

The Springdale Sun

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Mission Statement: ***The Springdale Sun*** strives to inform, enlighten, illuminate, listen to, amuse, and encourage Springdale citizens, while also providing analysis, clarification, and an honest **forum** in order to increase the sense of community and well being in Springdale. Truth is mandatory.

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Rally the Troops for Cougars

Last Thursday there was a presentation about cougars (AKA Mountain Lions) at the CCC. We went expecting a fun and informative evening and we came out ready to fight — fight to maintain Utah's dwindling cougar population.

Utah's deer population has also declined. From a Springdale perspective, that's hard to reconcile with the number of deer wandering through town, determined to remind us they were here first. For whatever reasons, probably fueled by Utah's hunters, the Utah legislature has decided to test whether reducing the mule deer's main predator, the cougar, will increase the deer population significantly. **So restrictions on cougar kills have been removed**. This study will last until 2029. If it proves sufficiently effective in increasing deer population, next steps (perhaps to continue with unfettered cougar elimination) will be decided.

The Springdale Sun encourages its readership to contact our legislators to protest unfettered cougar kills as a way of increasing deer population.

Joseph Elison (Springdale's representative to the House):
801 657 1006 OR jelison@le.utah.gov
Derrin R. Owens (our representative to the Senate)
435 851 1284 OR derrinowens@le.utah.gov

When contacting legislators, you can strengthen your case by emphasizing one or more of the following reasons why efforts to boost deer populations through cougar reduction should be halted and reevaluated:



1.Snares, which are currently allowed, as a means of capturing cougars also capture dogs, cats, even people. At the very least, that particular option should be eliminated during this study period - and forever.

(continued on the next page - it really is)

2. Historically, attempts to increase populations of animals by reducing predators have backfired. (see otter removal along the Pacific Coast, Australia's cane toad disaster, mongoose introduction in Hawaii and the Caribbean, wolf eradication and deer/elk overabundance in North America). The ones that did prove successful were usually reducing predators that were invasive and did not evolve alongside its prey.
3. In many ecosystems, removing large predators allows smaller predators ("mesopredators") to increase dramatically. Scientific studies have documented situations where killing apex predators leads to increases in foxes, coyotes, feral cats, or other mid-sized predators, which can then place even greater pressure on prey species than before. Research has shown that lethal control of apex predators can trigger unintended cascading effects throughout ecological communities. Removing cougars does not necessarily produce more healthy deer. It can alter predator communities in ways that are difficult to predict and manage.
4. Predators often remove vulnerable, sick, or weakened animals. Research on mountain lions in Colorado found that they killed chronic wasting disease-infected mule deer at rates significantly higher than expected by chance. Thus, reducing cougar populations may remove a natural mechanism that helps cull diseased animals from deer herds before they spread infection. This is a strong example of how removing predation to solve one perceived problem can unintentionally worsen another. **Chronic Wasting Disease** is a very real, documented danger which affects deer, elk, moose, and other members of the cervid family. Infected animals gradually experience weight loss, behavioral changes, neurological impairment, and eventual death. There is currently no treatment or vaccine that will eliminate the prions which cause the disease and these infectious prions can persist in the environment for years, making disease control extremely challenging. CWD has spread across much of North America and continues to expand geographically. At a time when chronic wasting disease continues to spread, reducing cougar populations is a policy that warrants reexamination.
5. Cougars contribute to ecosystem function beyond disease management. Their predatory behavior helps regulate prey abundance, supports biodiversity, and influences ecological processes across multiple trophic levels. These benefits extend beyond deer populations and affect the overall health of Utah's landscapes.
6. Habitat quality, water availability, and migration corridors may be far more important drivers of deer numbers than cougar populations, thus indicating other potential deer population increase options.
7. Some Utah residents understandably worry about livestock losses or human safety. These concerns are real, but they can often be addressed through targeted management practices rather than broad reductions in cougar populations. Improved livestock protection measures, compensation programs, and public education can help minimize conflicts while preserving the ecological benefits cougars provide. Cougar attacks on humans are so rare, you're more likely to be killed by a vending machine falling on you.

Can we all say, "Unintended consequences"? If you know anyone in Springdale who does not receive *The Springdale Sun*, please encourage them to do so. Also, tell them about this opportunity to spend 10 minutes to make a difference. If you know anyone who lives in Utah, but not in Springdale, tell them about this recent decision by the Utah legislature and encourage them to contact their representatives as well.



THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE IN SPRINGDALE WITH THE PASSION AND ABILITY TO HELP COLLECT, ORGANIZE, AND ANALYZE DATA FOR THIS ONGOING STORY.
THERE ARE FAR FEWER WITH THE TIME TO DO IT. (PROBABLY 5 HOURS/WEEK.)
BUT SOMEONE DOES. WHO ARE YOU? YOU'RE OUT THERE. I KNOW IT.
PLEASE CONTACT ME: 801 360 3252 OR bethbencutler@gmail.com

OR VOLUNTEER SOMEONE ELSE. 😁

Carrots + Olive Oil: A Simple Combination with Powerful Health Benefits

by Debi Keys

Why This Bright Orange Duo Deserves a Place on Your Plate

Carrots are already known as a healthy food, but when you combine them with olive oil, something special happens. This simple pairing helps your body absorb more of the nutrients carrots naturally provide — especially beta-carotene, the antioxidant that gives carrots their bright orange color.

The result? Better support for your eyes, skin, immune system, heart, and overall wellness.

Why Carrots and Olive Oil Work So Well Together

Carrots are rich in beta-carotene, which your body converts into Vitamin A. Vitamin A plays an important role in:



- Healthy vision
- Immune supportSkin health
- Brain function
- Healthy aging

But here's the important part: beta-carotene is fat-soluble, meaning your body absorbs it much better when eaten with healthy fats.

That's where olive oil comes in.

Olive oil contains heart-healthy monounsaturated fats that help your body unlock and absorb more of the nutrients found in carrots. In simple terms, adding olive oil helps your body get more benefits from every bite.

The Health Benefits of This Combination

1. Supports Eye Health

Carrots are famous for supporting vision, and for good reason. Their beta-carotene content helps maintain healthy eyesight and may support night vision as we age.

2. Promotes Glowing Skin

Vitamin A and antioxidants help protect skin cells from damage caused by stress, sun exposure, and aging. Olive oil also contains Vitamin E, which supports healthy, hydrated skin.

3. Supports Heart Health

Olive oil is a staple of the Mediterranean lifestyle and is well-known for supporting healthy cholesterol levels and heart function.

4. Helps Fight Inflammation

Both carrots and olive oil contain antioxidants that help the body combat oxidative stress and inflammation — two major contributors to aging and chronic disease.

5. Supports Immune Function

Vitamin A plays a major role in immune health, helping the body maintain strong defenses.

6. May Help with Healthy Weight Management

Carrots are naturally high in fiber and low in calories, while olive oil adds satisfying healthy fats that can help you feel fuller longer.

Easy Recipes Featuring Carrots and Olive Oil

Honey Garlic Roasted Carrots

Ingredients

- 1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh parsley (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. Toss carrots with olive oil, honey, garlic, salt, and pepper.
3. Spread on a baking sheet.
4. Roast for 25–30 minutes until tender and slightly caramelized.
5. Sprinkle with parsley before serving.

Perfect as a side dish for chicken, fish, or a healthy grain bowl.

Mediterranean Carrot Salad

Ingredients

- 3 cups shredded carrots
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon raisins or dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons chopped walnuts
- Pinch of cinnamon
- Salt to taste

Directions

1. Combine carrots, raisins, and walnuts in a bowl.
2. Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, cinnamon, and salt.
3. Pour dressing over salad and toss well.
4. Chill for 15 minutes before serving.

This refreshing salad is packed with crunch, flavor, and nutrients.

Creamy Carrot Soup with Olive Oil Drizzle

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 5 large carrots, sliced
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a pot and sauté onion until soft.
2. Add carrots and broth. Simmer until carrots are tender.
3. Blend until smooth.
4. Stir in ginger, salt, and pepper.
5. Drizzle with extra olive oil before serving.

Warm, comforting, and loaded with nutrients.

The Bottom Line

Sometimes the healthiest habits are also the simplest. Pairing carrots with olive oil is an easy, affordable way to help your body absorb more nutrients while supporting heart health, immunity, skin, and healthy aging.

Small changes in the kitchen can create big benefits over time — and this delicious combination is one worth adding to your weekly routine.

To your best health!

Flag Day

Every year on June 14, Americans observe Flag Day, a time to recognize and celebrate the United States flag and the ideals it represents. While it is not a federal holiday, Flag Day offers communities across the country an opportunity to reflect on the history, values, and freedoms symbolized by the Stars and Stripes.

The observance traces its roots to June 14, 1777, when the Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag for the newly independent nation. More than a century later, local civic groups and educators began promoting annual celebrations of the flag. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day, and Congress later established it as a national observance.

Flag Day serves as a reminder of the shared bonds that connect neighbors, families, and visitors who come to enjoy the beauty of southern Utah. Whether displayed in front of homes, businesses, schools, or public buildings, the American flag remains a familiar symbol of service, sacrifice, and community pride. The day also honors the men and women who have served in the armed forces and those who continue to protect the freedoms represented by the flag.

In a time when communities face both challenges and opportunities, Flag Day encourages us to remember the principles of unity, respect, and civic responsibility. As the flag waves against the backdrop of Zion's towering cliffs, it serves as a powerful reminder that while Americans may come from different backgrounds and perspectives, they share a common commitment to the ideals of liberty and democracy.



What's Where Got To Do, Got To Do with It?

editorial by E Cutler

When Town Council is discussing funding and what things to spend money on, the comment is often made that we should realize the vast majority of our approximately six million dollar budget comes from tourism — as though that should impact how to spend those funds.

I have no idea why where our budget comes from should impact how it is spent. The last time it was brought up (the recent Special Town Council Meeting on May29), was in regards to potentially spending millions on the medical clinic, which option, I am sure you recall, was decided against.

I fail to see its relevance. Town Council member, Kyla Topham, specifically said something to the effect that just because most of our budget didn't come out of our pocket doesn't mean we should spend money irresponsibly. So, then, what *does* it mean?

The fact that we have so many visitors certainly dictates many things: parking, shuttles, etc.

In a town of about 600 residents, we have an average of about 13,800 visitors per day. That's 23 times our population. That's 23 times more water usage, sewage usage, main roads usage, and well over that, ZNP usage since most of us do not go into the park daily.

It's easy to calculate our property taxes but impossible to calculate how much of the total 6 million budget we pay in addition to property taxes. Everything we buy here is taxed and is, therefore, part of that six million. So, here's a guess based on minimal estimated resident spending and with several forays into different AI's: we contribute probably a measly $200,000 to 450,000 of that 6 million.

Interestingly, then, those who are here in numbers about 23 times as great as residents pay about 23 times as much tax. Sounds appropriate.

And, admit it, sometimes the traffic, congestion, graffiti, and general inconvenience of so many in such a small town is easily 23 times as annoying. Although, in addition to paying much of Springdale's bills, it pays much of the individual bills of local business people.

That was just some fun number play, but, it's largely irrelevant. The money in Springdale's coffers should be spent with wisdom and for Springdale. Period.

Other takes on this welcome. And encouraged.

The **Planning Commission,** meeting held Wednesday, June 3, decided to table Luke Wilson's request in regards to his parking lot so he could provide more detailed information.

The Cops Showed Up, So It Was a Party



Last Friday morning Springdale residents enjoyed coffee and donuts with Springdale's finest. Thank you to our police force for the delightful event.



It sure didn't hurt that the donuts showed up as well.







left to right:
Back: J. Bulkley, J. Ray
Front: G. Brecke, D. Wolsleger

There's a man in the town who's stealing the wheels of police cars. The police are working tirelessly to catch him.

What are the four food groups for cops?
Jelly, powdered, glazed, and chocolate frosted.

Why couldn't police notify the family of the murdered baker? He was a John Dough.

Officer: "I notice your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?"
Driver: "I notice your eyes are glazed over. Have you been eating donuts?"

Upcoming Town Council Meeting

The Town Council meeting tomorrow at 5pm at the CCC has a full agenda list of items. This article will address only a few. Town Staff are getting raises as per the chart below. If I have any complaint, it would be that a few staff members are under-compensated. The table does not include perks that might make their salary more than it seems.

The Council will also be discussing whether to donate funds collected on July 4 on Lion Bl to Zion Forever. the non-profit fundraising partner for Zion National Park. One local wrote a letter opposing this action as that has not been the intent of monies collected from parking. The point is valid. The Forever Project seems fabulous to me so the town donating about $1,000 to it also seems valid.

Perhaps in lieu of the donation the town could expend significant effort to encourage people to attend the July 4th fundraiser at the OC Tanner Theater and/or donate to the cause. That might raise more than the expected revenue from the parking while not straying from their general policy of using parking revenues for transportation related expenses.

To access the agenda: Agenda

Position	FY 2027 Budgeted Compensation Increase	Compensation Increase Percentage	Current Salary
Town Manager	8,227.06	4.55%	$180,815
Police Chief	8,610.28	4.55%	$189, 237
Director of Community Development	4,809.60	4.55%	$105,705
Town Treasurer/HR Director	7,432.15	4.55%	$163,344
Deputy Treasurer	2,790.93	4.55%	$61,339
Town Clerk	3,093.78	4.55%	$67,995
Deputy Clerk	2,176.72	4.55%	$47,840
Public Works Director	-	0%*	
Public Utilities Superintendent	5,137.83	4.55%	$112,919
Streets Superintendent	-	0%*	
Parks and Recreation Director	4,382.90	4.55%	$96,327

Never Bored in Springdale

CHECK OUT THE JUNE TOWN NEWSLETTER!!!
<https://www.springdale.utah.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/258>

TAKE A GANDER AT THE FLYERS AND INFORMATION AT THE END OF THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS AND CONTACT INFORMATION WHEN APPROPRIATE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Sundays:

8:30am, CCC, Catholic Service, every Sunday, enter from the back

Mondays:

10am, free outdoor exercise class, by the gazebo, may shortly be moving to 9am as heat increases

6-8 pm, Organized Pickleball play, Pickleball Courts, social after, weekly, free

6:30-7:30 pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays:

8am, High Fitness, CCC, weekly, cost

10am, Yoga, CCC, weekly, cost

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2-4pm, Craft Group, CCC, bring what you're working on and enjoy time with fellow crafters, weekly

6-8 pm, Adult Beginner Pickleball Lessons, Pickleball courts, weekly, cost

Wednesdays:

10:30am, Storytime, Library, weekly

11:30 am, Adult Book Group, Library, monthly, the 2nd Wednesday, discussing *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune for June

2-3pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tween Book Club, 4th Wednesday of the month, discussing *Inkheart, Book 2* by C. Funke for June

5 pm, Planning Commission Meetings, CCC, twice monthly, the first Wed is a work meeting, the 3rd is a regular meeting

5 pm, Town Council Regular Meeting, CCC, monthly, the 2nd Wed

Thursdays:

Every first Thursday of the month from noon to 2, *Let's Get Cooking*, a cookbook club, choosing a recipe from *?????????* for July

3-4:30 pm, Sketchers CCC, weekly, anyone interested in joining to sketch and/or watercolor, non-instructional, bring your own supplies

5 pm, D&D Club, library, monthly, every second Thursday

8-9pm, Yoga, CCC, weekly, cost

Fridays:

6-7pm, Crystal Sound Bath Meditation, CCC, weekly, cost

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

June 10, Wednesday, Community Open House, CCC, 4-6 pm, see page 11

June 11, Thursday, YAZ: Xbox, games, coloring, CCC, 2pm see page 10

June 13, Saturday, Star Party at Zion Canyon Mesa, 9:30-11:30pm, see page 14

June 18, Thursday, YAZ: paint with twisted arts, CCC, 2 pm see page 10

June 20, Saturday, Narrows Clean Up Event and BBQ, meet at Zion Guru, 11am to? see page 15

June 20, Saturday, Way of Summer, at Nama Stay, 6-9 pm, see page 19

June 23, Tuesday, Join Sophia Conley, leather worker, CCC, 6 pm, free, see page 16

June 25, Thursday, YAZ: DIY Steam car, CCC, 2 pm, see page 10

June 26, Friday, Art Talk with Felicia Griswold, CCC, 4-6 pm

TO ACCESS GENERAL INFORMATION

Z-Arts upcoming events: https://www.zarts.org/event-list

For Lion's Club: https://www.springdaletown.com/290/Zion-Canyon-Lions-Club

For Zion Animal Lovers (ZAL): https://www.springdaletown.com/310/Zion-Animal-Lovers-ZAL>

For a great listing of community events with links to greater details: <https://www.springdaletown.com/calendar.aspx>

Information about Wellness and Fitness Classes: <https://www.springdaletown.com/458/Wellness-Fitness-Classes>

Events at Bumbleberry Theater: <https://bumbleberry.com/springdale-utah-theater/>

Looking Ahead

July 2, Thursday, presentation by Professor Ryan Paul for America 250, 6 pm, CCC

July 4th, pancake breakfast, and a parade.

July 4th, Saturday, 7:30 pm, Red Rock Blue Sky, a benefit concert for ZNP, OC Tanner Amphitheater, $99 - $225, see page 12

July 11, Saturday, 7pm, The Mighty Steelheads, Bumbleberry Theater, $17

Construction Start Notice | June 4, 2026

Construction activities began on Wednesday, June 3, in Zion National Park and Hurricane. **Through June 12,** you can expect to see crews, equipment, and traffic control in the following areas:

- SR-9 Milepost (MP) 2 to 3 (Hurricane)
- SR-9/Zion Mount Carmel Highway MP 45 to 39 (east side of Zion National Park)



Current Active Work Area in Hurricane



Current Active Work Area in Zion National Park

Crews in Hurricane will continue sawcutting, or preparing the roadway for fiber installation, along the shoulder of eastbound SR-9. No direct impacts to drivers are anticipated in this area.

Crews in Zion National Park will continue boring under the road to install fiber cable and maintaining one-way traffic with portable signals. **Visitors should anticipate minor traffic delays.***

Construction schedules are subject to change due to weather, utility, and material



What to Expect:

- **Outside Zion National Park**: Daytime work Monday through Saturday, except holidays
- **Inside Zion National Park**: Daytime and nighttime work Monday through Thursday, except holidays
- Noise, dust, and vibrations
- Lane shifts and restrictions
- Heavy equipment, crews, and support vehicles
- Minor delays

Attention: Motorcyclists, Cyclists, and Drivers:

There are trenches, uneven road surfaces, and loose pieces of gravel throughout the project corridor. **Please use caution and prioritize safety while traveling through the construction area.** Watch for lane shifts, crews, equipment, and any posted signage.

Project Overview

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is installing over 50 miles of fiber optic cable along State Route 9 and the Zion-Mount Carmel Highway. The fiber optic network will support various Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) devices, including traffic cameras, road signs, and weather stations. This initiative is part of UDOT's broader effort to expand and modernize the state's fiber optic infrastructure and enhance connectivity.

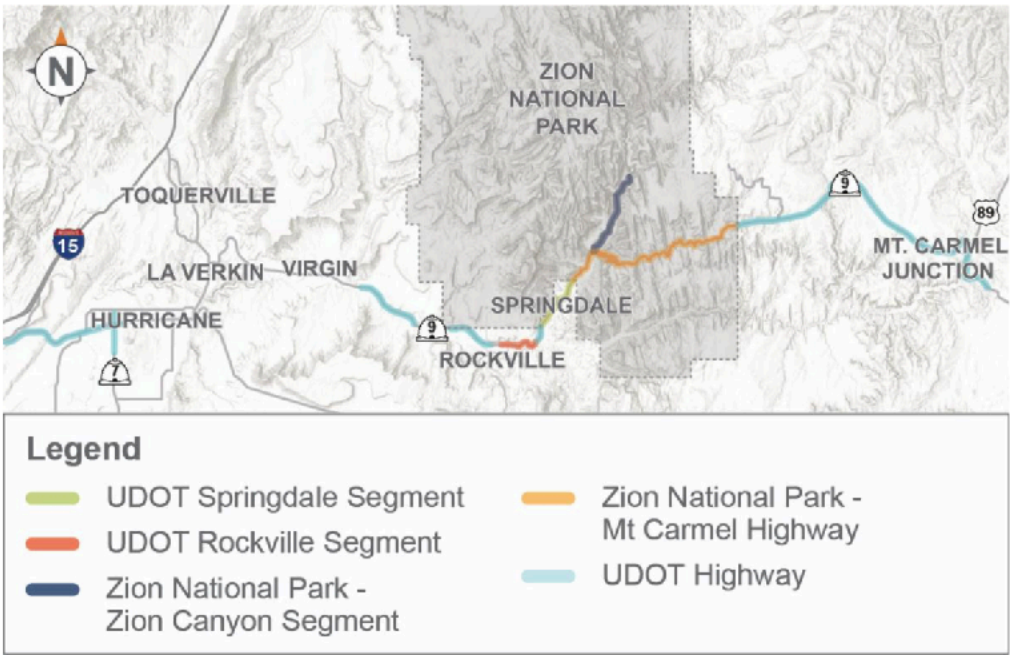
Work began Wednesday, June 3, and is anticipated to be completed by December 2026.

Stay Informed

Want the latest? Sign up for email updates by emailing zioncanyontechnology@utah.gov with "**Subscribe**" in the subject line.

Public Involvement Team
Hotline: 855-663-6800
Email: zioncanyontechnology@utah.gov
Website: udotinput.utah.gov/ziontechnology

Project Map



DO NOT FORGET

—Community Outreach, tomorrow, Wednesday, June 10, at the CCC. What's your opinion about trails in Springdale? More? Less? More hiking? Less biking?

—Contact your legislators to stop unfettered cougar kills





SPRINGDALE TRAILS Community Outreach

Springdale is developing a vision for future trails and active transportation improvements. Your feedback will help us identify trail priorities, safety concerns, and environmental considerations.

Community Open House

Weds. | June 10 | 4-6pm

Stop by the **Canyon Community Center** (126 Lion Blvd, Springdale) in the Gallery Space anytime to share your ideas!

SPRINGDALE Utah

Bike Utah



Get ready to SING, DANCE, and CELEBRATE Zion National Park!

Join Zion Forever Project on July 4, 2026, as we honor America's 250th anniversary with Red Rock Blue Sky — a benefit concert featuring musician and Yellowstone actor **Luke Grimes** live in concert. Nate Boyer, a United States Army Green Beret, former professional football player for the Seattle Seahawks, and film actor, will emcee, while Utah-based musician Eli Shay will kick off a rockin' Fourth benefiting Zion National Park. Our Independence Day concert will raise critical funds for Zion National Park while bringing together fans from across the country. Get ready to listen to powerful tribal speakers and sing along with patriotic tunes. Plan ahead — book your lodging and join us for this celebration in one of America's most iconic landscapes.

Starts at 7:30 pm, gates open at 5:30 pm
at the OC Tanner Amphitheater in Springdale, UT
Tickets range from $99 to $225.

More info, and tickets

UNEARTH A STORY @ Springdale Library

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

This Summer, participate in the Library Summer Reading Challenge!

Sign-up begins in May & Week One to log reading is June 1st - 6th.

CHILDREN 0-11

1) Sign your child up.
2) Picture Books Readers: 20 min a day/6 days per week (2 hrs total; adults may read aloud) Chapter Book Readers: 30 min a day/6 days per week. (3 hrs total)
3) Log time with a Librarian or online by Friday of each week for entry in the weekly drawing.

(Children who complete their weekly reading will get to choose a prize each week and be entered into the weekly prize drawing. Children who complete all 8 weeks will also be entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of summer.)

TEENS/TWEENS 12-17

1) Sign your teen up.
2) Teens should read 3 hours a week. (30 min a day/6 days per week.)
3) Log time with a Librarian or online by Friday of each week for entry in the weekly drawing.

(Teens who complete their weekly reading will get to choose a prize each week and be entered into the weekly prize drawing. Teens who complete all 8 weeks will also be entered into a grand prize drawing at the end of summer.)

ADULTS 18+

1) Sign yourself up.
2) Read 3 hours a week.
3) Log your time with a Librarian or online by Friday of each week to be entered to win a prize in the weekly drawing!

(If you complete your weekly reading you will be able to choose a weekly prize and be entered into the weekly prize drawing. To be eligible for the Adult Grand Prize, at the end of the summer, you must log reading for all 8 weeks and participate in one Adult Library Activity.)

UNEARTH A STORY @ Springdale Library

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Free Summer Reading Activities in June

CHILDREN - 3PM	TEEN/TWEEN - 2PM	ADULT - 5PM
4TH - FOSSIL STONES	3RD - LIBRARY MYSTERY	4TH - UTAH MOUNTAIN LIONS
11TH - MAD SCIENCE	10TH - GARDEN CRAFT	25TH - PATRIOTIC PAINT NIGHT
18TH - SUU DINO-STEM	17TH - GEOLOGY GAME	
25TH - LIBERTY VILLAGE	24TH - PALEONTOLOGY	

Zion Canyon Mesa & the St. George Astronomy Group invite you to a spectacular public Star Party.

Held at the Mesa on Saturday, June 13th from 9:30 to 11:30 pm.
This lovely event is free and all ages are welcome.
Zion Canyon Mesa is located just off Lion Blvd.
The road up the hill to the site starts just across Lion Blvd from the town offices. If you look closely, there is a paved driveway right at the junction of Lion Blvd and Winderland that takes off to the right. There is a gate, which would be open for the Star Party. If you look on maps online, it will likely refer to the Mesa driveway as "Water Tower Road."
The drive up to the top of the "mesa" is paved all the way, but steep and fairly long, although townspeople walk it for exercise often.
There will be a shuttle at the CCC parking lot to take people to the Star Party; it will likely run continuously from just before 9:30 until there are no passengers needing a



zion guru

NARROWS

CLEAN UP EVENT & COMMUNITY BBQ

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE, ACCEPTANCE & NATURE



Our goals for the clean-up:

- **Give back to our community**
- **Help preserve the park's beauty**
- **spread love and pride within our community**
- **spend time with our friends and neigbors**

All activity levels welcome

Join us in wearing fun bright colors !

Saturday, June 20th, 2026

Meet at Zion Guru to gear up!!
1013 Zion Park Blvd

NARROWS CLEAN UP: 11 AM - 4 PM
COMMUNITY BBQ: 5 PM- 8 PM
(LOCATED @ SPRINGDALE PARK)

First 15 RSVPS will recieve a free bike rental for the event in addition to a free rental package

RSVP here:

ZIONGURU.COM 435.632.0432

Z-Arts & Zion National Park Present

Utah Division of Arts & Museums ZARTS

SOPHIA CONLEY

LEATHER WORKER

ZNP ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2026



ARTIST BIO

What started out as a way to unwind, watching videos of professional leatherworkers, has quickly grown into a small business striving to produce unique pieces. Often inspired by nature and different landscapes, the wallets, belts, and purses from ***Malevolent Leather*** are ever changing with the seasons. It is my belief that you should be able to customize your piece if you so choose, down to the entire color scheme. There are never too many options!

I will fully immerse myself in the landscape of the park, observing its textures, movement, and light. I will study the relationship between shadow and hue, the way natural elements interact and change with time and how these elements can be translated onto leather. My goal is to combine disciplines - drawing, sculpting, carving, and design - to craft pieces that honor the landscape in a medium that feels grounded and enduring.

Join Sophia

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6:00 PM

Canyon Community Center
126 Lion Blvd, Springdale, UT
FREE EVENT
All Are Welcome!





For more information, visit:
www.malevolentleather.com
go.nps.gov/ZionAIR
zarts.org

The Zion National Park Artist-in-Residence program offers professional artists the opportunity to live and work in the inspiring desert enviornment of southern Utah for a period of one month.

Police Blotter for Springdale and Rockville
for April, 2026

2026 APRIL STATS

SPRINGDALE STATS

CITATIONS		ARRESTS	
Speed	10	Alcohol- Minor Possession	6
Improper Pass- No Pass Zone	6	Drug Possession	7
Fail to Yield- Left Turn	1	Paraphernalia Possession	7
Buying/Possessing Tobacco/E Cig- Actor <18	7	Littering on Land/Waterway	6
Follow Too Close	1	Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	6
Registration-Failed to/Expired	1	Assault	1
		Alcohol- Open Container	1
		Driver License- Drive on Suspended/Revoked	1
		Fail to Obey Flashing Amber/Red School Bus Lights	1
		Hand Held Communication Device Violation	1
TOTAL CITATIONS	26	TOTAL ARRESTS	37
WARNING ON CITES	1		

ROCKVILLE STATS

CITATIONS		ARRESTS	
Speed	26	DUI	1
Improper Pass- No Pass Zone	2		
Follow Too Close	1		
Speed- Construction Worker Present	1		
Improper Turn- Left	1		
TOTAL CITATIONS	31	TOTAL ARRESTS	1
WARNING ON CITES	1		

SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	3	Overdose	0
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Panic Alarm	0
Agency Assist	13	Paraphernalia	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Park Security Check	58
Animal Bite	0	Parking Problem	13
Animal Emergency	0	PD Accident	7
Animal Problem	4	Person Down	1
Assault	1	PI Accident	2
Attempt to Locate	1	Property Damage	1
Attended Death	0	Protective Order Violation	0
Bike Patrol	0	Prowler	0
Brush Fire	0	Psychiatric	0
Business Alarm	1	Public Urination	0
Business Burglary	0	Residence Burglary	0
Business Checks	27	Resident Vacation Check	57
Camping Problem	4	Residential Alarm	1
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	0
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	34
Citizen Assist	11	Sex Offender Registry	0
Citizen Contact	11	Sex Offense	0
Citizen Dispute	1	Stalking	0
Civil	0	Structure Fire	0
Community Oriented Policing	2	Suicidal	0
Construction Site Checks	0	Suspicious Other	1
Counterfeiting	0	Suspicious Person	2
Criminal Mischief	1	Suspicious Vehicle	1
Crosswalk Enforcement	3	Telematic Alarm	1
Curfew	0	Telephone Harassment	0
Disorderly	1	Theft	0
Drugs	1	Threatening	0
DUI	0	Traffic Hazard	1
DV Assault	0	Traffic Offense	1
DV Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stop Warning	13
DV Unlawful Detention	0	Traumatic	0
Evading	0	Trespassing	2
Extra Patrol	130	Unattended Death	0
Family Fight	0	Unconcious	0
Felony Theft	0	Unsecured Premise	0
Fire	0	Utility Problem	1
Fireworks	0	Vagrancy	0
Follow up	16	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	17	Vehicle Theft	0
Fraud	1	VIN Inspection	2
Gas Theft	0	Wanted Person	0
Graffiti	0	Weapon Offense	0
Harassment	0	Welfare Check	4
Hit and Run	1	Wildlife/Poaching	0
Hitchhiking	0	0	0
Illegal Burning	0	0	0
Impound	0	0	0
Intoxication	0	0	0
Jail Release	0	0	0
Juvenile Problem	0	0	0
Keep the Peace	0	0	0
Lewdness	1	0	0
Littering	0	0	0
Lockout	5	0	0
Lost Property	5	0	0
Medical Assist	2	0	0
Missing Person	1	0	0
Motorist Assist	2	0	0
Noise Complaint	4	0	0
Nuisance	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0

TOTAL SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS **474**

ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	0	Overdose	0
Abandoned Vehicle	2	Panic Alarm	0
Agency Assist	1	Paraphernalia	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Park Security Check	16
Animal Bite	0	Parking Problem	0
Animal Emergency	1	PD Accident	1
Animal Problem	0	Person Down	0
Assault	0	PI Accident	1
Attempt to Locate	1	Property Damage	0
Attended Death	0	Protective Order Violation	0
Bike Patrol	0	Prowler	0
Brush Fire	0	Psychiatric	0
Business Alarm	0	Public Urination	0
Business Burglary	0	Residence Burglary	0
Business Checks	0	Resident Vacation Check	0
Camping Problem	1	Residential Alarm	0
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	0
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	27
Citizen Assist	0	Sex Offender Registry	0
Citizen Contact	5	Sex Offense	0
Citizen Dispute	0	Stalking	0
Civil	0	Structure Fire	0
Community Oriented Policing	0	Suicidal	0
Construction Site Checks	0	Suspicious Other	0
Counterfeiting	0	Suspicious Person	3
Criminal Mischief	0	Suspicious Vehicle	1
Crosswalk Enforcement	0	Telematic Alarm	0
Curfew	0	Telephone Harassment	0
Disorderly	0	Theft	0
Drugs	0	Threatening	0
DUI	1	Traffic Hazard	2
DV Assault	0	Traffic Offense	1
DV Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stop Warning	6
DV Unlawful Detention	0	Traumatic	0
Evading	0	Trespassing	0
Extra Patrol	37	Unattended Death	0
Family Fight	0	Unconcious	0
Felony Theft	0	Unsecured Premise	0
Fire	0	Utility Problem	0
Fireworks	0	Vagrancy	1
Follow up	2	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	0	Vehicle Theft	0
Fraud	0	VIN Inspection	1
Gas Theft	0	Wanted Person	0
Graffiti	0	Weapon Offense	0
Harassment	0	Welfare Check	0
Hit and Run	0	Wildlife/Poaching	0
Hitchhiking	0	0	0
Illegal Burning	0	0	0
Impound	0	0	0
Intoxication	0	0	0
Jail Release	0	0	0
Juvenile Problem	0	0	0
Keep the Peace	0	0	0
Lewdness	0		0
Littering	0		0
Lockout	0		0
Lost Property	0		0
Medical Assist	0		0
Missing Person	1		0
Motorist Assist	4		0
Noise Complaint	0		0
Nuisance	0		0
Other	0		0

TOTAL ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS **116**

TOTAL INCIDENTS **590**

Bitten in Springdale?

An invasive mosquito has moved into your neighborhood (Specifically St. George, Santa Clara, Washington, Hurricane, & **Springdale**). It appears it is here to stay, as its eggs can survive the mild winters to hatch at the first sign of water and warm weather. The Aedes aegypti, an urban dwelling container mosquito, loves to hang out in yards and neighborhoods - close to people.



Be proactive to prevent this mosquito in your Spring cleaning. "Fight the Bite" Checklist:

Eliminate Standing Water Sources by:

- Removing Clutter
- Ensuring that all containers have holes to drain or are tipped
- Checking for sprinkler fed sources
- Turning over rain fed sources
- Checking boats and covers
- Adjusting watering amounts and fixing leaks
- Tightly covering rain barrels

Allow Site Inspections of: (Call to schedule)

- Ponds
- Ornamental Water Features – Especially non-functioning water features
- French drains

If you have experienced DAY BITING mosquitoes, please let us know how we can help. Contact the Southwest Mosquito Abatement & Control District office at 435-627-0076 or www.swmosquito.org (from which everything on this page is taken with permission from Sean Amodt.)

Mosquito control crews will be inspecting, trapping, and treating in the affected areas

Aedes Aegypti

- They are usually found in containers in residential areas and bite any time of day.
- They mainly bite humans, usually around areas with thin skin, like ankles and wrists
- They can carry diseases that aren't native to Utah, but they have not been known to carry any diseases in Washington County.

Characteristics & Behaviors

- The mosquito is black with white patches and banding.
- They stay relatively close to where they hatch out, but they can fly as far as a block away (in a lifetime).
- They lay eggs on the sides of containers, and they will hatch out when water is reintroduced, and emerge as adults in as little as 4-5 days.

My goodness, Harold!….
Now there goes one big mosquito!



Mosquito Distribution Chart- 2025

Trapping Locations	Ae. aegypti	Ae. vexans	An. franciscanus	An. freeborni	Cu. incidens	Cu. inornata	Cx. apicalis	Cx. erythrothorax	Cx. Quinquefasciatus	Cx. tarsalis	Cx. thriambus	Oc. dorsalis	Oc. epactius	Oc. increpitus	Oc. nigromaculis	Oc. pullatus	Oc. varipalpus	Or. signifera	Ps. signipennis		Positive WNV/WEE/SLE
	Mosquito Species																				
LaVerkin																					399
Confluence Park LAV001		26	159	11		28		1		172	2									399	
Toquerville																					18
Toquerville Park TOQ002										18										18	
Virgin																					1088
Sierra Bella VIR008		11	3	3	4	89		870		102	6									1088	
Outlying areas																					752
*Apple Valley APV001										15										15	
*Enterprise ENT003			7	1						8										16	
*Hildale HIL002			2	1		1				9										13	
*New Harmony NHA002- NHA003		6	30	58	7	26		55		44				2						228	
*Rockville ROC002-ROC004			2		2	1		2	1	20	2									30	
Springdale SPR002			6	15	31	54	241	4	1	33	12			2						399	
Extras & Service Requests			2	1				5		43										51	



We're excited to share that Nama-Stay Retreat Village will be hosting **Way of Summer l A Summer Solstice Gathering** on **Saturday, June 20, from 6–9 PM** in Springdale.

This community-centered Summer Solstice gathering is an invitation to honor the longest day of the year and welcome the season together.

The evening will include tea, guided kriya and solar meditation, a gentle soundscape journey, summer foods, local art, and time to connect.

Locals, visitors, friends, and families are all welcome. Last year's gathering had a beautiful turnout, so advance registration is encouraged to help us prepare the space and food with care.

You can reserve your space through the Tickets section on the event page.

We'd be honored to gather with you.

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

PICKLEBALL SOCIAL

Looking for a fun way to meet new people and get some exercise? Join our weekly pickleball social! During the summer months we will not be visiting a restaurant after the ladder play. Join us for more yummy food again in the fall.

Monday Evenings	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Springdale Pickleball Courts- 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale



Pickleball First Community Always

New to pickleball? We recommend starting with our Beginner Classes before joining SPS

- **Cost: FREE!**
- **What to Bring:** Athletic shoes, water bottle. Paddles available to borrow.
- **Format:** Timed ladder-style play, rotating partners.

Scan the QR code for more info & to sign a waiver

Pickleball Information

CONTACT: Instructor: Robyn Chancey | pickleballzion2@gmail.com

Beginner ADULT PICKLEBALL

TUESDAYS
6PM-8PM

SPRINGDALE PICKLEBALL COURTS
126 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE



PICKLEBALLS & LOANER PADDLES PROVIDED

BRING WATER, WEAR COURT SHOES & USE EYE PROTECTION

5 CLASS PUNCH PASS- $20
10 CLASS PUNCH PASS- $30
SINGLE CLASS- $5

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO, TO PURCHASE A PASS OR SIGN A WAIVER

INSTRUCTOR: ROBYN CHANCEY PICKLEBALLZION2@GMAIL.COM

TRIFECTA

Exploring Color, Texture & Form

This group art exhibition features watercolors by Max Birnbaum, mixed media and photography by Felica Griswold, and sculpture by Sue Kenaston.



EXHIBITION MAY 18 TO JUNE 26, 2026

ART TALK WITH FELICA GRISWOLD & CLOSING RECEPTION

JUNE 26, 2026 - 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd, Springdale, UT

Gallery Hours:
Mon-Thurs 10am-7pm
Friday 10am-5pm
Sat Noon-5pm

Utah Division of Arts & Museums

ZARTS

St. George to Springdale

Stop	AM Times					PM Times						
1670 S 120 E (Dixie Center) St. George	5:40	7:00	8:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:30
Red Cliffs Mall (Barnes & Noble)	5:49	7:09	8:09	10:09	11:09	12:09	1:09	2:09	4:09	5:09	6:09	7:39
Buena Vista (Boiler Park) Washington	5:58	7:18	8:18	10:18	11:18	12:18	1:18	2:18	4:18	5:18	6:18	7:48
5300 W Regional Park Rd (DMV) Hurricane	6:09	7:29	8:29	10:29	11:29	12:29	1:29	2:29	4:29	5:29	6:29	7:59
3400 W Hurricane (Walmart)	6:15	7:35	8:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:35	2:35	4:35	5:35	6:35	8:05
700 W State St Hurricane	6:24	7:44	8:44	10:44	11:44	12:44	1:44	2:44	4:44	5:44	6:44	8:14
300 N State St LaVerkin	6:30	7:50	8:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	2:50	4:50	5:50	6:50	8:20
Zion White Bison Resort Park and Ride	6:39	7:59	8:59	10:59	11:59	12:59	1:59	2:59	4:59	5:59	6:59	8:29
Kolob Terrace Rd Virgin	6:41	8:01	9:01	11:01	12:01	1:01	2:01	3:01	5:01	6:01	7:01	8:31
1130 Zion Park Blvd (Hampton) Springdale	6:57	8:17	9:17	11:17	12:17	1:17	2:17	3:17	5:17	6:17	7:17	8:47
Lion Blvd Springdale (Arrive)	7:02	8:22	9:22	11:22	12:22	1:22	2:22	3:22	5:22	6:22	7:22	8:52

Spingdale to St.George

Stop	AM Times				PM Times							
Lion Blvd Springdale (Depart)	7:20	8:40	9:40	11:40	12:40	1:40	2:40	3:40	5:40	6:40	7:40	9:10
1210 Zion Park Blvd (Bit & Spur) Springdale	7:23	8:43	9:43	11:43	12:43	1:43	2:43	3:43	5:43	6:43	7:43	9:13
Kolob Terrace Rd Virgin	7:37	8:57	9:57	11:57	12:57	1:57	2:57	3:57	5:57	6:57	7:57	9:27
Zion White Bison Resort Park and Ride	7:40	9:00	10:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:30
300 N State St LaVerkin	7:51	9:11	10:11	12:11	1:11	2:11	3:11	4:11	6:11	7:11	8:11	9:41
700 W State St Hurricane	7:57	9:17	10:17	12:17	1:17	2:17	3:17	4:17	6:17	7:17	8:17	9:47
3400 W Hurricane (Walmart)	8:03	9:23	10:23	12:23	1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23	6:23	7:23	8:23	9:53
5300 W Regional Park Rd (DMV) Hurricane	8:11	9:31	10:31	12:31	1:31	2:31	3:31	4:31	6:31	7:31	8:31	10:01
Buena Vista (Boiler Park) Washington	8:20	9:40	10:40	12:40	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	6:40	7:40	8:40	10:10
Red Cliffs Mall (Barnes & Noble)	8:29	9:49	10:49	12:49	1:49	2:49	3:49	4:49	6:49	7:49	8:49	10:19
1670 S 120 E (Dixie Center) St. George	8:40	10:00	11:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:30

TIMES POSTED ARE DEPARTURE TIMES. TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE BE 5 MINUTES EARLY.

ZION ROUTE INFORMATION

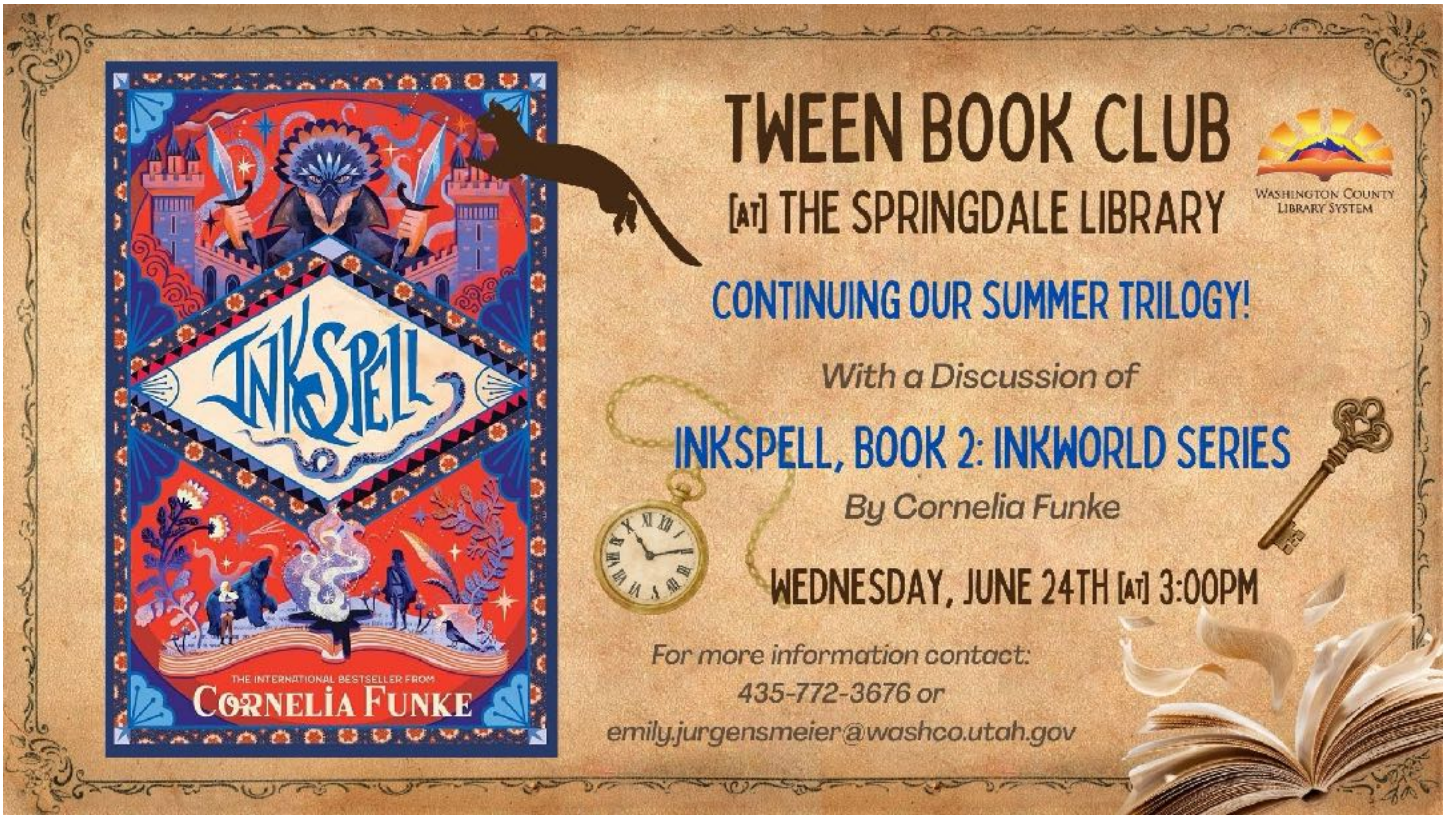
SunTran bus service has a new public transit route connecting St. George to Zion National Park! The 42-mile route, with stops in St. George, Washington, Hurricane, La Verkin, Virgin, and Springdale, aims to reduce traffic congestion while providing an affordable and convenient travel option.

Buses operate Monday through Saturday from 5:40 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Fares cost $5 for each one-way trip, with an unlimited monthly pass available for $100 ALTHOUGH PARKING AT THE ‘PARK AND RIDE’ IN VIRGIN IS FREE according to Mayor Bruno.

Riders are encouraged to be at stops at least 5 minutes early. Stop schedules may fluctuate a minute or two ahead or behind the listed stop time, depending on traffic.


Washington County Library System
Springdale Library History Project
Springdale Library would like you to add your and/or your family's stories to our Special Collections.
We are looking for personal histories, family histories, obituaries, photos and other writings pertaining to the people of Zion Canyon / Springdale / Rockville / Virgin area.
For more information or to donate to this project please contact Emily Jurgensmeier, Springdale Library Branch Manager, @ (435) 772-3676 or emilyj@washco.utah.gov
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CORNELIA FUNKE
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Washington County Library System
CONTINUING OUR SUMMER TRILOGY!
With a Discussion of
INKSPELL, BOOK 2: INKWORLD SERIES
By Cornelia Funke
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24TH [AT] 3:00PM
For more information contact:
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THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES...
TEEN D&D CLUB
@ THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY
~ DRAGON OF ICESPIRE PEAK CAMPAIGN ~
EVERY SECOND THURSDAY
5:00PM-7:00PM
PARENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, BUT NOT REQUIRED
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
FOR MORE INFO CALL: (435) 772-3676
OR EMAIL: EMILYJ@WASHCO.UTAH.GOV


Laugh, Craft & Play with Friends
SPRINGDALE LIBRARY
TEEN TIME
EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 4:00PM
FIRST WEDNESDAY: ART/CRAFTS
SECOND WEDNESDAY: D&D
*THIRD WEDNESDAY: GROUP GAMES
*FOURTH WEDNESDAY: BOOK CLUB
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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OR (435) 772-3676
(*SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE ON MONTHS WITH HOLIDAYS)

Hey, Locals, did you know there's a free outdoor exercise class every **Monday at 10 am** by the gazebo? [I you're looking at the library, the gazebo is to the left., but then again, if you're a local, you probably know that.] The time will shift to 9 am and may have already. Someone let me know, please. Bring hand-held weights, yoga mat, bands, water, and yourself — and maybe a friend. Enjoy a warm up, cardio, and stretching, thanks to Janel Bassett.











Check out the new sketching group in Springdale.
Meeting in the small reading room at the CCC.
Open to all levels.
Started March 5, 2026.
If you have paper and pencil you're good to go, or, rather, come!!
For more info text Regina 435 773 3637 or Jan 907 382 2912

