



# TOWN OF SPRINGDALE

## Transparency: It's not just a good idea; it's the law

I've been hearing the word "transparency" a lot lately. In different contexts, it has different definitions. The Oxford Dictionary defines it as "the quality of allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen." Obviously, glass windows are (or should be) transparent.

In the workplace, relationships, and politics, transparency is a "buzzword" that people use to tell you to trust them. In the Cambridge Dictionary, the definition is "a situation in which business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets, so that people can trust that they are fair and honest."

The Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) ensures government business is conducted openly by requiring public bodies to provide notice and conduct meetings in public. Public bodies must provide at least 24 hours' public notice before a meeting, including the agenda, date, time, and location. In Springdale, we typically provide 5 days' notice. If an issue is not on the agenda sent in advance, the Planning Commission and Town Council cannot make decisions about that issue.

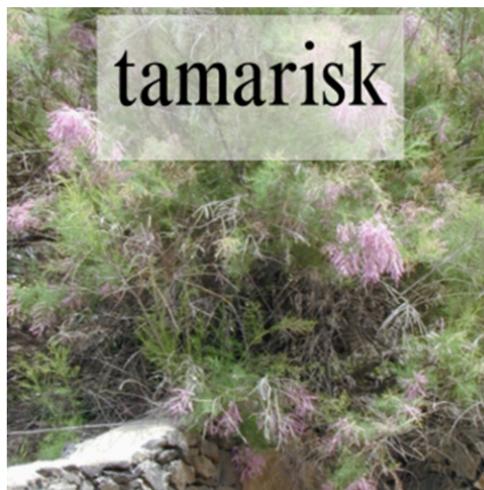
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## Invasive Species Removal – Work Begins September 1<sup>st</sup>!

The Town of Springdale has worked with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (FFSL) on receiving funding for the Western Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) grant. This three-year project removes invasive species, Russian olive and tamarisk, from the Virgin River watershed tributaries and side washes. These invasive species exacerbate fire hazards, increase flood risk, alter hydrology, reduce water quality, alter essential habitats for wildlife to thrive, out-compete native riparian vegetation, and more. Work to remove Russian olive and tamarisk begins September 1<sup>st</sup>! Crews will remove Russian olive and tamarisk trees by removing, cutting, then chipping or creating firewood-sized pieces. Tree stumps will then be treated with either herbicide or aquatic herbicide. Willow cuttings will be planted to encourage the growth of native plant species.

The removal of invasive species and planting of native species is free for property owners. Property owners that have been notified of potentially having Russian olive and/or tamarisk on their property and have not responded, please follow the directions on the letter and respond accordingly. Property owners are encouraged to reach out to Staff if they believe they have Russian olive or tamarisk trees on their property. Learn more about how we can work together to care for the health and safety of the Virgin River and side washes at <https://springdaletown.com/561/Invasive-Species-Removal>

Staff Contact: Kyndal Sagers [ksagers@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:ksagers@springdale.utah.gov) (435) 522-4130



## Town Emergency Preparedness Fair



Join us for the Springdale Town Emergency Preparedness Fair which will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the town field, behind the Canyon Community Center at 126 Lion BLVD from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

This free, family-friendly event is designed to help our community stay informed and equipped for all types of emergencies. The fair will bring together first responders, local agencies, and safety organizations to help residents better understand how to prepare for disasters, protect their families, and support community resilience.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and talk with police officers, firefighters, and search and rescue teams, as well as town staff, and county emergency personnel. You will get a close-up look at emergency vehicles including fire trucks and rescue equipment, and learn directly from the people who respond when emergencies strike.

The fair will also feature booths and equipment from the town's Public Works Department as well as the Washington County Solid Waste, the South West Public Health Department, Family Healthcare Providers, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and even Veterinary Microchipping Services to help prepare you with your pets.

As a thank-you for visiting the booths, each attendee who stops by a station will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win selected emergency supplies (must be present to win), along with a free meal ticket for the food trucks on-site (meal tickets are limited, so come early to make sure you get yours)!

For the kids, we have a color station and a special emergency passport activity where children can collect stamps at each booth and, once their passport is full, redeem it for a fun prize.

Whether you are new to emergency preparedness or looking to refresh your knowledge, this is a great opportunity to connect with local resources, enjoy time with the community, and walk away with valuable tools and information.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen at the Police Department at 435-772-9096

We hope to see you there—come prepared to get prepared!

## America250!

On July 4th, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Across the country, Americans are planning unique ways to celebrate the 250th anniversary with America250 through various one-time events, ongoing activities, volunteer opportunities, and more. America250 Utah challenges all Utahns to honor our founding values through action and to join together in acts of service, unity, and civic engagement that strengthen our communities. Residents of Springdale can anticipate a variety of volunteer opportunities, events, and educational forums over the coming year, keep an eye out!

Here are some ways to get involved now:

1. Butch Cassidy 5K/10K combined with the Walk250 Challenge – November 8th sign up at <https://www.raceentry.com/races/butch-cassidy-10k-5k-/2025/register> and use code LOCALS for \$5 off. Visit <https://america250.utah.gov/walk250/> to see the Walk250 Challenge.
2. Volunteer for Wreaths Across America – December 20th email Robyn Sanders at [rsanders@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:rsanders@springdale.utah.gov) to volunteer
3. Volunteer for a local nonprofit or community organization <https://userve.utah.gov/volunteer/#search>
4. Attend or organize a community dialogue on civic topics
5. Participate in public forums
6. Donate in April 2026 to Utah's Day of Giving and contribute to a cause you care about
7. Serve on a local board or planning committee
8. Organize a 250th anniversary service project in your neighborhood
9. Celebrate Springdale's 66th Birthday March 6th
10. Check out Utah Event's page <https://america250.utah.gov/events/>

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The only issues that can be discussed in a closed meeting are (1) specific personnel discussions, (2) discussions regarding security personnel, devices or systems, (3) pending or imminent litigation, and (4) strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or sale of real property. It should be noted that the decision to close a meeting to the public is always discretionary and not mandatory. The law does not require any meeting to be closed.

Members of the Planning Commission and Town Council are invited to an annual training that includes training on OPMA. I am happy to report that the current members of the Planning Commission and Town Council attend that annual training. Town staff is also well-versed in OPMA and keeps us on track in gray areas.

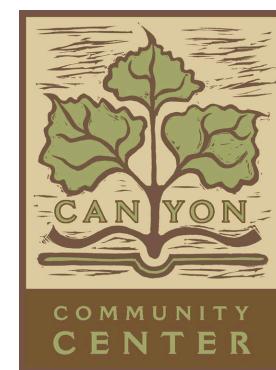
In Utah, elected and appointed officials are also required to disclose conflicts of interest that create a potential conflict between their personal interests and public duties. Those officials are encouraged to abstain from voting when that conflict exists. I am also happy to report that the current members of the Planning Commission and Town Council disclose their conflicts of interest.

What does that mean to the residents of Springdale? Trust us.

BARBARA  
[bbruno@springdale.utah.gov](mailto:bbruno@springdale.utah.gov)  
801-243-5861



# CCC Classes/Programming Calendar



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

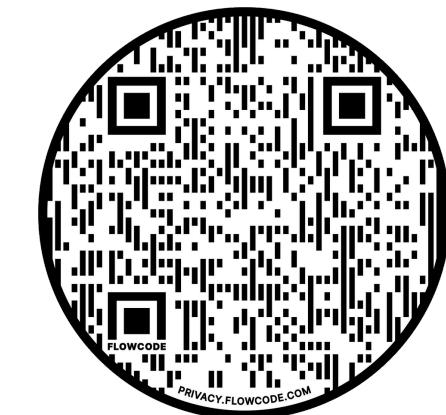
THURSDAY

FRIDAY

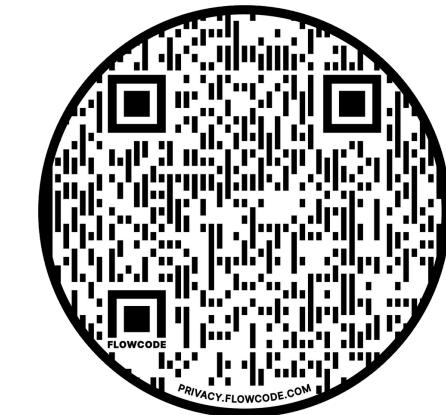
SATURDAY

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	<b><u>CLOSED- LABOR DAY</u></b> <b>NO ART WORKSHOP</b>	8am-9am High Fitness <b>NO YOGA</b> 2pm-4pm Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft Group			*7pm-8:15pm Yoga- Brooke		
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
	<b>NO ART WORKSHOP</b>	8am-9am High Fitness <b>NO YOGA</b> 2pm-4pm Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft Group			10am-11:15am Yoga- Brooke <b>12pm-5pm Blood Drive</b>		
14		15	16	17	18	19	20
	<b>NO ART WORKSHOP</b>	8am-9am High Fitness <b>NO YOGA</b> 2pm-4pm Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft Group			<b>NO YOGA</b>		
21		22	23	24	25	26	27
	<b>NO ART WORKSHOP</b>	8am-9am High Fitness <b>NO YOGA</b> 2pm-4pm Knitting/ Crochet/ Craft Group			*7pm-8:15pm Yoga- Brooke		
18		29	30				
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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 visit: [bit.ly/CCCWorkshops](http://bit.ly/CCCWorkshops) or scan the QR code below



# 9/11 DAY OF SERVICE

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
@ 8:00AM

JOLLEY-GIFFORD  
CEMETERY CLEANUP

221 PARADISE LANE  
SPRINGDALE, UT

# COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



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**Friday**

**September**

**12th**

**12PM to  
5PM**

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Make an appointment here:

<https://rcblood.org/4bH4QeN>



**Canyon Community Center**  
126 Lion Blvd.,  
Springdale UT 84767

FREE  
FAMILY  
FRIENDLY  
EVENT



**Disasters Don't Wait.**

**Is Your Family Prepared?**

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025**

**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

**TOWN OF SPRINGDALE BALLFIELD**

Behind the Canyon Community Center @ 126 Lion Blvd.



Receive Free Meal  
Vouchers from Hook'd  
on Bowls and The Corn  
Dog Company  
(while supplies last)

Visit Booths from  
the Public Works  
Department,  
Washington County  
Solid Waste, Health  
Department, Family  
Healthcare, CERT, and  
more

Kids  
Coloring  
Station

Earn Raffle Tickets for a  
Chance to Win Emergency  
Supplies

(Must be present to win.  
One Prize Per Person)



Come meet the  
Springdale Police,  
Washington County  
Sheriff's Office,  
Hurricane Valley Fire,  
Zion Search & Rescue,  
and more

Zion Animal  
Lovers -

Microchipping and  
Pet Preparedness



For questions, contact  
Jen at the Police Dept.  
435-772-9096



# SPRINGDALE'S TWO-CENT STROLL

Join the Community Development  
Department for a stroll around some of  
Springdale's historic gems!

We will meet and end at the Town Hall.

9 AM

SEPTEMBER  
24TH



Springdale to Grafton

# BUTCH CASSIDY

*10k/5k*

08 NOVEMBER  
2025  
@ 9AM

\$53  
FROM 8/25-10/14

Register on [raceentry.com](https://raceentry.com)  
or scan the QR code below



PRICES INCREASE  
OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>!



(435)-772-3434



[www.springdaletown.com/396/Butch-Cassidy-10K5K-Race](http://www.springdaletown.com/396/Butch-Cassidy-10K5K-Race)

FREDRIK BACKMAN

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF  
A MAN CALLED OVE

my grandmother  
asked me  
to tell you  
she's sorry



A NOVEL

# Springdale Library Adult Book Club

Discussion of

My Grandmother  
Asked Me to Tell You  
She's Sorry

by Fredrik Backman

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

@11:30AM



# TWEEN BOOK CLUB

[AT] THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY

DISCUSSION OF  
THE BLUEST SKY  
BY CHRISTINA DIAZ GONZALEZ

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH [AT] 4:00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

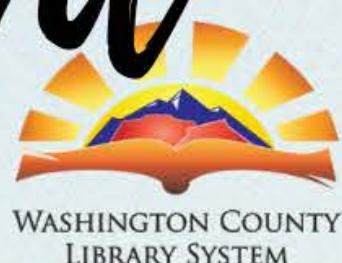
435-772-3676 OR

[EMILYJ@WASHCO.LIB.UT.US](mailto:EMILYJ@WASHCO.LIB.UT.US)





# LIBRARY Paint Night



*Painting and art made  
easy for everybody!*

*Sign up now!*

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 25TH  
@ 5:00 PM**

*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](mailto:emilyj@washco.lib.ut.us)*