

# PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

### City Council

3rd Wednesday  
June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM

### Planning Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
June 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ 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  
[johnd@providence.utah.gov](mailto:johnd@providence.utah.gov)

## The Mayor's Memo

### General Election 2020

This is an election year with a bewildering number of candidates, issues and challenges. For governor, there are eight Republican and three Democrat candidates. The Republican field poll results have sifted from Cox to Huntsman leading the field, but also show there are about one-third of the voters still undecided.

Here in Cache Valley, all of our representatives face Democrat challengers. Two face Republican challengers (Potter, Hillyard). The primary election is June 30, the general election November 3. Our municipal elections are next year, 2021.

I believe the recent virus crisis and the impact on the economy will weigh strongly on voter decisions.

### Public Health - Low Risk

I don't know if you follow the national news. Much of the country that has been hit much harder than us here in Utah. The number of unemployment claims keep ramping up with an additional 2.1 million new claims this past week. Right now there are 40 million unemployed.

The future of entire industries is in question, unemployment is running as high as 20 percent, and state governments are facing painful cuts to jobs and essential services. It took five years to recover the 8.7 million jobs lost in the last recession and its aftermath; in April 2020 alone, employers cut 20.5 million positions.

From my perspective, I believe we are blessed to be here in Utah and especially Cache Valley. I think we will weather the storm better than our brothers and sisters in the rest of the country.

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

## GREEN WASTE OPPORTUNITY

### Turning the Green into Useable Product Rather Than filling the Landfill Logan City Reevaluating Limits on Green Waste Collection Sites

We've heard from residents that take issue with not having a local site for green waste receptacles. The mayor, council and city staff are considering different options to expand green waste services.

Two weeks ago, the Nibley City Manager David Zook wrote an article that appeared in the Herald Journal addressing a letter-writer's complaints about Nibley's green waste collection site. The City of Logan had reduced the time window for the large green waste containers to be available for residents. Providence City has had the same dilemma, with citizen complaints of lack of availability and waste dumped on the ground.

Logan City has had limited resources to provide this heretofore free service. How to address the cleanup problem with enforcement, cameras and restrictions on available waste bins has been a recent council topic.

I've had several discussions about this issue with Issa Hamud, the Logan City Environmental Department Director. One of the challenges has been to limit the volume of bio-waste that goes in to the landfill, for two reasons. One, landfill space and the life of a landfill site is limited. Second, bio-material eventually breaks down and generates methane which in sufficient volume needs to be captured and treated. A methane gas plant is an expensive capital expenditure which must be passed on to the users.

The other Logan City challenge is how to cover the cost of collecting and processing the material along with the capital investment in heavy equipment. Rather than fight the need to dispose of waste green material, perhaps the solution is to initiate a program to encourage recycle/reuse. The council believes that a reasonable fee charged residents and commercial landscapers would be an option to consider.

Logan City is inclined to work with Cache Valley cities and significantly reduce the cost of recycled green material to encourage use. A proposal to launch a broad collection and recycling program will be presented and discussed at the Solid Waste Advisory Board meeting on June 8. I am a board member and will report back the decision.

I think this is evolving in to a win-win. Our council members want to see a green and clean city, and encouraging gardens and well-kept properties is a laudable goal.

—John Drew, Mayor

## City Office Administration



Skarlet Bankhead  
Administrative Services

### Parks and Recreation

Our spring (summer) recreation programs will be starting soon and we are optimistic that we will be able to enjoy our fall recreation programs. We are accepting registrations for the following programs. However, if it becomes necessary to cancel a program, we will issue refunds. Please visit our website for updates, [www.providencacity.com](http://www.providencacity.com). To register for our recreation activities visit [www.sportsites.com/player](http://www.sportsites.com/player).

#### Kickball

**Adult Co-Ed Kickball** – registration now through June 16, games are scheduled to begin in August. This program is for adults and youth age 16-years and older. It's a great way to improve your fitness, meet new people, and have fun. Games will be played on our Uptown Park softball field.

**Children's Kickball** – registration now through July 17, games are scheduled to begin in August. Kickball is a great program that gives children ages 3 to 6 years old, an opportunity to strengthen both physical and social skills in a noncompetitive atmosphere. Teamwork and sportsmanship are encouraged and expected from players, parents, and coaches. The game of kickball is similar to baseball. A large ball is rolled toward home plate and kicked instead of being thrown and hit. Game duration will last 20 – 30 minutes and no official scorekeepers or umpires will be present. Games will be played during August at the Zollinger Park T-Ball/Kickball Field.

#### Flag Football

Age Groups: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades, 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades; Registration is Jun 29 – August 21, 2019

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.

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

## Thank You to Our School Crossing Guards

A big thank you to our Providence Crossing Guards. They had a very successful year, not only did they keep our children safe during the normal school year, when the soft closure of the schools occurred, our crossing guards crossed the children who walked to get their lunches.

In addition they put up Providence City's first Story Walk. It is located at Zollinger Park. Find out why "Bees Like Flowers" read and get exercise at the same time.

—Beth Munson, Justice Court Clerk

## Public Works

### Bluestakes Utility Locator Markings

We often receive phone calls about the paint and/or flags that are put down throughout the City. If you see these type of markings, they are showing the location of underground utilities.

Anytime excavation is going to be taking place, utility lines need to be marked. The City belongs to an organization called *Bluestakes of Utah*, which is a call center to dispatch utility company locating services.

Each color of paint or flag that you see, corresponds with a specific utility. Providence City is responsible to mark water, sanitary sewer and storm water.

**Blue** - culinary water

**Green** - sanitary sewer

**Purple** - storm water

**Red** - electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables

**Yellow** - gas, oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials

**Orange** - communication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit

**White** - proposed excavation site

**Pink** - temporary survey marking

Anytime you are doing any type of excavation within your property, make sure you call 811 to start the bluestake process or visit [bluestakes.org](http://bluestakes.org).

### Annual Sewer Line Cleaning

Twin D is working in the City again this summer. We contract with them to clean the sanitary sewer system. If they are in your area you may notice some bubbling or noise coming through your plumbing.

Have a great summer and as always, please be cautious if you are in the area of a work zone for your safety and ours.

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director



# Staff Notes

## *Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan*

The City of Providence is accepting proposals from qualified professional planning and design consultants to develop a community supported comprehensive strategic municipal parks and recreation continuous improvement master plan. The purpose of this plan is to identify and inventory current programs and facilities, provide long and short term guidance to administration, delivery of recreation services, and generate a sustainable and implementable action plan for the maintenance and development of parks and facilities.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Conduct a city wide recreational needs assessment that includes residents, community groups, stakeholders, staff, and administration that encompasses current and future recreational needs and demographics.
- Identify and inventory all current parks and facilities and evaluate their conditions, usefulness, and lifespan.
- Create a five-year action plan and make recommendations based on the data analysis.
- Create a long-term forward looking plan to guide the city's placement of new parks, to achieve the city's vision.
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- Make formal presentation to stakeholders.

## *Grant Applications*

The City staff has submitted two grant applications this past month.

One application is for 50% funding of a Sewer System Master plan; total cost, \$40,000.

Another is for an interest-rate subsidized loan for \$1.4 million to construct a culinary water reservoir. The reservoir is planned to be constructed in the hills east of the Foxridge neighborhood. Construction is planned for spring of.

The City will be submitting a grant application for Cache County Council of Governments (COG) funds to construct 100 South from 200 West to approximately 400 West. We do not have an engineer's estimate of the cost. The deadline is August 13 for the grant application. We will have proposals from engineers for design work by the end of the first week in June.

We received word in May a grant application for \$4.2 million of Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) was turned down by the BLM and will be resubmitted in January. The program is to compensate cities whose streets and roads are impacted by public access to backcountry.

## *UDOT Public Meeting on 3200 South/Hwy 89/91 Intersection*

UDOT will be hosting a public meeting to discuss potential improvements to the intersection at 3200 South and US 89/91. This public meeting will be held on June 24, from 4-7 pm at Heritage Elementary School. Social distancing guidelines will be followed. Attendees may sign up for time slots at the following URL: <https://bit.ly/3200SIntersection>. Signing-up is not necessary, but will help us

avoid queue lines. If you have any question please contact Rosie Fullmer at [rosie@ja-today.com](mailto:rosie@ja-today.com) or 1-800-970-4843

— Ryan Snow, City Manager

## *Stormwater and Runoff Pollution*

April Fredrickson, our stormwater inspector submitted this puzzle. She said her kids enjoyed it. Can you find all of the words?

### POLLUTION

Often we think that water pollution only comes from big oil spills or huge factories. We forget that there are lots of little sources of pollution all around us. Stormwater from cities can become very polluted. Oil drops on driveways, fertilizers on lawns, loose dirt in areas with no plants, or dog poop can all be carried by stormwater to a drain and then to a lake or stream.

Find these stormwater and pollution words in the word search:

Concrete  
Drain  
Driveway  
Fertilizers  
Lawn  
Oil  
Pesticides  
Plants  
Rain  
Rooftops  
Sediment  
Stormwater  
Stream

C	K	R	E	S	W	N	M	G	V	N	E	N	P	B
Y	B	E	O	Y	E	E	I	T	L	T	I	L	K	B
O	B	T	D	O	E	D	M	A	E	S	A	J	K	L
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## Wastewater Treatment Impact Fee

Providence City contracts with Logan City for wastewater treatment services. Logan City is building a new wastewater treatment facility. One of the requirements for financing the new facility was that a wastewater treatment impact fee be established and collected.

As a city contracting for service, in February, Providence City adopted Ordinance No. 2020-001 which adopted Logan City's wastewater treatment impact fee facilities plan and established an impact fee for wastewater treatment.

Beginning June 4, 2020, Providence City will collect a wastewater treatment impact fee at the time a building permit is issued for all structures requiring a **new connection** to the sewer system. The wastewater treatment impact fee for a standard residential unit is \$2,433. The fee for commercial, multi-family, and non-standard units will be calculated as stated in the impact fee facilities plan.

—Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Director

## Labels for Recycling Containers

Logan City Environmental Department is reminding folks that the new stickers for the recycling containers are still available. We will have a limited supply of the new stickers available at the Providence City Office. You can stop by and get one for your **BLUE** recycling container.



## 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**

**WWW.LOGANUTAH.ORG or 435-716-9792**