

The Garden Spot

Providence City's Newsletter



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Drinking Water Source Protection

This is the 2nd installment in Providence City's Drinking Water Source Protections Program. Remember, if everyone follows these suggestions, it will ensure that all drinking water is less likely to be contaminated.

INSECT SPRAYS AND WEED KILLERS

Special precautions should be taken when disposing of empty containers. Rinse the container three times with water and use the rinse water in the same manner the original product was intended. Then wrap the container securely in plastic and dispose of it in the trash. Unused products should be taken to the Logan City Solid Waste Facility.

Some guidelines for insect spray and weed killer use:

1. Minimize the use of chemical products and use only as directed.
2. Consider using less toxic alternative products.
3. Consider "co-planting", using companion plants that act as natural deterrents to pests.
4. Use plant guards, such as paper or tin barriers to deter insects.
5. Consider usings traps of various kinds to trap insects.
6. Hand pick weeds as much as possible or use weed killers in limited spot applications.

FERTILIZERS

Some guidelines for fertilizer use:

1. Minimize the use of chemical fertilizers.
2. Water lawns normally after fertilizing rather than waiting for a rainstorm.
3. Allow grass clippings to remain on the lawn.
4. Mow high (about 2 inches,) mow often, and use sharp blades.
5. Water deeply, but not too often.
6. Remove thatch build-up when it gets over 1/2 inches thick.



If you would like to review our Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, it is available at our city office. Please contact Randy Eck, Public Works Director at 753-0313 ext 11., if you have questions or concerns.

City Reminders

• IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION: THE COUNTY IS COMBINING PRECINCTS AND CHANGING VOTING PLACES

- Primary Election is June 27th.
- Voting Precincts 1 & 2 will vote at Spring Creek Middle School.
- Voting Precincts 3, 4 & 5 will vote at the Cobblestone Recreation Building located at 462 N Pinegrove Lane.

• The Cache County Sheriff's Department would like to remind citizens that they need to come to a full stop at all stop signs. Failure to do so will result in a citation. Help us keep our city and our children safe.

Have any newsletter comments or suggestions? Please send them via email to Al Lambert, the Mayor's intern, at allylamb@cc.usu.edu.

City Calendar: June-August

June

- June 6 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- June 13 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at the City Office
- June 19 7:00 p.m., Concert in the Park at the Zollinger Park Pavillion
- June 20 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- June 27 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at the City Office

July

- July 3 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- July 4 Independence Day; All City Offices and Library Closed
- July 11 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at the City Office
- July 17 7:00 p.m., Concert in the Park at the Zollinger Park Pavillion
- July 18 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- July 24 Pioneer Day; All City Offices and Library Closed
- July 25 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at the City Office

August

- August 1 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- August 8 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at the City Office
- August 14 7:00 p.m., Concert in the Park at the Zollinger Park Pavilion
- August 15 6:00 p.m., Planning Commission Meeting at the City Office
- August 22 6:00 p.m., City Council Meeting at City Office
- August 29 6:00 p.m., Historic Preservation Commission Meeting at the City Office

Note: Zollinger Park is located at 61 North and 200 West.

For more information on Providence City's Calendar, check out: <http://www.providencecity.com/calendar.htm>



From the Mayor:

Randy Simmons

We have a dog, a big dog named Jackson. He lets us live with him in our house. He is amazingly good natured and tolerant of small children climbing all over him. He also can bark very loudly, an excellent feature for warning of intruders but highly annoying if he goes on incessantly. Jackson and his dog friends have no right to disturb the neighbors and I have no right to let him. The neighbors do have the right to call the city offices and complain about barking dogs, loud motorcycles, and lawn mowers or construction noises before 6:00 a.m. Let's all show some courtesy to our neighbors by reducing our own noise pollution.

For the first time in several years I am coaching a youth baseball team this summer. Being at the park for early morning practices has reminded me of all those who have contributed so much to Providence youth programs. When we returned from Virginia in 1984, there was not a real baseball diamond in the city. There were few children play structures in the parks, no functioning tennis courts, no horseshoe pits, no batting cages, no dedicated soccer fields, and no good food at the snackstand. All that changed because Providence citizens invested time and money. We have fields of dreams.

Dreams become reality in cities like ours because so many of our neighbors are citizens, not just residents. Residents take. Citizens give. Residents demand. Citizens request. Residents think the world owes them. Citizens think they owe others. Residents complain. Citizens contribute. Residents watch. Citizens do. Thanks to all the Providence citizens who coach sports teams, raise money, organize neighborhood breakfasts, take care of their neighbors, and find so many other positive ways to contribute.

www.randysimmons.org

Providence City Council Actions during April 2006

April 11, 2006

- The Providence City Council held a public hearing to take comment on a proposed final plat for the South Bench Estates Subdivision; a 3-lot residential subdivision located generally at 1000 South 400 East.
- Resolution 06-026. The Providence City Council approved a final plat for the South Bench Estates Subdivision; a 3-lot residential subdivision located generally at 1000 South 400 East.
- Resolution 06-027. The Providence City Council approved Design Standards for Commercial District.
- Resolution 06-028. The Providence City Council approved changing the Providence City Employee Policy for compensatory time.
- Mayor Randy Simmons reviewed and the Council discussed the Utah League of Cities and Towns Midyear Conference and Legislative Review. Topics of discussion included land use issues, Senate Bill 9, emergency preparation, separation of powers, budgets, focus groups, taxes.

April 25, 2006

- Resolution 06-034. The Providence City Council approved design elements for the proposed Hillcrest Subdivision, a residential subdivision located generally at 870 South 400 East
- Resolution 06-029. The Providence City Council approved an amended final plat for the Rinderknecht Minor Subdivision and Boundary Line Adjustment for Clair Hibbard located generally at 330 North 300 East. (amended 04/24/2006 2:35 p.m.)
- Resolution 06-030. The Providence City Council approved a final plat for the Bryan Palmer Subdivision located generally at 100 West 200 South.
- Resolution 06-031. The Providence City Council approved a final plat for the Orchard Hills Phase II Subdivision located generally at 540 East 1000 South.
- Resolution 06-032. The Providence City Council accepted a Memorandum of Understanding between Providence City, Utah Department of Transportation, and Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization setting out the terms and conditions whereunder the access to State Rout 165 for the Alder Square Development.
- Resolution 06-033. The Providence City Council awarded the bid for the 2006 Spraying projects.

SUMMER HEALTH TIPS FROM CACHE VALLEY ASSISTED LIVING

- Eat less fat, especially butter, coconut and palm oil, saturated or hydrogenated vegetable fats such as Crisco, animal fats in meats and fats in dairy products.
- When cooking, use nonstick vegetable oil cooking sprays instead of oils.
- Buy lean cuts of meat, and eat fish, skinless chicken or turkey instead of beef.
- Try low-fat snacks that have been baked instead of fried, such as pretzels.
- Eat low-fat dairy products, such as skim milk, low-fat cheese, and yogurt.
- Try to limit the number of sweets you eat.
- Eat no more than 4 egg yolks a week. A healthy alternative would be to use egg whites or egg substitutes.
- Bake, broil, steam or grill foods instead of frying them.
- Eat fewer "fast foods" like hamburgers and French fries. These are high in fat and cholesterol. Instead, eat more fruits, vegetables and carbohydrates such as rice, pasta, breads, grains.
- Drink low-calorie beverages, such as unsweetened tea, diet

Library News for June 2006

- Story time at the Library has concluded for the summer. It will resume in September.
- Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales is the theme for this year's Summer Reading Program. Registration will begin on June 12th with a kick-off activity that will be held on the grass north of Providence Elementary. Susan Morgan, Iditarod participant, will share her experiences.
- Friends of the Library will host a Used-Book Sale on the Library sidewalk June 12th and 13th from 10am-7pm. All proceeds will go to support the Library.



NEEDED: Used books for the Friends of the Library used book sale. Drop-off bins are located at the Providence City Library as well as at the Providence City and River Heights City offices.

News from the Department of Parks and Recreation

• Just a reminder that Session "A" of Tennis and Volleyball will begin this month for those who have registered. Also, Fun in the Sun begins this month and will run through the end of July. We have lots of fun things planned and are excited to see you there!

• Registration for Fall Soccer (5-10 yrs) and Tiny Tot T-Ball (3-4 yrs) will begin on June 19th and run through July 14th. If your child would like to participate, please come to the city office and pick up a registration form.



• Make sure to come participate in the raging beats of the Caribbean with the Salsa Brava Orchestra on June 19th from 7:00-8:30 at Zollinger Park. This Latin band will be the first of three concerts in the park this summer and is sure to be a lot of fun for the whole family. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets!

• Fun prizes are waiting for anyone who would like to participate in the 100 Mile Club this year. Everyone is invited to join, so grab a friend and get started! All you need to do is pick up a form from the city office and keep a log of when you walk or run. When 100 miles are reached, return your completed form for a prize.

A Message from the Providence City Fire Department

The wildland fire season of 2006 is approaching. Once again, your fire department asks for your help in preventing fires and reducing fire losses by abating weeds on your property.

Parcels overgrown with weeds present a significant threat to adjacent structures (including fences) and should be abated. This can be accomplished by mowing weeds and then raking away the debris/dry grass (maximum of 2 inch of stubble) as well as tilling or plowing.

The Logan City Fire Department requests all property owners to help avoid potential fires by keeping the weeds on their properties cut this summer.

Providence Deputy Awarded for Outstanding Service

The Clair Mauchley Policing Award is given to a Cache County deputy sheriff or other staff member who, during the year, has rendered valuable and commendable service to a community and has furthered the philosophy and practice of community policing that was evident in Deputy Clair Mauchley's professional life.

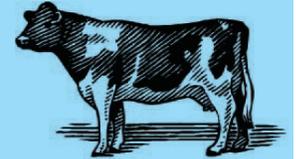
For the past two years, Deputy Stauffer has worked as the deputy assigned to Millville, Nibley, and Providence. She has not only attended city meetings but also other city celebrations and functions. Deputy Stauffer has also worked hard to keep Providence city's streets safe. Though she writes more citations than most deputies in the patrol division, she treats each citizen justly and with concern. Deputy Stauffer has also shown her care for Providence citizens by not only responding to medical emergencies but also going back the next day to see how the patient is doing.



If you see Deputy Stauffer, be sure to thank her for her dedication to helping the people of Providence City.

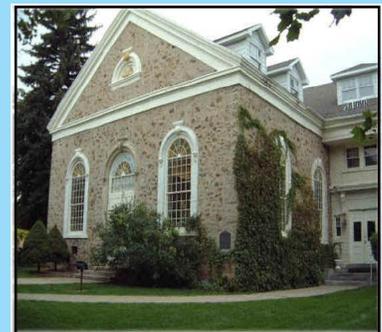
Needed: Cache County Fair Volunteers

The Cache County Fair is coming up August 10-12. The theme for this year's fair is "Food, Family, and Fun." Volunteers are needed to help with the Providence City booth. If you are interested, please contact Trent Rasmussen, either via phone at 435-755-7061 or via email at trent_rasmussen@comcast.net.



Old Rock Church: A Historical Tradition

The Old Rock Church was first built in 1869 by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It served as the Providence Ward's chapel and meeting house. In 1968, the LDS church sold the Old Rock Church to Dennis and Edith Carlson. They renovated the building into a reception center. The Old Rock Church passed hands a few more times till 1993, when it was sold to its current owner, Karl Seethaeur.



With its beautiful reception hall as well as 17 bedrooms, the Old Rock Church has been one of Cache Valley's most popular spots for receptions, weddings, and honeymoons.

In spite of this, the Old Rock Church has maintained its historical integrity. Most of the building's original framework remains. The Old Rock Church is also part of the National Register for Historic Places.

Whether you are new to Providence or have lived here your whole life, come check out the Old Rock Church, the oldest building in Cache Valley.