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# PROVIDENCE CITY NEWS

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## From the Desk of Mayor Alma Leonhardt



As the snow begins, with some already fallen, we need to remind everyone that the City does have a plan for snow removal. We have some high priority roads that are plowed first. We have about one half of the citizens that live and commute out of the bench areas. Those roads along the main roads in and out of the city are the high priority roads that are plowed first for safety. Other feeder and secondary roads are then cleared, followed by cul-de-sacs. Our plows clear the driving lanes first, then come back and clear snow curb-to-curb. When there is no curb, they will clear about 6 feet off the asphalt.

We now have more roads in the City than in past years. We have approximately 30 miles of roads, or 240 blocks, and most blocks are pushed at least twice or more for widening. That means we have over 500 blocks to push with 5 plows. Please be patient.

One of the biggest problems the City faces is citizens plowing and snow blowing their driveway snow into the streets, leaving it for the City. Most of the time the snow then freezes, presenting safety problems for snow plow drivers and other cars. Tickets are and will be issued for this action.

The following was part of a newsletter from one of our neighboring cities. It's a little light-hearted—please take it that way—but it should also be taken seriously, as these facts pertain to Providence.

FACT: It snows in the mountains.

FACT: You live in the mountains.

FACT: Roads in the mountains get slick when it snows.

FACT: You live in the mountains.

FACT: We have five plow/salt trucks.

FACT: Four-wheel drive helps your vehicle go on slick roads

FACT: Four-wheel drive does NOT help your vehicle stop on slick roads.

FACT: All-weather tires were designed by a company in Arizona.

FACT: Invariably, there will be a time this winter when you just get your driveway shoveled, and a snow plow will push all that snow back in your driveway.

FACT: Building snow caves out by the curb and in cul-de-sacs is NOT a good idea.

We have some of the most beautiful mountains in the world. Because we are so closely surrounded by them, we often have that pesky inversion for a few weeks in the winter. Let's remember how much we enjoy those mountains the rest of the year. Enjoy, and have a safe winter.

## Holiday Lighting Contest Winners

Thanks for all those who decorated their homes this year. It was a beautiful sight to see so many homes all decked out with lights and displays. The winners of this year's Holiday Lighting Contest are: First Place: Lex Baer, Second Place: Dale Byington, and Third Place: Scot and Trina Thomas. Honorable mention goes to Ron and Hollie Liechty and Deon and Helen Johnson. The first place winner received \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50. Congratulations!

## Christmas Treecycling

Logan City is offering Christmas TREECYCLING. Pick up locations in Providence are: Zollinger Park, 50 North 200 West; and Von's Park, 350 East Center Street. The last day for collection of trees will be January 14, 2005. After that date please bring your trees to the Logan Landfill Green Waste facility to be recycled. Please keep trees free from lights, tinsel, ornaments, and metal stands. For additional questions please call 716-9792, or email [recycle@loganutah.org](mailto:recycle@loganutah.org).

## Winter Parking Hours

Effective November 1, 2004 until April 1, 2005: on-street parking is not permitted from 12:00

midnight to 6:00 a.m. This will assist snowplow drivers in getting snow cleared from the streets. This includes all vehicles, trailers and equipment.

## Delinquent Utility Accounts

Providence City is concerned with the amount of utility accounts that have fallen behind. Notice of disconnect is given two ways: first, with a letter to disconnect service; and second, with a pink notice placed on your door. If payment is not made after the notices are given, water service is then disconnected and an additional \$25 water turn-off fee is added to the account balance. This \$25 amount and the past due balance will be required before water service will be restored. One option that the City offers that can help with delinquent accounts and can help residents stay ahead is the Equal Pay Program. We have very few residents that take part in this, but it is an excellent way to get ahead of the high summer bills. For information, please call Tara at 753-0313 x 10.

The City would also like to remind residents not to try to open their meter lids. Call Tara at 753-0313 x 10 if you have meter problems or to have your water shut off for any reason.

## From the Building Division

### Basement Finishes

We appreciate those who have picked up permits for basement finishes this year. Building permits for basements are relatively inexpensive and help promote safety. An average 1300-foot basement permit is only \$69.25. A building permit ensures building safety and insurance coverage for the entire house. Contact the City with any building questions, 752-9441.

### Building Permits

The City would also like to remind those who have building permits that their permits are only good for 180 days. If progress has not been made on the structure within this time frame, the permit is expired. If you have any questions about permits that have expired or about temporary occupancy permits, please call the Building Division at 752-9441 x 14 or x 21.

## 2005 Dog Licenses Available

All dogs over two months old must be licensed. The fees are as follows: an unaltered dog, \$20.00, a spayed or neutered dog, \$10.00. **A recent change in Providence City Ordinance implements a late fee for any dog license purchased after January 31, 2005.** If you have a new dog, or if your dog's rabies shot has expired, a proof of rabies certificate is required to receive a 2005 license.

## Water Shares Wanted

Providence City is interested in purchasing water shares from the Providence Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company and the Spring Creek Irrigation Company. If you're interested in selling your shares, please contact Brenda Nelson at the City Office at 752-9441.

## Library News

- Preschool story time resumes Thursday, January 6, at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. It will also be held each Thursday, January 13, 20, and 27.
- The library will be closed Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Library Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.
- We have over forty new large-print books recently purchased with a grant from Weather Shield Mfg. and nearly two dozen new DVDs.

A special thank you to all library volunteers who have given of themselves this past year. Thanks especially to the Friends of the Library for their efforts in supporting the library and providing new books and audio/visual materials. The Friends are looking for additional membership. Inquire at the library circulation desk.

*"Resolve to edge in a little reading every day if it is but a single sentence. If you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make itself felt at the end of the year."*  
Horace Mann (1796-1859)

### CALENDAR

Jan 4: Board of Adjustment  
Jan 11: City Council  
Jan 17: City Offices, Library, and Justice Court closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.  
Jan 18: Planning Commission  
Jan 25: City Council