



The Garden Spot

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Message from the Mayor

April is painful because it is when we pay federal taxes. Since we are already suffering from tax pains, let's identify how much of your total tax bill Providence City received. The following table lists the taxes paid by the average household in Providence.

Tax	Total Taxes Paid	Providence Portion
Property Tax	\$886	\$104
State Income Tax	\$2,420	\$0
Federal Income Tax	\$3,605	\$0
FICA (Social Security)	\$4,293	\$0
Sales Tax	\$1,142	\$171
Franchise Taxes	\$140	\$140
Total	\$13,031	\$493

- *Who gets the rest of the property tax if Providence only gets \$104?*
 - ◊ The County get \$192 and the School District gets \$590.
- *Who gets the rest of the sales tax?*
 - ◊ State government.
- *How much do I pay in gas taxes?*
 - ◊ \$545. The State gets \$233 and the federal government gets \$234. We get what is left.
- *What are the franchise taxes?*
 - ◊ Telecommunications (4% rate on phones, cell phones, television service)
 - ◊ Energy Sales and Use taxes (5% rate)
- *Are garbage collection, water, sewer, and storm water paid out of taxes?*
 - ◊ No, they are paid by user fees that you pay on your utility bill. The user fees pay for operation, maintenance upgrades, and bonds.

For our \$493 in taxes we get local streets, streets plowed, school crossing guards, parks, recreation programs, police, planning and zoning, street signs, street lights, crosswalks, sidewalks, curb, gutter, fire protection, ambulance service, a library, a municipal court, the cemetery, a superior city staff and much more.

Please let me know if you believe we are or are not getting our \$493 worth.

— Mayor Randy Simmons —

April Calendar

APR. 1 WINTER PARKING ENDS

APR. 8 EASTER SUNDAY

APR. 10 CITY COUNCIL 6:00 PM

APR. 11 PLANNING COMMISSION 6:00 PM

APR. 16 INCOME TAX DUE

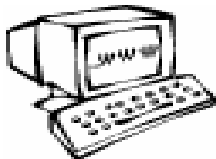
APR. 24 CITY COUNCIL 6:00 PM

APR. 25 PLANNING COMMISSION 6:00 PM

JUST A RE-MINDER PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE CITY OFFICE BUILDING

GOT INTERNET?

To view the Providence City newsletter online, visit our website at: www.providencecity.com



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you know?

- April is School Library Media Month.
- April is National Poetry Month.
- April is National Humor Month.
- April is Keep America Beautiful Month.

Chapter One Club

Juvenile reading club will be held the second Friday of each month from 4:00—4:30 pm.

***Notice the time change -

We're hoping to accommodate more juvenile readers. Please come & join us on Friday, April 13th.

Utah Kids Ready To Read!

Early literacy is what children know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."

Emilie Buchwald

Looking for an Eagle Scout Project?

For an idea on a project that will help out the Library, contact Marsha for information—752-7881.

What's New in our Library:

Language Tapes—

French, Italian, German, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew & More!

- April 8th: Easter
- April 15th—21st: National Library Week, National Volunteer Week, National Coin Week
- April 16th: Income Tax Due

Usborne Book Fair

Wednesday, April 4th 10am—5pm

Preschool Story Time

Preschool story time will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am and Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm.

PROVIDENCE CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

📌 **TEMPORARY JOB OPENINGS:** Applications are still available for Summer Recreation and temporary Property Maintenance positions. Summer Recreation positions include: Baseball Scorekeepers, Softball Umpires, Snack Stand Manager and Staff and Athletic Coaches. To apply, pick up an application at the City Office.

📌 **VENDORS WANTED:** Providence City only has a limited amount of vendor/concessionaire spaces available for Celebrate Providence June 9th. Great activities and entertainment have been planned for all ages. For more information, or to reserve a space, contact the City Office at 752-9441. This will be a great event that your business won't want to miss!

📌 **WINTER PARKING:** Winter parking hours end for the season on April 1st.

📌 **GET INVOLVED:** City celebration volunteers are needed for the following tournaments/committees: adult sand volleyball, tennis, 4 X 4 soccer, horseshoes, family fun run and publicity. If you are familiar with any of these areas and would like to volunteer, please contact Destry at 752-9441 ext. 22.

📌 **PITCHING CLINIC:** A pitching clinic will be provided on April 14th at 10:00 a.m. for all youth who have registered for Providence recreation baseball. The clinic will be held at Zollinger Park located at 61 North 200 West.

CITY COUNCIL RECENT ACTIONS

- The City adopted an ordinance amending Providence City Code 5-1-10 prohibiting animals in city parks.
- The City adopted a resolution increasing the reimbursement for mileage to \$0.485 per mile.
- The City appointed three (3) members to the Provi-

dence City Appeal Authority: Mike Lewis (acting chair), Dale Astle and Mary Hubbard.

- The City adopted a resolution approving an Inter Local Agreement between Providence City and River Heights City for road salt for ice and snow removal.

Message from the Justice Court:



We want to thank the Cache County Sheriff's Office for the great job they are doing with Animal Control.

Also, just a reminder to make sure you keep your dog on a leash and to clean up after your dog when out walking throughout the city.

If you have any concerns or animal issues, please call Dispatch at 716-9400.

Message from Public Works:

- ▶ Regular trash bins will be at the Public Works sheds April 20th through May 4th for spring clean up.
- ▶ Greenwaste bins are at the Public Works sheds at this time, and will remain throughout the summer.
- ▶ The City will begin picking up and chipping branches May 7th.
- ▶ We will begin reading water meters in April. Please make sure your lids are not covered by grass, weeds, etc.

Please make sure you are putting trash in the correct designated bin. Thank you.

Providence Macey's Little Theater!

Free Cooking & Community Classes

April 2007 Schedule: (Weekday classes are offered for adult's & kids ages 10 yrs & up)

Wednesday, April 11th—American West Heritage: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13th—Quick Snacks: 12:00 Noon.

Tuesday, April 17th—Spring Sensations: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18th—Pinching your Pennies: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21st—Kids Club: Spring time craft—(kids ages 3 to 11): 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (NOON)

Tuesday, April 24th—Camp Chef: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25th—Brunch for Mom—7:00 p.m.

Seating is limited, so reserve a seat today at the Service Desk or call 753-3301

CITY PARKS

Animals are prohibited in Providence City parks.

Exceptions to this ordinance: *City sponsored events (pet shows, etc.), service dogs or otherwise posted.*



Broadway on Ice: Features—Annie, Grease, Cats, Sound of Music, Thoroughly Modern Milly



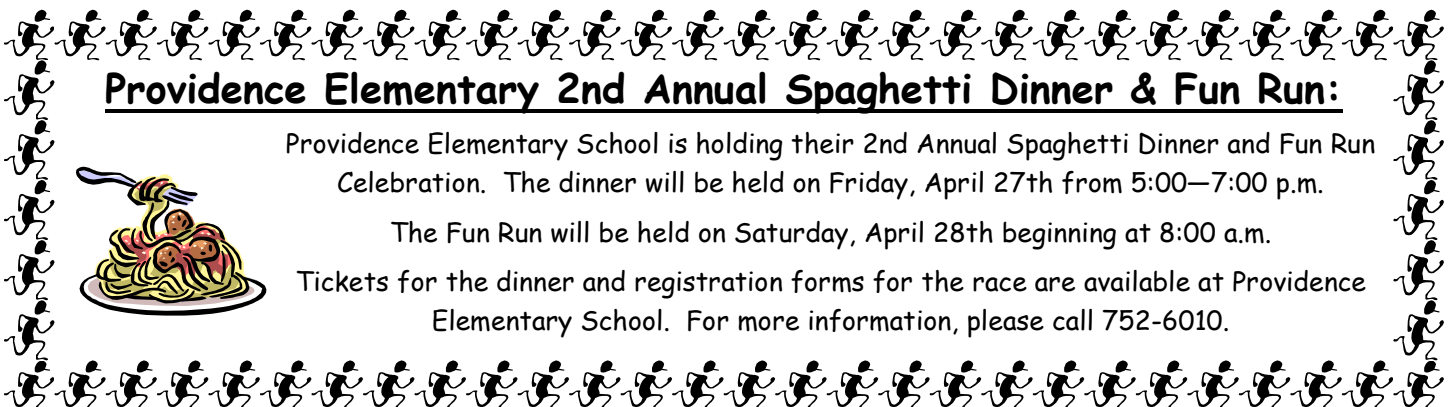
The 4th Annual Spring Ice Show is underway. Staring our very own from Providence City—**Ellie Judd, Carmen Judd, Montana Judd and Emma Goetze**. Special guest skater, Angela Wang, Junior Nationals competitor. Come join us for fun, family entertainment at the Eccles Ice Center, 2825 North 200 East, North Logan, Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 11 years and younger and USU students, \$8 for reserved seats. For more information call Shana Longhurst at 792-4691 or ecclesice.com. NOTE: Dress warmly!

Providence Elementary 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Fun Run:

Providence Elementary School is holding their 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Fun Run Celebration. The dinner will be held on Friday, April 27th from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

The Fun Run will be held on Saturday, April 28th beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Tickets for the dinner and registration forms for the race are available at Providence Elementary School. For more information, please call 752-6010.



Earaches: A Painful Problem for Many Children

What causes earaches?

A tube called the Eustachian (say: "you-stay-shun") tube connects the middle ear with the back of the nose. Normally this tube lets fluid drain out of the middle ear. If bacteria or viruses infect the lining of your child's Eustachian tube, the tube gets swollen and fills with thick mucus. This keeps fluid in the ear from draining normally. Bacteria can grow in the fluid, increasing pressure behind the eardrum and causing pain.

The Eustachian tubes can become blocked because of allergies, or a cold or other infection. In other cases, the adenoids (glands near the ear) become enlarged and block the Eustachian tubes.

Acute ear infections usually clear up within 1 or 2 weeks. Sometimes, ear infections last longer and become chronic. After an infection, fluid may stay in the middle ear. This may lead to more infections and hearing loss.

What are the symptoms of ear infections?

The most common symptoms of an acute ear infection are ear pain and fever. If your child is too young to tell you what hurts, he/she may cry or pull at his/her ear. Your child may also be irritable or listless, have trouble hearing, or not feel like eating or sleeping.

What is the treatment for ear infections?

The treatment for ear infections may include any of the following:

- ◇ If your doctor thinks the infection is caused by bacteria, he/she may prescribe an antibiotic. (Antibiotics don't work for infections caused by viruses.) It's very important to follow the directions for giving your child the medicine.
- ◇ Pain relievers like acetaminophen (brand names: Children's or Infants' Tylenol) and ibuprofen (brand names: Children's Advil or Children's Motrin) can help make your child feel better and reduce fever. Don't give your child aspirin unless your doctor says it's okay.
- ◇ A warm, not hot, heating pad held over the ear can also help relieve the earache.
- ◇ Ear drops to relieve pain are sometimes prescribed.

Will earaches hurt my child's hearing?

Middle ear infections and fluid in the ear are the most common causes of temporary hearing loss in children. Children who have ongoing problems with hearing may have trouble developing their speech and language skills. For this reason, it is important to talk with your doctor if your child has repeated ear infections.

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