



PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

City Council

3rd Wednesday

November 17th @ 6:00PM

Planning Commission

2nd Wednesday

November 10th @ 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 (Non-emergency dispatch)

City related issues 752-9441; after hours message will have an on-call number to call a city employee.

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johnd@providence.utah.gov

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The Mayor's Memo

Half of Utah Families Can't Afford to Buy a Home

For the past 10 years, we have seen an 8 to 10 percent increase in housing prices in Cache Valley. Cities have pushed back on growth, resulting in a classic and growing mismatch of supply and demand.

This means that enough housing units have not been built to meet demand, which has resulted in a doubling of prices.

The U of U Kem Gardner Public Policy Institute recently published "**The State of the State's Housing Market**, Utah's housing market faces a severe imbalance that creates record price increases for homeowners and renters." October, 2021. <https://gardner.utah.edu/wp-content/uploads/StateOfState-Oct2021.pdf?x71849>. The researchers at the Institute have been writing about, and predicting a growing housing shortage for quite a few years.

A number of news outlets picked up the story on the Gardner study, including KSL; "**Half of**

Utahns can't afford to buy a home" <https://www.ksl.com/article/50271156/half-of-utahns-cant-afford-to-buy-a-home>.

Thoughts on how our State legislators will react?

Civic Incivility

Utah was one of the pioneers as the second state to establish an initiative and referendum process. According to state code, unless a special election is called, a referendum can only appear on a subsequent municipal election ballot.

Municipal elections are held every two years when half of the council seats are up for a vote. Besides council seats, voters in Providence this year had a ballot referendum.

I have been following Providence politics for the past dozen years. I have heard lots of strange interpretations of how our municipal government functions. But this year takes the cake.

With a referendum on the ballot, it's been open season for some of the most bizarre stories. What has made it worse is attempts to have a civil discussion; too much emotion, not enough civility.

—John Drew, Providence City Mayor



The Providence City Youth Council will be holding a food and donation drive from November 2nd to the 10th for the Cache Community Food Pantry. We will be taking donations of food, hygiene items, paper products and financial donations. We have a box at the Providence City offices where you can drop off your donations. Financial donations can be left with the city or made directly to the Cache Community Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is addressing a real issue here in Cache Valley and that is hunger. As the cold season begins here in Cache Valley, ensuring our community does its best for those residents in need is especially important.

Particularly helpful donations are baking and cooking staples (cooking, oil, sugar, flour), canned fruits and vegetables, and hygiene items (toilet paper, feminine care products, and diapers). Each donation goes a long way in helping families in their time of need.

Additionally, you can utilize this Amazon Smile link when shopping Amazon. The Cache Community Food Pantry will get a small commission based on your order. As you're doing your holiday shopping, keep that in mind to help out! <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/87-0512889>

—Esther Cowley, Office Specialist

Mark your Calendar

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa – Thursday, December 2,
5:00pm to 7:30pm at the 100 North Roundabout

City Recreation & Events

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Visit with Santa

You are invited to join us for our Visit with Santa and 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, December 2 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the 100 North Roundabout. The tree lights will be turned on at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to put an ornament on the tree that evening, just prior to the lighting. Ornaments will be available for a donation (recommended donation is \$15, but all donations will be accepted) at the city office beginning November 16; and onsite the night of the lighting. Proceeds from the ornament sales will go to The Family Place. We also invite you to visit with Santa that night; and enjoy hot chocolate and doughnuts.

The Youth Council will be collecting donations for the Cache Food Pantry. You can drop your items off at the City Office or bring them to the tree lighting.

Holiday Lighting Contest

If you would like your residence considered for the Holiday Lighting Contest, please visit our website, print and complete the entry form, and return it to the City. Judging will take place December 1 - 12. Link to the entry form: <http://providencecity.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/2021-Holiday-Lighting-Contest-Entry.pdf>

Business License Renewal

2021 business license renewals are due January 1. Renew by December 31 and receive a 10% discount.

Dog License Renewal

All 2021 dog licenses in Providence City expire on December 31. Renewal opens December 1. Along with your renewal, please provide a proof of rabies vaccination.

City Code

Snow Removal

Did you know that Providence City Code has snow removal regulations regarding the following:

- Failure to remove [from sidewalks in a reasonable time]
- Depositing in gutter [snow removed from sidewalks]
- Depositing in street [snow removed from private property]
- Responsible for damages
- Removal of snow on the asphalt and/or travel portion of the city right-of-way.

Before getting the snow shovels out, please review snow removal code at <https://providence.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=Title 7 Public Ways And Property>

Reminder, Winter Parking Hours

Winter parking hours go into effect 24 hours after the first snowstorm that requires the City to plow the streets in November; or December 1, whichever is earlier.

For the complete ordinance, see <https://providence.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=6-2-8 Winter Regulations>

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Director

Public Works

Annual Leaf Pickup

The Public Works Department is beginning our annual leaf pick up. Please make sure that all leaves are bagged and placed on the curb/edge of property (not in the gutter) for pick up. For those who have curb and gutter in front of your home, please bag your leaves rather than rake them into the gutter. As the Public Works Department begins leaf cleanup, we will be cleaning leaves from the gutters to prevent storm drains and waterways from clogging and flooding. This program is **NOT** designed for homeowners to rake their entire yard into the gutter for the City to clean up. We appreciate your help in making this program a success.

Park Strip Trees

We've had quite a few calls concerning park strip trees and responsibility of maintenance. Here is a portion of our city code that should answer some questions and concerns:

D. Trees: Trees may be used in park strips that are greater than four feet (4') in width subject to the following limitations:

1. No tree shall be planted in a park strip without first obtaining a permit from the City.
2. Tree species must be listed on the City's Parking Strip Tree List.
3. Trees within overhead utility easement shall be of a species the customarily grows to a height not exceeding fifteen feet (15').
4. Tree size shall be a minimum of two-inch (2") caliper (measured at a point six inches (6") above the soil line) at the time of planting,
5. Maintenance (pruning, removal, etc.) of trees is the responsibility of the abutting property owner and/or assigns. Except in the case of an emergency, a permit from the City is required before removing a park strip tree. The bottom of the canopy should be maintained to 14' over the roadway and 8' over the sidewalk.
6. Trees are not allowed in park strips four (4) feet wide or less.

a. Notwithstanding anything in this chapter, the city retains the right to maintain, remove, or alter the park strip landscaping as the city deems necessary.

The entire city code can be found on the website in section 7-1-8.

As temperatures are dropping we would like to remind you to winterize your sprinkler systems. This will help prevent your sprinkler lines from freezing and breaking.

The last curbside green waste pickup (Logan City green bins) will be Wednesday, November 17th.

— Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

We Continue to Make Progress

Fiber Network

We expect to have live "lit" fiber to our Central Hut and to one of our five fiber distribution vaults by the time you read this. A live connection allows us to test the system and enable our ISPs (Internet Service Providers) to check their connectivity. While we are a bit behind on connecting homes, we expect to connect the first residence to the fiber system by the end of November.

We recently applied for a \$250k fiber grant but are not expecting to be awarded as it is very competitive. We continue to look for other grant funding opportunities to help offset costs.

Transportation Master Plan

We have completed paving 100 South and 200 South and, 300 South will be done within a week. We have received a grant award of \$1.1M to complete two blocks of 100 South, west of 200 West, and expect to start this project next spring.

Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan

Parks - We are in the final stages of purchasing additional park property. If all goes well, we should complete the purchase of an additional 15 acres of property (2 locations) within the next few months. We are still looking for other property in the southernmost portion of the city.

At Jay's Well Park (400 South and Main), we have installed a sprinkler system, and with the help of Stokes Nature Center volunteers, have planted trees and shrubs. This is a park we know many residents wanted to see improved.

Trails - Providence City has been notified of a \$700k award in grant funds to mark bike trails and build additional trails within the city. This will be a good start towards connecting the city from East to West, and North to South. We will also connect to the Logan trail system with this project.

The engineering will start within the next few months and with construction anticipated to begin in a year or two. While you won't see immediate progress, we will be making headway.

Recreation - We have many recreational activities planned. Our next will be the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on December 2. We hope you will join us (see notice bottom of Page 1).

Culinary Water

Our Water Master plan development is in progress, and we will see the completed product early next year.

Social Media / Community Outreach

We have recently hired a Treasurer, Angie Olsen who is also assigned the role of Public Information Officer. We look forward to her helping improve our interaction with Providence residents. Please consider signing up for the Pipeline, like us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, and subscribe to our YouTube channel.

As you can see, much planning is in process, and we are making much progress. We thank you for your continued patience as we work to implement the plans laid out by the city council.

— Ryan Snow, City Manager

Why I Love Providence

With so much negativity in the world I wanted to share why I love living in Providence:

Providence Web Site

- All you want to know about Providence and her history

Leaders who listen

- Stop sign was removed on Main and First North and after discussion a four-way stop was placed at First North and First West. In the end, much better.

History is preserved

- Take the walking tour and notice many new plaques relating historical events in Providence
- Many more plaques will be added in the future

Sports

- Many opportunities for citizens to participate in all types of sports children to adults

Parks

- Lots of parks – even if we would all like more

Roads

- Repair and replacement of roads
- A beautiful community for people to live in

Terrific schools with lots of property around the schools that are city owned.

—Jeanette Christenson



City Celebration Planned for 2020

When we moved to Providence 15 years ago, there were 3 city celebrations, events with different themes. This past year there was a car show and several lightly attended concerts in the park.

A group of Providence citizens are working to resurrect the City Celebration event that had been a hallmark of city culture for many decades. The event will include contests, games, food, booths and "plenty of family fun" I am told. The event will include a celebration of the iconic sauerkraut theme. The details are being worked out and volunteers are needed.

If you are interested in helping contact Nichol Bone - nicholetbone@gmail.com, or Ashley Poole - ashleyapoole@gmail.com.

Park Space Acquired

Hot off the press. Today, October 29 the City of Providence closed on the purchase of 5.24 acres of property to expand Zollinger Park. More details in the December newsletter.

—John Drew, Mayor

Please Observe City Speed Limits !

The Speed Limit on Most Providence Streets is 25

Exceptions listed below



The ONLY Exceptions to the 25 Mile an Hour City Speed Limit

Street	From	To	Limit
200 West	Millville	100 North	30
100 West	100 North	River Heights	30
100 North	Highway 165	100 West	30
Gateway Drive	100 South	Logan	30
Highway 165			55

Planning Commission

Providence City & Public Works Terms and Acronyms

In a past article, we discussed the difference between a condominium and a townhome. A condominium is a living space that encompasses wall-to-wall, floor to ceiling. In other words, you own just the interior living space. Townhome ownership contains the same area plus the land on which the structure sits.

What is a Duplex?

A duplex is a multi-family home that has two units within the same building. These two units share a common wall by either being side by side or, sometimes, stacked on top of one another, each occupying an entire floor if stacked. Each unit has a separate entrance, and there is no interior connection between the two units.

A duplex adjoins only one other unit instead of being attached to other units, as in the case of an apartment. Duplexes could be owned by a family living in one space and renting out the other, or the owner rents out both units to tenants. A duplex may be a good setup for families or groups of roommates. A duplex is typically more affordable to rent than a single-family home.

A disadvantage of a duplex is that you may share a backyard, a patio or a garage with a neighbor. Since duplexes are individually owned, yard work and upkeep may be up to the owner or be a shared responsibility. Duplexes are usually more affordable than detached single-family homes. It would help if you also were flexible and friendly with your neighbor.

Twin Homes?

There are differences between duplexes, apartments, and twin homes, which we will discuss in coming articles. Our next article will discuss the difference between duplex buildings and twin homes, which are often confused with one another.

—Bob Perry, Providence City Planning Commission

Election Results

At the time this newsletter is submitted as final, election results are unknown (October 29). By the time you receive a paper copy of the newsletter in the mail with your utility bill, the election results should be known.

If you'd like to receive access to an electronic copy of the newsletter as soon as it is available, you can be notified by signing up with Express Billpay (sent to the email address you provide), or on the Providence Pipeline (which you set up to receive notices, on the city website home page).

— John Drew, Mayor