

PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

City Council

3rd Wednesdays

March 18th @ 6:00PM

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

Planning Commission

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

Wednesday, March 11th and

March 28nd @ 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

johnd@providence.utah.gov

The Mayor's Memo

Public Health

There has been a lot of media hype about the dangers of the Coronavirus (now COVID-19) which seems out of proportion to the actual risk and extent of the illness.

The scariest parts

Someone can have the virus and show no symptoms for up to 14 days. That means someone could be a carrier and pass normal screening, so it is considered more contagious than the flu or other viruses.

As of today, the number of new cases in South Korea exceeds those of new cases in China (if the Chinese government is being honest).

The Chinese government has not been forthcoming with specifics of the virus to help other countries combat the spread; and worse yet, has cracked down on medical professionals who tried to warn of the danger.

The Reality

The virus is more contagious, but the percent of patients who die from the illness is lower than those who had become infected with SARS (Severe acute Respiratory Syndrome) and MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome).

As of today (March 1), there are 78 US cases which includes 44 contracted while on a cruise ship that had docked in Japan. There are currently 3 deaths in the US.

To find, test and produce the number of doses of a vaccine will take over a year.

In the US, 30,000 to 60,000 people die from the flu each year.

Prevention

The CDC DOES NOT recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, and that facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease to others.

The CDC DOES recommend you wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

[CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Providence City General Plan

The current draft of the Providence City General Plan is posted on the City website (providencecity.com) for residents to review. Go to Departments / Community Development / 2020 General Plan Draft; or scan the QR code to the right.



If you would like to submit comments about the Plan, email to: providencecityutah@gmail.com.

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WARNS OF CORONAVIRUS PHISHING ATTACKS

The worldwide spread of the new Coronavirus is being used by bad guys to scare people into clicking on links, opening malicious attachments, or giving out confidential information. Be careful with anything related to Coronavirus: emails, attachments, social media, texts, anything. Look for topics like:

- Check updated Coronavirus map in your city
- Coronavirus Infection warning from local school district
- CDC or World Health Organization emails or social media Coronavirus messaging
- Keeping your children safe from Coronavirus
- You might even get a scam phone call to raise funds for "victims".

There will be a number of scams related to this, so please remember to Think Before You Click!

—John Drew, Mayor

City Office Administration



Skarlet Bankhead
Administrative Services
Director

Business License Renewal

2020 business license renewals were due January 1. The late fee that went into effect on February 1 increased on March 1.

Home business: \$25 license fee, \$25 late fee, total due \$50.

Commercial business: \$50 license fee, \$50 late fee, total due \$100.

Dog License Renewal

All 2019 dog licenses in Providence City expired on December 31. Late fees applied on February 1.

Spayed/neutered: \$15 license fee, \$10

late fee, total due \$25

Unaltered: \$25 license fee, \$10 late fee, total due \$35.

Along with your renewal, please provide a proof of rabies vaccination.

Lid Stickers for Recycling Containers

Logan City Environmental Department is printing new stickers (see the graphic below) for the recycling containers. We will have a limited supply of the new stickers available at the Providence City Office, if you would like stop by and get one.

Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

Registration for youth baseball and softball open now through April 24. Register online at providence.sportsites.com/player or at the Providence City Office, 164 North Gateway Drive (Mon-Fri 8:00 am — 5:00 pm). Please contact us if you have any questions, 435-752-9441

Competitive Youth Baseball Registration

Registration for Competitive Youth Baseball is open now through March 9. Teams can register online at providence.sportsites.com/player or at the Providence City Office, 164 North Gateway Drive (Mon-Fri 8:00 am— 5:00 pm). Please contact us if you have any questions, 435-752-9441

Fun in the Sun Director position open

Providence City is now accepting applications for our Fun in the Sun Director. Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

Scorekeeper and Umpire positions open

Providence City is now accepting applications for umpires and scorekeepers. Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

Tennis and Pickleball instructors wanted

Providence City is now accepting applications for tennis and pickleball instructors. Applications are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>.

Save the Date

The Providence Youth Council has invited the **Easter Bunny** to the Providence City Office on Saturday, April 11. Watch for more information on our website <http://www.providencecity.com/>

Website Transparency Page

We have added a Transparency page to our City's website, <http://providencecity.com/transparency/>. This page has links to City Council schedules, agendas, and minutes; City financial information; consolidated fee schedule; elected official contact information, etc.

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

Public Works

Green Waste

We are anticipating the delivery of green waste bins from Logan City on Monday, March 23rd. Please do not place any green waste on the ground before the bins are in place.

Curbside green waste pick up will begin the week of April 1st and our collection day will remain on Wednesday.

Providence City is no longer providing curbside branch pickup.

Green waste dumpsters will be available at the Public Works facility. There have been problems with contamination, and Logan City is looking for ways to remedy this problem. Please help do your part so that we can continue with this free service for Providence residents.

Just as a reminder, the following list is what is **ALLOWED** to be put in the dumpsters or your *curbside* green waste container: grass, leaves that are **NOT bagged**, garden waste, clean hay & straw, shrubs, branches and non-invasive weeds. Branches cannot be over 6' in length or 12" in diameter. If your items are not included in this list, then do not use the green waste dumpsters.

The green waste dumpsters are for residential use and are not for landscaping companies. If you see this type of violation, please call the City office and tell the receptionist you are calling to report a Code violation.

We will have a garbage and metal dumpster at the public works facility sometime in April for 2 weeks. Check the Providence City website, watch the newsletter, and sign up for the Providence Pipeline for notification.

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

Please Make Note: Winter Parking Hours are Still in Effect Until April 15

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.

City Staff Comments

Providence City Works to be 100 Percent Compliant with Newly Proposed State Auditor Fraud Risk Assessment Guidelines

The council and management have taken significant steps to have the city reduce its risks, and improve its service to the public. This has included a thorough review of city policies and procedures, as well as making modifications to employee responsibilities. We believe these changes will better protect our employees and the public. We are working for continual improvement, as we serve our residents.

We also are working at improving our transparency and have moved to live streaming Planning and Zoning, and City Council meetings so more residents can be better informed of what our city is doing. We have also added a page to our website specifically around providing data transparency. This page is modeled after the guidelines published by the Sutherland Institute.

See assessment guidelines at https://auditor.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/07/Fraud-Risk-Assessment-Impementation-Guide-for-Local-Governments_revised-April-2019.pdf

—Ryan Snow, City Manager

Storm Water—Did You Know . . .

Eleven things you can do to prevent storm water runoff pollution.

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use less toxic pesticides, learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for fluid leaks
- Recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Sweep up dirt and mud from vehicles instead of washing it off into the gutter and storm drains
- Report problems and illicit discharges

To report an illicit discharge please call the City Office, 435-752-9441 or email: providenceutahstormwater@gmail.com

—April Fredricksen

Celebrating Earth Day

April 22, 2020 is Earth Day, the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, and was an idea of then U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson. The idea came to him after witnessing the environmental destruction of the 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California.

Today, Earth Day is celebrated by millions of people every year and is a time to promote change in human behavior.

There are many different ways to celebrate Earth Day (and every day) and to be a part of the solution. Simply be aware of the ways you use natural resources and manage your household waste, and spending the day in nature. Here are a few ways Earth Day can be celebrated.

Switch all of your bills to paperless

Rather than your bills being mailed, switch to online statements to reduce paper waste. You are sent an email when your bills are available online to view. Decreasing the demand for paper will decrease the use of trees. The City offers paperless billing through Xpressbillpay.com.

Start a compost heap in your garden

Food wastage is a massive problem all around the world. In Europe alone, the food wasted could feed approximately 200 million people. Starting a compost heap in your garden will help you get rid of kitchen and garden waste efficiently and you add nutrients to the soil.

Buy a reusable water bottle

In 2016, over 480 billion plastic bottles were sold, which is over 60 for every person. If everyone had a reusable water bottle, then this number would decrease greatly. If you don't already own one, go out and buy a bottle that you can take with you everywhere you go.

Give up chewing gum

You might think that chewing gum is environmentally friendly, but it is actually made from synthetic rubber, which is plastic. Around 100,000 tons are thrown away every year, and a lot of it ends up on our streets. Next time you want minty-fresh breath, just brush your teeth instead.

Walk or ride a bike

Cars contribute greatly to air pollution and have a negative impact on human health. They produce dangerous gasses such as carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides, which then enter our atmosphere that we have to breathe in.

Rather than taking the car, walk or ride a bike instead. If you don't have a bicycle, carpooling will help cut down your carbon footprint. Cache Valley Transit District offers free buses, including the new Loop route which comes every 15 minutes during peak hours.

Buy a bag for life


Single-use plastic bags are no friend of the environment. Charging for plastic bags in supermarkets may help this issue. You can help further by buying a bag for life so that you never have to buy a plastic carrier bag again. Reusable bags are very strong, and are available in most supermarkets and online.

—Submitted by Esther Cowley, Office Services

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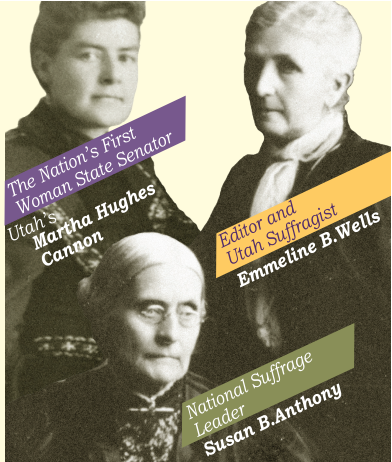
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Conversations with 3 women who helped change America*

Learn and celebrate with all the girls and women in your life!

March 13, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Logan Tabernacle



CACHE COUNTY RECYCLING

YES



CARDBOARD BOXES



CARDBOARD PACKAGING



PAPER



MAGAZINES & CATALOGUES



PAPER BAGS



PAPER EGG CARTONS



METAL CANS



PLASTIC #1
(CLEAR PLASTIC BOTTLES WITH A THREADED NECK)



PLASTIC #2
(MILK JUGS)

NO



GLASS



DRINK & FOOD CARTONS



STYROFOAM



PIZZA BOXES



FOOD & GREEN WASTE



PLASTIC #3 - #7



PLASTIC BAGS



CLAMSHELL PACKAGING
(EVEN WITH #1 OR #2)



DISPOSABLE PLATES, DRINK CUPS, LIDS & STRAWS

DO NOT BAG RECYCLING

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