

# TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

## Why Did They Do That?

A Planning Commissioner suggested that I write a column about why the Planning Commission and Town Council sometimes make decisions that seem "wrong" or are unpopular. I think it's a great idea. Thanks, Paul.

Zoning and land use decisions are either administrative or legislative. Administrative decisions are, in theory, very straightforward. If the applicant meets the requirements of the applicable ordinance, zone, and parameters, the application must be approved. An example of this would be the Design Development Review of the Downtown Plaza that came before the Planning Commission on November 15, 2024. The proposed project complied with all standards of the zone (Public Use Zone), which include setbacks, colors and materials, building size, building height, and landscape. There would be no valid reason to deny the approval of the project, regardless of whether a Planning Commissioner, neighboring property owner, or resident wanted the project to be implemented.

A legislative decision is essentially a policy decision by the local government. These decisions are not bound by specific rules or standards, and the Commission or Council has broad discretionary powers. An example of this would be a request for a zone change such as a request for a Transient Lodging Overlay zone. The Commission and Council use criteria that is subjective. They also refer to the General Plan for guidance. One example is whether, in the opinion of the voting members, the proposed development promotes the Town's "in the Park feel," small village scale, and unique village atmosphere. Denial or approval are both valid outcomes.



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## Dark Sky Month

"For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."  
-Vincent Van Gogh

The night sky has been a muse for many artists. Van Gogh's famous *Starry Night* in Saint Rémy, France, in 1889, some of Shakespeare's most famous sonnets, Betye Saar's *Celestial Universe* (1988) and William Daman, a 16th-century composer, *Harmony of the Spheres*. The sky is a source of awe and inspiration to many more artists, astrologists, scientists, National Parks, children, you, and Springdale. Unfortunately, the Milky Way is no longer visible in Saint Rémy, France, the location of one of the most famous and recognizable paintings in art history.

For the past 16 years, the Town of Springdale has taken steps to preserve the quality of the dark night skies. Not only to preserve the night skies' beauty but also to preserve the quality of life for local wildlife, ecosystems, human health, energy, and climate.

Here are some tips on how you can help preserve the night sky:

1. LEDS and compact fluorescent (CFLs) can help reduce energy use and protect the environment, but only warm-colored bulbs should be used.
2. Dimmers, motion sensors, and timers can help to reduce average illumination levels and save even more energy.
3. Outdoor lighting fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass. (See Town Staff for details on code compliance)
4. Unnecessary indoor lighting - particularly in empty buildings at night - should be turned off. This will help prevent leakage of interior light into the night sky.
5. Take a few moments to inspect your property for inefficient or unnecessary outdoor lighting.

Vincent Van Gogh would not be able to paint *Starry Night* today due to light pollution in Saint Rémy, France.

Springdale hopes to preserve the night sky for the present and the future.

If you are interested in joining Springdale's Dark Sky Coalition to help enhance Springdale's night sky experience, contact Jeff McKee at [jam@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:jam@springdale.utah.gov) to learn more!



## River Park Project Updates

Those of you who attended the Town birthday party and visited the parks and recreation booth may have noticed some updates to the River Park project. In an effort to be cost-conscious and responsive to community needs, the latest plan is to complete the redevelopment in phases. Phase 1 will include opening up the new parcel for patron use, improving the irrigation system, new landscaping improvements, and additional benches, trashcans and picnic tables. Phase 2 will come at a later date once money becomes available.

The completion of this project is funding-dependent, and Town staff have recently applied for grant funding through the State of Utah's Community Parks and Recreation Grant for assistance. We anticipate finding out at the beginning of May if we are awarded, at which point we will apply for additional destination development funding through Washington County.

We appreciate your continued patience with this project and for the input you have given. Please contact Ryan Gubler at 435-772-3434 with any questions.

**Park Phasing Plan**

**Objective:** Provide as much community benefit as possible in Phase 1 while remaining within the anticipated budget provided by the Town of Springdale

**PHASE 1**

**SCOPE:**

- CIVIL SITESWORK & CONSTRUCTION (DEMOLITION, EARTHWORK, PARKING LOT, STORM DRAINAGE, CONCRETE, ETC.)
- LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS (GROUND COVER, GRAVEL TRAILS, IRRIGATION, ETC.)
- PARK AMENITIES & SITE ELEMENTS (BENCHES, TRASH CANS, PICNIC TABLES, ETC.)

**PHASE 2**

**SCOPE:**

- PARK AMENITIES & SITE ELEMENTS (NATURE PLAY AREA)
- ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS (PAVILION, SHADE STRUCTURES, RIVER DECK)

## Springdale: Tree City, USA

Every April, the Town of Springdale participates in the celebration of Arbor Day. April's Town Council meeting will include an Arbor Day proclamation, showing the Town's commitment to tree health. For the past 16 years, Springdale has been recognized as a "tree city" by the Arbor Day Foundation, but this award is so much more than a sign that you see when you drive into town.

As a tree city, our staff are dedicated to preserving and enhancing our urban canopy for the benefit of the community. How do we do this? Some of things we have accomplished to prioritize our urban forest include:

- Planting of new trees in our parks, open spaces, and rights-of-way
- Care and maintenance of our existing trees with common best-practices
- Creation and adoption of the Springdale Tree Management Plan
- Development of a detailed tree inventory
- Training staff on current trends and industry standards
- Grant funding for the removal of harmful and noxious invasive species
- Yearly community outreach and education with Springdale Elementary School students

While we are proud of the award, we understand that there is much more that can be done. We have some exciting developments coming soon that will help us grow in our purpose to "prioritize and help to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the local tree population..." We will continue striving to do everything we can to promote tree health in Springdale!



## Help is on the Way! More Internet Options Coming to Town

South Central Communications is in the process of installing fiber optic cable throughout the Town. With the completion of this project, every Springdale residence and business will have the option to connect to reliable high speed internet! This project will be a great benefit to the Town by providing more options for internet access.

A large infrastructure project such as this has unavoidable impacts during the construction process. While South Central has tried to minimize disturbance and impacts on residents and businesses as much as possible there have been some unavoidable, and even a few avoidable, disturbances. South Central and the Town both appreciate residents' patience and understanding as this project has proceeded, with its attendant impacts and interruptions.

We anticipate the major construction activities of this project will be complete by mid April. There will be some additional work after that time making the fiber connections to individual properties, but the major work of installing conduit will be complete. Additionally, there will be some ongoing work at South Central's small communications building near the Rocky Mountain power substation (e.g. stuccoing the building to be compliant with Town standards, installing the required fencing to screen the building and associated mechanical equipment, restoring and reclaiming the area used for construction staging, etc.).

As this project approaches its completion the impacts on the community will decrease. In the meantime, if you have concerns about the project or notice something you would like to discuss please contact Town Manager Rick Wixom or Director of Community Development Thomas Dansie at 435-772-3434.

Thank you again for your patience and support. When complete this project will be a great benefit to the community!

## Springdale Event Calendars

There has been some confusion about the event calendars shared in our newsletter and which activities they include. To clarify, here's where you can find information on different types of events held at the Canyon Community Center, Gazebo, and (former) ballfield.

- The Town of Springdale's website calendar includes public events, town meetings, and activities that have been submitted for listing. If an event has not been submitted, it will not appear on the calendar.
- The newsletter calendar will now feature the Canyon Community Center (CCC) class schedule and programming.

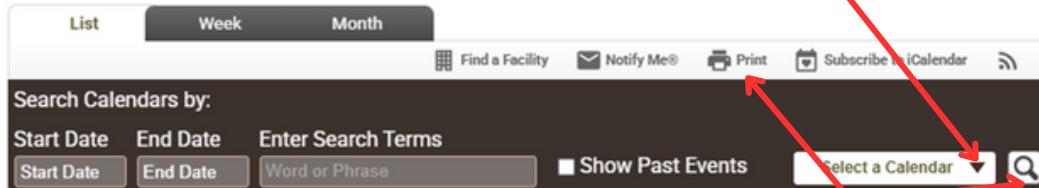
### How to Use the Website Calendar

To find events easily:

1. Visit: <https://www.springdaletown.com/calendar.aspx?CID=23>
2. Use the **filter options** to select the event categories you want to see.

#### Calendar

View All Calendars is the default. Choose Select a Calendar to view a specific calendar. Subscribe to calendar notifications by clicking on the Notify Me® button, and you will automatically be alerted about the latest events in our community.



3. Click the **magnifying glass** icon to display the selected calendar.
4. If you would like to download and **print/save** the calendar, click the **print** button above.

These tools help ensure you're viewing all relevant events in one place.

### Requesting an Event Listing

If you'd like to submit an event for the website calendar and it meets our guidelines, please visit <https://www.springdaletown.com/242/Add-Events-to-Community-Calendar> to submit your request.



## Family Healthcare: Bringing Quality Medical Care to Springdale With Expanding Hours

Residents and visitors of Springdale no longer need to make the long drive to Hurricane or St. George for many of their healthcare needs. Family Healthcare is proud to offer convenient, high-quality medical services right here in town, ensuring that you and your loved ones receive the care you need without the hassle of travel.

Our Zion Canyon clinic in Springdale provides on-site medical care for dehydration, sprains, cuts, scrapes, bumps, bites, and minor burns—along with all the services you'd expect from a regular doctor's office. Whether you need a routine check-up, treatment for an illness, or care for minor injuries, our team is here to help. Our dedicated healthcare professionals are experienced and committed to providing prompt, personalized care in a comfortable setting, ensuring your health and well-being remain a top priority.

In addition to in-person medical care, we offer telehealth services for both medical and behavioral health care, allowing you to consult with a provider from the comfort of your home[LW1]. This service is available Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm. This convenient option ensures that you can receive care regardless of where you are, eliminating unnecessary travel while maintaining direct access to expert medical advice.

For added convenience, we also provide prescription delivery to our Zion Canyon clinic, ensuring that you have easy access to necessary medications without making an extra trip. This service is especially valuable for those who may have limited transportation options or busy schedules, helping patients stay on track with their treatments and improving overall health outcomes. Our goal is to remove barriers to healthcare access and provide a seamless experience for our patients in Springdale and the surrounding areas.

We accept most insurance plans and offer a sliding fee scale based on income and family size to ensure that cost is never a barrier to receiving care. We believe that everyone deserves quality healthcare and are here to support you in maintaining a healthy and fulfilling life.

Starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 our Zion Canyon clinic will be expanding our hours.

Monday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: CLOSED

Thursday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit our website at [www.familyhc.org](http://www.familyhc.org) or call us today at 435-986-2565. Let us take care of you—right here in Springdale. Our team is dedicated to providing comprehensive, high-quality healthcare with the convenience and accessibility that your community deserves. Choose Family Healthcare for your medical needs, and experience the difference of having reliable, local care.

### Why Did They Do That?

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When Planning Commissioners and Council members make decisions, they consider many factors. They are trained not to make decisions based on "public clamor" (defined as a loud or strong demand for something by many people) but instead to make decisions based on the facts and ordinances. In legislative decisions, of course they listen to the desires of residents as presented in a public hearing or in writing prior to the meeting. They do want to know where various groups stand on an issue. In the end, they vote according to what they think is best for the future of Springdale holistically and not based on how any one person or group of people feels about the application.

Commissioners and Council members are always willing to have a conversation about decisions they have made or will be making. Contact information is posted on the Town of Springdale website, and they welcome your input.

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801-243-5861

# ZION CHALK AND EARTH FEST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**  
**&**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH**  
**10AM-8PM**

AT THE ZION CANYON VILLAGE  
 147 ZION PARK BLVD., SPRINGDALE UTAH

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 3PM-8PM | WSFF SHORT FILM SCREENINGS | FOOD |  
 BEER GARDEN | EDUCATIONAL VENDORS 10AM-5PM | & SPECTACULAR CHALK ART



Earth without 'art' is  
 just 'Eh'

SPRINGDALE  
 ARTS

FOLLOW OUR FB PAGE FOR MORE  
 INFO @ZIONCHALKANDEARTH

**The ZION CHALK & EARTH FEST. IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Saturday, April 26th & Sunday, April 27th 10AM-8PM @ Zion Canyon Village**

Volunteers will work a 2 hour shift manning the Info/Community Squares Chalk Booth.

**SIGNUP HERE**  <https://bit.ly/VOLUNTEERZCEF>



## Attention Springdale Dog Owners!

It is time to renew your Town of Springdale dog's license/registration. Dog registration and licensing renewals are due by May 1st and delinquent after May 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can complete your dog licensing in one of two ways:

- In Person: Visit the Town Hall in Springdale. [Download the Dog License Registration/Renewal Application \(PDF\)](#).
- Online: Submit your application or renewal online through the Online Dog License Registration on the Town's website, [www.springdaletown.com](http://www.springdaletown.com).

Requirements:

- Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for registration. If vaccination is needed, please contact one of the local veterinary clinics for an appointment (<https://zionvet.com/>; <https://desertvethurricane.com/>).

Fees:

- \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog
- \$40 for a non-spayed or non-neutered (functioning) dog

Stay compliant and keep your pets safe—register your dogs before the deadline!

For further details, visit our website or contact the Springdale Police Department at 435-772-9096.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup>)**  
Please contact the Police Department (435-772-9096) for questions

Application/Renewal forms are available on our website <https://www.springdaletown.com/157/Dog-Licensing>

# APRIL CCC Classes/Programming Calendar



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

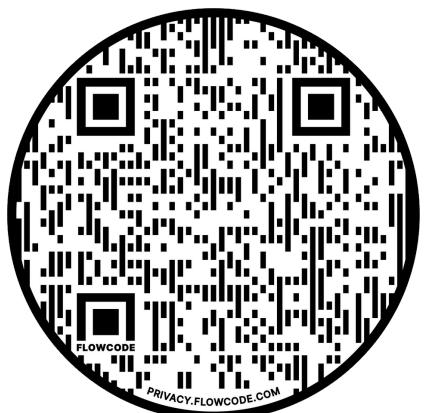
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

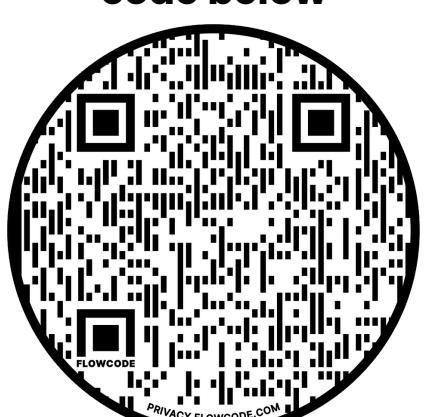
SATURDAY

		8am- High Fitness 10am- Yoga @ Gazebo 2pm- Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	1	2	3	4	5
6	3pm- Art Workshop: Watercolor Sketchbooking	7	8am- High Fitness 10am- Yoga 2pm- Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	9	10	11	12
13	10am- Community Bingo 3pm- Art Workshop: Watercolor Sketchbooking	14	8am- High Fitness 10am- Yoga 2pm- Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	15	16	17	18
20	3pm- Art Workshop: Watercolor Sketchbooking	21	8am- High Fitness 10am- Yoga 2pm- Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	22	23	24	25
27	4pm- Art Talk- Steve McKee	28	8am- High Fitness 10am- Yoga 2pm- Knitting/Crochet/ Craft Group	29	30		26

To purchase a CCC Wellness Loyalty Card, pay to attend a single class or sign a class waiver please visit:  
[bit.ly/cccWellFit](http://bit.ly/cccWellFit) or scan the QR code below



To purchase an Art Workshop Loyalty Card or pay to attend a single class please visit:  
[bit.ly/CCCWorkshops](http://bit.ly/CCCWorkshops) or scan the QR code below





# Community Shred Event

*Friday, April 18th, 11am-1pm  
Springdale Town Hall  
118 Lion Blvd - Springdale, UT*



Join us for a free shredding event and protect your confidential information. Bring your old papers, bills, and documents and shred them on-site.

*Please note the following guidelines for shredding:*

- *Paperclips, binder clips, hanging file folders, rubber bands, and staples, along with other typical filing fasteners, do not need to be removed.*
- *3-ring binders must have their paper removed and be disposed of separately before shredding.*
- *No hard drives.*

*Be advised that batteries, backup tapes, x-rays, live ammunition, prototypes, product/part samples, tools, garbage, and any other unapproved items can damage the shredders, contaminate recycling materials, and potentially cause fires.*

*Your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines is greatly appreciated.*

# meet the artists!



## Panel Discussion with Chalk Artists & Workshop with Dawn Wagner

**friday, april 25  
4 to 6:00 pm  
canyon community center, springdale**



**Join us for a Panel Discussion with professional  
street painters followed by a Live Demo & Workshop with artist  
Dawn Wagner.**

**This is the third year of the Zion Chalk and Earth Fest and we're  
excited to be hosting a panel discussion for you to meet the artists  
and have a live painting demo with artist Dawn Wagner.**

**Free Event, sponsored by Z-Arts and the Canyon Community Center.**

# Z-ARTS & Zion Chalk & Earth Fest present

ZION CANYON ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCIL



# WILD & SCENIC® FILM FESTIVAL

where activism gets inspired



Springdale,  
Utah



Feature film (People's Choice Award):

## *A Radical Thread*

Thurs. April 24, 7:00p  
@ Bumbleberry Theater  
+Q&A with the director  
after the screening

Curated film selections:

## *Art + Nature*

Sat. April 26, Noon  
@ Cable Mountain Lodge

## *Best of the Fest, 2025*

Sun. April 27, Noon  
@ Cable Mountain Lodge

**ALL FREE SCREENINGS!** Special thanks to our local sponsors...

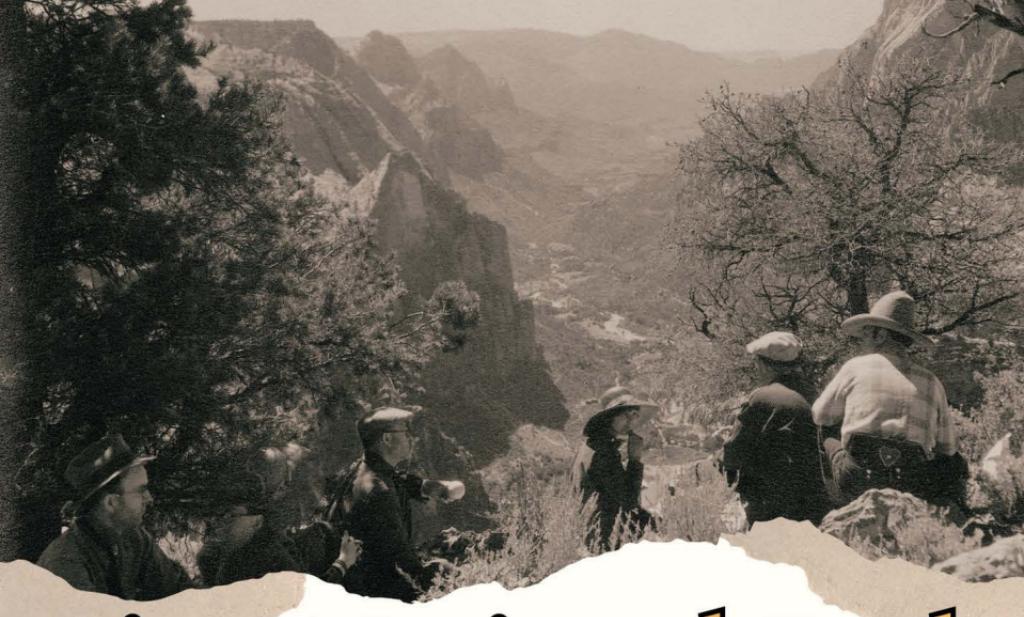
[www.zarts.org](http://www.zarts.org)



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# Zion National Park

## HISTORY PRESENTATION AND TRIVIA NIGHT

Come learn about the history of Zion National Park, then show off your Zion NP knowledge in a team jeopardy competition! Presented by Trevor Cox, Heritage and Regional History Librarian at Utah Tech University.

**SPRINGDALE BRANCH LIBRARY (126 LION BLVD)**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH**

Presentation Starts at 5 pm

Trivia Challenge Starts at 6 pm



# SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY **STUDENT** ART RECEPTION

**THURSDAY,  
APRIL 17TH**

**5:30 PM  
TO  
7 PM**

THE SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THEIR SELF PORTRAITS. VISIT WITH THE ARTISTS AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR PORTRAITS AND THE TECHNIQUES THEY'VE USED TO CREATE THESE PERSONAL WORKS OF ART!

**CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER  
126 LION BLVD. SPRINGDALE, UT 84767**