



From Mayor Smith

WORKING TOGETHER

We have all been dealing with COVID-19 for nearly a year. In that time much has changed and many issues are still being worked out. For a lot of people, vaccinations are not coming fast enough.

Throughout all of this, mayors in the county have been working together to help guide our communities through this ever-changing pandemic. Our weekly meetings are also attended by Commissioners, hospital leaders, school district superintendents, health department leaders and other invited guests. During these discussions we address available county services, COVID-related impacts and next steps to keep our area safe, our schools open, and life moving forward as best as it can. There is no denying the road has been bumpy; however, the dedication and determination of this collective group has allowed us to persevere.

Everyone's patience and understanding are still needed as we begin to see a glimmer of hope ahead. We must not let our guard down and remain diligent to follow public health protocols until we reach the end.

— STAN

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Trail Etiquette

Here in Springdale, we are lucky to have some of the most amazing views in the world right outside our windows. One way to enjoy these views while also staying active is to hop on one of our amazing trails in town. Whether you choose to ride your bike down the paved trail through the middle of town, or you would rather take a quick hike along our more isolated natural-surface trails, we've got you covered. While using the trails, it is important to remember proper trail etiquette. Below are a few quick tips to help you remember how to best share and preserve our trails.



- **Stay on the Trail:** This is especially important when hiking in natural areas that should remain mostly undisturbed. Leaving the trail can create ugly social trails, can lead to people getting lost or hurt, and in many cases is even illegal.
- **Pick up Trash and Waste:** Nothing detracts from the gorgeous scenery of the canyon quite like litter, debris and pet waste along our trails. Keeping our trails clean makes it more enjoyable for everyone.
- **Don't Feed Wildlife:** Hiking along our trails often gives people the opportunity to witness some of the incredible wildlife of the canyon. If you're lucky enough to come across a desert tortoise, mule deer, or any number of our native wildlife, please do not feed them.
- **Leave What You Find:** Unless it's garbage, please leave what you find. No souvenirs.
- **Right-of-Way:** If you are traveling along a trail with designated travel lanes, please stay in the correct lane. If hiking along a single-track trail, hikers going uphill have the right-of-way. Also, while bikers should yield to hikers, sometimes it makes more sense for the person on foot to yield. Use your best judgement in these situations.

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Planning Commission Activity Update

The Springdale Town Planning Commission is hard at work developing land use policies intended to keep Springdale's village character and small-town atmosphere intact. The Commission is currently working on the following projects:

General Plan Update

The General Plan guides the growth, development, and operation of the Town. It establishes the vision of what the community should be in the next 20 years. The General Plan influences future decisions about zoning, development regulation, Town administration, municipal budgeting, capital facilities planning, park and recreation planning, and much more. The Commission has already gathered input from the community regarding the General Plan and is using that input as the basis for the direction in the Plan. The Commission welcomes ongoing input and suggestions from the community to help guide the Plan development. If you are interested in providing input on the General Plan, please contact Town planning staff.

Geologic Hazards Ordinance

Springdale is located in a geologically active and dynamic setting. Most properties in Springdale are at some degree of risk from geologic hazard. Much of the undeveloped property in Springdale is at elevated risk from geologic hazard. The Planning Commission wants to make sure future development on these properties does not place people at unreasonable risk of harm or injury. The Commission is working on an ordinance that will establish standards for development on these properties to mitigate the risk of geologic hazard. The Commission will be holding a community information meeting on the proposed ordinance later in February. Watch for details on how you can participate.

SR9 Corridor Building Design Standards

The Planning Commission wants to ensure a consistent look and feel for development along SR9. They are working on design standards that will help new development along the SR9 corridor complement existing and historic architecture, preserve views of significant natural features, and establish a more cohesive Town appearance.

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What is the CARES Act?

Near the beginning of the pandemic, Congress passed the \$2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and Utah received \$1.25 billion of that money to aid in the pandemic response. The State originally allocated a certain amount to each municipality based on population; Springdale's allocation was approximately \$55,000. In October, 2020, the allocation for Springdale was increased to \$195,779 based on our status as a resort community. The expenditure of this money has strict rules attached to it by both the State and the U.S. Treasury. It must be used to cover unbudgeted expenditures incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The expenditures must be incurred between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.

The Town has been able to use the CARES Act money to make some upgrades that will benefit the community and visitors to Springdale during the pandemic and beyond. This includes:

- Purchase of personal protective equipment, sanitizer, cleaners, masks, and sanitizing gun for use in public buildings;
- Upgrade of Town Hall ventilation system, installation of separator door to Police Department, cubicles in Community Development, and glass in lobby area;
- Upgrade of Parks, CCC, and Town Hall restroom fixtures with hands-free fixtures to help minimize contact with surfaces;
- Purchase of an electronic message board to keep the community and visitors informed of restrictions/mandates;
- Upgrade of the sound system and tablets to enable public meetings to effectively meet via Zoom;
- Purchase of office equipment to enable employees to work remotely as necessary;
- Purchase of an iPad to allow CCC to provide virtual fitness classes;
- Installation of single-person cages for Police truck prisoner transport;
- Participation with Washington County and the State Office of Tourism to provide an extension of in-Town shuttle service dates;
- Utilization of Parking Department employee to perform consistent sanitizing duties in Town Hall and CCC.

Currently, approximately \$145,000 of Springdale's CARES Act allocation has been expended. Additional expenditures are under review and will be completed by June 30, 2021.

— DAWN BRECKE, Treasurer

Trail Etiquette

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We hope that you take advantage of some of our amazing trails here in town. If you happen to see maintenance issues, safety hazards or even some cool wildlife, please let us know by contacting Ryan Gubler at 435-772-3434. Have fun and stay safe!

Planning Commission Activity Update

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If you are interested in any of these Planning Commission initiatives and would like to offer suggestions, feedback, or insights, please contact Thomas Dansie in the Town Office: 435-772-3434 or tdansie@springdale.utah.gov.

Deer Population in Springdale – Part 3

Last month we discussed a short history of the deer in town and the Park (ZNP) and the government's responsibility regarding deer. This month we'll give you information on what you can do about protecting your landscaping, and responses to deer issues.

What Humans can do – Everyone is contributing to the deer problem – residents and visitors alike. During the winter months when the forbs (buckwheat, fringed sage, phlox, etc.) and grasses (blue grama, wheatgrass, bluegrass, etc.) are not actively growing, deer will focus more on browse species - trees and shrubs (sage brush, four-wing saltbrush, oak, juniper, pinyon pine, cottonwood, rabbitbrush, blackbrush, etc.) It is important to know that microorganisms inside a deer's four-chambered stomach is different in winter than during spring/summer/fall. This change allows deer to digest a diet of woody browse during winter months. This is why feeding a deer hay, corn or commercial deer feed during the winter often leads to them starving because their stomachs don't have the right enzymes to digest that food during the winter. Supplemental feeding of deer can also greatly increase fawn production and may affect overall deer survival. Feeding deer by hand or through a feeder or inadvertently thru bird or squirrel feeders adds to the problem. Both ZNP or DWR recommend not feeding deer or making it easy to get to unhealthy food sources.

Protecting your landscaping – Fencing out deer is one of the most effective and permanent methods. A wide variety of fence designs will keep deer out. Fences should be at least 8 feet tall with no gaps greater than 8 inches. Electric fencing also works to deter deer on a more temporary basis, such as winter browsing. A hybrid approach of installing two strands of electric wire on top of an existing fence can also be an effective approach. (check with the Planning Department to ensure you are following the ordinances regarding fences.) However, deer cross fences by jumping over the top strand, crawling under the bottom strand or crossing between strands. Spacing between top wires, on fences using strands of wire, is very important because of the manner in which mule deer draw their rear legs under their bodies as they leap over a fence. If one or both hind legs fail to clear the top wire, the legs may catch between the top two wires, entangling the lower portion of the leg or legs, resulting in serious injury and often death.

Surrounding individual plants with wire cages can prevent browsing. Also, wire mesh or pipe placed directly around tree trunks will reduce damage by bucks rubbing their antlers. A variety of chemical deer repellents are commercially available. Repellents rarely work and require constant application, especially after rain or snow. Also, repellants do not necessarily work during starvation periods. When the deer are starving because of draught conditions, there are really no plants that they won't eat. You can ask local nurseries what works to deter deer. But even plants such as datura, though probably deadly, may be attractive if the deer are hungry enough.

Training the Deer – Respect their need for space and a healthy environment; don't feed them; and don't encourage to come into planted spaces. Enabling the deer to come onto private property through planting some enticing domestic plants or putting up bird feeders and fountains that are accessible only makes the deer less afraid of coming into town. Hazing the deer to stay away helps train them to be more afraid of humans. ZNP has had some problems with tourists/campers interacting with deer. Park employees try to chase off pregnant deer before they give birth so that the fawns are not subject to tourist interaction.

Next month – We'll talk about Safety - Vehicles, predators, humans and deer.

2021 Is a Municipal Election Year!

Registered voters in Springdale will consider candidates for Mayor and two Council positions.

The Declaration of Candidacy period runs from June 1st to June 7th.

Consider the positive impact you could make with a run for public office.

Stay tuned for more election process information in the coming months.

Springdale Meetings & Events Calendar

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

March 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	01 6:30pm-7:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous	02	03 5 - 7pm Planning Commission Work Meeting	04	05	06

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

February

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CCC Virtual Yoga Calendar

All classes are virtual until further notice.

*Zoom links are posted on the CCC Facebook page
@CaryonCommunityCenter 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.*



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