

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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The Springdale Sun - a Milestone

The Springdale Sun is now a year old. Although it has seen a fair share of controversy, complaints, and skepticism, mostly it has been received with local gratitude, affection, and, thankfully, contributions. It has survived its many faux pas and its few detractors. It has accomplished much good but much potential power remains untapped.

It could definitely make a greater positive impact on Springdale's unity with more human interest articles, getting to know you pieces, and tidbits of very, very local interest, like who's showing a baby bump, is graduating, or just vacationed in Timbuktu. Please help.

Still, in going over past issues in preparation for this special birthday edition, it is clear it has actually made positive contributions to our community. Most of this week's issue will be articles from past issues.

There is no way to fully express how valuable your articles and input have been and can be. You are all urged to comment and contribute.

Please help spread the word; the more subscribers, the greater the potential for good. Encourage engagement, both in *The Springdale Sun* and the community it represents.

TSS remains committed to the mission statement printed above. It remains committed to the belief that information is valuable to a community, especially a small town and, even more especially, a small town with vast numbers of international guests.

The Springdale Sun champions honesty, accountability, and transparency. It firmly believes our excellent community can yet improve — and that TSS can be part of that growth.

We Are All Downstream

Recently, a child was hospitalized with **E. coli** after swimming in the Virgin River. This serves as an important reminder that harmful bacteria can be present in the river, even when the water appears clean.

Hot, dry weather and drought conditions increase the risk. With less water flowing through the river, bacteria can become more concentrated. At the same time, warm temperatures encourage more children and families to cool off in the water, increasing the chance of exposure.

The same hot, dry weather that makes the Virgin River seem inviting for swimming can also make it more dangerous. Before entering the water, be aware of the potential health risks and take appropriate precautions.

David Heaton from the Southwest Utah Public Health Department told KSL that while instances of getting E. coli are rare, keeping your head above water and not ingesting it is the best way to prevent becoming infected.

Another Type of Water Problem

UPDATE: The Public Works Department will be repairing a main culinary line leak on 7-13-26 beginning at 8 p.m.

Expect traffic delays throughout this weekend as the eastbound lane on SR9 from the intersection of Manzanita Drive to 801 Zion Park Boulevard will remain closed. Temporary Traffic lights will facilitate movement.

Areas that culinary water will be impacted are 709 Zion Park Boulevard to 865 Zion Park Boulevard only to the south of SR9.

Culinary Water Outage - 7-14-26 From 12 A.M to 4 A.M .

From a past issue. Happy Birthday TSS.

It's Elementary

by Jodi Lewis

Springdale Elementary is proud to offer a supportive, enriching environment where every student is known and encouraged to succeed. With small class sizes, 1:1 support, and 1:1 technology access, students receive individualized attention and the tools they need to thrive academically. We prioritize literacy through daily reading interventions that help students build strong foundational skills. We are in the top percentage of schools in the District for reading and math.

Creativity and the arts are a vibrant part of our school culture. Through the Beverly Taylor Sorenson Art & Music Program, students engage in high-quality arts education and have opportunities to showcase their talents in our annual Holiday program, school art show and yearly talent show. We also partner with Z-Arts, inviting local professional artists to share their creative mediums and inspire our students.

Our school is proud to be a Leader in Me school, helping students develop leadership, responsibility, and confidence. Students also participate in hands-on learning through STEM activities, our school garden, and a unique partnership with Zion National Park, which enhances science and social studies learning through engaging lessons and field trips. Beyond the classroom, students can participate in Adventure Club, held in the fall and spring, where they explore and learn together in fun and active ways in nature.

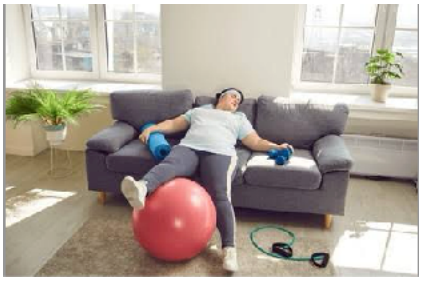
Together, these programs help create a well-rounded educational experience that supports academic growth, creativity, leadership, and community connection. At Springdale Elementary we recognize and appreciate the amazing support from all over our community in so many different ways.

We currently have 13 students that live in Springdale and Rockville, 6 from Virgin and 24 students from the LaVerkin, Hurricane area. We have open registration, meaning students from out of our boundaries are welcome to come to Springdale Elementary. The school bus stops in LaVerkin, Virgin and Rockville. On Tuesday, April 28, 2026 there will be a Kindergarten Open House, for all new kindergarten age students to come meet the teacher and tour the school, this will be held at 5:00.

Too Pooped to Pilates?

by Debi Keys

Too Tired to Exercise? Here's Why Movement Gives You More Energy—Not Less



Have you ever looked at your workout shoes after a long day and thought, "I just don't have the energy."

You're not alone.

In fact, it's one of the most common things I hear from women in midlife. Between work, family, changing hormones, interrupted sleep, and life's endless to-do list, it's no wonder exercise is often the first thing to get crossed off.

But here's the surprising truth:

Exercise doesn't just use energy—it helps create it.

Your Body Is Like a Rechargeable Battery

When you move your body, your heart pumps a little faster, sending oxygen-rich blood and nutrients to your muscles, brain, and organs. That increased circulation helps your cells produce energy more efficiently, leaving you feeling refreshed instead of drained.

It's like plugging your body's battery into a charger.

Movement Wakes Up Your Brain

Have you ever noticed that after a short walk, your mind feels clearer?

That's because physical activity increases blood flow to the brain and encourages the release of feel-good chemicals like endorphins. It can also help reduce stress hormones that leave you feeling mentally and physically exhausted.

Even a few minutes of movement can improve your mood, sharpen your focus, and help you feel more motivated to tackle the rest of your day.

More Energy Starts With Better Circulation

Think of your bloodstream as your body's delivery service. Oxygen and nutrients are constantly being transported to every cell. The more efficiently that system works, the better your body can perform.

When we spend long hours sitting, circulation slows down. Muscles stiffen, joints become less mobile, and we often start feeling sluggish. Getting up and moving—even for five or ten minutes—helps get everything flowing again.

Don't Wait Until You Feel Energized

One of the biggest myths about exercise is that you should wait until you feel motivated.

The truth is, motivation often comes after you begin moving.

Start with something small:

- Walk around the block.
- Dance to your favorite song.
- Stretch while your coffee brews.
- Climb a flight of stairs.
- March in place during a TV commercial.

You don't need an hour at the gym. You simply need to get your body moving.

Here's Your Feel Great Challenge

The next time you catch yourself saying, "I'm too tired to exercise," make a deal with yourself: Move for just five minutes.

At the end of those five minutes, ask yourself: Do I have more energy now than I did before I started?

Most people are surprised by the answer. Small, consistent steps can create remarkable changes over time.

Remember, you don't have to exercise because you already have energy.

You exercise to create it.

Here's to feeling stronger, more energized, and more vibrant—one small movement at a time.

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From a past issue.

Letter to the Editor

anonymous Springdale Residents

Subject: The Graveyard of Infallibility: Honoring the Inherent Wisdom of Springdale

To the Editor,

Nestled in Springdale's stunning red rock landscapes, a quiet tension simmers between our serene scenery and what can sometimes feel like the "presumptive expertise" of local governance. History reminds us that societies often cling to norms that seem standard—until they are seen as archaic. In Springdale today, practices like tightly controlled, one-directional public engagement risk joining the "dueling" or "child labor" of yesterday's politics.

With a median age of 63.1—nearly double the national average—Springdale is a true "brain trust" of retirees: former CEOs, scientists, engineers, military, and other experts. Utah data shows men/women 65 and older often lead in advanced degrees, and our community reflects this, with over 20% of residents holding master's or doctorate levels. Yet local government sometimes operates as if a council seat magically confers greater insight than the collective experience of those who elected them.

We already share many transparency strengths with places like Park City: public agendas and minutes online, live-streamed meetings on YouTube, and open access under Utah law. But a key element appears missing. Residents typically get a brief window—often just three minutes at the start—to offer comments before the council moves into deliberation. Once discussion begins among council members, new information or perspectives may emerge that could benefit from clarification or brief rebuttal, yet the process allows no structured opportunity for public follow-up questions or input before action is taken. Meetings are run with a level of formality suited to a much larger city—rigid and with limited flexibility—even though Springdale is a small community where residents' expertise could enrich decisions if invited more dynamically.

This one-way flow can create a modern echo of medieval petitions to the crown: token initial input, then decisions that feel unilateral. It extends to broader dynamics, like Utah's at-will employment doctrine, which can create perceived imbalances where rank-and-file staff may face greater risks while leadership often benefits from established networks—another area where history warns that limited accountability can erode institutions from within over time.

Park City demonstrates a more flexible approach: robust digital tools for participation and protocols that sometimes permit additional input at the presiding officer's discretion, fostering openness during key moments. Springdale could enhance what we do well by adding simple, limited windows for clarification or questions during deliberation—nothing that derails efficiency, just enough to honor the wisdom gathered in the room.

Will future generations view our current rigid, one-directional engagement with the same bewilderment we feel toward public executions? Change starts when we reject "that's just how it's done" and recognize that true leadership invites input rather than assuming infallibility. Attend council meetings at the Canyon Community Center (or watch live on YouTube), speak thoughtfully, and advocate for small reforms that open the door to meaningful dialogue.

Springdale's true strength lies in its people—the quiet experts among us, not just those who hold office. Let's build a legacy of humble, inclusive governance that earns respect rather than quiet skepticism.

Respectfully,

Springdale Residents

From a past issue.

Call George !!!

by Becky Barker

Having lived in Springdale for over 40 years, I was blessed to be part of a wonderful community of loving friends that were more like family. I taught K-2 at the Elementary school for 36 years and worked with Leon Lewis for many of those years. I also had the joy of teaching music and writing and directing the Christmas programs and the End of Year programs. That is how I met Margaret Benson. She played the piano for our programs for over 10 years. Those two individuals turned out to be such a strength to me during one of the hardest times of my life.

My husband, George ,worked for the Town of Springdale. He was responsible for mowing and the maintenance of the parks and the cemetery. He worked long and hard on the creation of the park at the South end of town. Eventually…it would be named for him, George A. Barker, a good man who lived with his work shoes on.

George was diagnosed with melanoma cancer in the Fall of 2002. He had surgery and was fighting it hard. He seemed to be getting better. Christmas came and went and he went back to work. Then in May he went for his three month check up and the news wasn't good. It had spread throughout his body… even to his brain. This meant he couldn't be left alone. He had to have someone with him at all times in case he had a seizure.

The city was caring and supportive. They hired our son Jeff to work alongside him, to help him be able to continue working. We all took turns and adjusted our schedules to make sure he was never alone.

Kurt Wright was the Chief of Police at the time. He called one day to tell me that he was working on getting the town to name the River Park after George. I was humbled with gratitude. It was approved and a date for the dedication of the park was planned. Kurt asked me who I would like to have speak. Without hesitation I asked him if we could have Leon and Margaret. He agreed.

Leon had been a friend to our family for years. Always helping anyone in need. When Margaret and Ted Benson moved to Springdale and Margaret and I started working together on our music, we became fast friends! They found out real quickly that whatever they had break at their home, George could, and would, fix it. A leak? Call George. Dishwasher won't wash? Call George. Heater won't heat? Call George. Air conditioner on the fritz? Call George. That became the mantra in their home when a problem arose. Margaret shared that sentiment in her remarks at the park dedication.

Many people became close to George. Nina Rodriques would bring him her famous shortbread cookies to sustain him while working on the park! The Bonners, for whom there is a plaque on the bridge, were our close friends. The path over the bridge is a favorite dog walk. There are so many that were touched by the ripple effect that is caused by a life well lived.

The George A Barker…River Park…is a symbol of the close community that supports, loves and takes care of its own. It represents decades of people who lived and grew up in Springdale. There are generations of souls who returned to visit the place where they made memories while spending time with family. Many things have changed in that canyon community over the years but nothing can change the memories and experiences that made our lives richer for having been there. I will always cherish my years in Springdale. Our family will treasure the park where so much love resides,.

The George A Barker Park, named for an individual, is symbolically named for each one who sacrifices time and energy for another. It is named for the couple who took a needy stranger in. It is named for the woman who takes the time to pick up trash on her walks. It is named for the one who helps an elderly woman get dressed in the morning. As we serve, it is named for each of us.

I pray we all have a George in our lives. I pray even more fervently that we may ***BE*** a George in someone else's life. Our little park was named after an individual who was caring and kind because this is a community of individuals who live that legacy.

Connection and Community - There's an App for That

editorial by Noel Benson

From a past issue.

Springdale sits at the crossroads of small-town life and global tourism. Every year, millions of visitors come through on their way to Zion National Park, and their presence helps shape our daily routines. To keep our community livable, connected, and thriving, it's time to think creatively about how technology can make life easier for residents — starting with the idea of a Springdale town app.

A Resident-First Tool for Daily Life

Unlike typical tourism apps, this concept would be designed first and foremost for residents. The goal is simple: make daily life smoother, communication clearer, and community connections stronger.

Residents could use the app to:

•View **live camera feeds** from Zions entrance gate, River Park, the town park, town hall or the post office and more, to see lines or crowd and parking levels before heading out.

•Receive **instant alerts** about road work, water service, power interruptions, and public safety notices.

•Access **town services** such as bill payments, permit submissions, or meeting agendas — all in one place.

•Stay informed about **community events** and local happenings.

Not everyone enjoys Facebook and these practical features would help residents save time and stay better connected to the town they support year-round.

A Voice for the Community

Perhaps the most transformative feature would be the ability to conduct **real-time polls and community surveys** directly through the app. Residents could quickly share their input on town priorities — from park improvements, large expenditures, potential development, zoning questions and more. That feedback could help the Town Council and staff make data-driven, resident-informed decisions while keeping the public engaged and heard.

It's a small-town version of "digital democracy" — efficient, transparent, and empowering.

Helping Visitors Helps Residents

Though the app would focus on residents, it would also naturally make tourism more manageable. Visitors could use it to find **available parking**, **track shuttle times**, or locate restaurants and shops.

When tourists are better informed, they spend less time guessing when to put on their blinker, then speed up, then slow down, then put the blinker back on. Oops wrong spot, speed back up and repeat. That means fewer traffic backups and ultimately less impact on residents.

Modern, Scalable, and Affordable

Developing a town-specific app no longer requires a big budget. Many small towns now use scalable platforms that allow them to start with simple features and expand over time. Springdale could begin with community alerts, surveys, and parking updates, then later integrate shuttle GPS tracking and live camera feeds.

The investment wouldn't just serve today's residents — it would create infrastructure that can adapt as the town's needs evolve.

A Step Toward a More Connected Future

A dedicated town app could strengthen Springdale's sense of community by bringing that spirit into the digital age — helping residents stay informed, involved, and connected, while giving town leaders better tools to manage tourism and communicate with the public. As we continue to balance the needs of visitors and locals, technology like this can help ensure that Springdale remains both a welcoming destination and a vibrant hometown. A Springdale app wouldn't just modernize our town — it would help us stay more connected and engaged as a community.

"The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The second best time is today."
Chinese Proverb

From a past issue.

Zion Canyon Lions Club

by Louise Excell

Zion Canyon Lions Club Has a Story to Tell: 74 Years of History

The Zion Canyon Lions Club was organized and chartered in 1951, eight years before Springdale became an incorporated town. A small group of residents from Springdale, Zion National Park, Rockville, and Virgin wanted to channel their civic impulses toward good causes, and the Lions Club was born. The Zion Canyon Lions have been promoting community, humanitarian, and charitable causes ever since. As their little towns grew up, the Lions Club worked alongside each town to make life better for all its residents.

The early club was a men-only organization; it was 1987 when the Lions International organization formally allowed women to join the club, but even earlier, some women in the Zion Canyon area united to create the "Lady Lions" in Springdale, and their club functioned as a female auxiliary in the canyon for a few years. The Lady Lions were very active alongside the men, and one of their major projects was the construction of the Gazebo at the Springdale Town Park. Today, the club's women and men work side-by-side, sharing in leadership and shaping the club's agenda.

An interesting and little-known fact about the early Zion Canyon Lions Club demonstrates how ambitious and determined the club members were. Without realizing that the International Lions organization would not allow individual clubs to own real estate, the Zion club set about acquiring 160 acres of land from the Bureau of Land Management. That land is now the location of Springdale's town offices, parks, library, and community center, as well as the OC Tanner Amphitheater and the Zion Canyon Mesa.

The original club intended to build a Little League ball field, rifle range, and landfill on their land for the town on their property. The Lions laid a 2-inch water line from the main street to water the ball field and a line of trees they had planted. They also constructed a 40x40-foot cinderblock building as a Lions Club meeting house, which they donated to the Town of Springdale. That building served the towns offices and meeting house until a new town office building was constructed decades later. Old timers in Springdale may recall that the town clerk/secretary in those early days used the old refrigerator in the Lions Club kitchen as her filing cabinet for town documents.

As it turned out, Zion Canyon Lions were informed that they could not own property, so the club promptly donated all 160 acres to the Town of Springdale. Subsequently, the Town donated a large portion of that land to Dixie College (now UTU) as a building site for classrooms and other buildings to house summer school activities for the benefit of students. It is safe to speculate that the Town of Springdale, Utah Tech University, and Zion Canyon Mesa are the beneficiaries of millions of dollars of real estate (in today's economy), thanks to the Zion Canyon Lions Club.

The early club's activities ranged from funding Springdale's first 15 fire hydrants and its first streetlights, as well as donating 80 man-hours to repair the home of a widow in Virgin; they funded mobile chest x-ray units, painted and repaired Springdale Elementary and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints recreation hall, sponsored the March of Dimes, and provided pre-school eye tests and exams for 70 area children, then paid for eyeglasses when families could not afford them. The club created a wetlands bird sanctuary at Springdale's Big Spring and provided funding for the tennis courts and playgrounds in Springdale and Rockville, and it has provided benches along the streets in Rockville and Springdale.

The Zion Canyon Lions Club's notable club projects are visible for all to see, but some of their work isn't always apparent. More recently the Club has contributed funding for cancer treatments for local children, donated 500 hygiene kits to the Hurricane Food Pantry, donated a 10'x16' storage shed to the Dove Center, funded student service scholarships to students, supported Springdale Elementary with musical instruments, a new drinking fountain, and other needs, and built disabled-accessible playground equipment for Rockville Park. The Club provided $4,000 in Covid Relief to local residents and raised over $13,000 for the Zion Canyon Medical Clinic flood relief. Just this month, it made a substantial gift to a local family following a home explosion and fire.

The work goes on. The current Lions Club members are vigorous and committed, but younger members are needed to inspire the next generation of civic leaders. Zion Canyon Lions Club is actively recruiting membership and welcomes all to apply. To sign up or learn more, contact club secretary Shirley Ballard at 435-680-3939.

From a past issue.

Barker River and Bonner Dog Park:

Just steps from the Virgin River, George A. Barker River Park and Bonner Dog Park together form one of Springdale's most beloved gathering places. While tourists dominate during the day, it's in the mornings and evenings that these parks truly come alive with locals.

Residents walk, talk, and connect as their dogs play nearby. For many, the parks are part of a daily routine— a place to meet a neighbor for the first time, to catch up with old friends, or to simply pause and enjoy the setting of their hometown framed by the cliffs of Zion.

Dogs often are our best friends but they also manage to find us friends of the two-legged variety. Our loyal companions are natural icebreakers, helping people strike up conversations and form friendships that might never have happened otherwise.

As one local dog owner put it, "I've made friends here I never would have met otherwise."

More than just parks, River and Bonner Dog Park have become staples of community life in Springdale. They are spaces where residents feel rooted, where conversations spark easily, and where the town's strong sense of belonging is on full display.

As Springdale continues to welcome millions of visitors from around the world each year, these simple parks remain something uniquely local — treasured by the people who call this place home.

From a past issue.

Weeping Rock

(an article written when weeping rock had been just reopened
after a fairly long closure due to a rock slide)

We arrived in time for last light up on Cable Mtn. Excited to walk the trail again we noticed some good repairs & improvements along the way but the incline is steeper than I remember, ha, yet in the alcove we hold so dear, the moss & ferns and weeping remain the same as always. Most of the dust has washed or blown away but the East Rim & Hidden Canyon trails are still closed. So whether you shuttle, or bike, or wait until winter to drive up canyon, you can surely look forward to your next visit to Weeping Rock!"
Patsy & Brett Chaffin.

From a past issue.

WHERE I HAVE & HAVE NOT BEEN

— I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
— I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.
— I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.
— I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

SANDBAGS

With wet weather in the forecast, now is a good time to identify areas on your property that may benefit from sandbags.

As a courtesy, the Town of Springdale has made sand and sandbags available for community members to fill and use as needed. These materials are located on Paradise Lane, across from the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery.

From a past issue.

Getting to Know You

Lillian Baiardi Kicks Life into High Gear and Leaves Boston

Your friend is going through a painful divorce and you are helping her get through that. Come to find out, she was getting that divorce because she was having an affair with your husband. How does your heart get over that? After going to bed for a week in pain and confusion, you do what great mothers do. You think of the kids. And you get going.



Lillie then

Lillie explains, "Craving a break, I bought a Volkswagen camper van and set out to explore the country with my children during summer vacation. We traveled far and wide, taking in the beauty and wonder of the sights along the way.

When we reached Utah, we swam in the Great Salt Lake and camped in a place where we could pick fresh cherries right off the trees. That summer was filled with unforgettable moments and marked a turning point in our lives.



In 1974, I met a wonderful man (Paolo). Together, we decided to hit the road once more—this time to find a place we could call home and begin our life together. We had a few spots in mind, but when we arrived in Rockville, Utah, everything changed. We spotted an old storefront for rent, and something about it just felt right. Without even tracking down the landlord, we started unpacking—we knew this was it."



During their Rockville days, Paolo brought home a stone statue which he proudly plunked down in their front yard. Lillie wasn't proud of it; she was aghast. She kept telling Paolo to get rid of it. "I don't want a penis in my front yard!!!!" she insisted. He did, at least, put it in the back yard — eventually.

After several happy years in Rockville, Lillie decided she had had enough of the small-town life and moved to "the big city" which was, wait for it, Springdale. There she opened the town's first bed and breakfast ("Zion House," where The David West gallery is now). She never had to advertise. Word of mouth kept them busy. She loved meeting people from all over the world—until she didn't—and moved on to other things. Paolo had passed away by then. Years later, however, his spirit managed to get that statue out in front again where it currently resides in plain view of all who drive through Rockville.

Lillie's children have grown into wonderful people, carrying with them the legacy of their mother — one of perseverance, cheerful determination, and living life to the fullest. A true Springdale treasure, Lillie has been part of the town's fabric for decades, doing it all — from cleaning rooms to driving the shuttle, and, of course, running Zion House.



This quilt (above), a cherished gift from her daughter, celebrates Lillie's life — a life defined by resilience, grace, and the steady determination to keep moving forward.



Lillie now. The eyes still have it.

Challenges have come, but with her characteristic pluck and courage, so too have genuine happiness and true success.

Speaking of Springdale residents worth getting to know, Betsy Alford and Janis Kali, both recently deceased, were interviewed in 2004. That interview transcript can be accessed here: **https://www.nps.gov/npgallery/GetAsset/7b2dab42-01c6-47bb-a652-afbbc9c99454?fbclid=IwY2xjawN00ntleHRuA2FIbQIxMQABHoOTGWX1X2OggcmGmJ8rE1eqd88WVBbI81kRpJIclN7X5r9xjtYTuSQKhXMj_aem_fK2ohe6iSPBRbv3IfGWbPg**

Informed Citizens Help Make Springdale Better

by Lisa Zumpft

From a past issue.

The stated goal of this new newspaper is to help citizens learn about what's happening in Springdale. Here are some tips to be well informed on what's happening in Town.

1. Sign up for notifications from the Town for meetings for Town Council, Planning Commission, etc. You'll receive agendas with packet material links. You can also sign up for Emergency Alerts at this site. https://www.springdaletown.com/list.aspx#
2. When you receive a notification about a meeting, read the packet materials first. If you have questions, contact the Staff member responsible for that packet. You can also find the agendas and packet material at https://www.springdaletown.com/AgendaCenter.
3. If you want to make comments for any item whether or not it is for a public hearing, email the Staff person along with all the Town Council, Planning Commission or other members. By including the staff, your comments will then be included under Public comments for all to read. Doing this ahead of the meeting gives everyone time to consider your input on the topic. Do this separately for each item. You can make comments at the meeting, but if it's a public hearing, it is difficult to consider most of them fairly at that time. Staff contacts can be found here https://www.springdaletown.com/148/Departments. Town Council contacts can be found here https://www.springdaletown.com/322/Town-Council. Planning Commission contacts can be found here https://www.springdaletown.com/340/Planning-Commission.
4. Attend the meetings if possible. If you can't, then watch them live on the YouTube link. This is posted in the meeting agenda notification. If you can't watch during the live meeting, you can click on the link to watch later. The nice thing about this is you can then listen at a faster speed. Within 10 days of the meetings, the draft minutes should be posted for you to read.
5. For interpretations of Town ordinances, ask Staff. They are very familiar with how the laws and ordinances are to be applied. Much of the time, Council members or Planning Commissioners only have part of the story and do not have the best experience in explaining them.
6. Learn the difference between Legislative and Administrative items for both the Town Council and the Planning Commission. The Mayor wrote about this in the April 2025 Town Newsletter. https://www.springdaletown.com/401/Town-Newsletter
7. When you hear a rumor about something in reference to the Town, be it by word of mouth or on social media, don't accept that it is accurate. Call or email Town staff and ask them directly. If you have a topic of concern, email that to staff and the TC for everyone to consider.
8. There is a lot more information about our Town and what's happening at https://www.springdaletown.com/101/Our-Community.

From a past issue.

Springdale depends on visitors, yes. But its real strength lies in the people who stay when the buses stop coming — the ones who keep spirits up, and the canyon's stories alive and ongoing — the ones who know love is an action verb as they create and contribute, through art, service, and civic involvement. As anyone who's lived here knows: Springdale is more than a ZNP parking lot. It's a community, stitched together by sandstone, sunlight, and a steady steam of kindness. It is neighbors who never forget how to look out for their own.

-Anonymous

From a past issue.

The Town that Defined Itself

For years, the town of Springdale was known primarily as the parking lot for Zion National Park. The relationship between the park and the gateway town wasn't always a smooth one, with contentious council meetings over proposed developments in the late 1980s and early 1990s. Residents feared Springdale might become another Gatlinburg, Tennessee—a tourist-trap atmosphere that would overshadow the surrounding natural beauty.

But instead of letting large-scale commercial development define them, the people of Springdale chose to define themselves. A pivotal moment came in the late 1990s with the development of the Zion Transportation System, a unique shuttle service that transports visitors both within the park and throughout the town.

This project was built on a new partnership between town officials and Zion National Park Superintendent Don Falvey. With a collaborative approach, the shuttle system successfully relieved vehicle congestion and allowed Springdale to manage its growth while preserving its small-town feel.

Since the shuttle's implementation in 2000, Springdale has received national recognition for its sustainable approach to tourism. Residents can now use the shuttle for their daily errands, and visitors enjoy a more pedestrian-friendly experience, exploring the town's unique shops and restaurants.

Stewards of the night sky

Another testament to the town's commitment to quality of life is its "International Dark Sky Community" designation. Residents and advocates worked together to prioritize dark-sky conservation, preserving the awe-inspiring view of the Milky Way that Springdale is known for. The community passed ordinances to reduce light pollution, requiring downward-facing, shielded outdoor lighting for homes and businesses.

This initiative, led by dedicated residents, benefits everyone. It improves safety and quality of life for full-time residents while also preserving the habitat for local wildlife. For tourists, it adds another breathtaking experience—stargazing in one of the darkest skies in the country.

The Springdale History Center

The town is striving to preserve its unique history. The town's Historic Preservation Commission worked to have a museum where they could highlight, not just the region's Latter-day Saint settlers, but also the town's rich Native American history, in partnership with the Paiute tribe. This museum would also focus on the evolution of Springdale's vital hospitality industry and include oral histories from longtime residents. By incorporating lumber from the old Cable Mountain draw works, and rocks from original irrigation ditches, the building itself would become a living piece of Springdale's past. It would be a way for a tight-knit community to share its story of resilience, connection, and deep-rooted sense of place.

Sadly, this has yet to come to fruition but the dream indicates how the citizens of Springdale are demanding of themselves that Springdale remains a real community, with roots and branches: a town which welcomes tourists, not just a "tourist town."

The takeaway

Springdale's story is one of a community that has resisted the forces of overdevelopment to maintain its unique character. Its commitment to sustainable tourism, dark-sky preservation, and inclusive historical preservation makes it a model for other gateway towns and a compelling example of people working together to protect what they love.

*(**Confession**: This article was generated by AI in response to me simply asking if it knew a human interest story about Springdale, UT. I decided to share it because I think it raises worthwhile points. That said, I'm not convinced we've been quite as successful at resisting overdevelopment—or quite as strong a model for other gateway towns—as the article suggests. What I do believe, wholeheartedly, is that we are sincerely trying, with every bit of the energy and generosity of motive it attributes to us. If you have any corrections, or comments, everyone would be grateful if you shared. Just hit reply.)*

Town Council Meeting Outline

Town Council Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A. Announcements/Information/Community Comments

1. General Announcements

Tom Dansie:

- July is National Parks and Recreation Month:
  - Free fitness and wellness classes at the Canyon Community Center for the entire month;
  - Parks & Rec is holding a competition to win some awesome prizes
    - Pick up a scavenger hunt checklist;
    - Send Parks & Rec pictures/ selfies of yourself recreating;
    - Pick up a coupon for a free Desert Ice once you've completed 7 out of the 10 activities.
- "Baby Boomer & Beyond Bingo" is on Friday, July 31, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the CCC. It features games, great prizes, cake, and light refreshments. You can optionally bring a prize to add to the prize table.
- Two-Acre Two Cent Event; Thursday, July 30th at 9AM at CCC for residents to give feedback on developing the town-owned, two-acre Lion Boulevard parcel.

2. Zion National Park Update - Superintendent Bradybaugh

- June YTD up 1%; June 25-26 down 6.7%;
- Jul-4 weekend attendance 93,700 visitors (5-day period) down 4.9% from last year year; 4,800 less visitors from last year;
- Fiber line starting down the switchbacks; still have to do the tunnel:
  - Skipped an area east of the tunnel due to Spotted Owl nesting for now.
- SAR staying busy;
- Thanked Springdale PD, EMS, Hurricane Fire District for help with July 4th weekend;
- Thanked SPD and Springdale community for their support for the Red Rocks, Blue Skies concert at OC Tanner

3. Council Department Reports, Questions, and Comments

- None

4. Community Comments

- None

B. Consent Agenda

1. Review of Monthly Purchasing Report
2. Minutes: May 13, May 29, and June 24, 2026
   - Approved Unanimously

C. Administrative Action Items

1. Review and possible approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District regarding the Town and District's participation in the Cooperative Wildfire System.
Staff contact: Thomas Dansie.
HVFSSD Contact: Chief Joe Decker.
   - Approved Unanimously
2. Review and possible action regarding a RAP Tax funding request for the Zion Canyon Art Festival.
Staff contact: Thomas Dansie.
Applicant: Adrienne Gates.
   - Approved Unanimously

D. Administrative Non-Action Items

- None

1. General Council Discussion
   - Councilor Burns: *Should we revisit Transient lodging to make sure the town is moving in the right direction? What types of Transient Lodging? What is the current inventory (present and what is still to be built). Would council consider a town survey?*
   - Tom Dansie: *With upcoming review of the General Plan, including a survey related to the General Plan, this might be mechanism to include transient lodging questions.*
   - Joe Barker: Water Leak Update: *Migrated from an irrigation leak to a culinary water leak (15 customers affected and 1 hotel). Narrowed down the leak location.*

E. Adjourn

- Approved Unanimously

Pat Campbell
Springdale Town Council
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From a past issue.

From actual church bulletins:

"Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."

"Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several members and to the deterioration of some older ones."

From a past issue.

Scalia/Ginsburg

Scalia/Ginsburg is a modern opera based on the unusual relationship between Chief Justice Antonin Scalia and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Scalia was ever the conservative intellectual anchor for originalism and textualism. Ginsburg, the demure firebrand was a study in achievement despite obstacles, and a constant source of progressive opinions as she resolutely championed justice as she saw it. On the court they were usually at loggerheads, two brilliant minds of diametrically opposed opinions.

And yet, these two champions forged a deep, though seemingly unlikely, friendship. They shared a love of opera, as well as law. They often dined together before attending an opera and their families would get together socially. The story of their political division and personal unity should give us hope.

Two things they never did. They never let their judgement differences affect their friendship. They never let their friendship affect their judgements.

You have no idea how often I decide to never publish an article that is negative about the Town Council's actions. ***The Springdale Sun*** would still be of value if it steered clear of controversy and just published human interest type of articles, was a forum for all things friendly, health advice, what to do in town, etc.

Happily, I would never again get an email calling me unethical and manipulative. I could sure live with that.

But, frankly, if I followed that kumbaya path, I might not get called unethical, but I would certainly feel cowardly. TSS would shift from being a newspaper forum for ***all*** things Springdale to a newsletter for ***some*** things Springdale, pretending roses have no thorns. Importantly, at least to me, is that taking that easier path would not honor the admiration I have for Justices Ginsburg and Scalia and their legacy.

Never Bored in Springdale

CHECK OUT THE JULY TOWN NEWSLETTER!!!
https://www.springdale.utah.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/265

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

July is National Parks and Recreation month. Check out the town newsletter or see pages 19,20 to get details on what our Parks and Rec Team have planned INCLUDING free fitness and wellness classes for the month and an activities competition.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Sundays:

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

Mondays:

9 am, free outdoor exercise class, by the gazebo

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

Tuesdays:

8 am, High Fitness, CCC, weekly, cost

10 am, Yoga, CCC, weekly, cost

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

Wednesdays:

10:30 am, Storytime, Library, weekly

11:30 am, Adult Book Group, Library, monthly, the 2nd Wednesday, discussing *The Jungle* by Sinclair for August 12

2-3pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

Tween Book Club, 4th Wednesday of the month, discussing *Inkheart, Book 3* by C. Funke for July 22

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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, making a recipe from *The Forest Feast Mediterranean* by Erin Gleeson for August 6, see page 23

2 pm, YAZ (Youth Activities in Zion), ages 3-13, at the CCC, see page 18

3-4:30 pm, Sketchers CCC, weekly, **IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER. SEE YOU IN THE FALL. EXACT STARTING DAY TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

5 pm, D&D Club, library, monthly, every second Thursday, see page 20

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

Fridays:

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

All of July, Parks and Rec month, see pages 19,20

July 17(by 5 pm) to July 20, Dumpsters for yard debris and larger items, Lion Bl, past water treatment plant, NO asphalt, concrete, batteries, bldg materials, dirt, hazardous substances, oil, paint, tires.

July 18, Saturday, 7-9 pm, Live Music with Mr. OK, Scout Bar and Grill, see page 21

July 23, Thursday, 5 pm, Library Craft Night, free, all materials provided, but register in advance, 435 772 3676 or karen.crawford@washco.utah.gov., see page 26

July 31, Friday, Baby Boomers & Beyond Bingo, 11 am, CCC, prizes, refreshments, see page 24

Until the end of July, take an online survey about Springdale Trails. See page 31

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

August 8, Saturday, 7 pm, Comedian Andy Beningo, Bumbleberry Theater, $17, see page 22

August 14, Friday, 6-10PM, Fundraiser for animal rescue, Bit & Spur, see page 25

Planning Commission Upcoming Meeting

Planning Commission will meet this Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 5 pm, CCC to discuss:
1. Discussion about potential changes to the Land Use Code that will be necessary following adoption of the Wildland Urban Interface Zone. Staff contact: Eugenia Akiyom
2. Discussion about potential changes to Section 10-18 of the Code to improve water efficiency in landscape. Staff contact: Niall Connolly

Police Blotter for Springdale and Rockville

not available for one month until after the Town Council meets
on the second Wednesday of the following month

2026 JUNE STATS

SPRINGDALE STATS

CITATIONS

Speed	8
Improper Pass- No Pass Zone	6
Display Previous Owner Plate	1
Improper Pass-Unsafe	1
Fail to Operate within a Single Lane	1
Window Tint Violation	1
Windshield Obstruction Violation	1
Driver License Violation-Including Never Obtained	1
Follow Too Close	1
Motorcycle- Seat or Position Violation	1
TOTAL CITATIONS	22
WARNING ON CITES	1

ARRESTS

Operate Vehicle Without Insurance	1
Driver License- Drive on Suspended/Revoked	1
Using Wireless Device While Operating Vehicle	1
Criminal Mischief- Loss less than $500	2
Alcohol Minor Possession	2
TOTAL ARRESTS	7

ROCKVILLE STATS

CITATIONS

Speed	9
Improper Pass- No Pass Zone	2
Fail to Yield- Enter or Cross	1
Improper Pass- Unsafe	2
License Plate not Visible- 100 Ft	1
TOTAL CITATIONS	15
WARNING ON CITES	3

ARRESTS

Using Wireless Device While Operating Vehicle	1
TOTAL ARRESTS	1

SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	3	Other	0
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Overdose	0
Agency Assist	10	Panic Alarm	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Paraphernalia	0
Animal Bite	0	Park Security Check	51
Animal Emergency	2	Parking Problem	10
Animal Problem	10	PD Accident	3
Assault	0	Person Down	0
Attempt to Locate	4	PI Accident	1
Attended Death	0	Property Damage	0
Bike Patrol	0	Protective Order Violation	0
Brush Fire	0	Prowler	0
Business Alarm	3	Psychiatric	0
Business Burglary	0	Public Urination	0
Business Checks	55	Residence Burglary	0
Business License Problem	0	Resident Vacation Check	23
Camping Problem	6	Residential Alarm	1
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	1
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	0
Citizen Assist	13	Sex Offender Registry	1
Citizen Contact	16	Sex Offense	0
Citizen Dispute	2	Stalking	0
Civil	3	Structure Fire	0
Community Oriented Policing	1	Suicidal	1
Construction Site Checks	0	Suspicious Other	1
Counterfeiting	0	Suspicious Person	2
Criminal Mischief	1	Suspicious Vehicle	4
Crosswalk Enforcement	16	Telematic Alarm	0
Curfew	0	Telephone Harassment	0
Disorderly	2	Theft	0
Drugs	0	Threatening	0
DUI	0	Traffic Hazard	6
DV Assault	0	Traffic Offense	2
DV Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stop Warning	17
DV Unlawful Detention	0	Traumatic	0
Evading	0	Trespassing	0
Extra Patrol	113	Unattended Death	0
Family Fight	2	Unconcious	0
Felony Theft	0	Unsecured Premise	0
Fire	0	Utility Problem	2
Fireworks	0	Vagrancy	3
Follow up	28	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	15	Vehicle Theft	0
Fraud	1	VIN Inspection	4
Gas Theft	0	Wanted Person	0
Graffiti	0	Weapon Offense	0
Harassment	0	Welfare Check	0
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	0	0	0
Littering	0	0	0
Lockout	3	0	0
Lost Property	4	0	0
Medical Assist	1	0	0
Missing Person	4	0	0
Motorist Assist	3	0	0
Noise Complaint	2	0	0
Nuisance	0	0	0
TOTAL SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS	458		

ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	1	Other	0
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Overdose	0
Agency Assist	3	Panic Alarm	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Paraphernalia	0
Animal Bite	0	Park Security Check	16
Animal Emergency	0	Parking Problem	0
Animal Problem	1	PD Accident	1
Assault	0	Person Down	0
Attempt to Locate	2	PI Accident	0
Attended Death	0	Property Damage	0
Bike Patrol	0	Protective Order Violation	0
Brush Fire	0	Prowler	0
Business Alarm	0	Psychiatric	0
Business Burglary	0	Public Urination	0
Business Checks	0	Residence Burglary	0
Business License Problem	0	Resident Vacation Check	0
Camping Problem	3	Residential Alarm	0
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	0
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	0
Citizen Assist	1	Sex Offender Registry	0
Citizen Contact	1	Sex Offense	0
Citizen Dispute	0	Stalking	0
Civil	0	Structure Fire	0
Community Oriented Policing	4	Suicidal	0
Construction Site Checks	0	Suspicious Other	0
Counterfeiting	0	Suspicious Person	0
Criminal Mischief	0	Suspicious Vehicle	0
Crosswalk Enforcement	0	Telematic Alarm	0
Curfew	0	Telephone Harassment	0
Disorderly	0	Theft	0
Drugs	0	Threatening	0
DUI	0	Traffic Hazard	1
DV Assault	0	Traffic Offense	2
DV Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stop Warning	8
DV Unlawful Detention	0	Traumatic	0
Evading	0	Trespassing	0
Extra Patrol	49	Unattended Death	0
Family Fight	0	Unconcious	0
Felony Theft	0	Unsecured Premise	0
Fire	0	Utility Problem	0
Fireworks	0	Vagrancy	0
Follow up	0	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	1	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
Lewdness	0		0
Littering	0		0
Lockout	1		0
Lost Property	0		0
Medical Assist	1		0
Missing Person	0		0
Motorist Assist	1		0
Noise Complaint	0		0
Nuisance	0		0
TOTAL ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS	98		

TOTAL INCIDENTS 556

Construction Update July 10, 2026

Through July 17, you can expect to see crews, equipment, and traffic control in the following areas:

- SR-9 Milepost (MP) 2 to 6 (Hurricane)
- SR-9 MP 28-29 (Rockville)
- SR-9/Zion-Mount Carmel Highway MP 38-40 (west side of the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel)

In Hurricane:

- Crews will continue trenching for conduit installation along the shoulder of eastbound SR-9.
- No direct impacts to drivers are anticipated.

In Rockville:

- Crews will be drilling for conduit installation.
- No direct impacts to drivers are anticipated.

In Zion National Park:

- Crews will continue trenching in the Zion-Mount Carmel Highway roadway to install fiber conduit and junction boxes.
- Traffic will be reduced to one lane controlled by portable signals and flaggers.
- **Visitors should anticipate moderate traffic delays.***
-

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, and delays up to 12 minutes
- Lane shifts and restrictions
- Heavy equipment, crews, and support vehicles

Motorcyclist, Cyclist, and Driver Safety Information

Please use caution and prioritize safety while traveling through the construction area. Avoid any equipment in roadway shoulders over the Independence Day holiday while work is paused.

- **Stay alert** and watch for any lane shifts, crews, equipment, and posted signage.
- **Avoid distractions** by refraining from using mobile devices while traveling through the project area.
- **Maintain a safe following distance** from the vehicle in front of you to allow for sudden stops or changes in traffic flow.

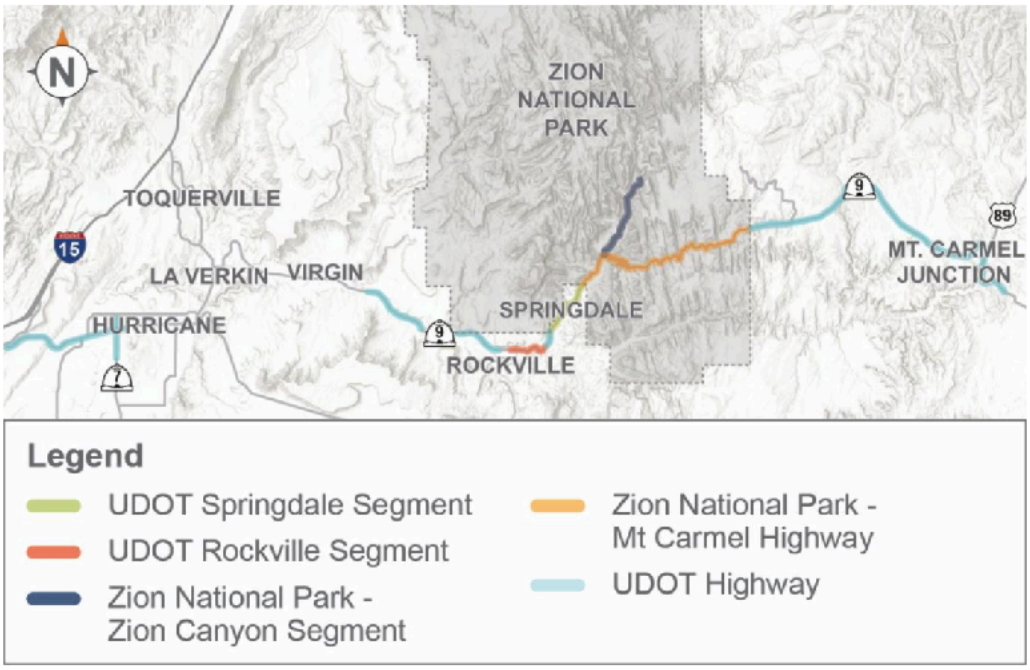
Project Overview

The Utah Department of Transportation's Zion Canyon Fiber Optics Project will:

- Install over 50 miles of fiber optic cable along State Route 9 and the Zion-Mount Carmel Highway
- Support ITS devices such as traffic cameras, road signs, and weather stations
- Help expand and modernize the state's fiber optic infrastructure
- Enhance connectivity

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

Project Map



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

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JULY 2026
YAZ ACTIVITIES
(YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN ZION)
THURSDAY, JULY 2ND @ 2PM
4TH OF JULY CRAFT
THURSDAY, JULY 9TH @ 2PM
REPTILES W/ OLIVIA
SPOTS LIMITED
PLEASE RSVP TO ROBYN WITH CHILD'S NAME
& AGE BY 7/6
RSANDERS@SPRINGDALE.UTAH.GOV
THURSDAY, JULY 16TH @ 2PM
ACTIVITY W/ ZION PARK RANGERS
THURSDAY, JULY 23RD @ 2PM
PLAYDOH SENSORY KITS & KEEPY UPPY
THURSDAY, JULY 30TH @ 2PM
ACTIVITY W/ SPRINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
YAZ IS A FREE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR KIDS 3 YRS.-13 YRS.
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER (126 LION BLVD., SPRINGDALE UT.)
THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY WILL HAVE SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY AFTER OUR ACTIVITIES!
CHECK OUT THEIR CALENDAR SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY FUN!

Name _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____



- Participate in a FREE CCC Fitness/Wellness Class
- Visit one of our bike hubs (preferably w/ a bike)
- Check out the Mosaics on the Lion Blvd. light poles
- Say "hi" to one of the many tortoise sculptures in town
- Play a round of Disc Golf at our course
- Walk one of the Town's Hiking Trails
- Play a round of pickleball
- Play a round of sand volleyball
- Visit the dog park behind the CCC
- Hang out at the Town Park under the gazebo



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SPRINGDALE TOWN

Parks & Recreation Month

JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH, AND THE PARKS & REC DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU TO CELEBRATE IT WITH US!

1

Pick up a scavenger hunt checklist. The checklist will have different recreational activities for you to complete. Get one from the Canyon Community Center, the Library, or Springdale Town Hall.



2

Submit pictures. Send us pictures/selfies of yourself recreating to be entered into a raffle!

- Submit photos via Facebook DM (@CanyonCommunmityCenter), Instagram DM (@springdale_ccc) or email (rsanders@springdale.utah.gov)
- Submitted photos may be used by the Town of Springdale for promotional purposes

3

Complete 7 of the items on the list and turn in your checked off list to the Springdale Town Hall, Springdale Library or Springdale Canyon Community Center, to receive a coupon for a free Desert Ice!



4

Enter to win a prize. At the end of the month, anyone who has submitted both a checklist AND has provided pictures will be entered into a drawing for a prize package!

LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR LIST & PHOTOS IS JULY 31ST



Hi there,

Join us at Scout Bar & Grill on July 18, 2026 at 07:00 PM for Live Music 7-9pm at Scout featuring Mr. OK 🎶 Expect a live-looped blend of reggae, funk, folk, pop songs, and originals with thoughtful lyrics and deep feels.

We'd love to share the evening with you and the energy Mr. OK brings in real time ✨

Best,
Scout Bar & Grill



Comedian Andy Beningo

With over 3,500 career performances, Andy Beningo has established himself as one of the most in demand comedians working today. Hailed for his clean and "every man" style, Andy has been named one of the 40 Best Up and Coming comedians in the country, as well as "Best Comedian" by both the Detroit Metro Times and Detroit Hour magazine. Andy has appeared on AXS TV's Gotham Comedy Live, CMT's Next Big Comic and YesTV's The Date Night Tour in Canada. His Drybar Comedy special, 'Adorable Tough Guy' is currently on both Amazon Prime and Comedy Dynamics- and has generated millions of views on social media. Andy has been heard on the nationally syndicated Bob and Tom radio show, and was a special guest on Larry the Cable Guy's 'Weekly Round Up' on Sirius XM radio. His first comedy album, 'Quiet Coyote' regularly plays on Laugh USA. His rare ability to find humor in subjects like growing up the middle child, his short lived career as a middle school teacher and our society's obsession with technology has made him a crowd favorite in audiences worldwide.

Ticket Available https://www.strideevents.com/events/bumbleberry-theater/2026/tickets#



Let's Get Cooking

Springdale Cookbook Club

When: Thursday August 6th at 12 p.m.

Where: Community Center Reading Room

More Information:

- Pick a recipe out of The Forest Feast Mediterranean by Erin Gleeson found at the library or online!
- Substitutions are welcome! Just make sure to list any changes to the recipe.
- Bring your dishware and your own cutlery to eat off of.
- If you wish to make a dish that everyone can eat do not include gluten, cucumbers, or meat.
- Questions? Email alexisdegraw@hotmail.com




Baby Boomer & Beyond
BINGO!
FRIDAY,
JULY 31ST, 2026
11:00AM – 12:30PM
CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER
126 Lion Blvd., Springdale UT
Bringing a prize to add to the prize table is OPTIONAL.
There will be GREAT PRIZES, CAKE and some LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!
Come for the fun, stay for the friends!



We are excited to announce our 3rd Annual Fur the Future FUNdraiser is going to be held on August 14th from 6-10 PM.
While the date may be different this year, the event promises to be a festive, fun filled evening all to support homeless animals. While we can't explain to the animals what a fundraiser is they all appreciate the food, shelter, veterinary care, & training it provides as the wait for their furever loving family.
We thank the **Bit And Spur Restaurant And Saloon** in Springdale for setting this evening aside just for BAM! We will be inside (think air conditioning) but still under the majestic cliffs of Zion Canyon. As it is during the "dogs days of Summer" think casual summer bbq vibe. As always fantastic food, live music (dancing encouraged), silent and live auction from Art to Zion adventures and everything in between.

Live music

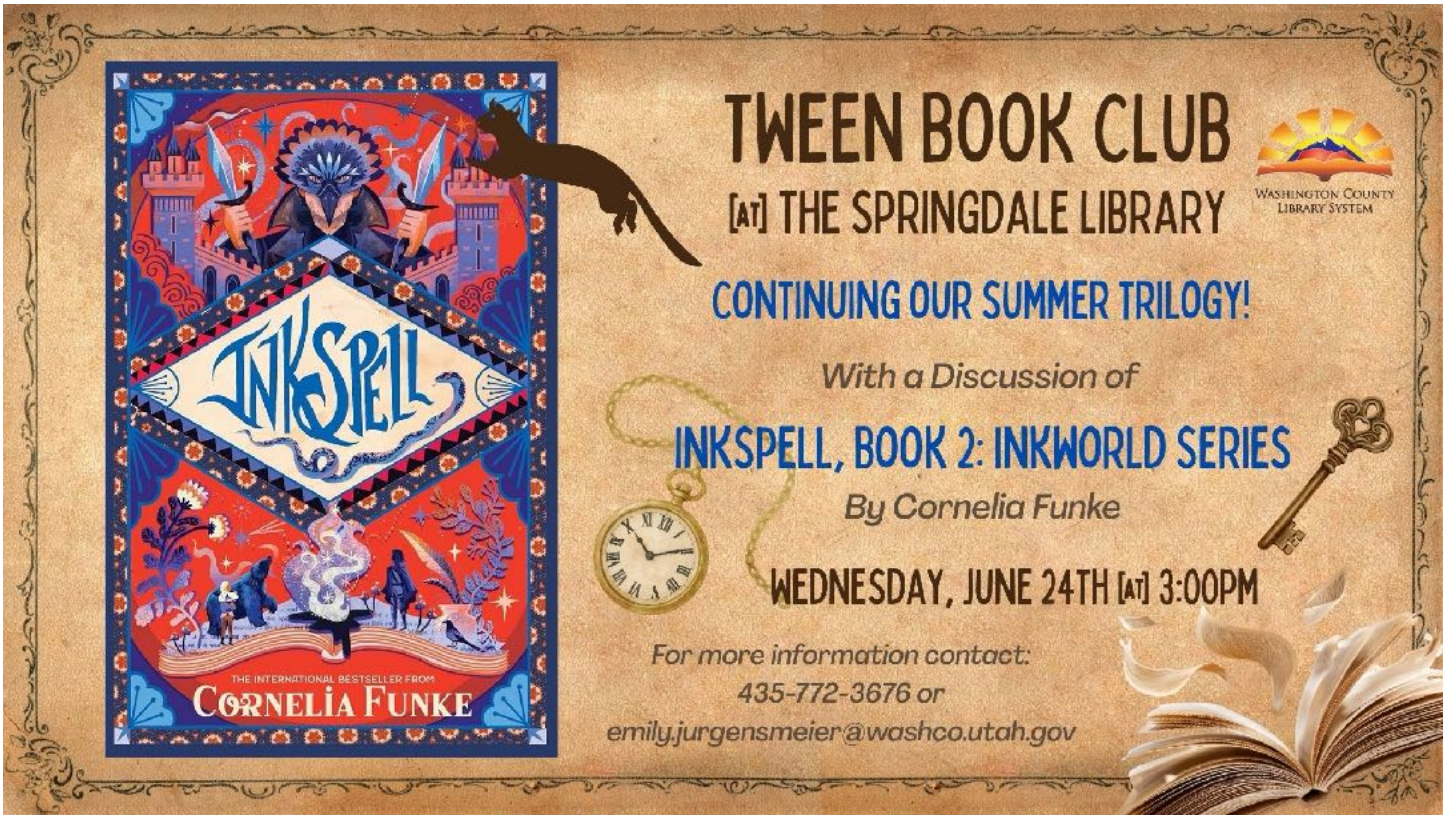
Tickets are $50 and can be purchased at **https://givebutter.com/fur-the-future-2026-sxscvw** or scan the QR code.

1212 Zion Park Blvd Springdale UT
Grab your friend and join us!
Because every wagging tail, happy bark and contented purr starts with people like YOU


LIBRARY
Craft Night
Join Karen to craft a cute and quirky funny-face garden pot companion.
Thursday, July 23rd
@ 5:00 PM
Washington County Library System
This free event is open to all patrons 18 and older.
All materials are provided, but space is limited.
Please register in advance (435) 772-3676
or karen.crawford@washco.utah.gov


UNEARTH A STORY
@ Springdale Library
Washington County Library System
Free Summer Reading Activities in July!
CHILDREN - 3PM
TEEN/TWEEN - 2PM
ADULT - 5PM
2ND - RED DESERT RESERVE
1ST - HISTORY PROJECT
23RD - FUNNY FACE GARDEN POT
9TH - ZION NP RANGERS
8TH - ARCHEOLOGY
16TH - DINOSAUR MUSEUM
15TH - SCAVENGER HUNT
23RD - MAGIC SHOW
22ND - TIME CAPSULES


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
ROCKVILLE
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INKSPELL
THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER FROM
CORNELIA FUNKE
TWEEN BOOK CLUB
[AT] THE SPRINGDALE LIBRARY
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:
435-772-3676 or
emily.jurgensmeier@washco.utah.gov


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:
EMILYJ@WASHCO.UTAH.GOV
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 9 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.] 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.











TAKING A SUMMER BREAK.
SEE YOU IN THE FALL !!!!

Check out the new sketching group in Springdale.
Meeting in th
rea
, 2026.
have
per and pencil
you're good to go, or, rather, come!!
For more info
text Regina 435 773 3637
or Jan 907 382 2912



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!



"If you think you are too small to make a difference, you haven't spent the night with a mosquito."

Mosquito Distribution Chart- 2025

Mosquito Species

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
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	



SPRINGDALE TRAILS Online Survey

Thank you for your interest. Share your feedback to help shape the future of trails and active transportation in Springdale.

Take the Online Survey!

Scan the QR code to take the online survey. The same questions will be available through mid July.

SPRINGDALE Utah

Bike Utah

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.