



From Mayor Smith

TURN THE PAGE ON 2020

The start of a new year gives us all a time to reflect and readjust. 2020 was a rough year for everyone and we are all hoping that 2021 will be a little kinder. We should anticipate, with renewed hope, that good things will happen in 2021 and each of us should strive to make sure they occur. Reach out to those who need extra help, show a little more patience and understanding to others. Volunteer of your time and give back to your community. Let's each do our part to make sure 2021 is a better year!

— STAN

"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start."
– Nido Qubein

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."
– Vern McLellan

"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction."
– Germany Kent

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."
– C.S. Lewis

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General Plan Update Rolls Along with the New Year

The Planning Commission is continuing their work on updating the Town's General Plan. The Commission has created a vision document to guide the Town's operation and development for the next 20 years. This [document is available for the community to review](#). The Commission welcomes feedback and comments from the public regarding the vision. Please provide comments regarding the vision document to Thomas Dansie in the Town Office.

The General Plan is divided into eight main sections, each covering a topic of significance in Springdale. The eight topics are:

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| 1- Land Use and Town Appearance | 5- Municipal and Public Services |
| 2- Transportation | 6- Parks, Recreation, and the Arts |
| 3- Housing | 7- Public Health |
| 4- Economic Development | 8- Natural and Cultural Resources |

Commissioners are now working on developing goals, objectives, and strategies for each of these topics, intended to help the Town achieve the vision described in the vision document. Because the General Plan is a community-based planning project the Commission invites participation from the community in this process. If you have particular interest or expertise in any of the areas listed above and would like to offer suggestions please contact Thomas Dansie at the Town Office. He can help you provide your feedback to the appropriate Planning Commissioners, based on which topic your feedback falls under.

Small-Town Clinic, Big-Town Services

The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is a full-service medical clinic for local citizens, employees and visitors to Zion National Park. The Zion Clinic opened its doors in 1984 and is currently staffed by Mike McMahan, a certified physician assistant and Helen McMahan, a certified nurse practitioner. Winter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9 am to 5 pm and summer hours are Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. The services provided are more robust than most people are aware for a small-town clinic and include:

- ✓ Blood draws for laboratory analysis picked up each day from a lab courier from Dixie Medical Center laboratory
- ✓ X-rays and casting or splinting
- ✓ Routine annual wellness physical examinations
- ✓ Vaccinations for tetanus, influenza and hepatitis
- ✓ Gynecologic examinations including PAP testing
- ✓ Urgent care for illness and injuries
- ✓ Wound treatment including laceration repair (stitching)
- ✓ Mammograms and specialty imaging tests including CT scans and MRI's
- ✓ Referrals to specialists

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Small-Town Clinic, Big-Town Services *(continued from page 1)*

The clinic also has a small limited pharmacy for their patients although they do not fill prescriptions by outside medical providers.

The Zion Clinic will bill most insurance companies. Exceptions to this include Select Med and Medicaid. They also offer cash discounts to residents of Springdale, Rockville, Zion Lodge and Zion National Park employees who do not have medical insurance.

During the COVID Pandemic, it is best to schedule appointments by calling 435-772-3226.

There are a lot of inquiries for COVID testing. The latest recommendations are to go on-line to intermountain.com/covidtesting, then follow the prompts to set up appointments. The Hurricane Family Pharmacy is performing rapid testing as well. You may call 435-635-8200 for more information. The Zion Clinic can do COVID testing for patients who they determine need testing at the time of service. Specimens are sent to the Dixie Medical Center laboratory by courier.

Zion Forever Project Update -

To our friends and supporters in the gateway to Zion National Park, we would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We would also like to update you on a legacy project that many of you have contributed to and supported. While Zion Forever Project is Zion's official charity partner; we are also the official charity partner of Cedar Breaks National Monument just north of Zion on the Markagunt Plateau at the top of the Grand Staircase.



This past season, Cedar Breaks welcomed more than 800,000 visitors (a more than 30% increase). They did so within a 650 square foot log cabin built in 1932. Currently there are no ADA restrooms, no space for ranger programs, and no shelter from the elements, at an elevation of over 10,000 feet. With your help, we're changing all that. Your contributions will help us restore Cedar Breaks National Monument as the gateway to Southern Utah's most accessible high-alpine recreation.



Although this project sits outside the boundaries of Zion National Park, this building is top priority for Zion National Park as it enhances the park experience across the Greater Zion Landscape, and helps tackle some of the visitor use challenges faced across the area.

"This building would give us a sense of place. It would help visitors orient to the landscape and realize its value as a national monument."

~Kathleen Gonder, Superintendent of Cedar Breaks National Monument

We are so close to finish-lining this \$6.3M project. To date we have already raised over \$6M. Despite great odds through a difficult year, we are ready to build a new Visitor Contact Station this spring, while preserving the historical cabin for new programs. To those who have already donated and to those who continue to support this project, thank you. If you would like to donate at the start of this new year, or would like updates on the project visit cedarbreaks.org. If you donate in January your gift will join the \$1 placed in the donation jar by a Jr. Ranger; it will be combined with the \$500K grant from the Utah Outdoor Recreation Program, and it will be enhanced by the \$3.1M raised from the National Park Service Centennial Challenge Match.

Let's move dirt come Spring.



Deer Population in Springdale – Part 2

In last month's newsletter, we noted that there seems to be more deer in Town than in the recent past. And there is a mixed response from the local residents on how to respond. We have been consulting experts and gathering information on how best to address this issue. Over the next several months we will be sharing some of this to help residents better understand the challenges and actions that can be considered. This month we will discuss some history of the deer in Zion National Park (Park) and Springdale, human and environmental changes in the canyon and what the government can and cannot do with the deer.

Short history of deer in the canyon

The Park has been collaring deer for several years. Staff monitor migration patterns, health, and population. A recent tracking program has shown that there is very little migration of the deer in the upper main canyon of the Park into Springdale and vice versa. The deer in Town do go back and forth within Park and Town boundaries in the lower canyon.

Environmental changes and human encroachment

In the Desert Southwest, research documented low precipitation is directly related to poor body condition and high mortality of adult deer due to malnutrition. Over the past decade, the natural foliage that the deer browse has either been replaced in Town with non-native species or not recovered well due to drought conditions. In Town the deer will then eat less quality vegetation that is likely to cause an unhealthy condition to deteriorate further. This year, deer have even been sighted eating *Datura* (Jimson weed) which appears to be fatal. Neither the Park nor DWR has an answer for what is the correct population for the herd.

What the government can and can't do

The Utah Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and the Park work together but also have different responsibilities. They share information and are aware of the deer population in the Park as well as adjacent to the Park. But they don't cross over. The Park staff directly addresses issues within the Park and DWR works outside the Park. DWR will not relocate deer because it presents the possibility of relocating diseases. Nor will they use birth control for the deer. This approach is labor- and cost-intensive, with uncertain effectiveness.

Contraception is often proposed as a method to reduce overabundant deer populations, but it is not currently feasible in free-ranging deer populations since the deer need to be caught and anesthetized one by one to administer the birth control method. And a very high percentage of the herd needs to be inoculated for any amount of population decrease to take effect. Given their lack of money and staff DWR's response to deer issues is to kill the deer and distribute the meat to the needy. They will not come into Springdale to cull without the approval of the Town. The Town Council is not prepared at this time to consider culling.

Springdale Police responsibilities

The Springdale Police Department's role regarding deer is to respond to traffic accidents involving deer as well as the general public who observe sick or injured deer. A typical response to an accident involving a deer is to check for human injuries, check the status of the deer, euthanize the deer if it is injured and complete an accident report. If it's determined the deer isn't sick or injured enough to destroy, the police either leave it alone or, at times, contact DWR to investigate. They respond to incidents where the public are in close proximity to a dead deer that is decaying. In those cases, they usually remove the deer from that location and dispose of it.

Next Month we'll cover what you can do, protecting your landscaping, and responses to deer issues.



Springdale Virtual Yoga

Did you know that the Canyon Community Center is offering free virtual yoga classes? Due to COVID restrictions, we have decided to continue weekly online classes throughout January for anyone who wants to participate. Our classes are great for all experience levels, so whether you are a long-time yoga enthusiast or just want to try something new, we are sure we can help you find what you are looking for. Please see the CCC Fitness calendar for more details or contact Robyn or Ryan at the CCC with any questions.

Springdale Meetings & Events Calendar

January 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
03	04 <u>6:30pm-7:30pm</u> <u>Alcoholics</u> <u>Anonymous</u>	05	06 <u>5 - 7pm Planning</u> <u>Commission Work</u> <u>Meeting</u>	07	08	09
10	11 <u>6:30pm-7:30pm</u> <u>Alcoholics</u> <u>Anonymous</u>	12	13 <u>5-7pm Town</u> <u>Council Regular</u> <u>Meeting</u>	14	15	16
17	18 <u>6:30pm-7:30pm</u> <u>Alcoholics</u> <u>Anonymous</u>	19	20 <u>5-7pm Planning</u> <u>Commission</u> <u>Regular Meeting</u>	21	22	23
24	25 <u>6:30pm-7:30pm</u> <u>Alcoholics</u> <u>Anonymous</u>	26	27	28	29	30
31	01	02	03	04	05	06

February 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01	02	03 <u>5 - 7pm Planning</u> <u>Commission Work</u> <u>Meeting</u>	04	05	06

Visit the Community Calendar at www.springdaletown.com
for the most up-to-date event schedules.

January

2021

CCC Virtual Fitness Class Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 9:30AM-10:30AM Kyndal
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 9:30AM-10:30AM Kyndal
10	11	12 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 5PM-6PM Kyndal	13	14	15	16 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 9:30AM-10:30AM Kyndal
17	18	19 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 5PM-6PM Kyndal	20	21	22	23 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 9:30AM-10:30AM Kyndal
24	25	26 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 5PM-6PM Kyndal	27	28	29	30 Zoom All Levels Yoga: 9:30AM-10:30AM Kyndal
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All classes are virtual until further notice.

Zoom links are posted on the CCC Facebook page @CanyonCommunityCenter and sent out to the yoga email list the day of the class.

If you'd like to be added to the email list please contact Robyn at rsanders@springdale.utah.gov.