

Providence City Newsletter

Upcoming Events

City Council

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

Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:00PM

Planning Commission

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

Wednesday, November 13th @ 6:00PM

Justice Court

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every Monday, except holidays

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
(Cache County non-emergency
dispatch)
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

Winter Challenges

We are early in to the signs of winter with single digit temperatures overnight even though winter does not officially start until December 21. The early extremes have prompted our Public Works staff to check out all of our equipment and make sure it is ready to tackle the elements. Some of the planned Public Works projects have been cut short because of the weather and others accelerated.

Inevitably, equipment breaks when subject to harsh winter conditions and years of service. Last year we had a period of time when 3 snow plows were out of service and we had to scramble. Water leaks still happen regardless of the time of year, but are especially difficult to repair when knee deep in water when its 20 degrees. Everything moves slower.

This is also the time of year when the staff pauses and takes some time for training courses. Some are general; we just had a CPR class for all of the City staff and others will attend courses specific to a job classification. We have most public works staff cross-trained for more than one other function. See page 4 article on Stormwater.

Capital Fund Projects

Capital project prioritization has typically been a senior staff annual exercise discussed around calendar year end. This time I insisted we do two

things different; one, prepare a 5-year plan and, two, provide this information to the public in the City newsletter. This made our City staff rather apprehensive as this was a going-out-on-a-limb exercise for them.

I prefer to be well prepared, have issues thought out and discussed well in advance, and I don't like surprises. This gets the conversation going from a long-term perspective. The streets on the Project Plan are part of the USU LTAP 5-year plan. Please read the 2nd paragraph that starts out with the term, "**Disclaimer**" as this and any plan is subject to change.

Planning for Change

On December 2nd, Ryan Snow will be joining the City staff as City Manager. See the story below. Besides finding office space for him, there is a long list of topics we will have to get him up to speed on. During his interview, he was asked what he would do the first 6 months on the job, and he said he would be evaluating and observing.

The first week in January we will be swearing in 4 new council members as none of the incumbents who's term was up decided to run. Getting the new members up to speed with training and issue familiarization will be time consuming and challenging. City government is far more complex than people realize.

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

Ryan Snow, Incoming City Manager

On Tuesday, October 22nd, the Providence City Council approved the appointment of Ryan Snow as City Manager. Ryan's first day on the job will be Monday, December 2nd. Ryan was one of four final candidates out of 28 applications received.

Ryan has served as City Manager in Roosevelt, Utah in Duchesne County for the past 5 years. Ryan is an Aggie having obtained his Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Masters in Business Administration from Utah State University. Prior to Roosevelt, Ryan was a controller for a Staker Parsons (pavement materials and roads construction), worked for a CPA firm, was an auditor for the Utah State Tax commission and worked for Bear River Health as an assistant to the business manager.

Ryan attended the Meet the Candidates Night on October 10 and took a lot of notes, but few people knew who he was. Last week Ryan flew up to Logan Airport (he has his private pilot's license) with his daughter. He spent some time with Skarlet and I, visited Ridgeline High School for a tour, then spent a few hours with a real estate agent. He will be back again in a few weeks before his December 2 start date.

Ryan, his wife and children are planning to purchase or build a home in Providence. More about Ryan in the December newsletter.

—John Drew, Mayor



City Office Administration

Elections

The following council candidates will be on the November 5 ballot:

4-Year Term - Brent Speth, Jon Mock, Frank Montoya, Carrie Kirk, Joshua Paulsen, Ralph Daniels

2-Year Term - Don Calderwood, Jeanell Sealy

This will be a by-mail election. The ballots were mailed between October 15 and 22.

Ballots can be taken to the drop-off box at the City Office, 164 N Gateway Dr, Providence UT 84332 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. If you are mailing in your ballot, it must be postmarked on or before November 4, 2019.

Overnight Parking

It looks like the snow season may be coming early this year. It is time to get ready for winter parking hours.

- Winter parking hours go into effect 24 hours after the first snowstorm that requires the City to plow the streets in November; or December 1, whichever is earlier.

- Vehicles or equipment cannot be parked in the City right-of-way from 12:00 AM (midnight) to 6:00 AM. If there is no curb, vehicles or equipment must be a minimum of eight-feet (8') from the asphalt.

- The City will not be liable for any damage occurring to any vehicle or equipment parked on any street or right-of-way, during street and right-of-way maintenance.

- For complete ordinance, see Providence City Code [6-2-8:A](#) Winter Regulations: Night Parking.

Parking citations will be issued for violation of this ordinance. Overnight parking citation fee is \$25. The fee reduces to \$20 if paid within the first five days. You must bring the citation to the city office with you if paying within the first five days.

Business License Renewal

2019 business license renewals are due January 1. Renew by December 31 and receive a 10% discount.

Dog License Renewal

All dog licenses in Providence City expire on December 31. Renewal opens December 1. Along with your renewal, please provide a proof of rabies vaccination.

Thank You Volunteers!

Providence City had some great events this year, such as baseball, softball, kickball, flag football, and our "Oktoberkraut City Celebration". We had more than 90 great volunteers that helped make our events successful. Our Appeal Authority and Historic Preservation Commission members are also volunteers. We would like to give a huge "Shout-Out" and "Thank You" to all!

George S Eccles Ice Center

Learn to Skate figure skating and hockey classes are for ages 3-Adult and will be held on Tuesdays, November 5-December 17 from 4:30-5:30pm and Thursdays, November 7-December 19 from 4:00-5:00pm. This is a 5 week class for \$50.00, with a 10% discount for additional family member's registration. No class will be held the weeks of November 18 and 25 due to a hockey tournament and Thanksgiving. Register online at www.ecclesice.com or at the rink, located at 2825 N 200 E, North Logan. Registration closes the day before classes start. A late fee of \$5.00 will apply for on-site registration the day of class or later. For further questions or concerns, please call 435-787-2288.

The Family Place

"The Family Place is excited to announce an anonymous donor is matching all financial gifts made to The Family Place between now and December 25th, 2019. The match will cap at \$100,000. We are asking the community to consider making a financial gift to support The Family Place's mission to strengthen families and protect children. By giving to The Family Place, the services supported include trauma interventions, therapy, educational classes, and emergency and respite therapeutic child care in their Kid's Place. The Family Place also provides the Starfish Children's Shelter, which is the only shelter for children in northern Utah."

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator



Skarlet Bankhead
Administrative Services Director

Capital Fund Projects Plan

I thought I would share with Providence residents our current Five-Year Plan for Capital Fund projects which we update annually. As we are approaching year end and planning for next year's construction season (calendar year) we review our future capital needs. This does not include our Enterprise Fund projects for Water and Sewer.

Disclaimer: Please note that this is a plan only and is subject to change. There are numerous circumstances beyond our control that may cause some projects to be delayed such as weather, availability of contractors, availability of materials, the economy or a shifting of priorities when new information is received.

You will notice most of the projects are streets related. We receive more comments and questions about streets than anything else. "When is my street going to get fixed? It's the worst street in Providence." This plan addresses many streets in the downtown area, and you should note sets aside funds to replace crumbling concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters. For streets nearing the end of their Remaining Service Life (RSL), first consideration is given to streets that also have water and sewer pipeline issues.

You will notice that the largest project is related to stormwater on 1000 South. Our City Engineer and his staff completed a City-wide stormwater survey this past year. One of the findings and recommendations related to the volume of stormwater expected to be generated when the amount of land which will be converted to impermeable surfaces (rooftops, driveways, sidewalks, streets) as the southeast part of the City develops, is to construct regional retention ponds.

Fortunately the properties being considered for retention basins could also be used as City parks. A portion of the funds spent on this project related to stormwater will ultimately be reimbursed through impact funds charged when new development happens.

Your comments are welcome. Please call me or Rob Stapley our public works director if you have questions or would like more information.

Capital Fund Projects	Street RSL*	Total Project \$	Calendar Year					Project Description/Status
			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Open/Started Projects								
Snow Plow (one ton)		80,000	80,000					Replace old plow
Spring Creek Crossing West		90,000	90,000					by Charter School, portion not covered by COG grant
Spring Creek Crossing East		75,000	75,000					by Chugg Farm development, City portion
100 South Street (200 West to 400 West)	NR	24,000	24,000					City's matching of COG funded right-of-way
Backhoe		55,000	55,000					Exchange program - current equip for new
Dog Park		40,000		40,000				To be determined
		364,000	324,000	40,000	0	0	0	
Street Projects								
300 South (100 E to 200 W)	5 to 7	210,000					210,000	3 blocks; rotomill rebuild
200 South (100 E to 200 W)	3 to 5	280,000		280,000				3 blocks; rotomill rebuild + replace water pipes
100 South (300 E to 200 W)	3 to 5	350,000				350,000		5 blocks; rotomill rebuild
200 East (100 S to Center)	5	80,000			80,000			1 block; rotomill rebuild
100 West (500 S to 100 N)	5 to 7	360,000				360,000		6 blocks, rotomill and some roadbase repair + water svc lines
100 East (Center to 100 N)	7	200,000			200,000			1 block; recontour and rebuild
100 East (200 N to 300 N)	3	100,000					100,000	1 block; rotomill rebuild
200 North (Main to 100 W)	5	120,000					120,000	1 block; rotomill and base rebuild
Stonehenge (Foxridge to Abbey)	5	310,000	310,000					Reservoir related pipe upgrade with street replace
300 South (East of 165 to Garden Dr.)		100,000		100,000				Developer project dependent
		2,110,000	310,000	380,000	280,000	710,000	430,000	
Sidewalk/Curb/Gutter Concrete								
Replace deteriorated concrete		200,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	Downtown area repair/replace; subject to City Engineer survey recommendations
Miscellaneous Projects								
West Yard Access		20,000		20,000				Access through Leonhardt Park to public works yard
3/4 - 1 ton crew pickup trucks		175,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	Fleet replacement, one vehicle a year
Backhoe		92,000			92,000			Anticipated replacement
10-Wheeler dump/plow		220,000			220,000			Anticipated replacement
Park and Stormwater Property		1,200,000	600,000	600,000				Stormwater Plan recommended for 1000 South
		1,707,000	635,000	655,000	347,000	35,000	35,000	
		4,381,000	1,309,000	1,115,000	667,000	785,000	505,000	
* RSL = Remaining Service Life, USU Streets Engineers LTAP Report 2017								
Rotomill - asphalt is milled off and used as roadbase for new road								
Base Rebuild - road base must be replaced with new base material								

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

HEAT Program 2019-2020 Season

The HEAT (Home Energy Assistance Target) Program will begin November 1, 2019 and be open through April 30, 2020 or until federal funds are exhausted.

The HEAT Program is a federally funded assistance program designed to help low-income, elderly and disabled households with home energy costs. The benefit amount is based on household income, household size, type of fuel used and energy burden. HEAT benefits are a one-time payment and will help pay a portion of your fuel bills over the cold winter months.

Beginning November 1, 2019 call to schedule your HEAT appointment.

Cache County residents call the BRAG HEAT Office at 435-713-1444.

Box Elder residents call 1-435-723-1116..

Rich County residents call 1-877-772-7242.

If you are elderly or disabled and unable to come into our office we have someone who will come to your home. Please mention this when you call to schedule your appointment.

The Cache County HEAT office is located at the BRAG Office (Bear River Association of Governments) at 170 North Main, Logan.

Qualifications for HEAT Assistance:

Total household income is at or below **150% of the Federal Poverty Level**.

- ✦ Household is responsible for paying home energy costs.
- ✦ Household contains at least one US citizen or qualified non-citizen

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

WHERE DID ALL THE FALL GO?

With temperatures dropping and snow falling, older adults run a higher risk of health problem and injuries related to weather, including falls on ice and snow. Here are a few precautions everyone should take, especially older adults during winter.

It is important to clear snow and ice from around your house in the event you need to evacuate. If you need to clean a path, can you do it safely?

The first step is to be honest with yourself. Can you handle clearing away the snow? If you are a senior and have had heart issues in the past, the answer is probably no. Remember if it's cold outside, your heart works double time to keep you warm. If you are not in the right shape, recruit a neighbor or a relative to help. They would rather you did that than put yourself at risk of injuring yourself.

When it comes to avoiding slipping, one safety tip is to lay out ice melt *before* the storm. This can prevent ice from forming.

Despite the dangers, somebody has to get rid of the snow. So call on those who love you, who care about you, and can offer their assistance.

—Esther Cowley, Office Services Specialist

Stormwater

and Public Works Administration

The last two departments in the Public Works stories are Storm Water and Administration.

We have 4 certified RSI's (Registered Stormwater Inspectors); our Public Works Director Rob Stapley, Storm water technician April Fredrickson and two of our Public Works crew chiefs Jeff Myers and Jason Hamblin. As with all of Public Works, we have cross trained department personnel and help each other with the work that needs to be done.

Storm water by definition is "surface water in abnormal quantity resulting from heavy falls of rain or snow." The City is responsible to inspect our storm water facilities and also inspect all active construction sites. Along with inspections, there is maintenance of the system. Some of the maintenance includes street sweeping, cleaning our storm water drains, cleaning and maintaining City owned retention and detention ponds and leaf cleanup. The City cleans leaves out of the gutters that have an impact on the storm water system and secondary water.

One of the things that the City looks for are illicit discharges. An illicit discharge is, "Any discharge into a storm drain system that is not composed entirely of storm water". If you see any type of illicit discharge or any concerns with a storm drain, please reach out to the City at (435) 752-9441.

Rob Stapley is our Public Works Director who oversees the department and Tara Bankhead is our Public Works Office Specialist. They both enjoy the work that they do and are proud to work for the citizens of Providence.

—Tara Bankhead, Office Specialist

Spring Creek Middle School

Tribute to Veterans

The annual Spring Creek Middle School "Tribute to Veterans" will be held on Thursday, November 7, at 9:15 AM in the main gym. All veterans are invited to be in attendance and will be honored by the seventh grade class. We suggest veterans and community members arrive by 9:00 AM.

For more information contact Carol White at Spring Creek Middle School, (435) 753-6200.

Thank you!