



The Garden Spot

.. Sharing the American Dream

August Calendar

- AUG. 8 PLANNING COMMISSION 6:00 PM**
- AUG. 14 CITY COUNCIL 6:00 PM**
- AUG. 20 CONCERT IN THE PARK 7:00 PM (SIMMONS BROTHERS)**
- AUG. 21 FALL RECREATION BEGINS**
- AUG. 22 PLANNING COMMISSION 6:00 PM**
- AUG. 23 SCHOOL BEGINS**
- AUG. 28 CITY COUNCIL 6:00 PM**
- AUG. 29 MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL 7:00 PM**

Just a reminder: City Council and Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Office Building.



Message from the Mayor

Forty-five years ago Bob Salmon, Larry Ashliman, and Dean Shaffer took our scout troop backpacking in the Wind Rivers. Dean even carried one scout's pack up some long switchbacks. Because of these men, I have been back to the Winds every year but four since then, fifteen times as a scout leader.

I am grateful for Bob, Larry and Dean and all the people like them who give up vacations or take leave-without-pay to invest in our children. I am grateful too for all the acts of goodness, kindness and love that happen all the time in Providence neighborhoods.

This garden spot that is Providence seems to bring out the best in so many people—those who have been here all their lives and those who just arrived. As we walk or drive around Providence, we see neighbors helping put in each others' lawns, coaching sports, bringing in food when someone is sick, and I know there is a lot of quiet unseen service that goes on as well. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks to all of you.

By-the-way, Dad's tomatoes started producing in a big way by July 1. Mine are three weeks behind. Sigh.

—Mayor Randy Simmons—

CITY COUNCIL RECENT ACTIONS

- The City Council adopted a resolution amending the Providence City Master Plan by adding Residential Development.
- The City Council adopted and ordinance amending Providence City Code Title 10 Zoning Regulations, Chapter 4 Establishment of Districts by adding 10-4-3 Planned District (P).
- The City Council adopted a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement for Road Services and Weed Control between Providence City and Cache County.
- The City Council adopted a resolution approving the final budget for all funds for fiscal year 2007.
- The City Council adopted a resolution approving the 0.001030 as the Certified Tax Rate for Providence City for Tax Year 2007.

Written comments are always appreciated on any topic. ~ Thank you ~

GOT INTERNET?

To view the Providence City newsletter online, visit our website at:
www.providencecity.com



COMING SOON....Online Payment Option!

Keep watching the Newsletter and Website for more information!

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Did you know?

- August is National Inventors Month
- August is Romance Awareness Month
- August is "May Your Reading Be A Haven" Month



Story Time

Story Time resumes
September 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Library Board Meeting

Library Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m.



The Library will be closed August 31 & September 1 for deep cleaning.

Check out the library's web

With up-to-date information: <http://cachecounty.org/library>

Summer Reading: Thanks to all readers and supportive parents as we conclude our Summer Reading for another year. We had almost 400 participants this year. **Way to go!**

What's New in our Library:

- ✓ *Amethyst* by Lauraine Snelling
- ✓ *Austenland* by Shannon Hale
- ✓ *Bourne Betrayal* by R. Ludlum
- ✓ *Bungalow 2* by Danielle Steel
- ✓ *Diana Chronicles* by Tina Brown
- ✓ *The Navigator* by Clive Cussler
- ✓ *Queen of Babble* by Meg Cabot
- ✓ *Sand Dollar Summer* by Kimberley Jones
- ✓ *A Wanted Man* by Linda Miller
- ✓ *The Sleeping Doll* by J. Deaver
- ✓ *The Quickie* by James Patterson
- ✓ *The Great & Terrible #4* by Chris Stewart
- ✓ *Sheep's Clothing* by Josi Kilpack

Check Us Out!

VOLUNTEER

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a nationwide volunteer program with a local chapter in Cache Valley. RSVP invites adults' age 55 and better to use their life experience and skills to help the community get things done. Your volunteer service will help you and your neighbors. Studies have shown that those who volunteer have better mental, emotional and physical health.

Besides giving the best gift you can give, the gift of self, a RSVP volunteer will receive supplemental accident and liability insurance at no cost, free volunteer placement, the opportunity to use your experience and life skills, the chance to learn something new every day and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference.

RSVP has over 40 non-profit agencies in Cache Valley that are in need of volunteers. These agencies especially value senior volunteers. We can place you at an agency that will be perfect for your individual interests and abilities. Call Mary Lou Schroeder at 755-1720 for more information. We will be looking forward to your call.

THE BEST IS YET TO BE!

PLANNING COMMISSION RECENT ACTIONS:

- ▶ The Planning Commission sent to the City Council for recommendation a code amendment repealing Providence City Code 10-9-8 Parkways and creating 7-1-8 Park strips.

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION:

Get the backpacks out, school supplies bought and the kids up early. Kids will be back in school August 23rd. Remember to slow down in school zones. Watch out for kids riding bikes to and from school and get ready for a Great 2007-2008 School Year!



REPRESENTING UTAH:

Jade Little, Providence resident, is one of two Utah teenagers attending the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington, D.C. this summer. She is the daughter of Chris and Andy Little of Providence.



Jade, designated to represent the Nationalist Party in Utah, will attend the week-long conference. Jade will team up with Heather Garbe of Brigham City to sponsor a bill aimed at cleaning up the effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Represent Utah well and have fun!

CELEBRATION RESPONSE:



Thank you to everyone who returned their Celebrate Providence questionnaire. We received some good feedback and hope to include some of your suggestions in future years. There were a few specific areas of concern that the City would like to clarify.

Please note the following:

1. Celebrate Providence is a completely new community event. It did not take the place of Sauerkraut Days or any other celebration. The purpose was to offer another opportunity for all residents to socialize and enjoy a variety of activities.
2. The Sauerkraut Dinner will be held on October 26 this year and will include more activities directed towards the heritage of Providence.
3. It would have been great to include a parade, tournaments and other activities in the celebration. However, much of their absence was due to a lack of volunteers. Please consider this and help us to create a better event in the future.
4. Additional art and craft vendors are very welcome to participate in Celebrate Providence. Just remember, vendors are there to sell their product. Purchasing the vendors product will bring in more vendors.

After reviewing all responses, the City has discussed multiple improvements and successes. An information booth and attractive advertising will help with communication. Park layout may be reconsidered as well as event timing. Once again, thank you for helping us work through the first year glitches and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

CONCERT IN THE PARK SCHEDULE:

August 20.....Simmons Brothers
September 17.....Lightwood Duo



TIP-OFFS TO A RIP-OFF



1. "You've been specially selected to hear this offer."
2. "You'll get a wonderful free bonus if you buy our product."
3. "You've won a valuable prize" or "You've won money in a foreign lottery" - especially if you must pay a fee or tax, or buy a product, before getting your prize.
4. "You must send money right away" - especially if you are asked to use a wire service or courier.
5. "This investment is low risk and provides a higher return than you can get anywhere else."
6. "You have to make up your mind right away."
7. "You don't need to check our company with anyone."
8. "We'll just put the shipping and handling charges on your credit card."
9. "You don't need any written information or references."

Remember!

PROVIDENCE CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ↳ **LOCAL MUSICIANS IN CONCERT:** The Simmons Brothers will be performing on August 20 at Zollinger Park. Join us at 7 p.m. for an enjoyable night with your family. This country music concert will be one you won't want to miss!
- ↳ **FIELD CLOSURES:** For information regarding field openings and closures, please call 752-9441 ext. 30. A voice message will be left by 3 p.m. each day.
- ↳ **YOUTH COUNCIL:** All teens in grades 8-11 are invited to join the Providence City Youth Council. You will get the opportunity to make new friends and participate in activities, meetings and service projects. The Youth Council will meet September through June and members are expected to attend 75% of all events. Meeting times will be decided after applications have been received. To apply, pick up an application in the City Office. All applications must be returned by August 31.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES:

The following citizens will be running for 3 seats on the Providence City Council:

- Diana Hadfield
- Linda Goetze
- Dale F. Astle
- John P. Russell
- David G. Low
- Val J. Simmons
- Donald R. Briel
- Don W. Calderwood
- Jim Williamson
- Kevin J. Beykirch
- Chris Beykirch
- Ronald S. Liechty
- Sharell Eames

*Meet the Candidate
Night will be held
August 29 at
7:00 p.m.
(visit the City office for
location & more details)*

Please submit your questions for the candidates by bringing them into the City Office, 15 South Main, or by email to sward@providence.utah.gov **BY AUGUST 15, 2007.**

WATER USE HABITS, FOR WISE WATER USE:

Water is a commodity we all take for granted. Just because we have adequate water, it should always be used wisely.

This column will list suggestions each month to help establish good habits for **WISE WATER USE**.

- Cut back on rinsing if your dishwasher is new. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.
- Use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.
- Do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.
- When the kids want to cool off, use the sprinkler in an area where your lawn needs it the most.
- Make sure your swimming pools, fountains, and ponds are equipped with recirculating pumps.
- Bathe your young children together.
- Landscape with Xeriscape trees, plants and groundcovers. Call your local conservation office for more information about these water thrifty plants.
- Winterize outdoor spigots when temps dip to 20 degrees F to prevent pipes from bursting or freezing.
- Insulate hot water pipes so you don't have to run as much water to get hot water to the faucet.
- Wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.
- Drop that tissue in the trash instead of flushing it and save gallons every time.
- If you have an evaporative cooler, direct the water drain to a flowerbed, tree, or your lawn.
- Make suggestions to your employer to save water (and dollars) at work.
- Support projects that use reclaimed wastewater for irrigation and other uses.
- Use a hose nozzle and turn off the water while you wash your car and save more than 100 gallons.
- Encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of a water-conscious community.
- If your toilet was installed prior to 1980, place a toilet dam or bottle filled with water in your toilet tank to cut down on the amount of water used for each flush. Be sure these devices do not interfere with operating parts.
- Install water softening systems only when necessary. Save water and salt by running the minimum number of regenerations necessary to maintain water softness.
- Wash clothes only when you have a full load and save up to 600 gallons each month.
- Leave lower branches on trees and shrubs and allow leaf litter to accumulate on top of the soil. This keeps the soil cooler and reduces evaporation.
- Start a compost pile. Using compost when you plant adds water-holding organic matter to the soil.
- Use sprinklers that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops of water and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.

Look for more Water Saving Advice in next months Newsletter!

Splash says,
**Stop
Runoff
Pollution**



**Only Rain
Goes Down the
Storm Drain**

**What's the
Problem?**

Rain washes the things we leave behind, like trash, pet waste, fertilizer and motor oil, down storm drains and into the nearest creek or stream.

**What Can
You Do?**

- Clean up pet waste
- Pick up trash
- Use less fertilizer
- Clean up oil leaks