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## *From the desk of Mayor Alma Leonhardt*



In my 12 years as Mayor, I have never experienced such an outpouring of love, appreciation and patriotism for our soldiers and country than we had Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. I have never been more proud of our citizens. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. August 26<sup>th</sup> was proclaimed as "Eric Lund Day" in Providence. As most of you know, Eric returned home after being seriously wounded in a roadside bombing that claimed the life of his sergeant. It was special for us to honor, not only him, but the many soldiers that have served and are now serving our country. They are risking their lives to protect the freedom we take for granted. God bless these great young men and women.

In July we cut and processed 16 barrels of cabbage for our city celebration and canning. After doing it the same way for over 70 years the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food decided we were not doing it up to their standards. A hold and destroy tag was placed on the barrels. However, after some legal action by the City, the Department released the sauerkraut for our use. They will not permit it to be canned; so with 16 barrels, that leaves us with a lot of sauerkraut. The City plans to use one barrel for the dinner September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The remaining barrels will be available for a small donation. The City will provide a container for purchase to fill with sauerkraut or you can bring your own containers to be filled. Note: Because the sauerkraut is not cooked or processed it will need to be cooked before it is used. We realize many of you come to purchase canned sauerkraut, but we have no choice at this late date to find another authorized cannery. We are planning on a great dinner catered by the Copper Mill with fireworks immediately after or at dark. On Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a parade and activities at Zollinger Park. Come out and enjoy the celebration with us and your family and friends. See attached flyer for details of the celebration.

## **Fair booth**

One of the highlights of the Cache County Fair is walking through the community building and viewing the exhibits. This year Providence had a beautiful, creative display which won a blue ribbon. Thanks to JoAnne Olney, chairperson, and her committee: Lyn, Jana, Staci & Quincy Olney, Lois Cobia, Shary Summers, Gary & Becky Stott, and Holly, Heather & Stephanie Duncan. This group has been working tirelessly for many weeks on this project. Thanks for all your efforts!

## **Reminder for the school year**

With school now in session, please be watching your speed in school zones. The police officer watches school zones daily. The fine for speeding in a school zone is \$67.50 for 0-9 miles over, \$168.75 for 10-19 miles over, and \$371.25 if you go 20 miles or more over the speed limit. Also remember that once you have dropped your child off, you cannot do a u-turn. You need to proceed in the same direction and ease back into the traffic flow.

## **Signs**

"Garage Sale", "Lost Dog", "Business Opportunity". These are just a few of the types of signs that have been cropping up all over town. Just a reminder that signs are not allowed to be attached to utility poles or traffic signs. City ordinance allows a temporary sign to be placed on private property for a short time, but must be removed within 24 hours of the event. If you have questions about the sign ordinance, check with the City Office.

## **Recreational game cancellations**

Providence City makes the final decision to cancel a game (due to weather) at 3:00 p.m. the day of the game. If the weather changes after that time, the decision to cancel or continue a game is up to the game's referees and umpires. For information regarding field closures, call 752-9441 ext. 30.

# The following Providence City residents have declared candidacy

Mayor:

Kelly Preston Anderson  
Randy T. Simmons  
Clinton D. Thompson

City Council:

Kathy R. Baker  
Ralph Call  
Randy L. Eck  
Trent Rasmussen  
Vic Saunders

**Primary Election – Oct. 4, 2005**

## Meet the candidates

### Kelly Preston Anderson

I love living in Providence and have deep ancestral roots in southern Cache Valley. I enjoy the atmosphere and culture of our community. As growth here is inevitable, I believe we can formulate and carry out a plan so we can maintain the things that we all love about living in Providence. If we don't insure that this growth is handled in an appropriate manner, we may lose many of the things that we enjoy about our community.

Just a few things I will do as mayor of Providence –

- I will strive to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety around our schools.
- I will encourage greater geographic diversity among our elected officials.
- I will seek citizen input and genuinely listen to concerns **before** decisions are made.

I have taught seminary and institute for the LDS Church for 12 years. I have also owned and operated my own businesses. I recently completed a doctorate degree in management and organizational leadership. My wife and I have three daughters.

### Randy Simmons

Randy Simmons, candidate for Mayor. I am Professor and Department Head of Political Science at Utah State University and have lived in Providence most of the last 43 years. My parents, brother, sister, daughter, son-in-law and grandson all live in Providence. I grow some of Cache Valley's best tomatoes. I value ballparks and all of Providence's citizens, new and old. My qualifications:

- Fifteen years experience managing \$4 million budgets.
- Six years (1996-2002) on the Providence City Council and the Utah League of Cities and Towns legislative policy committee. Two years on the League's Board of Directors.
- Two years chairing Cache County Recreation, Arts, Parks, and Zoo (RAPZ) tax committee.
- Regularly advise local, state, and national government officials.
- Am part of a nationwide network of policy analysts for state and local issues.
- Twenty-five years of leadership and administrative experience.

If the citizens of Providence allow me to serve them as Mayor, my proven leadership, training, and experience will bring integrity, direction, and vision to the city.

### Clinton Thompson

My wife, JoAnn, and I are proud to be natives of Providence. We have shared our interest in the legacy of this town with the past 27 mayors of Providence, and have personal acquaintances with all but three of them. My involvement in political service for Providence Citizens spans 33 years.

My goal, as Mayor, would be to "enhance the image of Providence City by justifying dependable growth controls involving major issues." I hope to accomplish this by drawing on my experience and leadership positions held during my 40-year career at Thiokol. At retirement I was Superintendent of the Space Operations Control Center. I'm skilled in all aspects of our public works efforts, and have a working knowledge of Providence City administrative duties.

To become acquainted with all of you, I've developed "A Statement of Concern" that I'm eager to discuss with citizens who are interested in Providence City's future, and would welcome comments on city matters. Clinton D. Thompson

### Kathy Baker

My approach would be:

1. Planned growth commensurate with the other communities in Cache Valley.
2. Plan the infrastructure support in advance: transportation, culinary water, sewer.
3. Plan for environment and safety.
4. Communicate with the citizens so they know about important items and receive inputs from them before decisions are made.

I have the time and energy to help the people of Providence maintain a great quality of life in our beautiful city.

### **Ralph Call**

Hello, may I introduce myself? My family has lived in Utah for seven generations, four in Cache Valley. My wife Nola, and I have been married for 36 years and have 9 kids. I am a graduate of USU with a B.S. in Engineering, and Wichita State University with a MBA. I have previously been President of Coleman Lantern and Stove, and Coleman Powermate. I am currently Chairman/CEO of Dyna Technology. I have served as a director of the Kansas & Minnesota state chambers of commerce, as a public school board member, and as the 5<sup>th</sup> district co chair of the Cache County Republicans. I believe the following: Government must be limited, Providence needs a strong mayor/council form of government, the city should not use eminent domain laws to confiscate citizens property, developers need to be reigned in, nobody needs a 65 ft road in front of their home, water and water rights must be respected and protected, we need more bike and walking paths, we are all adequately taxed.

### **Randy Eck**

I am a life long resident of Providence. I was appointed to the Providence City Council to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Joe Campbell in October of 2003. It has been an honor to fulfill the term of a dear friend and a great man.

My greatest experience as a council member occurred only a few hours prior to writing this article. I was honored to represent each and every citizen of Providence as we welcomed home one of our own, Mr. Eric Lund, from serving our country in Iraq. What a great community to come home to after enduring something as life changing as war.

I believe that careful planning for growth, along with infrastructure upgrade and maintenance, remain at the top of our "to do list."

If elected, I pledge to serve the City in any way asked of me. The decisions made will be done so with our community's best interest in mind. I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

Sincerely,  
Randy L. Eck

### **Trent Rasmussen**

I'm thankful I have this opportunity to convey some thoughts regarding the position of city council. This experience is one that I am looking forward to.

Perhaps one of my greatest desires is to ensure that Providence maintains its unique identity. Avoiding the label, suburb of Logan, by having this place we call home annexed.

Growth is inevitable. We are witnessing first hand change to the valley at an unprecedented rate. This is something that should be viewed positively because it provides the community with many experiences. The results are diverse population and economic base.

We should encourage good decision making so we benefit from this growth.

The neighborhood needs to be safe. We should ensure that our families are raised in places that foster a protective environment.

Our communities need viable open space that separates commercial and residential areas. It just makes sense not to use every piece of land.

Thanks for your time. I'm looking forward to working for you, to make Providence stand out in the crowd.

Thanks,  
Trent Rasmussen

### **Vic Saunders**

Vic Saunders is an incumbent city council member, who is completing his first term. A Nibley native, he was educated in local schools and obtained a bachelors degree in radio & television broadcasting at Utah State University in 1981. He has worked in radio news at KVNU, in public and media relations for the Utah Farm Bureau and, for the past nine years, as Director of Development for the USU College of Agriculture.

Saunders serves as council liaison for public safety and communications. Previously, he was liaison to the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments. He has particular experience and interests in water law and its development, transportation planning, economic development, private property rights, and improving city-citizen communication.

"We came to Providence to live because I always admired the people of this community. Over the past 4 years I have tried to carry out my responsibilities in a way that has been representative of the views and desires of all Providence residents."

He and his wife, Kelley, are the parents of three children.

## Miss Providence Pageant

The Miss Providence Pageant, "It's Magic", will be held at 6:30 p.m. on September 10 at Spring Creek Middle School. The girls will be judged on areas of creative and performing arts, physical fitness, value statement, academics, interview skill, poise in evening wear, and speaking ability. Plan to attend this event showcasing the wonderful girls of Providence.



Tiffany Ballard



Courtney Bowen



Sarah Ann Gwynn



Britany Lynn Hill



Aubrey Gail Holyoak



Camra Smith

## Top of Utah runners

The Top of Utah Half Marathon will take place on September 3 and the full marathon will be September 17. There will be many runners so please be cautious.

## Change in business licensing process

On July 26, 2005 the City Council amended the Business and License Regulations ordinance. Effective immediately, anyone applying for a business license for a home business or home occupation will be required to submit a dimensioned floor plan of their home. The code compliance officer will then conduct an inspection of the premises to assure the business meets Providence City Code.

## Library news

- Library will be closed Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day
- Story time – Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Friends of the Library meeting – Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.
- Library Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

*"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers."*

–Charles W. Eliot (1834-1926)

## CALENDAR

- Sept 3 Top of Utah Half Marathon
- Sept 5 Labor Day – City Offices Closed
- Sept 10 Miss Providence Pageant, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept 13 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 17 Top of Utah Marathon
- Sept 20 Planning Commission meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 23-24 City Sauerkraut Festival
- Sept 27 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 4 Primary elections