

# Providence City Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

### City Council

2nd & 4th Tuesdays except July, November and December

Tuesday, March 12 & 26 @ 6:00PM

### Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Wednesdays except July, November and December

Wednesday, March 13 & 27 @ 6:00PM

### Justice Court

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every Monday, except holidays

### Mayor's Town Hall,

Held the first Saturday of the month depending on issue and level of citizen interest

## Contact Information

Providence City Offices  
164 North Gateway Drive  
(435) 752-9441

### \*\* After-Hours Emergencies \*\*

Fire or police emergencies - 911  
Animal control 435-753-7555  
City related issues 752-9441; after hours message will have an on-call number to call a city employee who will respond.

### Direct line to the Mayor

(435) 760-8989 cell

[johnd@providence.utah.gov](mailto:johnd@providence.utah.gov)

## The Mayor's Memo

*A new city resident with a passion for volunteering*

One of our newer city residents came by last week to visit the mayor to ask if she could be a volunteer for city services or activities.

Sherry Johnson and her husband Bill moved to Providence in April of last year. They moved from Northern California and had previously lived in Utah. Sherry said she was a volunteer at one time for the city of Fremont, California. Sherry described a Fremont community service program for which there may be some interest here in Providence.

*Senior Service Program*

The program involved contacting senior city residents by phone every morning to check to see that they were okay, a "wellness check." If they did not get an answer, the volunteers followed a protocol to phone family or other emergency contacts. In some instances, a police officer was sent to the residence to check on the person.

I brought this up with the council and planning and received some interest in floating the idea to see if there was similar interest here in Providence.

One of our planning commission members, Bob Perry said he oversaw a similar program when he

lived in up-state New York and served as the county commission chair. Bob said they called it the CARE program (Care and Reporting of the Elderly).

If you are interested in being part of organizing this program or being on a call list, let me or one of our council members know. We will gather a group to discuss further. This would likely involve little cost on the part of the city.

*Speaking of volunteers*

There are a multitude of volunteer opportunities here in Cache Valley. Many community service organizations would love to have your help.

I serve on the Board of Directors of Cache Humane Society and put in 4 to 5 hours a week doing cleanup and sanitation duty in the dog kennels. That organization has over 100 volunteers that make the operation function. Here in the valley we also have The Food Bank, CAPSA, The Family Place, and Stokes Nature Center. There are also local irrigation companies that could use your help.

Each city has celebrations and cultural events, and local clubs and organizations put on running events, biking events and other outdoor activities.

There is something to keep any of us busy who wants to give back to our community like Sherry Johnson.

—John Drew, Providence City Mayor

## Millville Water Quality Update

Millville City has been notified by Bear River Health Department that it concurs with a Notice from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) of its Intent to Deny Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Permit to Millville City. This permit has allowed Millville City to inject water in to the underground aquifer to dilute the impact of a high level of nitrates.

DEQ's reason for the permit denial is that nitrate concentrations in Cache Valley Principle Aquifer (CVPA) providing water to the Glenridge (Millville), Alder West (Providence), and other wells, "...Could exceed safe drinking water nitrate levels as they are partially sourced from septic system effluent located in Millville City." The notice states:

*"We concur with DEQ that Millville should eliminate any additional nitrate contamination in public sewer for new development and connect existing systems to sewer to the maximum extent practical. We encourage you and your council members to determine and implement strategies and ordinances that will control current and future development requests during the period of time needed to design, approve, and construct the sewer."*

The issue will be discussed at the next BRHD board of Health meeting on March 13 at 1:00PM. The board will consider a moratorium on issuing septic tank permits in Millville. Representatives from Utah Geological survey and DEQ will be in attendance. The board meeting will be held at the BRHD main office at 655 East, 1300 North in Logan.

You may be interested in attending.

—John Drew, Mayor

**Public Works**

**The City will discontinue spring curb-side branch pickup**

*Extra green waste dumpsters will be available at the public works facility*

Due to persistent abuse by a small number of residents, we are cancelling the spring curbside pickup service. This was a separate service from the household green waste bins provided by Logan City.

Curbside green waste bins will be picked up beginning April 1st. Dumpsters are provided for extra green waste at the public works facility, located near the entrance to Von Baer Park at 350 East Center Street. We are expecting green waste dumpsters be delivered on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. An extra dumpster will be available over weekends.

In order for us to continue to provide residents with the green waste dumpster service at the public works facility, please observe the following rules:

- Please do not dump green waste on the ground before the bins are in place.
- The green waste dumpsters at the public works facility are for use by residents only; not for use by landscaping companies. If you see this type of violation, please report it to the Public Works office at 435-753-0313.

There have been problems with contamination in the green waste bins, and Logan City is looking for ways to remedy this problem. The following is what is ALLOWED in green waste bins:

- Grass, leaves that are NOT BAGGED, garden waste, clean hay and straw, shrubs, branches and non-invasive weeds (no morning glory or dyers woad). Branches cannot be over 6' in length or 12" in diameter.

We will also have a garbage and a metal dumpster at the public works facility sometime in April for two weeks. Check the city website, watch the newsletter or sign up for the Providence Pipeline notification service for the exact dates.

*Winter Parking*

We would like to thank those of you who have observed the winter parking hours and remind you that winter parking hours are still in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup>. For the ordinance on Winter Parking, see Providence City Code 6-2-8:A.

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director



**City Office Administration**

***Business License and Dog License Renewal***

Business License Renewal: 2019 business license renewals were due January 1. The late fee that went into effect on February 1 increased on March 1.

- ✦ Home business: \$25 license fee, \$25 late fee, total due \$50.
- ✦ Commercial business: \$50 license fee, \$50 late fee, total due \$100.

***Youth Baseball and Softball***

Registration for youth baseball and softball are on-going through April 26. Register online at [providence.sportsiteslabs.com/player](http://providence.sportsiteslabs.com/player) or at the Providence City Office, 164 North Gateway Drive (Mon-Fri 8:00 am—5:00 pm). Please contact us if you have any questions, 435-752-9441

***Scorekeepers and Umpires Wanted***

Providence City is now accepting applications for umpires and scorekeepers. Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

***Fun in the Sun Assistant Director Wanted***

Providence City is now accepting applications for Fun in the Sun assistant director(s). Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

***Tennis and Pickleball instructors Wanted***

Providence City is now accepting applications for tennis and pickleball instructors. Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

***Cache County School District – Kindergarten Registration***

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year will be held for all Cache County School District elementary schools during the following dates and times:

- ✦ Wednesday, March 13 (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.); Thursday, March 14 (1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- ✦ Online enrollment available and encouraged prior to kindergarten registration; go to <https://www.ccsdut.org>

— Skarlet Bankhead, Office Services Administrator



# Accessory Dwelling Units

On February 12, the Providence City Council unanimously passed a new ordinance allowing the construction and use of Accessory Dwelling Units. The council spent three sessions discussing and deciding the provisions of the ordinance. The Planning Commission then discussed the proposed ordinance over two meetings, held a public hearing and voted to recommend to the council that it be approved.

## *What is an accessory dwelling unit?*

An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a structure separate from a main residence intended for human habitation. It is required to have a kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom. It is sometimes known by these terms: granny flat, caretaker dwelling, mother-in-law suite, carriage house, guest quarters, backyard cottage, nanny suite, housekeeper's suite, teenagers' retreat, in-law suite, grandparents suite, or newly-wed suite while saving for permanent housing.

It is different from an accessory apartment which is part of the primary residence, but has a separate entrance. We will be drafting a separate ordinance for accessory apartments.

## *Where did this idea come from?*

The Utah League of Cities and Towns has strongly promoted the idea and notes that over 60% of Utah cities have some form of ordinance for ADUs. The State of Utah has options for achieving housing affordability which include ADUs. There are also quite a few articles on the subject from urban planning groups.

The idea was widely practiced in the past, and it is coming back strongly as young people look for housing they can afford in desirable communities where single-family home prices are out of their reach. It's also for older homeowners who want to stay where they are but would like a family member, caretaker, or simply a renter to help make that possible. It's an invaluable form of housing for disabled family members who want to live independently but with support nearby.

The beauty of ADUs is that they allow homeowners to contribute to solving our housing crisis while doing something that helps make ends meet and ultimately increases the value of their property. It's a win-win.

Additionally, it's a tool that costs the government no money and creates affordable units without subsidy. ADUs allow incremental growth that fits snugly into single-family neighborhoods, with designs that are unique and customized.

## *What is it intended to accomplish?*

The intent of the ordinance is to provide for a broader range of housing options that generate these benefits:

- ✦ Provide an alternative for older homeowners who want to remain in their home and would like a family member, caretaker or renter to help make that possible so that elderly residents can "age in place" rather than inhabit senior living centers
- ✦ Make housing affordable for young people to live in desirable communities where single-family homes are out of their reach
- ✦ Add inexpensive rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households, both old and young
- ✦ Develop housing units in single-family neighborhoods to serve the needs of the residents through a variety of stages in the life cycle, thereby lessening fluctuations in neighborhood demand for services
- ✦ Require the owner be on the premises to decrease the chance of ADU tenants inflicting nuisances on the surrounding neighborhood

- ✦ Provide a home office or extra living space for a growing family
- ✦ Be a family friendly city allowing young and old to live together and for grown children to stay in the community in which they grew up
- ✦ Enhance neighborhood stability with owners more likely to remain; allow current neighbors to stay through different stages of life
- ✦ Promote more efficient use of existing and City infrastructure

An ADU does not impact existing infrastructure such as streets, water, sewer, stormwater; thus a housing unit is added that does not require additional city resources to maintain and with a significantly lower cost for the homeowner to construct.

## *What are the requirements to build an ADU in Providence?*

An ADU is only be permitted when the property owner lives on the property within either the principal dwelling or ADU.

One ADU is allowed on each property associated with a single-family dwelling.

The area of the ADU must be less than fifty percent (50%) of the primary residence and not more than 1200 square feet.

ADUs are limited to twenty-five percent (25%) of the rear lot area, cannot be located in front of the primary dwelling and shall not exceed the height permitted by the zone assigned to the primary dwelling unit.

ADUs are subject to the same ordinances that apply to the principal dwelling unit concerning zoning and setbacks.

An ADU must be of compatible design and materials and incorporate the same or similar architectural features with respect to roof pitch, building materials, colors and design of the primary residence.

An ADU design must comply with building construction, fire codes and municipal codes in effect at the time the ADU is constructed, created or subsequently remodeled, including the obtaining of required building and other permits.

An ADU may utilize the existing utilities (City supplied culinary water and sanitary sewer) of the primary dwelling. An ADU that requires separate utility hookups will be subject to metering and connection fees.

The orientation of an ADU must to the maximum extent practical, maintain the privacy of residents in adjoining dwellings by the physical characteristics surrounding the ADU, including landscape screening, fencing, and window and door placement.

Any existing illegal ADU will not be subject to any enforcement action if an application to legalize the ADU is submitted within 12 months of the adoption of these regulations.

The mayor and city staff shall report to the council once a year the number of new ADUs permitted during the previous 12 months to gauge the success of this ordinance. This report shall be made to the council no later than 30 days after the end of the calendar year.

In drafting the ordinance, the council generally chose less restrictive conditions. The ordinance is written in simple, easy to understand language that will encourage ADUs as one option for low-profile, incremental infill with minimal impact on single family neighborhoods.

## *I have more questions, who should I speak to?*

Call or come to the city office and ask for Skarlet or Mindi.

—John Drew, Mayor

# In Case of an Emergency

## Make a Plan - Family - Be Ready Utah

Important things to consider in an emergency family plan:

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan in advance: how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

### Contacts

It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Ask an out-of-state friend to be your family out of town contact. After a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance. Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. You may have trouble getting through, or the telephone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

### Other Plans in Place

Find out what disaster plans are in place at your work, your children's school and other places your family spends time. Discuss preparedness with your family. Make sure you all understand what types of disasters can occur and what you will do in each case.

### Escape routes

Determine two escape routes from each room in your home

### Meeting Places

Pick three places to meet in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire. Decide a location in your neighborhood and lastly, a regional meeting place in case you can't return home.

### Children

Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1 and other emergency numbers including fire, police, ambulance, etc. Post these numbers near phones in your home.

### Fire Safety

Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms, and make sure everyone knows where the fire extinguisher is and how to use it.

### First-Aid

Learn basic first aid skills, including CPR.

### Insurance

Make sure your family has adequate insurance

—For more information and ideas please go to [www.utah.gov/beready](http://www.utah.gov/beready)

## Providence Pipeline Community Alert System

If you have not signed up for our Community Alert System, please do so. This service allows you to choose which notifications you want to receive and how you would like to receive them. Please visit [www.providencacity.com](http://www.providencacity.com) and click on HERE under the Providence Pipeline Signup in the left column of our home page.

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Director

## Sheriff's Substation Established at Providence City Offices

We have provided a small office in the City building for sheriff's deputies to use their computer, do their reports outside their patrol vehicle and shelter from foul weather when necessary.

We have a dedicated deputy assigned to Providence, Millville and Nibley. This allows the deputy to stay at the South end of the valley rather than having to go to the sheriff's facility on Highway 30 out west of Logan.

Having a deputy use the city office affords quicker response time by remaining at this end of the valley. It will be available for use on evenings and weekends, not just when the city office is open.

The office will not be staffed for public access. However, the sheriff will have a drop box to leave a note to register a concern or complaint.

The sheriff has reimbursed the city for expenses related to costs to construct the office.



—John Drew, Mayor

### Word of the Month

The term infill is used to refer to growth happening within a city rather than annexing more land for development.

#### INFILL

In the report *Envision Cache Valley* the motto was, "Keep the city the city and the country the country." The recommended solution to keeping more open space was to use existing land within cities to accommodate additional growth along with corresponding higher densities. Using existing land is called "infill" and has significantly less impact on city infrastructure.