

# PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Events

### City Council

3rd Wednesday

October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00PM

### Planning Commission

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, second meeting as needed

October 28 @ 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

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

[www.providencecity.com](http://www.providencecity.com)

## The Mayor's Memo

### I'm Excited

The council and city staff are working on a Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan. This means we are stepping back and taking a city-wide look at our PTR resources and along with resident input, deciding where we want to be, what we want to plan for and what taxpayer resources those plans would need.

Rather than spot improvements, the Plan will help us determine what we want, with the best use of taxpayer resources to get there. Survey results have indicated strong and enthusiastic resident interest in establishing walking and biking trails. I think that's great. I'm excited.

### Progress

Ryan our City Manager and I had a discussion this week about the direction of the city. I said I was pleased that there has been much progress in that we have shifted from just running the day-to-day business of city government to making efforts to plan for the future. Rather than reacting to the day's problems, we are looking at the big picture and doing much needed forward thinking.

We started in 2017 with streets and prioritized our maintenance, repair and replacement efforts with a 5-year plan. We sought expert advice and guidance. We now make far better use of taxpayer dollars for the biggest single asset city government owns. How big? At today's costs, our streets are a \$150 million asset, and we have a \$5 million general fund budget. We are wrapping up year 3 of

the streets plan activities and have made much progress. We now do a much better job at extending the life of the roads we have and delayed costly rebuilds for decades.

We now are in the midst of preparing master plans for sewer, parks and trails, cemetery and transportation. This allows us to solicit citizen input, deliver the best service for taxpayer dollars, deliver a well thought out city, and avoid acting based on the whims of small special interest groups.

Any other plans you think we should consider? How about a master plan for our historic/cultural resources?

We have been seeing, and will continue to see over the years the continued benefit of planning and forward thinking bear fruit. Flying by the seat of our pants is not the way to run a city.

### Community Connect

At the September council meeting, Logan Fire Chief Brad Hannig addressed the council and talked about a new service that provides important information to first responders in case of an emergency call to your home. Homeowners can access Community Connect to enter their information:

<https://www.communityconnect.io/info/ut-logan>.

I did this and it took me about 15 minutes (we have 5 dogs). I'll have much more on this in the next newsletter.

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

## Parks, Trails and Recreation Master Plan

In August, the City Council directed the city staff to develop a master plan for Parks, Trails and Recreation and employ to an outside consultant to guide the process, gather information, and prepare the Plan. The plan is currently expected to be adopted in mid-November.

A survey was developed to allow residents to rate city park and recreation services, and solicit comments. We received almost 300 responses. The Park Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, September 29 to review the responses from the survey and to discuss suggestions and options.

Besides requests for more park space and amenities, some new ideas were presented. The survey indicated strong public interest, and much discussion centered around establishing walking and biking paths, trails, and related signage that would connect parks, the commercial and residential parts of the city, and Providence Canyon. One idea would establish a new trail in Providence Canyon. Another would facilitate safer routes to the middle and elementary school.

The next step will be for the consultant to update the council on the status of the plan, and present an initial draft for consideration. I'll have more on the PTR Plan in next month's newsletter.

—John Drew, Mayor

## City Office Administration

### *Providence City Youth Council*

Now accepting applications for the 2020/2021 Youth Council. This is an opportunity for youth in the 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades to acquire a greater knowledge of the community through active participation in community affairs. Applications available on the City website: <http://www.providencecity.com/youth-council.htm>

### *Christmas Tree Lighting and visit with Santa*

December 12, 2020, please plan to join use for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and visit with Santa Claus.

### *If you visit our parks*

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.

### *A message from our friends at CAPSA*

The work of supporting domestic violence and sexual abuse victims is difficult during normal times, yet since the COVID crisis began CAPSA has seen record requests for support and an increase in severity of cases.

If you or someone you love is experiencing abuse – whether it is physical, emotional, psychological, financial or otherwise – there is help available. Call CAPSA at 435-753-2500 to find out how they can help you be safe.

### *October is Utah Walk Month*

Visit **Move Utah** for information on the “Utah Walks Strava Challenge” <https://move.utah.gov/utah-walk-month/>

As you enjoy autumn walks in Providence City, consider walking to each of our parks.

**Alma H Leonhardt Park**, 310 W 250 N; **Braegger Park**, 300 S 300 E; **Brookside Park**, 36 East Spring Creek Pkwy; **Cattle Corral Park**, 100 East 200 South; **Hampshire Park**, 650 South 300 West; **Hillcrest Park**, 450 East 800 South; **Jay's Well Park**, 400 South Main; **Meadow Ridge Park**, 251 South 325 West; **Uptown Park**, 100 East 100 North; **Von Baer Park**, 350 East Center; and **Zollinger Park**, 51 North 200 West.

Send us a picture of you at each park – visit all 11 and receive a prize from the city. Email: [providencecityrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:providencecityrecreation@gmail.com)

For a list of amenities at each park visit: <http://providencecity.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/List-of-Parks-updated-May-2020.pdf>

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

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## City Manager

### *CARES Act Grant Money Available*

Using money granted to the City from the State of Utah's allocation of federal funds for Coronavirus aid (CARES Act), Providence City Council has established a grant program for both Residents and Businesses.

Providence City has establish a grant program for utility payment assistance for residents that may have been terminated from their employment, furloughed, or had a reduction to their hours and/or wages due to COVID-19; in the amount of up to \$100 per household for a maximum of 3 months; distributed on a first come/first serve basis. The council has allocation of \$20,000 for this grant program.

Providence City has established a grant program to assist businesses that have been negatively impacted by closures, reduction in hours, reduction in revenue, and increased business costs due to COVID-19. Distributed will be on a first come/first serve basis, in an amount of up to \$10,000 per business.

Please see Providence City's website for applications and additional details.

### *Master Plans*

The city continues to work on various master plans including Traffic, Sewer, Fiber, and Parks, Trails and Recreation. We thank all residents that took the time to fill out our various surveys. We have received a great deal of feedback. We look forward to Master Plans that will help guild us into the future of what you want our City to be.

— Ryan Snow, City Manager

## Public Works

### *Fall Leaves*

With fall here, the Public Works Department would like to remind you that we will be picking up leaf bags. We would ask that you do not rake your leaves into or place your leaf bags in the gutter or out into the street. Please place the bags on the curb or edge of your property.

### *Green Waste*

We will not be picking up or chipping branches. The green waste bins are still available at the Public Works Facility at 350 East Center. If you choose to take your leaf bags to the green waste bins, please do not place the bags in the bins, you will need to open them and empty your leaves into the bins.

### *Late Season Projects*

Providence City has contracted with Staker Parson to rebuild two sections of road. The work will take place in the area of 200 North from Main Street to 100 West and 100 East from 200 North to 300 North. The contractor will be *roto-milling* the asphalt surface and replacing it. It is not a full-road replacement which would involve replacing the road base, so the project should be done in about a week. It also does not include sidewalk, curb and gutter work.

Please use caution when in the area and obey all regulatory signs.

— Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

# Resident Questions and Comments

We frequently have notes dropped off, emails with suggestions, comments and questions of city staff. I hope you find this useful and informative.

## *The History of Providence*

With continuous development in our City we are welcoming new residents every month. Many are interested in the history of Providence and where they can find more information.

We have a Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) that meets once a month, the third Tuesday. Here is the link to information: <http://providencecity.com/historic-preservation-commission>. The commission has its own website: <http://providencehistory.com>.

Also, there have been 3 volumes of the book, "Providence and Her People." Volume 1 published in 1949, Volume 2, 1971 and Volume 3, 2009. We have Volumes 2 and 3 in the office. Watkins Printing has 3 copies of volume 2 (\$69.95) and 4 of volume 3 (\$49.95) available for sale. Watkins Printing has been looking in to obtaining copyright permission to reprint the original Volume 1.

## **A piece of history**

Did you know the mayor and council were indicted by a county grand jury? That was in 1976, and the 3-page story is in Volume 3 on page 183. A trial was held 6 months later. Do you know the result?

## *Fiber Network*

We continue to have interest in our fiber network project and hear from residents every day.

At the September 16 council meeting, the council members specifically asked the City staff to work with Strata Networks to negotiate the terms of a contract to design and build a fiber network infrastructure in Providence. Discussions are continuing with Strata to determine the details. An initial draft will be available for the staff to review within the next couple of weeks.

## **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we had planned to establish an advisory committee to review the technical issues involving the design, construction and operation of a fiber network. The purpose of the TAC is to advise the council and make specific recommendations. The TAC has met 3 times so far, and will

We have 3 Providence residents who bring excellent credentials to the committee. The committee also includes Ryan Snow our City Manager, Rob Stapley our Public Works Director and the Mayor.

**Trent Stokes** is the IT Department Head at Bridgerland Technical College and teaches fiber classes. He is a certified technician in fiber optics and has been certified by multiple entities in fiber, the USAF, The Light Brigade and most recently The Fiber Optic Association.

**Rick Hughes** recently retired from Utah Public Radio as an electronics technician for over 3 decades and has been involved in operating UPR's Utah radio network and in fiber and other communication installation and upgrade projects.

**Ky Sealy** has a masters degree in electrical engineering from USU and is an industry expert and patent holder in the area of wireless power transfer and emissions. Ky is frequently an invited lecturer in electrical engineering courses at USU. Ky's wife Jeanell serves on our council and has an electrical engineering degree as well.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**FAQ** – the TAC will be developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section for the Fiber on the City webpage <http://providencecity.com/fiber/>. See this page for documents and information on the development of our Fiber network.

We are also considering "branding" our fiber network as other Utah cities have done. One city, American Fork has come up with the name, "LightHub." If you have any thoughts or suggestions, let us know.

We would appreciate receiving comments on our fiber network plans. Please contact me or Ryan our City Manager.

## *Green Waste*

The Cache County Council on September 8 approved county-wide fees for a green waste program operated by Logan City. The approved program is abbreviated from the one previously proposed. The monthly fee for the green waste bins was \$1 per residence with daily removal service by Logan City Environmental Department.

The approved program is \$.50 per residence and \$.50 for recycling the green waste; \$12 per year. This includes the big green bins being emptied only 3 days a week rather than Monday thru Friday. The Environmental Director said the Solid Waste Advisory Board would re-evaluate the program in a year.

## **Spring Branch pickup**

The Providence council asked the city staff to look into reestablishing the branch pickup that was canceled several years ago. The program was cancelled at the request of our public works director as the department staff set aside roads maintenance and repair projects to pick up and dispose of pruned tree branches. The public works equipment is also not suited to the scale of city-wide branch pickup.

The staff has the results of an initial estimate of costs to purchase equipment to reestablish the spring branch cleanup program, including a truck and a backhoe and associated labor and operating costs. The city manager will be discussing with the council at the next meeting.

## *Spring Creek Crossings*

In September's newsletter I stated that the two crossings that will complete and connect the stretches of Spring Creek Parkway should be finished, paved and open for traffic before the end of the month. Both crossing projects have again experienced unanticipated delays that extended through September. As of this writing, the west crossing is due to be paved and completed on October 5.

The east crossing over spring creek was delayed when supplier stacked the concrete culvert slabs incorrectly and 2 were cracked and had to be replaced. As of today there is heavy equipment on site finishing the adjacent foundations.

Of course, both projects are subject to inspection and approval by our public works department and City Engineer before the contractor is paid and public access is allowed.

Spring Creek Parkway has been on our Master Transportation Plan as an open connector road to connect the upper bench for over 20 years.

As always if you have any questions, please call or drop me or Ryan our City Manager a note.

—John Drew, Mayor



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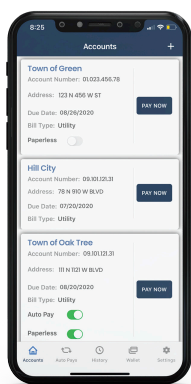
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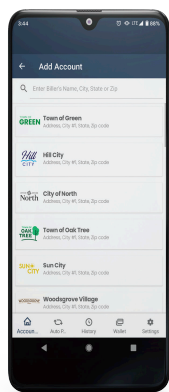
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## Providence Sauerkraut

Providence is known for its sauerkraut and used to have an annual sauerkraut celebration. The original pioneers brought it from their home countries, and you will find different variations from each family. Cabbage is easy to grow in Providence.

Volume 2 of the book, “Providence and Her People” as I mentioned in “The History of Providence” (on the previous page), Chapter 4, Sauerkraut - A Providence Specialty. Sauerkraut was called, “Providence Spaghetti” and “Swiss Noodles.” One of the brand names for canned kraut was, “Providence Princess” and had the notation on the label, “Made exclusive fromm der Sauerkraut SEEDS brodt Fromm Der Old Country by der Bioneers.”

### Basic Sauerkraut Recipe

One of our City staff asked if I had a recipe for sauerkraut and if I would add to the newsletter. A long-time Providence resident gave me this about 10 years ago, although every family has its own version.

5 lbs cabbage (green or red)

2-3 tablespoons sea salt

Optional: caraway seeds, fennel seeds, cumin seeds, shredded carrots, sliced onion, chili peppers, ham, bacon, sausage

Thinly slice the cabbage and place into a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle in salt and begin to massage the cabbage. Continue massaging so that the salt begins to pull the liquid from the cabbage. This liquid will become your brine, which acts as a barrier against any unsavory bacteria during the fermentation process.

Work in any of your optional ingredients. Let sit for about 30 minutes. When the cabbage is nicely wilted and a lot of liquid begins pooling around it, begin packing it into a large glass jar or fermentation crock. Be sure to push the cabbage down forcefully with your fist or a tamper/mallet/etc. This will continue to create more brine.

Once all the cabbage is in the fermenting vessel, pour the brine in and place a clean rock or heavy jar on top of the cabbage so it is under the liquid (we used a small bottle filled with water), then cover the jar with a cloth or towel. Label it somehow with the date you started it, then store in a dark area of your home.

Allow to ferment for 10 days to 3 weeks, depending on your preferences. The longer it goes, the softer the cabbage will get and the more good bacteria will be present, which will make your gut super happy!

*The word sauerkraut is from Austria, sauer (sour) and kraut (greens or plants), but every culture (no pun intended) all over the world has always had some form of fermented food as part of their traditional diet.*

There are other recipes that use sauerkraut as an ingredient; breads, muffins, cakes, soups, casse'roles, the famous reuben sandwich, and even ice cream. Here's a link to some ideas: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/recipes-with-sauerkraut/>

—John Drew, Mayor