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*From the desk of Mayor Alma
Leonhardt*

General Plan Open House

What is a General Plan?

The term “general plan” describes a general, comprehensive, long-range statement of goals and related policies to guide future growth and development of a city. The term “general plan” is often used synonymously with “comprehensive plan” and “master plan,” although the term “master plan” often denotes a specific physical plan for one parcel or small group of parcels, or for a targeted area.

The Providence City General Plan is comprehensive because it seeks to coordinate all the interrelated systems of the City and all properties within the City. While it is primarily a plan to guide the physical development or non-development of the City, it deals indirectly with social and political issues. Thus, it is comprehensive on several levels.

The General Plan is general in that it does not precisely locate every church, institution, store, school, apartment building, or house in the City. The General Plan acts as a guide, establishing policies and procedures for growth, development, conservation, and location of various land use activities. Policies are based on an analysis of the population being served, the physical conditions of the land, the adequacy of public facilities, and the compatibility of land use.

This General Plan is long-range, dealing with planning for the future and establishing policies for existing and future land uses. The General Plan cannot be fully implemented immediately, but is implemented in phases, usually over 20 years.

Providence City will hold a General Plan Open House on Thursday, March 10, 2005 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Spring Creek Middle School. Your input is very much encouraged!

City prepared for possible flooding

As a city, we are very concerned with the large amount of snow we have on the ground and in the mountains going in to March. It's been a number of years since we've had flooding on Spring Creek. If it warms up gradually, there should be no problem. If it warms up fast, we could have some flooding. The City is making arrangements to lessen the problem if it comes. We are stocking sand and sand bags at the shop that will be available for Providence citizens at no cost. We will also have City equipment ready where and if it is needed.

From Public Works

Water Shut-Off

The Public Works Department will be shutting water off next month at those homes that have outstanding utility bills. Pink notes will be delivered as initial warnings, and then water will be shut off. Also, only one pink note per house per year is issued without a fee; each additional pink note issued is \$15.00.

New Providence City website

Providence City has a new website underway. The new site features City events, gives detailed information about City departments and services, provides online applications and directories, and includes information and schedules for City meetings.

The City would like to thank Councilmember Stacie Gomm for her work over the past several months to make sure the website is up and running. To check out the progress of the new website, visit www.providencecity.org

From the building division

Detached Structures

All detached structures require zoning approval and some require a building permit. Please contact the building division if you are building or installing a detached structure (i.e. manufactured building, patio awning, shed).

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 will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Mar. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st.
- Library Board Meeting will be held Wed., March 9th at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome.

*"The love of learning, the sequestered nooks,
And all the sweet serenity of books."*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

Joggers: wear reflective clothing

Providence citizens have expressed concern about not being able to see joggers and walkers during dark hours. Just a reminder that wearing reflective clothing in the early morning or late hours will enable cars to see you as you run, jog, or walk.

2005 City Council Directory

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Randy Eck	881-0366
Stacie Gomm	755-9379
Deon Johnson	752-1192
Ron Liechty	755-9295
Vic Saunders	787-8144

Spring athletics

Spring is approaching, and that means recreational sports are coming up. To register for youth recreational softball or baseball, come in to the City Office between March 1st and April 1st during regular business hours.

Courtesy in snow removal

The Public Works department would like to remind citizens that it is unlawful to place snow or ice on the street or sidewalk. Place snow into landscaped areas or parkway strips. Also, please keep fire hydrants clear from snow and ice in case of emergency.

CALENDAR

<i>Mar 1-Apr 1</i>	Youth recreational baseball & softball sign-up
<i>Mar 8</i>	City Council
<i>Mar 9, 12</i>	District 7 Soccer Referee Clinic
<i>Mar 15</i>	Planning Commission
<i>Mar 29</i>	City Council

District 7 soccer clinic

There is a free soccer referee clinic for District 7 Soccer at the City Office on the following dates: Mar 9th: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. & Mar 12th: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Janet Blad at 752-5618.

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.