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From the desk of Mayor Alma Leonhardt

Thanks for the Ride!

As I come to the end of my final term in the political arena, I would like to say thanks to my family, friends, and the citizens of Providence. The last 14 years (12 as mayor) have been a great honor for me to serve you wonderful people of this City. We have added over 3,000 new citizens, friends, and neighbors during this time. Yes, I have heard some say, "We are growing too fast," but I haven't met anyone that hasn't been a great addition and friend to our community.

I am so proud of the City staff and Council members I have worked with during the past twelve years. During this time, we have gone from a bedroom community to Logan, to a city with its own identity and character—a city moving forward with an aggressive plan for businesses and retail commercial districts.

The first thing we did 11 years ago was establish a new city library. This has become an important part of our community and has now reached a point where it needs to be expanded. Other improvements have been three new parks (for a total of six parks in Providence), two new wells, and two water storage tanks. With the addition of the two new tanks, we now have 5 million gallons of water storage. This is more than any city in the valley, with the exception of Logan.

Providence City received the state award for the best water system in the state in 2002. We have been the most aggressive city in the county, adding water and water rights to our system.

We had the first bank come to Providence. Since then, 40 new businesses plus have chosen to locate here. These include medical and eye doctors, dentist offices, a new restaurant and several other food outlets, a furniture store, an auto care center, and the largest, most technically advanced theater in the valley. Macey's, a large and accommodating grocery store, will be coming in 2006, and a

number of new businesses have also committed to come to Providence. These new businesses will present a more enticing commercial district for our City. Many will be able to walk to the grocery store, the theater, the restaurants, the bank, the doctor and dentist offices, the golf course, and the playground and park.

My family has been involved in Providence for over 35 years, and I am thankful to have had the opportunity to do my part. I am excited and optimistic about the future of Providence, especially with the expansion of our commercial district. I am thankful for the heritage we have in those families that settled Spring Creek (Providence). And now, to my family, my lifelong friends, and to the many new and wonderful friends and neighbors that are, and will be, making Providence their home: It's been great, and thanks for the ride.



Providence City Council Updates

Council places moratorium on inner block development

At the August 9th Council meeting, the Providence City Council placed a moratorium on inner block development. Providence City Code defines inner block development as “Residential development of dwelling structures occurring in the interior of existing blocks” (PCC 10-1-4 Inner Block Development). There is a concern that inner block development may negatively impact neighborhoods. This moratorium will provide time for the Council to receive input from residents regarding the issue.

Please contact a member of the City Council to provide your opinion regarding inner block development. Until the moratorium expires on February 9, 2006, Providence City will not be accepting any applications requesting any kind of inner block development.

Memorial service to honor Veterans

A flag ceremony will be held to honor the Veterans who have so faithfully served our country. The ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Veteran Memorial site on 200 West and 100 North. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Dog licensing for 2006

2006 Dog licenses are now available at the City Office. The fee for an unaltered dog is \$20.00, and for a spayed or neutered dog, \$10.00. All dogs over 8 weeks old need to be licensed. A \$10.00 late fee will be applied to all licenses purchased after January 31, 2005. Purchase now to avoid hassle during the holiday season.

Winter parking hours

Effective November 1, 2004 through April 1, 2005, on-street parking is not permitted from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. for longer than three minutes. This will assist snowplow drivers in getting snow cleared from the streets. This includes all vehicles, trailers, and equipment.

Just a reminder . . .

- Check out Providence City’s website for City Council minutes, past and present newsletters, and more: www.providencacity.org.
- Santa is coming to the City Office in December to fill his bag for the food bank. Watch for more details.
- Tickets will be given to anyone who double parks at the schools.
- We would like to thank those who have given their input for the newsletter. If you have an idea for the newsletter, please email: bbillings@providence.utah.gov. The most pertinent information will have first priority.

Leaf bag pick up

The Providence City Leaf Maintenance Program is underway. During the month of November, leaves that have been placed in garbage bags and are placed on the parkway strip will be picked up by the Public Works Department. Garbage bags may be picked up at the City Offices free of charge. We ask for cooperation in the following ways:



- This is leaf cleanup only. The City will not be picking up branches, rose bushes, apples or debris.
- Park off the street as much as possible to allow room for City trucks to pick up garbage bags.
- **Do not** rake leaves or other debris into the gutters, streets, or canals. This causes blocked culverts during wet weather.
- If you do not want to wait for City trucks to pick up garbage bags, there is a green-waste recycling container on the south side of the Public Works building at 350 E Center. However, **do not** throw the garbage bags in the green-waste recycling container. Just dump the leaves into it. **Do not** deposit the material on the ground.
- If you wish to take materials to the landfill, make sure they are properly contained. All loads need to be securely tied down and covered or may be subject to a \$10 cover charge.



City elections

The Providence City general election is November 8.

The following are the locations for the election:

Precinct No 1 (N side of Center St; E side of Main St from Center St north)

Providence Elementary School (enter SW door into the media room)

91 East Center

752-6010

Precinct No 2 (S side of Center St to the N side of Canyon Rd; E side of Main St from the S side of Center St to the N side of 200 S; E side of 100 E from S side of 200 S following Canyon Rd)

Providence City Shop

350 East Center

753-0313

Precinct No 3 (S side of 200 S and W side of Main St)

Spring Creek Middle School (enter on the W side of the school)

350 W 100 N

753-6200

Precinct No 4 (N side of 200 S and W side of Main St)

Providence Assisted Living Center

233 N Main

792-4770

Precinct No 5 (E side of Main St from the S side of 200 S; W side of 100 E from the S side of 200 S to Canyon Rd; S side of Canyon Rd)

Providence City Office

15 S Main

752-9441

Providence City Candidates:

Mayor:

Randy T. Simmons

Clinton D. Thompson

City Council:

Ralph Call

Kathy R. Baker

Trent Rasmussen

Vic Saunders



Monthly storm water information

We all Live Downstream

In the establishment of a storm water program for Providence City, many issues need to be addressed. The success of any program depends upon the residents' participation in the program and their willingness to change; thus the comment: "we all live downstream."

Recycle programs are available throughout Cache County, Logan City, and Providence City, and many businesses have collection sites for used oil and anti-freeze. In future additions, this column will list dates and locations of various collection sites.

CALENDAR

- Nov 8** General election, 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 9** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 11** Veteran's Memorial Program
- Nov 11** Library closed for Veteran's Day
- Nov 15** Planning Commission meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 16** Library Board meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 22** City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 24-25** City Offices and Library closed for Thanksgiving

Library news

- Preschool story time: Thursdays, Nov. 3, 10, & 17 at 10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.
- For library closure dates, see calendar.

What's new at the library:

- The library received fifteen books about Freedom from a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Come in and explore classic books that remind us of how precious our freedom truly is.
- A new science-fiction book by Jonathan Bentz, a young library patron, has been added to the juvenile collection.



Holiday lighting contest

The City will once again be judging the annual holiday lighting contest. If you would like your house to be considered in the judging, please register with the City by calling 752-9441 on or before December 2nd.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Judging will take place between December 12 and 16. Winners of the contest will be notified before December 24th.



Will you and your home be disaster ready?

As we have learned from Hurricane Katrina and Rita, and from the recent earthquakes throughout the world, the next time disaster strikes you may not have much time to act. So now is the time to prepare for a sudden emergency, as you may not have much time to respond when a disaster occurs.

A highway spill of hazardous material could mean an instant call to evacuate. A severe winter storm could confine your family at home. An earthquake, flash flood, or other disaster could cut off basic services— gas, water, electricity, and telephones for days. In fact, state emergency preparedness leaders say the time you should plan to be on your own has gone up, from 72-hours to as much as three weeks!

You can protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. Prepare an emergency plan and post it where everyone will see it. On the refrigerator or bulletin board is an excellent site to post your plan.

Additionally, there are six basics you should stock in your home: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, tools, and emergency supplies. Keep the items that you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy to carry container. Five gallon buckets with lids are excellent for this purpose. Store these containers in a convenient place known to all family members. Review your kit on a regular basis and replace food, batteries, and any other items that need updating.

What should your emergency preparedness kit contain? It's a good idea to have on hand: a flashlight and battery-powered radio with fresh batteries in case power is cut off; a first aid kit, including all the medications you may need; candles and matches kept in a waterproof container, and at minimum, a three-day supply of drinking water— about one gallon per day per adult is needed. Additionally, nonperishable, ready-to-eat foods and a can opener; sleeping bags; personal hygiene products such as soap, feminine supplies, toothpaste, tooth brushes, and toilet paper.

It's also an excellent idea to place some emergency money in your kit. During a disaster, cash in small denominations is generally the most preferred form of payment. Some businesses may not accept checks or credit cards, although it is a good idea to have them along. You should also have access to an adjustable wrench for

turning off gas and water; and a fire extinguisher (Class C is designed to use safely on any fire, including electrical, grease, and gas).

To assist our citizens in further preparing to deal with the disasters that may come, Providence City is establishing what is known as a Community Emergency Response Team, or **CERT**. The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Paul Masuyama, a former Los Angeles Police detective living in Providence, has been asked by the City to begin organizing CERT teams throughout the City. He is a certified CERT instructor, and monthly courses in emergency preparedness will soon be available to our residents, taught at the city offices. Watch this newsletter for a regular feature on emergency preparedness tips and the progress of our CERT program, beginning next month. If you would like specific information about establishing a CERT team in your part of town, contact Paul at 787-8869.