

PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

City Council

3rd Wednesday

August 19th @ 6:00PM

Planning Commission

4th Wednesday second meeting as needed

August 12 and August 26th @ 6:00PM

Justice Court

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every Monday, except holidays

Open court hearings have been suspended until further notice. Check with the court clerk for questions.

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

johnm@providence.utah.gov

The Mayor's Memo

Carrie Kirk, one of our council members has taken on the task of organizing a cleanup project for Providence Canyon. We've had a lot of complaints recently and as the land is US Forest Service and State property, the City has no jurisdiction. Kudos to Carrie for being willing to take on the project. See the story on page 4.

One of our Providence residents is a Forest Service employee who's daily routine is to check the condition of the canyon. He's alerted us to the abuse and the nature and extent of the trash left behind.

If we keep our canyon well maintained, it sends a message to visitors that it is not a place to abuse and leave their trash.

More on High-Bandwidth Fiber

The July council meeting included a discussion and vote on moving forward with a fiber network project. The council voted unanimously to instruct the city staff to gather information necessary to proceed. There are a number of

issues that will be further discussed and decided before any project related investments are approved.

One of those decisions is to agree on a business model. The council chose to narrow consideration down to a "utility" or "subscription" model. The utility model provides a connection to each residence which a monthly base charge. The subscription model only constructs a connection for those households that "subscribe" to the service.

The utility model is less costly to construct as all of the connections are made at the same time. This model also fully funds bonded debt service from day one. The subscription model constructs connections individually as new users are added.

A fiber connection will allow city residents to have additional choices of service content, internet, phone and entertainment in addition to that offered by Century Link and Comcast.

The project costs are funded with revenue bonds which are paid off with fiber network service fees and do not impact budgeted funds for city streets and other projects.

Providence City Celebration

Due to much uncertainty regarding governmental restrictions, mandates, guidelines, executive orders, we will have two activities; the Annual Car Show and the Concerts in the Park.

CONCERT in the Park provided by LOCAL BANDS

Saturday, August 29 - **Down Yonder** - Friday, September 18 - **Bleach Blondes**

Join us for a night (or two) of fresh air and fantastic music. Bring your own chairs to Zollinger Park Pavilion, music will start at 7:00.

Down Yonder's talented group of musicians will have you smiling and wanting to jump out of your seats and dance with their folk, bluegrass, celtic and ragtime repertoire. Come enjoy these local musicians including: John Petersen, Janene Petersen, Charlotte Petersen, Dorthy Smith, Karen Campbell, Charlie Ashurst, and Zach Smith. Learn more at: <http://www.downyondermusic.com>

The **Bleach Blondes** are so fun and play a variety of music including pop, rock, country, blues, ballads, oldies, and even one rap song. This concert will have something to please everyone. The band includes Jocelyn Mckee, Jan Richins, Jackie Freeman, Kathi Bischoff, and Karen Campbell. Learn more at: <http://wk77.net/bleachedblondes/>

All social distancing and precautionary actions will be observed.

Come listen and sway with us!!!!!!

Annual Car Show - Saturday, October 10

One of the most enduring City events has been the Annual Car Show. It has been successful as a stand alone event with the number of cars doubling over the past 10 years to over 100 participants. We have a lot of car enthusiasts in Providence and in Cache Valley that look forward to this annual event.

City Office Administration

We are accepting registrations for the following programs. If it becomes necessary to cancel a program, we will issue refunds. Please visit our website for updates, www.providencecity.com. To register for our recreation activities visit www.sportsites.com/player.

Adult Pickleball Class

Adults 18 years and older; register now thru August 7, 2020

Classes will be held at the pickleball courts at Alma H Leonhardt Park, 7:00 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 11 – August 27.

Flag Football

Age Groups: 1st and 2nd Grades, 3rd and 4th Grades, 5th – 7th Grades; registrations now thru August 21, 2020

Youth Flag Football is a version of American Football where the basic rules of the game are similar to the mainstream game, but instead of tackling players to the ground, the defensive team must remove a flag or flag belt from the ball carrier to end a down.

As you visit our recreation facilities and participate in our programs, please remember to practice the appropriate social distancing guidelines. Also, please help us keep our parks clean and user friendly by putting your trash in the trash cans.

Zoning Compliance Reminder

Please remember a City zoning clearance is required before plans can be submitted to Cache County Building Department for a building permit. Some areas in the City also require a Conditional Use Application. To apply for a zoning clearance, please complete and submit the Residential Site Plan Application.

You can find the application online at <http://providencecity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Application-Residential-Site-Plan-Revised-04-27-2020.pdf>.

You can find the conditional use application at <https://s3.amazonaws.com/iworq-upload/HANOVER/608/6421689-11.%20Conditional%20Use.pdf>

You can submit your applications and pay online using the following link <https://providence.portal.iworq.net/portalhome/providence>

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

City Manager

Here is an update of ongoing and planned projects that the council, city staff and volunteers are working on.

Transportation Master Plan

Our Transportation Master Plan project is underway with CRS Engineers working on this. More details will be coming soon.

100 South Widening Project

CRS Engineering was selected to do the engineering and design work on our 100 South project. We will be submitting a grant application to include the engineering plans to the Cache County Council of Governments (COG) for construction costs. The grant application deadline is August 13. After the deadline, all grant applications go through a detailed technical evaluation by the CTEC which scores each application and makes its recommendations to the COG.

The COG, which is made up of all 19 Cache Valley mayors and the county executive reviews the recommendations and determines the final list of applications for approval. The County Council considers the COG recommended list of grant applications and makes final approval. Construction would begin spring of 2021.

If you have any questions about the project, contact Ryan Snow, our City Manager or Max Pierce, our City Engineer.

Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan

We have selected MHTN, a Salt Lake City based planning and design firm to do our Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan. We are currently forming a steering committee to lead the process.

Sewer System Master Plan

We have secured \$30,000 in grant funding for a Sewer Master Plan. We posted a public notice of a Request for Proposals with a deadline of August 14 for submittal.

Cemetery Master Plan

The Cemetery Master Plan project will begin later in the year and likely will progress over the winter.

We hope you will take the time over the coming months to give us your input into each of the master plans so that we can plan and proceed to build Providence to be the community you want it to be.

— Ryan Snow, City Manager

Public Works

With fall just around the corner, the Public Works Department hopes that you have had an enjoyable summer.

The school year is fast approaching and with that, we will begin painting crosswalks. We would ask that you be aware and drive with caution as our crew is painting. Please do not drive through or move the cones. As soon as the paint has dried, the cones will be removed.

The City will be contracting out our annual street striping. The striping will be scheduled after all of the chipping and HA5 treatments have been completed. Please use caution when in the area of the striping.

Also, we would ask that you not leave grass clippings in the curb and gutter. Please help us keep water ways free of grass and debris as this has the potential to cause flooding.

The City thanks all of you for your continued patience through our summer road maintenance projects.

— Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

Resident Comments Addressed

We frequently have notes dropped off, emails sent with suggestions, comments and questions. I am planning to add a regular section each month to address resident inquires for all newsletter readers. I hope you find this useful and informative.

Maps of the City

Often times newsletter articles will describe events, or activities in different parts of the city. This could be road repair or maintenance, FIREWORKS restrictions or other projects. When we do so, we oftentimes reference a link to the city website to view the map that delineates the areas being impacted.

Printing the city-wide map in the newsletter even on an entire page, geographical features and street names are barely readable. Because of the size of the area covered, the maps are made available on the city website. That way a reader can zoom in on a particular area of interest.

Cemetery Space

There is property just north of and directly adjacent to our Cemetery which is owned by the City of River Heights. It could be a natural fit to expand our cemetery.

Over the years, Providence mayors and councils have had discussions with River Heights City officials about acquiring that property. Offers we have received in the past were deemed by Providence City officials to be one-sided and not in the interest of our city.

Most recently, neighbors in the vicinity of that property have told River Heights officials that they do not want to see the Providence cemetery expanded in their direction as funeral attendees bring too much noise. The mayor of River Heights told me they are planning to build a park, but not accessible from the cemetery.

Fiber Network

Further clarification

The fiber/cable/internet telecommunications business has two segments; the network infrastructure (shielded conduit, copper phone wire, fiber), and content. The content includes internet, phone, television, movies, etc.

In Providence, 93% of residences are Comcast and Century Link customers that are provided both infrastructure (physical connection) and content. There are many content only providers including Comcast and Century Link in some locations.

What we are exploring is bring a technology that uses light waves in place of phone wire and shielded cable. Fiber uses light waves at the speed of light to transfer data. Thus, fiber is a means to increase the volume and speed at which data can be downloaded or uploaded. Therefore, it brings the capability of state-of-the-art and future technology potential to Providence.

One analogy is to think of the streets and roads provided and maintained by the city. You have the use of and services via those streets, but the city does not provide the delivery of product.

Content Options

One benefit of separating the network infrastructure business from the content is it will allow residents more, not fewer options. We will not be "kicking out" existing service providers. Residents will still be able

to keep their current provider and their current telecom options. What additional content providers bring is more competition and potentially better pricing, a win-win for residents.

Technology Advances

Fiber in itself does not bring new technology. It does bring the vehicle for future advances. For example, 5G technology operates in a more data-intensive mode compared to previous technology. In order to do so, fiber currently is the primary technology that allows full use of 5G capability. Future technology may use other means for 5G to connect.

Green Waste

We've heard a lot of resident interest in an expanded green waste program. In the June newsletter, I included an article that talked about turning green waste in to a useable product rather than filling the landfill. There have been some developments I'd like to convey.

Background

In the 1990s, Logan City initiated the green waste program to extend the life of the existing landfill. Adding additional life saves all utility customers by delaying having to share the cost of acquiring another landfill location. In recent years, the Logan City landfill reached near capacity and additional space was acquired in a canyon about 5 miles north of Clarkston.

Fast forward to today, the issue of green waste in the landfill has taken on a more urgent nature. After two years, green waste and other biological material is breaking down and generating methane gas. Since the 1990s when the Logan green waste program was established, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated that when a certain volume of methane gas is generated, a facility to capture the landfill methane must be constructed. This is not an inexpensive undertaking.

EPA Mandate

As I see it, we can make a wise choice as utility customers to collect, process and put as much green waste to use, or pay the price down the road for the convenience of dumping it in the landfill. I consider this similar to the EPA mandating that the City of Logan replace the existing wastewater treatment facility with a complex mechanical treatment plant. Changes to regulations resulted in Logan City to have to spend \$150 million for a new treatment plant and pass rate increases on to customers.

County Council

On Tuesday, July 28 the county council met a second time to consider a recommendation from the Solid Waste Advisory Board to institute a full service collection and processing program to recycle green waste. It would include green waste bins during the April - October season, expand the number of locations of green waste bins, hire additional staff and invest in additional processing and collection equipment. The proposal also would cut the price of recycled material, wood chips, compost, etc. in half. The cost would be \$1.50 per household per month. All Cache Valley mayors and councils expressed a strong interest in the full program.

The council did not act on the recommendation at that meeting. This leaves the Board's recommendation unresolved. The plan was to have the program in place by September 1st. We will continue discussions and hopefully come to a resolution.

—John Drew, Mayor

Little Lambs School Supply Drive

Last year, Little Lambs, with the help of the community, was able to help 728 kids head back to school with the tools they need to succeed! There is expected to be an increase in need this year and are hoping our community can rally together to help fill over 800 backpacks for students heading back to school (or online) through this back-to-school drive.

School supplies have been added to their Amazon wish list for those who would like to help but may not want to go out shopping. Please visit Littlelambsofutah.org/donate for a link to the Amazon wish list or you can Venmo @littlelambsofutah

Drop Off Locations:

Providence - 519 E 800 S, (private residence front porch bin available anytime)

Logan locations -

- Little Lambs: 1125 W 400 N Suite 200, Tues & Weds 10-1pm & Thursday's from 4-7 pm
- Cache Coffee and More: 970 S State Hwy 89, (right by S Walmart) 7am- 9pm M-Sat
- Anderson Seed & Garden: 69 W Center Street, 9am-6pm M-Sat
- Staples on 1400 North

North Logan - Leavitt Automotive: 55 E 2000 N 8am-5:30pm M-F

Mendon Library

Thank you for supporting kids in our community through Little Lambs Foundation for Kids!

For more information or if your child needs supplies please join the facebook group: Little Lambs Foundation for Kids, check out the website littlelambsofutah.org or call 435-764-4439"



Little Lambs
foundation for kids

7th Annual School Supply Drive

Benefiting Foster Youth & Low Income Families

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| Backpacks | Index Cards |
| 1 inch Binders | Mechanical Pencils |
| Lined Paper | Markers |
| Notebooks | Subject Dividers |
| Folders | Highlighters |
| Colored Pencils | Pencil Sharpeners |
| Pencil Boxes | Post it Notes |
| Crayons | #2 Pencils |
| Glue Sticks | Pens |
| Kids Scissors | Pink Erasers |
| Rulers | |



Venmo:
@littlelambsofutah

Lets Keep Providence Canyon Clean

Council Member Carrie Kirk is organizing a cleanup of Providence Canyon. We have had groups in the past that have conducted cleanups, but the effort has not been consistent. Residents have noticed the trash.

The canyon is part State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land and beyond the 2nd parking lot is US Forest Service land. The City owns property at the storage reservoir only.

You may have noticed that Providence Canyon could use some clean up. This year it has had a lot of use and a little abuse. Working together we can make a real difference.

We are asking families to pitch in on any date that works for them. You can go to the city office and pick up garbage bags or use your own. Leave the garbage you collect in bags along the canyon road and city crew will collect the bags and take them to the dump a few times during the week.

Garbage bags and popsicles will be distributed at the canyon parking lot on Monday and Tuesday, September 14th and 15th from 7 - 8 PM and Saturday, September 19 from 10 -11 AM.

—Carrie Kirk, Providence City Council

Providence City will have cleanup supplies available the week of September 14 thru the 19th.

Property Owner Maintenance of Park Strips & Sidewalks - Trees and Vegetation

As specified in City Code, property owners in Providence **are responsible** for maintaining the park strip adjacent to their properties and for keeping the sidewalk clear. The following sections are intended to help residents understand their responsibilities

Property owners are required to trim trees and other vegetation so that it **does not obstruct the sidewalk or the roadway (PCC 7-1-3.D)**. Trees are required to be trimmed **8 ft above the sidewalk and 14 ft above the roadway. (PCC 7-1-8.D.5)**.

Planting or removing **trees**, where allowed (see section on landscaping), **requires a permit** from the city. Tree varieties must be from the [approved tree list](#), and must be planted according to the spacing requirements set forth in 7-1-8 (A), and the additional requirements in 7-1-8(D) (see above link for both code sections).

Property owners are required to “maintain the landscaping in a healthy, safe, attractive, and nuisance-free condition” (PCC 7-1-8(A)6)

See <http://providencecity.com/property-owner-maintenance-of-park-strips-sidewalks/>

