



The Garden Spot

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January Calendar

- JAN. 1 NEW YEARS DAY**
(CITY OFFICE CLOSED)
- JAN. 5 PARK RESERVATIONS NOW ACCEPTED**
- JAN. 13 CITY COUNCIL MTG.**
6:00 PM
- JAN. 14 PLANNING COMMISSION MTG.** 6:00 PM
- JAN. 19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**
(CITY OFFICE CLOSED)
- JAN. 20 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MTG.** 6:00 PM
- JAN. 20 CITY UTILITY BILL DUE**
- JAN. 27 CITY COUNCIL MTG.**
6:00 PM
- JAN. 28 PLANNING COMMISSION MTG.** 6:00 PM
- JAN. 31 DISTRICT 7 SOCCER REGISTRATION**
11-2 PM

Just a reminder: City Council and Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Office Building.

Message from the Mayor

It is time to order tomato and other garden seeds, read good books by the fire, and be grateful to live in such a great place. The seed catalogs have started to arrive and I am reading them carefully to decide what new varieties to try this year. While reading them I am eating slices of dried tomatoes from last summer so I get flavor bursts from last year while anticipating the new one.

You may have read about how cities across the country are facing serious financial problems. Providence City is not one of them. This year's budget was created in anticipation of reduced revenues and we are operating within that budget. We are also monitoring revenues closely so if there is an unanticipated shortfall, we can react quickly.

I have asked city employees to make suggestions about ways to improve what we do and how to do it more efficiently. One suggestion we have implemented is to have the city offices open earlier in the morning and later in the evening so people can stop by on the way to work or on their way home. In order to do that without increasing costs, we have implemented a nine-hour workday that results in employees having off every other Friday and we close city offices on Fridays to walk in traffic, although we still answer the phones. One of the side-benefits is that this system reduces overtime, so we may even save money. Another is that on the Fridays they are in the office, city staff can do many of the things that would otherwise take them out of the office during regular office hours such as attending meetings, running city errands, and purchasing supplies. In a few months we will evaluate how well this innovation is working. If you have others to suggest, please stop by and let us know them.

Be well and have a happy new year.

~ Mayor Randy Simmons ~

Friends of Providence Canyon:

A community awareness group sponsored by the Bear River Watershed Council and citizens of Providence. Do you love Providence Canyon? Do you want to help make and keep it a great place? All members of the community are invited to make a difference by keeping their eyes and ears open to questionable activity that can impact wildlife habitat and community open space. If you're interested, please contact Debbie Roghaar at droghaar@gmail.com.

WINTER SAFETY...Think before you act!

41-6a-1104: State code reads: A person riding a bicycle, moped, coaster, skateboard, roller skates, sled or toy vehicle may NOT attach it or a person to any moving vehicle on a highway.

Please remember throughout the year that attaching sleds, tubes, skateboards, roller skates or pulling any person behind a truck, four wheeler, snowmobile, etc. is prohibited. This may result in a \$40 fine if cited for this infraction. This is not allowed on any city street in Providence.



GOT INTERNET?

To view the Providence City newsletter online, visit our website at:

www.providencecity.com



City Office: 435-752-9441

District 7 soccer registration

District 7 Soccer registration will be held at the Providence City Office building on:

- Saturday, January 31st from 11 am—2 pm
- Thursday, February 5th from 6—9 pm
- Saturday, February 7th from 11 am—2 pm

For more information, please contact the Area Director, Desiree Gunnell at 750-5939.



Dogs Barking? Here is a suggestion...

A resident of Providence sent in a suggestion to help control your barking dogs.

- 🐾 Purchase a dog house that has a door (similar to a kennel) and put your dog in it at night so that they are not able to see other animals during the night. This should keep their barking under control until they are let out in the morning. *Thank you for the great suggestion!*

CITY COUNCIL RECENT ACTIONS:

- ▶ The Council adopted a resolution approving the Final Plat, Development Agreement, and Addendum to the Development Agreement for the Hillcrest Subdivision Phase 1, a 15-lot residential subdivision located generally at 850 South 400 East.
- ▶ A resolution was adopted appointing one regular member and two alternate members to the Providence City Planning Commission. Shauna Flammer, Rex Gustavson and Roy Sneddon.
- ▶ A resolution was adopted requesting UDOT change the SR-165 Corridor Agreement changing the access management category through Providence City to a Category 5, in exchange Providence City will not seek variances from a Category 5.
- ▶ Consideration was continued for adopting a resolution allocating \$3,027 to the office of the Cache County Water Manager to study water brokering and aquifer storage and recovery options for Cache County and its citizens.
- ▶ The Council will continue discussing purchasing ground from River Heights City to expand the Cemetery.

*Written comments are always appreciated on any topic.
~ Thank you ~*

Winner's of the Outdoor Christmas Light Decorating Contest

Thank you for joining in the Holiday fun!
Congratulations to the following residents:

- 1st place:** Bitters Home—10 East 400 South
2nd place: David & Misti Smith—228 South Sherwood Dr.
3rd place: Roger & Paula Barker—298 South 200 West

Honorable Mentions: Scot & Trina Thomas, Lex Baer and Stan Checketts
So many houses looked bright & festive. Thanks for participating!



WINTER PARKING:

Winter parking hours are in effect. No vehicles can be parked on the streets between the hours on Midnight and 6:00 am. Now that the snow is here, please make sure you are complying with this ordinance. This makes it safer and easier for Public Works to do a great job at plowing the roads. Vehicles not complying may be given a \$25 citation.



Remembering Providence?:

In conjunction with the sesquicentennial events that will be happening throughout this next year, each month look for a trivia question in the newsletter about Providence history. Stop into the City Office and tell us the correct answer and you will receive a prize. If you need resources, copies of *Providence and Her People* are available here at the City Office or check out a copy at the library here in town.

January's Question:

- Name one landmark that Providence is unique for?

Good Luck and have some fun researching the History of Providence!

Answer to December's question: What was mined in the Quarry? *Limestone* What was it used for? *To whiten sugar*

We had many winners in December! Thanks for playing!



SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS—Eighth Challenge

On April 20, 2009 Providence City will be turning 150 years old. We will be celebrating this event in conjunction with Celebrate Providence June 5-6, 2009. We will be having a series of events throughout this next year. **Eighth challenge, List 150 things you are thankful for!**

Continue working on previous Challenges. Good Luck! Join in the fun celebrating this once in a lifetime event.

1st Challenge: 150 days of Service

2nd Challenge: Pick up 150 pieces of trash each month.

3rd Challenge: Try to walk 150 miles before April 2009.

4th Challenge: 150 words to describe Providence.

5th Challenge: Find 150 different types of trees in Providence. Which ones were native?

6th Challenge: For 150 days, leave your car at home and find an alternate form of transportation to work or school.

7th Challenge: Donate 150 pennies for a charity this Holiday Season!



PROVIDENCE CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

↳ **PARK RESERVATIONS:** Zollinger and Vons Park reservations are now being accepted. Reservations are given on a first come first served basis. For fee and park questions, call 752-9441 ext. 22.

↳ **SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENT:** These events will be held throughout the year "2009". We are looking for committee volunteers to help plan this event. If interested, please call Dave Low 232-1957 or the City Office at 752-9441.

↳ **LICENSING:** Business and Dog licenses are now due. A late fee will go into effect on February 1, 2009. Contact Terri W. 752-9441 ext. 10 for information or drop by the City Office, 15 South Main.

↳ **DISTRICT 7 SOCCER:** Registration for District 7 Soccer will be held at the City Office Building on January 31, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on February 5 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and again on February 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These will be the only dates for District 7 Soccer registration so please plan to attend one of these dates. For information, contact Desiree Gunnell at 750-5939.

↳ **BASEBALL / SOFTBALL REGISTRATION:** It's hard to believe, but baseball & softball season is just around the corner. We have extended our registration. Registration will run from February 17, 2009 until March 26, 2009. We will not be taking late registrations this year due to uniform ordering deadlines. So please make sure you come and register BEFORE March 26. Thank you for your understanding!

↳ **CITY OFFICE CLOSED:** The Providence City Office will be closed on January 19th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

↳ **SNOW REMOVAL:** Just a reminder from our Public Works Department, please make sure to:

- ✓ Keep your sidewalks clean.
- ✓ Don't put snow from your property out into the street.
- ✓ Remove your garbage and recycling cans from the street as soon as possible.

Residents should be aware that snow plows frequently may be operating in directions contrary to the normal flow of traffic. For everyone's safety, please use caution when in the vicinity of a snowplow. Please, as you drive, take enough time to slow down and be able to stop, and for you and your car's safety, remain at least 150 feet behind snowplows. **Please give them room to work!**

DOG LICENSING: NOW DUE!!!

All dogs (big, small, indoor, outdoor) residing in Providence need to be licensed through the city. License renewals for 2009 are now available at the City Office, 15 South Main. Proof of your animals rabies shot will need to be provided to the city, so make an appointment to get needed vaccinations before late fees are charged. Late fees will be charged after January 31, 2009.

BUSINESS LICENSES: NOW DUE!!!

Business licenses are due January 1, 2009. You have until January 31 before late fees are applied. If you are running a business in Providence you must obtain a business license through the city office. Please contact Terri W. at 752-9441 ext. 10 for more information.



Message from Parks and Recreation: SNACK STAND MANAGER

Believe it or not, baseball and soccer season is just around the corner! Providence is looking for a qualified, dedicated individual who would be interested in managing and supervising the Snack Stand at Zollinger Park for the season. The season usually runs from April through October.

If interested, please contact Sheri Ward at 752-9441 ext. 22 for more details.

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Celebrate January!

- ▶ International Creativity Month
- ▶ National Get Organized Month
- ▶ National Soup Month

Story Time

Story Time resumes in
January!

Tuesday's 10:30 a.m. and Thursday's
10:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

There will be sign up sheets for each
session, because of the crowded
conditions.

What's New in our Library:

- ✓ Tales of the Beadlebard—*Rowling*
- ✓ Dewey the Library Cat—*Myron*
- ✓ Joseph Smith Papers Vol. 1—*Jessee*
- ✓ Left to Tell—*Ilibagagizia*
- ✓ Distant Thunder #2—*Stansfield*
- ✓ Flat Belly Diet—*Vaccariello*
- ✓ A Giant Among Men—*DVD*
- ✓ A Banner is Unfurled #3—*Gallagher*
- ✓ You Being Beautiful—*Roizen*
- ✓ Extreme Measures—*Flynn*
- ✓ Just After Sunset—*King*
- ✓ Cross Country—*Patterson*
- ✓ Salvation in Death—*Robb*
- ✓ The Pagan Stone—*Roberts*

Juvenile:

- ✓ Leven Thumps #4—*Skye*
- ✓ The Shadow of Lions
- ✓ Garrett Ranger's Apprentice #5
- ✓ Palace of Mirrors—*Haddix*

Children:

- ✓ Toot & Puddle: Let it Snow
- ✓ Toot & Puddle: Charming Opal
- ✓ Toot & Puddle: Mystery of the disappearing swing
- ✓ Toot & Puddle: The One and Only
- ✓ Toot & Puddle: Wish You Were Here
- ✓ I Know An Old Teacher—*Grammell*

Check out the library's web

With up-to-date information: <http://cachecounty.org/library>



INVITATION: Claim Your Place in Providence History:

As a major part of next year's Providence City sesquicentennial celebration of our pioneer heritage, a group of citizens are working to rebuild the pioneer monument that used to stand on the grounds of the Providence Old Rock Church. Karl Seethaler has donated the ground for the new monument which will stand on the corner of Main and Center Streets. This monument will be built with the contributions of private Providence citizens without city or government funds. Private fund raising for the Providence Pioneer Monument has begun. The fund-raising goal is \$40,000 to build this historic monument. Four donors have each committed \$5,000 in challenge donations for a total commitment of \$20,000 to this historic effort. This means that for every dollar donated to the monument by citizens like you they will match your donation dollar for dollar. This doubles the value of your donation! If you donate \$150 your donation will be matched by a \$150 donation and you will also receive permanent recognition in the form of a paving brick at the monument inscribed with your family's name or the name of a loved one. The \$150 is one dollar for each year of the city's history. We have reduced the price from the original planned \$200 to \$150 to make this opportunity to participate in your city's history easier for you and your family. There is a limited supply of pavers (250) so buy yours early and claim a permanent place for your family in Providence history. When they are gone, they are gone. If we raise more money than is required to build the monument, we will donate it to the city for the ongoing care of the site. Please refer to the enclosed brochure for a picture, more information on the monument, and how to include your family in this tribute to Providence City's 150 year history. Donations of any size will help to build this monument. Your name will be included in the sesquicentennial program which will be placed in the monument time capsule regardless of the size of your donation. **Please make checks to: Providence Monument Committee, c/o Ralph Call, Treasurer, 585 Canyon Road, Providence, Utah 84332.**

Providence Macey's Little Theater!

Free Cooking & Community Classes

January 2009 Schedule:

(Weekday classes are offered for adult's & kids ages 10 yrs & up)

Wednesday, Jan. 7th—Great Harvest: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9th—Simply Delicious!: 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 13th—Wheat!: 7:00-8:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Saturday, Jan. 17th—Kids Club: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21st—Pastall!: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

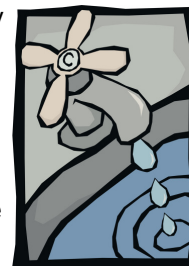
Tuesday, Jan. 27th—Camp Chef: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 28th—Simply Delicious!: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Seating is limited, so reserve a seat today at the
Service Desk or call 753-3301

MESSAGE FROM THE UTILITY DEPT.:

During this time of year, delinquent utility account balances seem to increase rapidly. In an effort to help customers keep their utility accounts current, Providence City is considering changing the policy for delinquent utility accounts. During the winter months when water cannot be shut-off, delinquent water accounts may be sent to small claims to ensure payment of the account. Please pay your utility bill promptly to avoid any additional costs.



Thank you,
Providence City