

# PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

### City Council

3rd Wednesdays

May 6th and 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM

Annual Budget hearing on May 6

*(At the February 19 meeting, the council voted to have only one meeting per month)*

### Planning Commission

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays except July, November and December

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

@ 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

[johnmd@providence.utah.gov](mailto:johnmd@providence.utah.gov)

## The Mayor's Memo

### Planning Commission Vacancies

We have a couple of vacancies coming up on our Planning Commission over the next few months. We are looking for people who are willing to invest their time and effort to help determine our community's future. The Planning Commission is responsible for land use decisions and making recommendations to the city council. An ideal candidate has a willingness to do the research and work with the other team members. We have commission members with a variety of backgrounds.

### Public Health

As of May 1, the State of Utah has gone from Red (severe risk) to Orange (moderate risk) with guidelines changing (see [coronavirus.utah.gov](http://coronavirus.utah.gov)). Myself and three other Cache Valley mayors, three county council members and our state

representative met with Lloyd Berentzen, Bear River Health Department Director. We met to discuss moving the risk level to Yellow which would allow much more flexibility for employers and for schools to open. The Director noted that the governor has said we may go to Yellow by Friday, May 15.

As of today, Cache County has 44 cases, 6 hospitalized and no deaths. Out of a population of approximately 128,000 that is .03% infection rate.

The most recent issue of Fortune magazine noted that companies have been rapidly scaling back workforces due to impacts on their bottom lines, and that half of all unemployment is from companies with less than 500 employees. These small businesses are the backbone of our country.

"This is the first time in the history of our country that we have quarantined healthy people." — Dr. Daniel Erikson, Urgent Care Physician.

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

## FUND RAISER AND FOOD PANTRY PARADE

*Thank you to all who participated in making the fund raiser and the parade a success*

In last month's newsletter, we issued a call for resident donations for the Cache Food Pantry that would be matched by Providence City funds up to \$5,000. We have exceeded that call with \$6850 raised from residents, and along with the City match, a total of \$11,890 has gone to the Food Pantry. One couple donated \$1000 each, and when their stimulus check came in the mail, donated another \$1000. Thank you to all who donated.

We also held a parade for the Food Pantry on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The parade was arranged with Young Auto Group that operates the Honda and Toyota dealers in Cache Valley. Councilwoman Carrie Kirk worked with the Providence Youth Council to deliver flyers notifying residents of the parade. The dealer supplied vehicles and volunteers to collect food on 42 miles of City streets.

The parade also included four sheriff's deputies, two in trucks and two on motorcycles as well as two Logan City fire trucks which included a 1924 LaFrance vintage fire truck. Cache Valley Radio supplied a boom box on wheels (a van). You probably heard the sirens that Friday morning. The residents loved it, especially the kids. The deputies and fire department employees were already on duty so there was no additional costs to the taxpayers.

The Providence Food Pantry Parade was held simultaneously with a parade in Smithfield and North Logan. I spoke to Matt Whitaker who is the Food Pantry director after the parade. He said that 16,000 pounds of food was collected from the three cities. He said that in past years the Boy Scouts had collected 60,000 to 80,000 pounds. The previous weekend the local radio stations had promoted a program to drop off food and resulted in 28,000 pounds received at the Pantry according to Matt. With the Scouts out of business he said these donations were much welcome, both the cash contributions and non-perishable food.

You should know that food banks in Utah and across the country are seeing double the demand. <https://www.ksl.com/article/46741353/utah-food-bank-and-volunteers-rally-to-meet-explosion-in-need-with-logistical-restrictions>. According to Pantry personnel, many people requesting their services have said, "I never thought I'd need to do this."

—John Drew, Mayor

## City Office Administration



Skarlet Bankhead  
Administrative Services

### Parks and Recreation

Providence City is still accepting registrations for park reservations and our recreation programs. However, with the many changes resulting from guidelines to slow the spread of the coronavirus, it may be necessary to delay starting dates for our programs. If it becomes necessary to cancel a program, we will issue refunds. Please visit our website for updates.

### Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

- Register online at [providence.sportsites.com/player](http://providence.sportsites.com/player)
- Registration for youth baseball and softball open through May 8.
- Registration for Fun in the Sun is open now through May 22.
- Registration for Adult Kickball – April 3 – June 26; games are scheduled to begin in August.

Providence City is now accepting application for the following seasonal positions:

- Fun in the Sun Directors and assistants
- Scorekeepers and Umpires
- Tennis and Pickleball Instructors

Applications and job descriptions are available on our website, <http://www.providencacity.com/jobs-available.htm>. For information contact Diane Campbell [dcampbell@providence.utah.gov](mailto:dcampbell@providence.utah.gov) or 435-752-9441.

### A Message from the Family Place

The Family Place is here for YOU! If you find yourself having more family time and looking for resources and fun things to do at home, please visit [TheFamilyPlaceUtah.org](http://TheFamilyPlaceUtah.org) or our Facebook Page for parenting resources, activities for children, and mindfulness videos for the whole family. Utah Family Month is May 10th - June 21<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to stay up to date with all the activities happening during that time by visiting our website.

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

## Public Works

### Grass Clippings

Spring is finally here...with that comes green grass and the mowing of lawns. As you are mowing, please remember that you need to keep all grass clippings on your property. When the clippings are left in the streets and gutters it has the potential to cause flooding with irrigation and storm water, and is also a violation of City ordinances. Thank you for your help in advance and all season long.

### Flood Irrigation

Many residents use flood irrigation methods to water their lawns and gardens. While this method is acceptable, it requires a lot more time and diligence on the water user to oversee the process to ensure water does NOT flow onto neighboring properties or into or across city streets.

### Sprinkler Systems - Backflow Preventers

For customers with underground sprinkling systems, state plumbing code requires a backflow preventer on all underground sprinkling systems. A backflow preventer is a device that prevents impurities or contaminants from being drawn into the drinking water system. Many sprinkling systems already have a proper backflow preventer installed and only need to be tested annually. Others may not meet state and local regulations and may need to be replaced with the proper backflow preventer.

The regulations also require a state certified backflow technician test the backflow preventer annually. After the test has been completed, please submit the results to the City so that we can update our records. For a list of local technicians, please contact the Public Works department at 435-753-0313.

Thank you for helping to keep our drinking water system clean and safe.

### Spring Creek Crossings

The long-planned construction project on Spring Creek Parkway at 100 West by the Charter School (west crossing) is expected to commence once the creek flows from spring runoff subside enough for construction; probably July. The east crossing over the creek has final approval by FEMA. The developer is working on amended construction plans which will be submitted for approval by our City Engineer. We may see construction start as early as June.

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

## Most Justice Court Hearings and Arraignments Postponed

The Providence Justice Court has made changes to adapt to the Governor's order. Here are specifics for court operations:

- Traffic arraignments are postponed. If you have questions about your case, please call the court clerk during business hours at 435-752-9441.
- All criminal case hearings (pre-trials, arraignments, etc.) for defendants who are not in custody shall be continued to after June 1, 2020.
- All small claims trials are continued.

- All court functions are to be performed as usual (including hearings) for all in-custody defendants. (But by telephone or email where possible. If that's not possible, then we hold the hearing in court.)
- (Pre-trial conferences that are scheduled prior to June 1 must be continued, of course—unless the defendant is in-custody. In that case we'll try to do it all by video conference.
- All traffic violations for defendants not in custody for traffic violations are continued until after October 1, 2020, except for reckless driving or driving under the influence.

—Beth Munson, Justice Court Clerk

# Budget Highlights

## *2021 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget*

May is budget time for Utah cities. Plans are being made for the 2021 fiscal year (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021). Here are some of the key highlights of interest to residents.

### *Revenue – Sales Tax*

During the current economic slowdown due to the coronavirus emergency, we have been concerned about the amount of sales tax revenue we can expect for the upcoming year. We are cautiously optimistic in that we expect to see a dip in sales tax revenues for the months of May and June of the current year, but a return to a healthy economy thereafter.

### *Revenue – Property Taxes*

We are planning for no increase in property taxes for the 2021 fiscal year. We will adjust the property tax rate to maintain the current year collections as necessary. It will not be necessary for a Truth-In-Taxation public hearing to be held.

### *Revenue – Building Permits and Impact Fees*

We see building activity as remaining strong and see continued interest in new development. We are still seeing development plans being submitted and are in a good position to weather any downturn.

### *Expenses - All Funds*

Health insurance costs will be increasing at a 12% rate over 2020 fiscal year consistent with prior years. The employee match will remain the same percentage. A salary study was recently completed by Personnel Systems to review each city staff position. We will be making rate adjustments to some positions.

### *Capital Projects - General Fund*

We will be acquiring streets equipment to replace aging vehicles and adding additional maintenance and repair equipment. We will be updating the master transportation plan for the city.

### *Capital Projects – Water*

We are moving forward with plans to construct a 1.5 million gallon culinary water storage tank in fiscal year 2021. The tank will be in the hills just east of Spring Creek Road. Future years will add additional well and storage capacity. We will initiate an updated capital facilities plan and impact fee study.

We will be replacing water services (trunk lines) between Foxridge Drive and Abbey Lane.

### *Capital Projects - Storm Water*

We will be developing plans to beautify and improve the 1000 South 400 East intersection area. We will also be engaging an outside firm to do an impact fee facility plan and rate study.

### *Capital Projects – Roads*

We will continue to follow the 5-year streets plan developed and recommended by USU-LTAP and adopted in 2017 by the City council which began in 2018. This will be year 3 of the plan as we continue on the maintenance, repair and replacement program. The

budget package has a detailed list on the Capital Projects Summary page of road projects and the anticipated year of construction.

Both Spring Creek Parkway Crossing projects should be underway by July and completed by September. The West crossing (by the Charter School and 100 West) has received approval from the Army Corps of Engineers. Last year we applied and were approved for \$200,000 in COG (Cache County Council of Governments). The total project cost is about \$223,000.

The East crossing over the creek (west of the church on 300 East) has received FEMA approval and the City is awaiting revised developer's plans for review and approval. The City will pay up to \$75,000 of the total project cost.

We will be beginning a 5 year project to repair and replace downtown area sidewalks, and curbs and gutters.

### *Capital Projects – Parks*

We are looking at several parcels of property potentially suitable for new parks of approximately 10 acres each at the South end of the city. We will also be working on developing a master plan and policies for parks and trails. We will be constructing another pickle ball court at Alma Leonhardt Park and doing equipment replacements and upgrades at certain parks.

### *Capital Projects – Master Plans*

Now that the General Plan has been completed and approved by the council, for fiscal year 2021 we plan to work on master plans for parks and recreation, transportation and related impact fee studies.

### *Capital Projects Funding - Grant Funding*

As always, we be looking for opportunities to apply for available grant funds. We do not budget for grants because of their future uncertainty and considering that these revenues will have their own directly related costs of the same amounts.

The council and public should be focused on the long term effects of the budget and if the budget is in line with the city's Vision, Mission, Plan, and Goals. The council, with public input, must consider the question does the budget help accomplish the vision of the city? The General Plan, along with various master plans, and other documents should be consistent with the budget.

This is a tentative budget and its purpose is to propose and get feedback on the general assumptions that are the building blocks of the final budget. It is not the final budget which will be approved by the Council at the June meeting.

In summary, this budget outlines a forward thinking and sustainable path to carry us through the upcoming years. If anyone has any questions about this budget, please contact Providence City Administration at 435-752-9441 or send an email to [ryansnow2@providence.utah.gov](mailto:ryansnow2@providence.utah.gov)

— Ryan Snow, City Manager



## ATVs and Other Off-Road Vehicles

This time of year we start getting complaints about ATVs and other off-road vehicles being operated on City streets. With schools closed and more kids at home, we've seen significant increase in activity, and complaints.

**If you own or operate an OHV/ATV you must be familiar with Providence City Code Title 5, Chapter 9 that governs off road vehicles.**

### 5-9-3 Operation On City Streets

A. Any person operating an OHV or golf cart on the streets of Providence City is subject to the provisions of all applicable traffic ordinances, except where superseded by this ordinance.

B. Any person operating an OHV or golf cart on the Providence City streets must meet one of the following licensure requirements:

1. Operators age 16 and older must have in their possession a valid state driver's license/learner's permit OR Utah OHV Education Certificate for the OHV type they are operating.

2. Operators under the age of 16 must have in their possession a Utah OHV Education Certificate for the OHV type they are operating AND is under adult supervision (see definitions in this Chapter). This section pursuant to Utah Code 41-22-30. Operators age 15 may substitute a valid Utah Driver Learner's Permit for the adult supervision requirement.

3. Golf carts may be operated with a valid state driver's license OR learner's permit.

4. Operators whose OHV is registered as an implement of husbandry are exempt from these licensure requirements, provided said operation is in accordance with Utah Code 41-22-5.5.

C. This ordinance designates all Providence City Streets as OHV routes per Utah Code 41-22-10.5.1 with the following exceptions:

1. State Road 165

2. County Road 238 (200 West, 100 North from 100 West to 200 West, 100 West north of 100 North)

3. 100 North west of 200 West

NOTE: Crossing exception streets is permitted pursuant to Utah Code 41-22-10.3.1.

D. An OHV shall not be operated on Providence City streets in excess of the posted speed limit.

E. Operating an OHV on cultivated, landscaped, or otherwise developed property is prohibited unless allowed by the property owner.

F. OHV use within the boundaries of Providence City parks is restricted to the parking lots.

G. Operating an OHV on a sidewalk is prohibited.

H. No person under the age of (18) shall operate or ride as a passenger on an OHV within Providence City without wearing protective headgear pursuant to Utah Code 41.22.10.8.

I. Operating an OHV between one half-hour after sunset to one half-hour before sunrise without a headlight and taillight functioning is not permitted. Proper signaling must be used when stopping or turning.

J. Snowmobiles may only be operated on Providence City Streets when sufficient snow or ice is present to preclude damage to roadways and shoulders by the snowmobile's steering and propulsion systems.

### 5-9-5 Licensing And Insurance

At all times a registration card and proof of liability insurance shall be kept with the OHV and shall be available for inspection by a law enforcement officer.

### 5-9-6 Punishment And Fines

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor. The fine for any violation of this ordinance is \$75. Punishments related to this ordinance may not take precedence over punishments and fines charged for violating other Providence City, county, state or federal ordinances, but may be assessed in addition to the fines levied for violating this ordinance.

—John Drew, Mayor

**With more families at home, it can be easier for children to access medications. Be sure to store your medications up and out of reach of children.**

**Medications do not make safe leftovers.**

Safely dispose of unused or expired prescriptions at these locations:

**Hyrum City Office**

60 W Main, Hyrum

**Logan City Police Department**

62 W 300 N, Logan

**Logan Clinic Pharmacy**

412 N 200 E, Logan



If a poisoning occurs, contact the Poison Help Hotline immediately or if you have any questions about poisons.

