



# The Garden Spot

.. Sharing the American Dream



## Message from the Mayor

### February Calendar

- FEB. 1 BUSINESS LICENSE PENALTY IN EFFECT**
- FEB. 1 DOG LICENSE PENALTY IN EFFECT**
- FEB. 2 DISTRICT 7 SOCCER REGISTRATION 11:AM—2:PM**
- FEB. 12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM**
- FEB. 13 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 6:00**
- FEB. 18 PRESIDENTS DAY (CITY OFFICE CLOSED)**
- FEB. 21 TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE**
- FEB. 26 CITY COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM**
- FEB. 27 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING 6:00 PM**

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

Online video games have something to teach us about the flesh and blood world. Actually, they have many things to teach us but I want to focus on just one, the notion of “feature creep.” Feature creep is a tendency for programmers to add more and more features to the game than were originally planned. More features are good, right? They mean the game can do more things. They also increase complexity, increasing the probability that the game will be so overburdened with features it cannot do its original purpose very well and crashes easily.

The same thing happens in government as people try to add more things for government to do. I often hear people say, “Wouldn’t it be great if the city...” fill in your favorite phrase here—gave scholarships, showed free movies, paid the utilities bill for those below a certain income level, stepped into disputes between neighbors, built trails, and on and on. Each new feature is a good idea. Everyone has the best of intentions.

The problem with feature creep in government is that the new features get in the way of doing the things that actually need to be done. Plowing snow, fixing and maintaining roads, running effective water and sewer systems, fire protection, and providing a police and court system are things that need and ought to be done. When we start adding other features beyond those, we stretch tax dollars and staff ever thinner. Like a feature-laden video game, we become slower and consume more resources. We start asking government to do more than it can, making it difficult to do what it should.

In a recent meeting with city staff where a new feature concerning fences was being considered, I responded that city government has enough to do without adding new features. Doing our core mission well is my purpose as Mayor. Please let us know how well you think we are doing.

*~Mayor Randy Simmons~*

### Winter is Here!!! .....Here are some reminders:

- \* Residents are reminded to shovel the walks adjacent to their property to ensure safe pedestrian passage.
- \* Property owners are required to ensure that snow is not plowed, shoveled or blown into the City streets.
- \* Remember, winter night time parking restriction are in effect. Time frame is November 1 to April 1. No parking on the streets from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. A citation will cost you \$25.00.
- \* Shovel it once. To avoid having to do the job twice. Shovel the driveway after the storm has passed and the street has been cleared.
- \* Be Patient. All streets will be cleared and all problems will be responded to as quickly as possible.
- \* Adopt a fire hydrant. Keep snow cleared for three feet on all sides of fire hydrants in your neighborhood. This will save valuable time for firefighters in the event of an emergency. The house you save may be your own.
- \* Children at play. Be aware that activities such as sliding into roadways, tunneling in snow banks, children playing near roadsides and in streets can create a very dangerous situation. Please supervise your children’s activities to help keep them safe.

### GOT INTERNET?

To view the Providence City newsletter online, visit our website at:  
[www.providencecity.com](http://www.providencecity.com)



City Office: 435-752-9441

## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Celebrate February!

- ▶ February is Black History Month
- ▶ February is American Heart Month
- ▶ February is Nat'l Children's Dental Health Month
- ▶ February is Nat'l Wild Bird Feeding Month



### Story Time

Story Time will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday and Thursday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

- ♥ Library Board Meeting—Wed., Feb. 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- ♥ Library will be closed Monday, Feb. 18th for President's Day.

### Check out the library's web

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



What's New in our Library:

- ✓ *Joy of Believing*—Ardeth Kapp
- ✓ *Learning to Play Gin*—Ally Carter
- ✓ *Memory Book*—Penelope Stokes
- ✓ *Murder Off the Books*—Evelyn David
- ✓ *Mysterious Ways*—BJ Rowley
- ✓ *Sammy's Hill*—Kristin Gore
- ✓ *Seasons of Salvation*—Dennis Mangrum
- ✓ *Simple Gifts*—Lori Copeland
- ✓ *The Venetian Betrayal*—Steve Berry
- ✓ *Treasure Box*—Penelope Stokes

- » Feb. 2—Ground Hog Day
- » Feb. 5—Mardi Gras
- » Feb. 6—Ash Wednesday
- » Feb. 7—Chinese New Year
- » Feb. 8—Boy Scouts Day
- » Feb. 14—Valentine's Day
- » Feb. 18—President's Day
- » Feb. 21—Total Lunar Eclipse

## CITY COUNCIL RECENT ACTIONS

- ▶ An ordinance was approved and adopted for the proposed Fire Protection and Parks & Recreation Impact Fee Ordinance, Capital Facilities Plans, and Impact Fees for Providence City.
  - ▶ An ordinance was adopted changing the zone of approximately 2.0 (+/-) acres of property, a portion of Parcel ID 02-115-0020, located at approximately 1095 South 400 East, from Agricultural (AGR) to Single Family Estate (SFE); requested by Kim and Sherry Riding.
  - ▶ The City Council continued until the February 12, 2008 City Council Meeting, a request by Redstone Development LLC to change the zone of approximately 44 acres of property, Parcel ID 02-114-005, 02-114-0030 and 02-114-0037, located generally north and east of 755 Canyon Road, from Agricultural (AGR) to Single Family Traditional (SFT).
  - ▶ A resolution was adopted approving a Development Agreement and Addendum to the Development and Public Improvement Installation Agreement for the Cove Subdivision, a residential subdivision, containing approximately 10.85 acres of property, Parcel ID 02-114-0011, located generally at 691 South Grandview Drive; requested by Dan Hogan.
  - ▶ A resolution was adopted approving an Agreement between Providence City and Utah Retirement Systems by and through the Public Employees Health Program (PEHP) for programs made available by PEHP.
  - ▶ A resolution was adopted appointing Deon Johnson to serve as the City's representative on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District.
  - ▶ A resolution was adopted approving the mileage reimbursement rate at \$0.505 per mile.
- Written comments are always appreciated on any topic.  
~ Thank you ~*

## ***Is your family prepared for emergencies?***

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEB SITES YOU SHOULD VISIT: [www.ready.gov/index.html](http://www.ready.gov/index.html) & [www.cashesheriff.com](http://www.cashesheriff.com) then click to: ccso family emergency guide.

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Sgt. Jake Peterson at 755-1033 to pick up a hard copy of this document.



## Message from Parks and Recreation: **SNACK STAND MANAGER**

Believe it or not, baseball and soccer season is just around the corner! Providence is looking for a qualified, dedicated individual who would be interested in managing and supervising the Snack Stand at Zollinger Park for the season. The season usually runs from April through October. If interested, please contact Sheri Ward at 752-9441 ext. 22 for more details.

## Providence Macey's Little Theater!

## Free Cooking & Community Classes

**February 2008 Schedule:** (Weekday classes are offered for adult's & kids ages 10 yrs & up)

Tuesday, Feb. 12th—Breakfast of Love: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13th—Dinner of Love: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16th—Kids Club: 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20th—Soup's On!: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 22nd—On-The-Go: 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26th—Native American Cooking: 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27th—Desserts: 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28th—Desserts (repeat from Wed. Feb. 27th but in the evening): 7:00 p.m.

Seating is limited, so reserve  
a seat today at the Service  
Desk or call 753-3301

## Cemetery Online Payments



**Anyone wishing to pay on a cemetery account you have can now pay online. Just go to [www.providencacity.com](http://www.providencacity.com) / News / Online Payments. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Nelson at the city office 435-752-9441 ext. 14.**

## Planning Commission Recent Actions:

- ▶ The Planning Commission approved a request from B&J Custom Building for preliminary plat approval of approximately 4.38 acres of property, Parcel ID #'s 02-117-0012 and 02-117-0013, located generally at 285 West Street (Johnson Drive) and 575 South.
- ▶ The Planning Commission approved a request from Stephen Harrison for preliminary plat approval of an amendment of approximately 3.68 acres of Everton Minor Subdivision, Parcel ID # 02-115-0045, located generally at 400 East and 800 South.

## Summer Recreation:

Applications will be available in March for Summer Recreation and temporary Property Maintenance Positions. Summer Recreation positions will include: Baseball Scorekeepers, Softball Umpires, Snack Stand Manager and Staff, Fun in the Sun Directors, and Athletic Coaches.



## PROVIDENCE CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 🔪 **CELEBRATE PROVIDENCE:** The Providence City Celebration is set for June 6th and 7th this year. Many fun activities are planned and we look forward to a great turnout! If you or someone you know would be interested in being an event chairman, please contact Sheri Ward at 752-9441 ext. 22 as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity to take part in your community. Don't miss out!
- 🔪 **PARK RESERVATIONS:** Zollinger and Vons Park may now be reserved for 2008. Reservations are given on a first come first served basis. For fee and park questions, call 752-9441 ext. 22 or visit [www.providencacity.com](http://www.providencacity.com)
- 🔪 **CITY OFFICE CLOSED:** The City Office will be closed February 18 for President's Day.
- 🔪 **BUSINESS LICENSES:** Business license fees have now doubled for anyone renewing during the month of February. As of March 1st they will double again. If your license is not renewed by April your business license will be revoked. Please come in and renew your business license today!
- 🔪 **DOG LICENSING:** If you have not licensed your dog through Providence City, an additional registration penalty has been imposed. Dog licenses may still be obtained, but owners will be charged an additional \$10 fee as a late charge. Please register A.S.A.P. to avoid possible fines!

## **Animal Control Ordinance Highlights:**

The following information is taken from the newly revised (09/25/2007) Providence City Animal Control Ordinance. Some information is old, some is new.



- 🐕 All dogs two (2) months of age or older require a license.
- 🐕 A kennel license is required for three (3) or more dogs over the age of three (3) months.
- 🐕 All dogs over the age of six (6) months shall be vaccinated for rabies.
- 🐕 "At Large" means any animal off the premises and not under restraint by a leash, cord, chain or otherwise.
- 🐕 Pigs, including "pot bellied pigs" are not allowed in the city.
- 🐕 Cats over the age of six (6) months shall not be allowed to be on or in a street, road, alley or other public place in the city unless the cat is neutered or spayed.
- 🐕 At no time shall an owner or keeper retain more than three (3) cats over the age of one (1) year.
- 🐕 Keepers of bees are required to meet certain ordinance conditions.
- 🐕 Exotic animals are not allowed in the city.
- 🐕 Fish, other than household pets are regulated by the State.
- 🐕 Livestock are allowed in some zones with appropriate square footage on the lot. Square footage requirements vary by animal type, open space, and enclosures. Not all of the zones in the City allow all types of animals. Consult the zoning chart at the city office.
- 🐕 Hay, grain, straw or other types of feed or bedding shall not be fed, placed or stored on City property.
- 🐕 Cruelty to animals is prohibited in the city.
- 🐕 Any operator of a vehicle whose vehicle strikes an animal shall stop at once and immediately report any injury or death to the animal's owner.
- 🐕 No animals are allowed in city parks unless the area is designed for animals.
- 🐕 No owner, keeper, caretaker, or attendant of an animal, shall allow an animal to defecate upon private or public property other than his/her own. If such animal does defecate upon private or public property, the owner, keeper, caretaker, or attendant must immediately and thoroughly clean the fecal matter from such property.
- 🐕 Any one walking, driving, or riding an animal on private or public property must carry visible means of cleaning up any fecal matter left by the animal.

**The above text only highlights the Animal Control Ordinance and should be only considered as information!**

If you are keeping or wish to keep animals in the future, **PLEASE** contact the City Office and review the complete ordinance.



The Providence City Youth Council presents the 1st annual....

### **LEADERS OF TOMORROW CAMP**

Date: April 19, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Ages: 4th—7th Graders

Place: Providence Elementary School, 91 E. Center, Providence

Cost: \$15 per student (includes a t-shirt, lunch, and all the activities for the camp) Part of the proceeds will sponsor items for "One Heart Bulgaria" i.e. immunization shots, birthday parties, books, medicines, etc.

**IF YOU WANT TO:** Work toward being on your City's Youth Council, have fun and meet motivated youth your age, learn just what it takes to become a leader, do something good for orphans in Bulgaria, and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE...THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW CAMP IS FOR YOU! SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL KATIE MCDERMOTT AT (435) 752-9441 EXT. 21.**