

Providence City Newsletter

Upcoming Events

City Council

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

Tuesday, July 9 @ 6:00PM

Planning Commission

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

Wednesday, July 10 @ 6:00PM

Justice Court

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every Monday, except holidays

Mayor's Town Hall,

Depending on issue and level of citizen interest is held on the first Saturday of the month, and will be announced in the previous months newsletter

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
johnnd@providence.utah.gov

The Mayor's Memo

The heat is here, summer is here, along with lots of weeds in the garden after a very wet spring.

It's the time of year when our public works staff are scrambling to get as much done as possible. The list of projects is daunting. It also involves coordinating with outside contractors for City projects.

The city is limited in the projects that can be done in house, both in terms of equipment and manpower. Most of our public works budget dollars are spent with outside contractors.

The big cost road projects include crack seal, chip and seal, and HA5 top coating. We also contract out cleaning and camera-ing sewer lines; about 1/3 of the city sewer lines each year. We contract for road striping. Our public works staff do the crosswalks by hand using templates.

Besides all the contracted work, our public works staff spends a significant amount of time monitoring and inspecting ongoing developer construction activity.

Spring Creek Parkway East and West Crossings

We frequently get questions about when the Spring Creek Crossings are going to be completed.

We have expect to see the construction this year of road crossings of wetland areas by the Charter School near 100 West that we call the "west" crossing (near River Heights boundary), and the "east" crossing by Spring Creek.

The west crossing is awaiting an appraisal on property the city needs to acquire. The appraisal should be received this week. We will need the acceptance of the property owners to proceed. We can then go out for bid. The City received a \$200,000 award of grant money from the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) for the crossing.

The east crossing is being built by, Ironwood Development. An application to FEMA is awaiting approval to proceed. The developer has also submitted an application to the State for a stream realignment for which it is waiting as well. The City has agreed to participate in 25% of the cost of the east Spring Creek Crossing up to \$75,000.

—John Drew, Providence City Mayor

Summer Holidays Remind us of FireWorks and Fire Danger

We've had a number of complaints from residents about empty lots with overgrown weeds, grass, dead tree limbs and other fire-fuel debris.

We are entering in to the holiday season with 90 degree plus weather, an abundance of vegetation due to the wet spring, and unmaintained property. As a result, the fire risk is magnified. As we get later in to the year, the dryer, hotter weather exacerbates the problem.

These residents recall past years where the hills and mountain sides burned and fear for their homes.

Please see that you keep your property cleared of vegetation and debris. For your reference, City Code Title 4, Chapter 2 addresses the issue of weeds constituting a fire hazard.

—John Drew, Mayor

High-Speed Fiber Optic Internet Connection to Providence?

In last month's newsletter, we asked residents to weigh in on a proposal to bring high-speed fiber optic internet service to Providence.

A project in Providence would break even with no cost to the city at about 35% take-rate. A UTOPIA Fiber partnership would only put the city at any financial risk if the take rate were to be less than 35%, so the survey results provide a huge buffer to make sure the entire project would be paid for with no cost to the city. The Utopia representatives have offered to present and discuss this in more detail to city council if the survey results continue to trend favorably. For more information:

<https://www.utopiafiber.com/infographic/> 250mbs to 10gps speeds (up to 30 times faster than cable for less cost)

To take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/providencefiber/> (The link to the survey is also on Providence City's website and Facebook page.)

—John Drew, Mayor

City Office Administration

Recreation

Kickball - Registration ends July 12, 2019; two age groups this year, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 year olds

This fun program gives children the opportunity to strengthen both physical and social skills in a noncompetitive atmosphere. Teamwork and sportsmanship are encouraged and expected of players, parents and coaches. Kickball is similar to baseball in that a ball is rolled toward home plate and kicked instead of being thrown and hit. Game duration 20 – 30 minutes and no official scorekeepers or umpires are present. Games will be played during August at the Zollinger Park T-Ball/Kickball Field.

Flag Football - Registration Dates: July 8 – August 16, 2019; Age Groups: 1st and 2nd Grades, 3rd and 4th Grades, 5th – 7th Grades

Join us for our second season of Youth Flag Football. It is a version of American Football where the basic rules of the game are similar to the mainstream game, but instead of tackling players to the ground, the defensive team must remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier to end a down.

For more information on recreation: <http://www.providencacity.com/providence-city-recreation-activities.htm>.

Let's talk about fireworks

It's the time of year when canisters boom and skies light up with amazing displays of color. Dry grasses and fireworks can easily lead to disaster. We want you to have a fun, but safe July. There are a few things you need to know as you get ready to celebrate.

At the June 25, 2019 Council meeting, Resolution 022-2019 closing areas of Providence City to fireworks was passed. You can find the written description and map of the **Closed Area** on our website www.providencacity.com.

- Please remember it is a violation of City Code to possess or bring fireworks into a city park, or cause the fireworks to be ignited or exploded in the park.
- Generally animals, both domestic and wild, do not like the noise from fireworks. The noise from fireworks causes a great amount of fear, stress and anxiety in wild animals. This fear often causes them to flee into roadways which results in more vehicle damage (from large animals such as deer) and an increase in injured and/or dead animals. (westshoundwildlife.org)
- Please use caution and dispose of debris from the fireworks properly. Debris from exploded fireworks contain chemicals that contaminate waterways. To dispose of properly, soak the debris in water, then the wet debris and dust should be swept up and put in a bag and placed in the regular trash instead of washed into storm drains.

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator



Skarlet Bankhead
Administrative Services Director



Jason Hamblin
Streets Supervisor



Trent Peterson
Streets Technician

Public Works - Streets Department

As mentioned in our article last month, we will be highlighting the specific departments within Public Works.

The City has 2 full time employees that are dedicated to streets; Jason Hamblin who is the crew chief and Trent Peterson. Throughout the year they work to maintain streets, sidewalks and curb & gutters throughout the City. This includes patching and repairing the asphalt, installation and maintenance of street signs, trimming trees and keeping the street signs visible, street sweeping, mowing street sides and leaf clean up in the fall.

Through the winter months you will find them in a snow plow along with assistance from other public works employees. Because we operate with such a small staff, everyone helps out with plowing snow. Most of our concrete work for sidewalks is contracted out; however depending on the contractor, our employees might prep and clean up the site for new or replaced sidewalk.

Our streets department operated on a budget of \$983,700.00 for fiscal year 2019. \$357,000.00 of this budget was contracted out for Ha5, crack sealing and chip sealing surface treatment.

Vehicle maintenance also falls within our streets department. Our employees handle preventative maintenance and some of the repairs in our shop. What we aren't able to take care of are sent to different automotive service facilities.

Both Jason and Trent take pride in what they do and truly do care for Providence City and the residents who live here. As always feel free to reach out to the Public Works department with any questions, comments or concerns. You can reach us at 435.753.0313.

With that being said...our summer street maintenance has begun and there will be several streets that are receiving an overlay treatment. Notification will be given by the contractor to those who are in the affected areas. There will also be information on the city website. Please use caution and follow all road closures and detour signs.

Have a safe and fun month of July!!

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

Council Candidates Statements

The council has asked that we offer to include statements from individuals who have filed to run for the four open council seats. Here are the 11 candidates in alphabetical order:

Laura Banda

Putting Citizens First - By prioritizing city expenditures to ensure our community maintains safe roads, access to emergency services and essential public utilities. Putting Citizens First - By demonstrating that neighborhoods and Providence citizens are our main priority - not land developers' goals. Putting Citizens First - By understanding our citizens needs and wants through listening and encouraging community voices. Understanding we maintain our citizens' trust by operating with transparency and respect of all opinions. Putting Citizens First - By utilizing my diverse business administrative and personnel experience to serve our citizens. Thank you for your consideration.

Don Calderwood

I am Don Calderwood, resident of Providence going on 40 years; same neighborhood, same house. I have several academic and technical degrees and am an honorably discharged veteran. I successfully ran several companies and also served on Council and was your former Mayor. Years ago I ran on being a good neighbor principle, live it, followed it, with no geographical limit. Democracy is by and for the people and their representatives must hear and react positively to their concerns. I have, do, and will continue to do so as your representative.

Rowan Cecil

I have a Masters Degree in Engineering. I taught Mineral Economics for the State Oil Company of Indonesia, and mathematics at Utah Valley State College (now Utah Valley University). Worked for First Interstate Bank as Chief Engineer making loans to mineral producing entities. Spent 13 ½ years as a Senior Appraiser guiding County Assessors in the valuation of mineral producing properties, water companies and water rights, and Principle Appraiser valuing utilities and railroads for the State of California. I have spent six years on the Planning Commission.

Ralph Daniels

I have been a resident of Providence for 14 years. We moved from Idaho. I love Providence, it's a great place to live. My objectives: Budget, spend wisely; I live on a fixed income. Every tax increase hurts. Development, wisely; What do we want Providence to look like next year or in twenty years.; Citizens, listen to, I may not always agree; City, what is best for the city not only now but in the future. Call me if you would like to talk. 435-213-5866

Carrie Kirk

I love this great city. I commit to one thing, I promise to study out the issues and make decisions that I believe are best for the general public of Providence. I look forward to gracefully listening to the citizens of this community, helping to formulate plans that will meet the future needs of our city, and to place votes that I believe will be for the greatest good of Providence. Please connect with me on Face Book at Carrie For Providence.

Blair Martin

I've been very involved with the city council meetings and realize that we need unbiased change. My priority is what is best for the current residents. We need city council members that will ensure that growth

happens in a responsible, transparent manner. I bring education (Master's degrees: Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science, and MBA), 10 years of corporate experience, 6 years of academic work experience, and a love for this city's future. I hadn't planned on entering the political arena, but I feel a duty to invest in this community's future.

Jon Mock

Hello, my name is Jon Mock. My family and I have lived in Providence for the past 18 years, and I am a Registered Nurse. I have served on the Providence Planning Commission, both as a Committee Member and Chairman. As a Council member, I would advocate for the things that make Providence a desirable place to live. In my opinion these include calm streets that encourage pedestrians and cyclists, well-maintained parks, quiet neighborhoods, and a thriving business community. I believe that we can have sensible planning that provides for growth while minimizing the impacts on current residents. I am a good listener and would enjoy hearing about your vision for the future of Providence.

Frank Montoya

Hello Neighbors, my name is Frank Montoya Jr. and I am a candidate for Providence City Council. Never in a million years did I think I'd say something like that, but recently, I had a chance to participate in a grass-roots level effort in our city to address development issues and saw a need for more citizen participation in the our democratic process. After spending most of my adult life defending that process, I know how important it is to the vitality of our system of government. I am especially grateful that others in our city, as witnessed by the number of candidates seeking office, feel the same way. Proud to be a member of this community.

Joshua Paulsen

I'm humbled and grateful for the opportunity to run for office and potentially represent you in city decision-making. I cautiously entered this race after encouragement from many fellow citizens. I'm pleased to see many qualified candidates on the ballot who can help the city chart a different course. I believe in electing representatives that are honest, sensible, fiscally responsible, and apt to listen to residents. I will be that type of councilman. I'm running for you and would be grateful for your vote.

Jeanell Sealy

Providence City Utah is a wonderful place to raise a family! Did you know one definition of providence is the "timely preparation for future eventualities" (www.google.com)? As a citizen of this city, I believe it is pertinent for our City to have a clear vision for future growth and to expand our greater sense of community. Community is about people and using our resources and time wisely to benefit everyone. I pledge to do everything I can to increase our community communication, awareness, and your voice.

Brent Speth

My name is Brent Speth. I would like the opportunity to serve the citizens as a 4-year councilman. I married my sweetheart and life long resident of Providence, Coreen Hammond. We built our first home here in 1971. I previously served on the City Council and other capacities in the City. As a previous 13 year employee of the City, I served as building inspector, zoning code enforcer and public work inspector. I feel the greatest asset of Providence is her people. I am a conservative that will listen and stand with the people.

What is a concrete washout and why do we need them?

It is my job to visit construction job sites and other parts of the city to ensure that potential discharges of pollutants are monitored, contained and properly handled and treated in accordance with State and Federal regulations. I also keep detailed records as required by the same regulations.



April Fredrickson
Stormwater Technician

I'm sure you have driven around and seen little kiddie pools at job sites for new homes. Have you ever wondered what those are for?

When cement trucks pour cement, they need somewhere to rinse out the chute of their truck so that the cement does not dry up in it. Some cement truck companies blow up those kiddie pools at a job site to rinse out their chute.

It is state regulation that they are not to rinse out on the ground, road, sidewalk, curb & gutter, or anywhere else where it might be able to get into the storm water and contaminate it. They are supposed to be rinsing out in an area where it will be contained and not get on the ground or in the storm drain. This can harm our wildlife that uses our streams and rivers if not done properly.

"If you have a project you are doing at your house where you have a cement truck come and pour concrete, you will need to provide somewhere for it to rinse out."

Each new home that meets a certain criteria has to take out a state permit called a Notice Of Intent (NOI), and create a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Having a concrete washout is one of the Good Housekeeping Practices that are listed in their SWPPP and NOI.

Kiddie pools are one form of a concrete washout. There are other forms of a concrete washout. Some builders will dig a hole in the ground and line it with a thick plastic liner, and others might bring in a big metal bin for a washout. Once it gets 50% full it is not to be used as a washout any longer. Once it dries, the builder will have it hauled away.

Did you know that if you have a project you are doing at your house, where you have a cement truck come and pour concrete, you will need to provide somewhere for it to rinse out? If the cement truck is close to their business they can go back there to rinse out. This is not always feasible for all of them to do; and therefore, they will need somewhere to rinse out after they pour.

Please help us to keep our storm water clean. Our communities, wildlife, and agriculture will be all the better with our efforts. If you would like to read more on this, you can go to the state website www.le.utah.gov under Title 19, Chapter 5, the Water Quality Act and look up the regulations regarding the discharge of pollutants.

See also <https://documents.deq.utah.gov/water-quality/stormwater/construction/DWQ-2019-004173.pdf> for specific guidelines we are required to follow.

— April Fredrickson, Stormwater Technician and Public Works Office Specialist

Crossing Guards Needed

Flexible Hours

The City is hiring crossing guards for the upcoming school session. Our crossing guards do a wonderful job of providing a safe school crossing situation for elementary and middle school students. Please consider joining our crossing guard team.

For more information on this and other job openings, go to the city website at providencacity.com and go to "Employment" tab on the home page. If you'd like to speak to someone about this position, please call Beth Munson at the city office at 435-752-9441.

— Beth Munson, City Treasurer, Court Clerk and
Crossing Guard Supervisor

Municipal Election 2019

Providence City has three 4-year term and one 2-year term council seats open. We will hold a by-mail primary election. Ballots will be mailed July 23.

The candidates are:

4-year term:

- Rowan Cecil
- Laura Banda
- Brent D. Speth
- Jon Mock
- Frank Montoya, Jr
- Carrie Kirk
- Joshua Paulsen
- Ralph Daniels

2-year term:

- Don W. Calderwood
- Jeanell S. Sealy
- Blair Martin

— Skarlet Bankhead, City Recorder