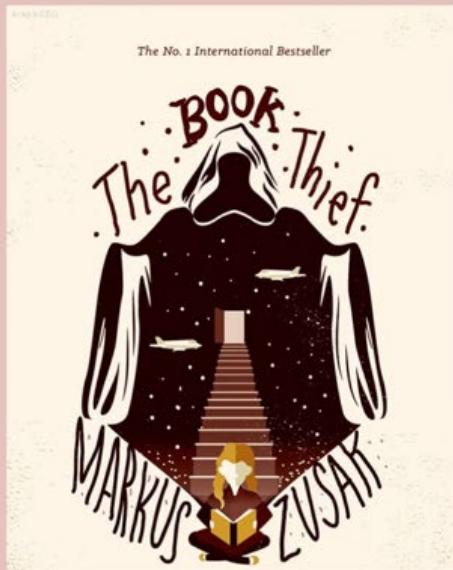
@ THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY



For more information contact:

435-772-3676

emilyj@washco.lib.ut.us



Discussion of
The Book Thief
by Markus Zusak
September 25th
@ 4:00 pm



LIBRARY Paint Night

September 26th
@ 5:00 PM

*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
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