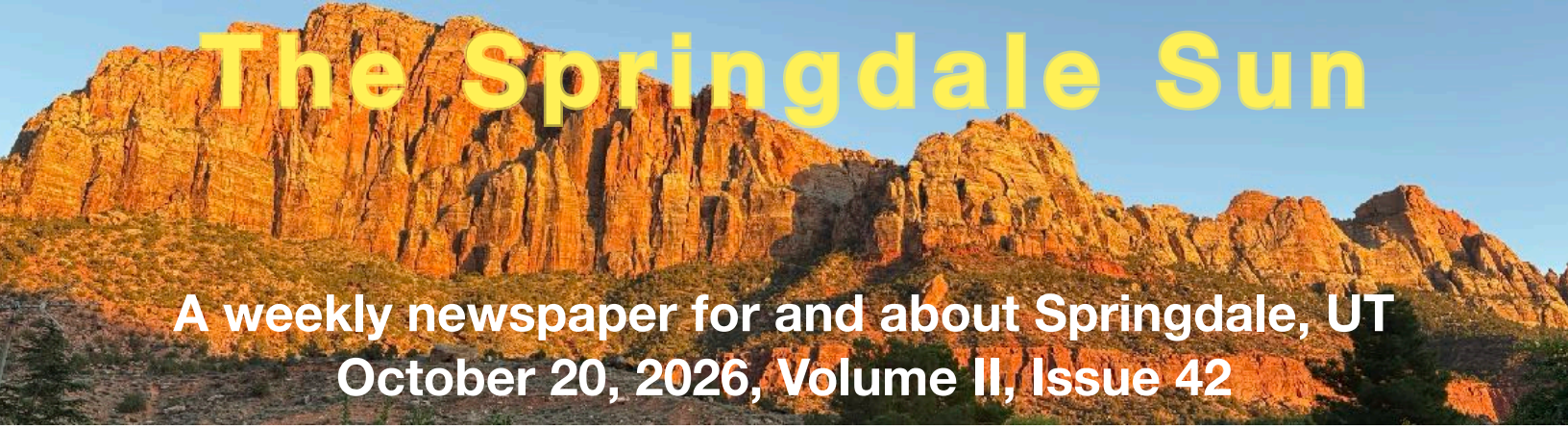


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Fasten Your Seat Belts

This last week saw a special town council meeting, a regular town council meeting, and a ribbon cutting ceremony. The Special town council meeting was to discuss what's to go on the two acres. The regular meeting agenda was brief and simple but a lot of residents showed up, not in regards to the agenda, but to express dissatisfaction with the 70 foot cell tower that's going in by the Red Hawk neighborhood.

A lot of locals contributed to this issue of *TSS*. That's a good thing, a great thing. But it will take more like an hour to an hour and a half to read this issue. Doesn't seem like 1½ hours a week is too much to devote to knowing your community. But you can always just read parts.

It is not possible to do a play by play for the two Town Council meetings. I found them potent, especially the Wednesday regular meeting where so many showed up in solidarity and it is only about an hour long. A brief outline for the meetings is on page 9 of this issue. The audio for the special meeting and the audio/visual for the regular meeting can be accessed here: https://www.youtube.com/@SpringdaleTownPublicMeetings

So much that needs saying by so many and so much that needs unpacking.

Let's get to it.

The Importance of Being Heard

op-ed byJenny Christiansen

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, I attended the Springdale Town Council meeting to show my support for the Red Hawk neighborhood, whose residents were speaking up against the 70-foot cell tower being placed near their homes. I left that meeting feeling deeply disheartened. What stayed with me wasn't simply the issue being discussed or the decision being made. It was the experience of watching people bring so much of themselves before our town's leadership, and feeling saddened by the way their efforts were received.

I believe the quality of our community is reflected not only in the decisions we make, but in how we treat one another while making them. A person can leave a meeting disappointed in a decision and still feel respected, heard, and cared about. Those things are not mutually exclusive.

Yet, as the evening unfolded, I found myself feeling increasingly heartsick. What I witnessed in the responses from the mayor, town council, and town planners was a sense of defensiveness, impatience, or indifference. There seemed to be so little curiosity about the people standing before them, so little acknowledgment of the thoughtfulness and vulnerability they had brought into the room.

I watched an entire neighborhood come together. One by one, people stood to speak, each having taken the time to research, reflect, prepare, and thoughtfully articulate their concerns. There was such sincerity in their words, such care in the way they presented themselves. They spoke with respect and dignity, even while expressing deeply held concerns about something that affects their homes and their lives.

There was a palpable feeling of solidarity and shared concern in the room, as audience members applauded each speaker upon returning to their seat. Here were people who cared enough about their neighborhood and their community to do the difficult work of participating, and others who recognized the courage it took to stand up and speak.

I don't believe that listening compassionately means agreeing with everyone. Nor do I imagine that the mayor, council members, or planners have easy responsibilities. There are competing interests, difficult decisions, and considerations that extend beyond any one person's concerns. But surely we can disagree without dismissing. Surely we can make difficult decisions while still treating people with warmth, curiosity, and respect.

How much more complete might that evening have felt if the people who spoke had been met with genuine acknowledgment by the town's leadership? If someone had simply said, "I hear you. I understand how deeply this matters to you. Thank you for sharing your perspective." Those words wouldn't have resolved the disagreement or changed the difficult decisions ahead, but they would have changed how people felt walking out of that room. And in doing so, the leaders would have contributed, in kind, to the meaningful experience of community already present that evening.

This matters even more in a small town like ours, where the people standing before the council are not strangers or abstractions. They are our neighbors. They are people who love Springdale; people who have invested their lives here and who are participating in shaping its future.

I believe we are capable of offering one another something better.

Another Attempt To Be Heard

op-ed byKrista Nelson

I appreciate the recent letters regarding the city's planned cell phone tower addition to town. I was given 3 minutes at the city council meeting (October 14th) to voice my concerns regarding these plans. This seven story tower will be just 300' from the nearest residents on Redhawk Drive. I am beyond sad I was only given such a small amount of time to express my concerns. If you happened to hear me speak, I am aware I was talking a hundred miles a minute to attempt to finish. Despite talking so quickly I had to leave a few points out merely due to time constraints. Here is my talk:

My name is Krista Nelson. I am speaking today regarding the 7 story cell tower that is planned to be constructed less than 280 feet from my home. Since my first visit to Zion in 1980, I have visited, stayed with friends, camped, and rented VRBOs/hotel rooms for over 30 days/year for the majority of my life. I have supported literally every business, town function, and event in Springdale for almost 50 years. I had made life long friends in Springdale long before I even moved here. ***This place is in my blood.*** After years of wishing, dreaming and planning, I finally moved here in 2023. When I was buying my home here it was ***NEVER*** mentioned by anyone that a cell phone tower could be erected literally in my back yard. Somehow this major plan went from just approving 9 POTENTIAL sites in the WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS MASTER PLAN, to a signed lease agreement just last month without formal written notice ever to the residents most closely impacted. As I have poured every last cent from the sale of my previous home into my current home I couldn't be more invested here than I am now. The decision to buy a home here does not come easy. Wages in Utah are lower than other states. Interest rates are high. I

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work over 50 hours a week to afford to live here. That is how important this place is to me.

I had many concerns the second I found out this information second hand. As someone who has worn a radiation docimeter for years for my career, I immediately was concerned about the fact that cell towers emit RF waves to communicate with mobile devices. As a neighborhood, several of us expressed these concerns. The city's response to us September 28th was to dismiss these concerns because there have been no long term studies performed. In fact, they quoted that "the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act expressly bars local governments from regulating wireless communication infrastructure based on concerns about RF radiation health risks". I'm so relieved to know that in order to bring us more up to date cell coverage, the city is citing a 30 year old report to soothe our concerns.

My second concern is my home losing value. I put everything I have into this home. I have everything to lose if this tower is put in my back yard. I easily found an article that surveyed 1000 people looking for new homes. The majority of home buyers stated they would not even consider purchasing a home near a cell tower. Their reasons: damage to view scape, fear of possible health ramifications, and worry home would devalue even further. This study shows that homes directly next to cell phone towers will drop 20 to 30% in value. The city can quote all the studies (or lack of long term health studies) they desire. This does not change public perception of a cell phone tower vs property value.

Multiple times in the city's general plan it states that the city council wants "to protect the iconic scenic views and vistas of Zion Canyon". Another report from the city states wanting to improve telecommunication "with as little impact as possible on the community's characteristics". Does this standard not apply to all of us?

Put caring that those standards should apply to everyone who lives here aside. Has the city even thought of the ramifications on the flora and fauna of yet another structure in this specific area? There are already multiple utility structures in this area. Both of which bring traffic to a very active, open wildlife area. There are not many of these open areas left in town. I contacted the DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES immediately with concern over how yet another project/building/structure will effect the plants and animals in this area. I was a personal witness to what effects the construction of the SCC internet building had on the same area behind Redhawk. I have video of what trucks, cranes, and cement trucks did to this area. Animals squished, plants and open area decimated, and no signs of active monitoring until we said something. Per a personal response from Jess Kinross, Impact Analysis Biologist with DWR, a link was sent to show which specific animals/plants live in the cell tower location. That report showed that multiple not only endangered animals live in this area (such as the California Condors, Desert Tortoise, yellow billed Cuckoo, monarch butterfly, Shivwitt's milk vetch plant, and several cacti, BUT also the critically endangered Mexican Spotted Owl). Rattlesnakes are also protected under Utah state law and I personally have seen them directly on my property several times just last month. Many of my immediate neighbors have photos and videos of many of these endangered animals exactly where the tower is to be placed. My son and I have both seen groups of 2-4 California Condors flying directly over this same tower area.

I want to be clear that I am not a NIMBY (not in my back yard) person! I take the stance of NIABY (not in anyone's back yard). A 7 story cell tower does NOT belong in any residential neighborhood in Springdale. As someone who has visited Springdale for decades, I can also attest I have always had cell coverage wherever I've paid to stay. I am not a hypocrite. I have never once asked anyone from the city to fix my cell phone coverage at my home. I use Wi-Fi for calling most of the time. And if the one or two times the power is out and I still need to make a phone call, I can walk or drive a block down to the main road and make a call near any of the hotels.

I am also disappointed that the community feedback from the survey regarding cell coverage was not regarded when the city agreed to let Atlas move forward with a land lease/7 story tower. The majority of community feedback showed residents wanted shorter towers, that were camouflaged, and put in/on already existing locations. This tower is the exact opposite. The tallest of all sites proposed. It will potentially hold equipment for up to 5 cell companies (plus potentially small control buildings for each), and how can anything that tall possibly be 'hidden'/camouflaged to not affect our 'famous View scapes'.

I would ask if any single person on the council, or staff, found out the same size cell tower was being placed less than 300' from their own homes, would they feel any differently? Would they challenge that decision? Would they want one of the other 8 proposed locations to be considered? Would 'our' issues now be their same issues?

The people in this town are some of my patients, my friends, and my neighbors. We all matter! The city should care that this tower would negatively impact any one of us. They should care that the animals, plants and birds that make living here so special will be effected and potentially harmed with more construction. If any one of the city council members or city staff appealed to me to stand up for the same rights they say they want for all of us, I would stand up for every one of them. I have protested lesser issues. I ask that you put yourself in your neighbor's shoes. Please look outside your own home right now and ask yourself if having a 7 story cell tower in your back yard for the non-guaranteed possibility of better cell coverage would matter to you? Thank you.



Is Your Coffee Setting You Up for a Crash?

by Debi Keys

Here's how your morning pick-me-up could leave you dragging by lunchtime!

9:00 AM — Coffee'd up and feeling invincible!

You've got your coffee, your energy is soaring, and you feel like you could conquer the world. Bring on the to-do list!

11:00 AM — Your body starts pushing back.

That initial boost is beginning to fade. Caffeine can influence cortisol, your body's natural stress hormone, and your energy may start feeling less steady. You're still functioning, but you're not quite the superhero you were two hours ago.

1:00 PM — Where did my energy go?

The caffeine buzz is wearing off, your natural sleep pressure is catching up, and your focus starts to slip. You're rereading the same email three times and wondering if lunchtime came with a side of exhaustion.

2:00 PM — Running on fumes.

Now you're dragging, your motivation has packed its bags, and another cup of coffee starts sounding perfectly logical. After all, it worked this morning, right?

Sound familiar? Before you blame your age, your busy schedule, or the fact that it's Monday (even when it's not!), let's look at what's really happening—and how a few simple changes can help you feel more energized throughout the day.

The Coffee-Energy Roller Coaster

Caffeine works by blocking adenosine, a chemical in your brain that builds up throughout the day and signals that you're getting tired. That's why coffee can make you feel more alert and focused.

But caffeine doesn't eliminate your need for rest. It temporarily masks some of your sleepiness. As its effects change, that underlying tiredness can become more noticeable.

And here's where your coffee routine may be working against you.

1. You're drinking coffee instead of eating breakfast.

Coffee may wake up your brain, but it doesn't provide the fuel your body needs. If you skip breakfast, you may find yourself hungry, distracted, and low on energy later in the morning.

2. Your coffee is more dessert than drink.

Flavored syrups, sweetened creamers, and sugary add-ins can turn your daily cup into a surprisingly sweet treat. A large dose of added sugar may contribute to energy fluctuations, especially when paired with an otherwise unbalanced breakfast.

3. You're using caffeine to cover up poor sleep.

A strong cup of coffee can help you feel more awake after a restless night, but it can't replace the benefits of quality sleep. Too much caffeine, especially later in the day, can also interfere with the following night's rest. And just like that, the cycle continues!

4. You're reaching for another cup every time you feel tired.

More caffeine isn't always the answer. Too much can cause jitters, anxiety, a racing heartbeat, and disrupted sleep. If you regularly consume caffeine, cutting back suddenly can also cause headaches and fatigue.

The Feel-Great Coffee Fix

Good news! You don't have to break up with your beloved morning coffee. You may just need to change how you use it.

☕ **Pair coffee with a real breakfast.** Include protein, fiber-rich carbohydrates, and healthy fats to help support steady energy and keep hunger at bay.

💧 **Start your day with water, too.** Coffee can contribute to your daily fluid intake, but drinking water regularly is still a smart habit.

⏰ **Watch your caffeine timing.** If coffee affects your sleep, try having it earlier and avoiding caffeine for several hours before bedtime. Caffeine sensitivity varies from person to person.

☕ **Know your personal limit.** More isn't necessarily better. Pay attention to how your body responds, and remember that caffeine is also found in tea, energy drinks, chocolate, and some medications.

Your Challenge This Week

For the next five days, try this simple experiment: Instead of making coffee your entire breakfast, pair your morning cup with a balanced meal, drink some water, and pay attention to your energy around 10:30 AM and lunchtime.

Do you feel more alert? Less hungry? Less tempted to grab another cup?

Small changes can make a big difference!

Remember: Coffee isn't the enemy. It's how we use it that matters. The goal isn't to eliminate your favorite morning ritual. It's to build habits that help you feel energized, focused, and ready to take on the day. Because feeling great shouldn't depend on keeping the coffee pot on standby all day long! 😉

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If Town Council Makes a Decision You Don't Like, It's Your Fault

op-ed by Noel Benson

There's a familiar response from Springdale's elected officials whenever a controversial decision generates public opposition: Where were all these people when we discussed this? The meetings were public, agendas were posted, but the seats were empty.

The implication is that residents who weren't paying attention earlier have somehow forfeited their right to complain.

The expectation that residents should closely follow every agenda, attend every meeting, and understand the potential consequences of every municipal decision is simply unrealistic. Most don't have the time or inclination to follow the intricacies of municipal government, nor should they be expected to.

That's why we elect representatives, who are entrusted with studying issues, anticipating consequences, and making decisions on behalf of the community. An important part of that responsibility is recognizing when a decision could significantly affect particular residents and making a genuine effort to involve them before the decision is made.

Posting an agenda and holding a public meeting may satisfy legal notice requirements, but those actions alone don't necessarily constitute meaningful public engagement.

Consider a proposed cell tower near a residential neighborhood, a major change to a property, or a municipal project that could significantly alter the character of an area. Should the residents most directly affected really be expected to discover these proposals by routinely examining council agendas? Or should their elected representatives recognize the potential impacts and reach out to them directly?

The answer seems obvious.

Meaningful public outreach doesn't have to be complicated, but it should be built into the process from the beginning. When the town develops ordinances governing projects with potentially significant impacts, such as cell tower locations, those ordinances should require direct notification of the most affected residents and provide opportunities for public hearings and meaningful feedback before final approval. Beyond those requirements, elected officials should recognize when a particular decision warrants additional outreach, rather than waiting for concerned residents to discover what's happening on their own.

There's another troubling aspect to the empty-seats argument. When residents finally learn about a proposal and begin expressing concerns, their sudden involvement is sometimes treated as evidence that they weren't paying attention, rather than as an indication that the original outreach may have been inadequate.

That's right, it's our fault.

Elected officials are often in a position to recognize potential controversy long before the community becomes aware of it. They hear concerns and should understand neighborhood dynamics. They also have access to information that most residents don't. They should be asking themselves who might be affected, what those people might think, and whether they've had a reasonable opportunity to participate.

And when opposition does emerge, the appropriate response isn't to remind people about all the meetings they missed. It's to consider whether the community was adequately informed in the first place, how to fix the problem and how to do better next time.

An empty council chamber doesn't necessarily mean the public doesn't care. It may simply mean residents don't realize that something important to them is being decided.

The responsibility of elected officials goes beyond making decisions at public meetings. It includes recognizing who will be affected, ensuring those residents have a meaningful opportunity to participate, and taking responsibility when that process falls short.

There is a **Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission,**

tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21, 5 pm at the CCC to discuss:

1. Mr. Wendell Burnette requests Design Development Review approval for a single-family home with an accessory structure at 201 North Fork Drive, and a single-family home at 211 North Fork Drive. Staff Contact: Niall Connolly
2. Public Hearing: Trista Rayner requests Design Development Review approval for a new 11-space parking lot and associated landscape improvements beside Meme's Cafe, 975 Zion Park Blvd. Staff Contact: Niall Connolly

Christopher Columbus

A composite of two anonymous submissions by two separate Springdale residents

Monday (Oct, 12) was officially Columbus Day. [The Town] sent out an email saying they will be closed on Monday for Indigenous Peoples' Day, but did not recognize Columbus Day as well. Banks, Post Offices, etc recognize the Columbus Day holiday. I feel the Town should have included Columbus Day as well in their email. This is the 2nd year in a row that the Town did not recognize Columbus Day and only recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day. While the Indigenous People are very important, I feel Columbus is equally important especially with America 250 this year.

"Columbus was not, as is well-known to the ungrateful modern-day legatees of his conquest, a perfect man. A famous example of his errant moral judgment was the exploitation of Native labor he sanctioned in Santo Domingo. It was markedly aberrant behavior from Columbus, who took well-noted pains to treat the Native peoples with basic dignity even as many of his contemporaries couldn't be bothered. It also tends to be presented by Columbus's critics shorn of its context: It was an ill-considered political concession he granted to La Isabela's *alcade mayor,* Francisco Roldán, who … used his .. leverage **[**a revolt against Columbus' brother] to force Columbus to permit the exploitative labor practices …

"The insubordinate Roldán would later be pardoned by Columbus's successor as governor of the West Indies and foremost political adversary, Francisco de Bobadilla, whose salacious and uncorroborated allegations against Columbus would create the corpus of the modern revisionist's attack on the explorer's character.

"Columbus, in spite of his many faults, *was* a man of character. …Even Bartolomé de las Casas, the "Defender and Apostle to the Indians" whose lurid, if hyperbolic, treatises on the treatment of Native peoples made him famous, spoke favorably of Columbus and his treatment of indigenous people. Columbus famously adopted a Native American boy and urged his fellow voyagers to exercise restraint and mercy toward the Natives, even, for instance, after they had burned down an entire Spanish settlement and killed all of the Spaniards in the area." (taken from: https://www.nationalreview.com/2019/10/columbus-day-a-defense-of-christopher-columbus/)

Dear Springdale,

The Springdale Sun has assiduously avoided any politics outside of Springdale. There are thousands of news outlets for that but no other strictly Springdale outlet. Does the previous article veer into national politics or is it simply a request that our Town acknowledge Christopher Columbus Day?

In any case, a few people have requested TSS publish some things which are clearly politics outside of Springdale, the specific example of which will be published at the very end of this issue, page 21.

A very real concern is that people will choose to unsubscribe to *The Springdale Sun* when political views with which they disagree appear.

Is that projecting a level of pettiness and immaturity that does not exist in our community? One can hope so.

Any such article is welcome to be rebutted, and will appear at the very end, and thus be avoidable.

As is typical with these and any other op-eds, even local ones, they do not necessarily represent the views of this paper.

But *The Springdale Sun* does value the first amendment, so is softening its no-national/state-politics stance. Perhaps temporarily. We will see what happens. I value your input. I have been debating this for quite a while. I am honestly, wholeheartedly, and genuinely trying to do what is best for Springdale. Help.

Sincerely,

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Medical Clinic



Are you kidding me? The medical clinic is back in the news? Yes, and the news is all good. Some anonymous benefactor has agreed to build a new 2400 square foot medical clinic. It will be going on those two acres near town hall. Other things will be built there eventually, as well, but that's a topic for another article.

I would love to be a fly on the wall of wherever this was discussed and brought to pass. Who, what, why. how? But a basically free home for a new medical clinic sounds like something worth celebrating.

More About the Recent Town Council Meeting

op-ed by the editor

The first resident to speak about her disappointment that the cell tower would likely be going in was soft-spoken and respectful. Near the end of her remarks, she voiced a troubling concern: that Red Hawk, because it includes low- and moderate-income housing, might be receiving less respect and consideration than other neighborhoods. Then the timer dinged, and she sat down.

Mayor Bruno's response followed. (Yes, Mayor, it absolutely **was** a response.) "I have something to say. It's not a response to the comments but I do want to say, I'm not going to listen to people talk about us doing this because it's a low income neighborhood. That never came up. It's not. It's a market-price neighborhood. It's like any other neighborhood in the town and I'm not going to listen to that so just fair warning. Thank you."

There were so many better ways the mayor could have responded. She could have asked, "Do you really feel that way? Do you believe the Town Council, or anyone in this community, respects Red Hawk less because it includes low- and moderate-income housing? Does anyone else share that concern?" She could have assured residents that the Council does not consider a neighborhood less worthy because of the people who live there, and expressed regret that anyone might feel otherwise.

Then she could have explained how the potential tower sites were selected, what factors guided those decisions, and whether the process had anything to do with the neighborhood's housing mix. If the resident's perception was based on a misunderstanding, accurate information could have helped clarify it. If the concern had some basis, the Council could have addressed that, too.

There could have been dialogue—or, at the very least, a **promise of dialogue**. Even saying nothing in the moment and following up in writing would have been vastly better than what happened.

A resident expressed a sincere concern about whether her neighborhood was being treated fairly. The mayor could have listened, asked questions, offered reassurance, or committed to looking into the matter. Instead, she warned that she was "not going to listen" to that concern.

A mayor does not have to agree with every resident's perception. But surely listening to a resident's feelings and taking the time to understand them is part of the job. How can a community resolve a concern when the person in a position to address it signals that she will not even hear it?

Friday morning, I emailed Mayor Bruno the following: "Mayor Bruno, I would like to offer you the opportunity to, perhaps, expound on or explain or make more gracious your statement at the Wednesday, TC meeting, where you said, "[quoted her as in 2nd paragraph of this article]. Because you are so dismissive of *The Springdale Sun*, I expect you will not take me up on that offer, but perhaps, then, you could email residents or use the next town newsletter. If you would like to re-listen to what you said, it's at time stamp 29:12 and just over 20 seconds long. I sincerely hope you'll let me publish whatever you would like to say about this issue. I would publish it exactly as you write it - no editing, and no editorial comments. Also, if I misunderstood anything you said, please let me know. Regards, Elizabeth Cutler"

I received her usual answer to my many emails which is no response at all. One can hope she will have some mollifying explanation at some point somewhere.

And now, the Atlas Tower.

It is clear that no one in Red Hawk wants that 70-foot cell tower, and that residents' concerns are thoughtful, deeply felt, and firmly held. The public comments conveyed not only dismay but, for some, a sense of betrayal. They also revealed a community standing in admirable solidarity, joined by concerned "neighbors" who don't even live near Red Hawk.

The most constructive response would be a commitment to hold a public hearing or town hall-style meeting where residents could engage in meaningful two-way communication with Town officials. Such a meeting would give everyone an opportunity to ask questions, hear explanations, and have their concerns genuinely considered. With advance written notice, all residents would have a fair opportunity to participate and all legal requirements adhered to.

But here we are with a contract signed to start the process of putting in a 70 foot tower.

There are some things that cannot be undone. Was it the public's fault for not paying enough attention? That was the implication of the "fact sheet" the Town sent out. Was it the Town's fault for not being more graphic in their description of what could be coming, failing to mail information to the most-impacted residents, and using a flawed survey (more on that next week)?

Let us all acknowledge our oversights, slap ourselves on the wrist, and move forward. And, hopefully, learn from those mistakes. Yes, I admit it, I'm mostly looking at you, Town Council. I suppose it's inevitable that you're mostly looking at us.

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Brainstorming to see what steps could be taken to help Atlas Towers see that a 70 foot cell tower is not in their best interest might help. Apparently Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is an option that might completely negate tower usage. Atlas is not going to build something that will not be financially viable fir them.

One of the comments in the survey taken about what citizens wanted in regards to cell coverage suggested VoIP. It would be valuable to know if the Town did any research about that and what they learned.

Could not the Mayor approach Atlas and tell them the town is going down the VoIP road and their tower will be a relic. Just tell them that out of the goodness of her heart so they don't jump through hoops doing a potential three-year study to end up deciding at the end of that long road not to build the tower. Communicating with outside entities is definitely one of Mayor Bruno's strengths.

I am one person with one possible approach to try but if we gathered together, particularly inviting experts, some of whom live among us, more and better options would be bound to emerge. I cannot imagine Town Council members want a 70 foot tower in their backyards, which means, they do **not** want it in Red Hawk's backyard either. Are we not unified in that?

Is it too late? I do not know but it is undisputedly too late if we throw our hands up in the air and try nothing. "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

The Sandwich Method for the Special Meeting

op-ed by the ed

You've heard of the sandwich method, at least if you're a parent. You praise them, offer correction, praise again, sandwiching the bitter between two layers of brioche. So, about the special town council meeting where they discussed what would they prioritize to have built on the two acres next to town hall:

They had a thoughtful discussion about town halls, police stations, medical clinic being paid for, public meeting halls, recreation centers, etc. Tom Dansie stressed no decisions will be realized tomorrow. Mayor Bruno opined their conclusions may well come to fruition under a completely different council. Most gratifying was it to hear how often they referenced comments and suggestions locals had made after the Two-cents, Two-acre event.

Speaking of the two cents event, why in the world did they not follow through with more communication meetings? They said they would. The two cents was great as a first step, but lousy as an only step. Several on the council and staff declared they had never intended to have any more data gathering events after the two cents event. Those of us at that two cents event can testify Tom Dansie said several times there would be more such events. I can only conclude he meant in general when we meant specifically about the two acres.

So, let's analyze that two cent event. Tom disseminated information, people asked a few questions then walked over to look at town hall, the police station, and the two acres, then returned and chatted amongst themselves and enjoying refreshments. There was never an opportunity to sit with the entire town council and the entire assembly of locals to learn from each other. In fact, the town council members were completely superfluous.

We had no opportunity to ask them anything or them to tell us anything. It was Tom Dansie all the way. He's great, but he's not Council. We need dialogue with our leaders, too, not just with staff, regardless of how knowledgable they are. They are accessible; Council should be more so.

When questions are asked in a structured, town hall-style setting, with a microphone and everyone able to hear the questions and answers, so much more can be learned and opinions better informed. Town Council can explain things we may not have considered; residents can ask follow-up questions; and others can contribute information or perspectives that benefit everyone, not just the person standing next to them.

If the Town is going to offer only one kind of public input event, it should be more like a town hall, where genuine dialogue can take place. The Two Cents event, with its friendly mingling and refreshments, has its place. It is not a bad way to gather input. But it is entirely insufficient on its own.

Town Halls are not a plague and should not be avoided like one. Why, why won't you talk with us?

Nonetheless, I stand by the conviction that our Town Council is dedicated, hard working, and they sincerely believe they are doing what is best for Springdale. (Hopefully, the thickness of this sandwich doesn't make it too hard to swallow.)

Outlines for TC Meetings

TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda
A. Administrative Action Items
1. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the future uses and development of the Town's two-acre property on Lion Blvd.
Staff contact: Thomas Dansie.
Discussion of Priorities

- Civic Hall (5-0)
- Town Hall (3-2)
- Fitness/Flex (3rd by default)
- Move Med Clinic to the 2-acre location (4-1)
- Potentially use current Med Clinic building for Police Dept. expansion
- Post Office (potentially at the current medical clinic location)
- VCBO to come up with iterations of building locations & layout
- Present potential plans to the public using the Town website and town newsletter.
  - Public input collected by email and future 2-Cent event
- Staff will actively look for funding opportunities

B. Administrative Non-Action Items
1. General Council Discussion
None
C. Adjourn
Town Council WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda
A. Announcements/Information/Community Comments/Presentations
1. General Announcements
Ryan Gubler

- George A. Barker River Park Ribbon Cutting: Friday, October 16, 11AM
- America 250 Concert in the Park ; Thursday, October 22, 2026

2. Zion National Park Update – Superintendent Bradybaugh

- Park appreciates community support during significant events: rockfalls, SAR, road closures.
- Park attendance down 2.5% through Sep-2026

3. Intermountain Healthcare - Christa Hilton
Patrick Carrol, Chief Medical Director: IHC St George Regional

- Presentation including IHC history, stats, awards, etc.
  - Example: In this year alone IHC delivered 2,849 babies, conducted 15,474 surgeries, and had 74,786 emergency department visits.
- IHC Goal: "Care within 10 minutes of every rooftop"
- Upcoming expansion will include a neurological oncology department.

4. Council Department Reports, Questions, and Comments
Pat Campbell: Staff emergency response table top date change to November 16, 2026.
5. Community Comments
Regarding the 70' Cell tower near the Red Hawk Neighborhood

- Many of the comments expressed **opposition** to the proposed 70-foot cell tower near the Red Hawk neighborhood, focusing on its necessity and height, notification and public involvement, neighborhood impacts, and the adequacy of the planning review.
- Supportive commenters attributed some community concerns to incomplete understanding or inaccurate information circulating among residents and expressed confidence in the Town's and staff's due diligence

B. Consent Agenda
1. Review of Monthly Purchasing Report
2. Minutes: September 9, 2026
3. Reappoint Paul Zimmerman to the Planning Commission
4. Amended 2026 Public Body Meeting Dates
Approved Unanimously
C. Administrative Action Items
1. Appointment of Jones and DeMille Engineers as the Springdale Town Engineer.
Staff contact: Thomas Dansie
Approved Unanimously
D. Administrative Non-Action Items
1. General Council Discussion
None
H. Adjourn

Pat Campbell, Springdale Town Council, pcampbell@springdale.utah.gov

Ribbon Cutting







The George A Barker River Park expansion is complete! and the ribbon cutting ceremony, held last Friday, (Oct 16, 2026) was quite lovely. The speakers, those who had been most involved in bringing it to fruition, all thanked each other and then they each thanked the residents of Springdale. The weather was perfect; the park looked wonderful. Becky Barker, George's wife, was there. It was all very "kumbaya" and community.
Fun fact: It was Rick Wixom who first noticed the parcel next to the park, which savvy sighting eventually led to the town acquiring it. Kudos and appreciation to our former Town Manager.

Never Bored in Springdale

CHECK OUT THE OCTOBER TOWN NEWSLETTER!!! https://www.springdale.utah.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/277

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

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Sundays:

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

4 -5 pm, Crystal Sound Bath Meditation, CCC, weekly, cost

Mondays:

10 am, **back to the ten o'clock cooler weather time**, free outdoor exercise class, by the gazebo, bring hand-held weights, yoga mat, bands, and water. Enjoy a warm up, cardio, and stretching.

5-7 pm Pickleball Social

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

5-7 pm, Adult Beginner Pickleball

(continued on the next page)

Wednesdays:

10:30 am, Storytime, Library, weekly

11:30 am, Adult Book Group, Library, monthly, the 2nd Wednesday, discussing *The Swerve* by Greenblatt for Nov 3 (first week in Nov only - due to Veteran's Day)

2:30 pm, Scribblers, a writer's club, the 2nd Wednesday so you can go from the reader's to the writer's club, meeting at 650 Watchman Dr. Share what you've written.

2-3pm, CCC, Alcoholics Anonymous

4 pm, Teen Time, 1st Wed: group games, 2nd Wed: D&D, 3rd Wed: Arts&Crafts, 4th Wed: book club

Tween Book Club, 4th Wednesday of the month, 4 pm, discussing *A Monster Calls* by Ness for Oct 28

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 2pm, CCC reading room, a cookbook club, making recipes from family Thanksgiving traditions for Nov 5, see pg 15

3-4:30 pm, Sketchers CCC reading room, the first and third Thursdays. Open to all levels. If you have paper and pencil, you qualify. For more info text Regina 435 773 3637 or Jan 907 382 2912

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

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

Fridays:

5-7 pm, Intermediate Coached Play

Saturdays:

12:00 to 2 pm Beginner + Play Pickleball

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Now through Oct 23, Exhibition of artwork by Donna Holt, in memoriam, CCC gallery

Oct 20, Tuesday, Art Auction for Education, Cable Mountain Lodge, 6 pm

Oct 21, Wednesday, Teen Time Halloween Craft making spooky bottles, CCC, 4-6pm, free, see pg 18

Oct 22, Thursday, Concert in the Park, live performance by Dylan Gavin, 6-7 pm, by the gazebo, bring your own seat/blanket, friends, and family — and enjoy!

Oct 22, Thursday, Library Craft Night, CCC, Halloween Candle Craft, all materials provided, free, but please register in advance 435 772 3676 or karen.crawford@washco.utah.gov

Nov 9, Monday. Community Blackout & Telescope Night, 6:30 pm at the town field

Nov 14, Saturday, Butch Cassidy 10k/5k, see pg 16

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

Nov 27, 28, Friday, Saturday, Zion Canyon Arts and Crafts Fair, CCC, 10 am to 4 pm

Dec 5, Saturday, A Joshua Creek Christmas, Bumbleberry Theater, 7 pm

Police Blotter for Springdale and Rockville

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

2026 SEPTEMBER STATS

SPRINGDALE STATS

CITATIONS

Improper Pass-No Pass Zone	1
Learner Permit Violation	1
Speed	5
Failure to Operate Within a Single Lane	1
Fail to Stop- Entering Road	1
Registration- Failed to/Expired	1
TOTAL CITATIONS	10
WARNING ON CITES	5

ARRESTS

Reckless Driving	1
Using Wireless Device while Operating Vehicle	2
TOTAL ARRESTS	3

ROCKVILLE STATS

CITATIONS

Speed	4
Improper Pass-No Pass Zone	1
Driver License Violation	2
Follow Too Close	1
TOTAL CITATIONS	8
WARNING ON CITES	

ARRESTS

TOTAL ARRESTS	0

SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	1	Other	0
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Overdose	0
Agency Assist	24	Panic Alarm	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Paraphernalia	0
Animal Bite	0	Park Security Check	52
Animal Emergency	2	Parking Problem	12
Animal Problem	6	PD Accident	2
Assault	1	Person Down	0
Attempt to Locate	4	PI Accident	0
Attended Death	0	Property Damage	1
Bike Patrol	0	Protective Order Violation	0
Brush Fire	0	Prowler	0
Business Alarm	5	Psychiatric	0
Business Burglary	0	Public Urination	0
Business Checks	26	Residence Burglary	0
Business License Problem	0	Resident Vacation Check	28
Camping Problem	1	Residential Alarm	0
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	0
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	34
Citizen Assist	16	Sex Offender Registry	2
Citizen Contact	6	Sex Offense	1
Citizen Dispute	0	Stalking	0
Civil	2	Structure Fire	1
Community Oriented Policing	13	Suicidal	0
Construction Site Checks	0	Suspicious Other	1
Counterfeiting	0	Suspicious Person	1
Criminal Mischief	0	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Crosswalk Enforcement	13	Telematic Alarm	0
Curfew	0	Telephone Harassment	0
Disorderly	0	Theft	1
Drugs	0	Threatening	0
DUI	0	Traffic Hazard	1
DV Assault	0	Traffic Offense	1
DV Criminal Mischief	0	Traffic Stop Warning	12
DV Unlawful Detention	0	Traumatic	0
Evading	0	Trespassing	1
Extra Patrol	118	Unattended Death	0
Family Fight	0	Unconcious	0
Felony Theft	0	Unsecured Premise	0
Fire	0	Utility Problem	2
Fireworks	0	Vagrancy	2
Follow up	13	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	5	Vehicle Theft	2
Fraud	2	VIN Inspection	1
Gas Theft	0	Wanted Person	0
Graffiti	1	Weapon Offense	0
Harassment	0	Welfare Check	1
Hit and Run	2	Wildlife/Poaching	0
Hitchhiking	0	0	0
Illegal Burning	0	0	0
Impound	0	0	0
Intoxication	1	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	4	0	0
Lost Property	7	0	0
Medical Assist	0	0	0
Missing Person	1	0	0
Motorist Assist	2	0	0
Noise Complaint	0	0	0
Nuisance	0	0	0
TOTAL SPRINGDALE INCIDENTS	437		

ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS

911 Hang Up	0	Other	0
Abandoned Vehicle	0	Overdose	0
Agency Assist	0	Panic Alarm	0
Alcohol Offense	0	Paraphernalia	0
Animal Bite	0	Park Security Check	16
Animal Emergency	0	Parking Problem	1
Animal Problem	4	PD Accident	1
Assault	0	Person Down	0
Attempt to Locate	4	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	0	Residential Alarm	0
Child Abuse Neglect	0	Retail Theft	0
Choking	0	School Zone Enforcement	24
Citizen Assist	0	Sex Offender Registry	0
Citizen Contact	1	Sex Offense	0
Citizen Dispute	0	Stalking	0
Civil	0	Structure Fire	0
Community Oriented Policing	2	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	4
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	51	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	1	Vehicle Burglary	0
Found Child	0	Vehicle Fire	0
Found Property	0	Vehicle Theft	0
Fraud	0	VIN Inspection	0
Gas Theft	0	Wanted Person	0
Graffiti	0	Weapon Offense	0
Harassment	0	Welfare Check	1
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	0		0
Lost Property	0		0
Medical Assist	0		0
Missing Person	0		0
Motorist Assist	1		0
Noise Complaint	1		0
Nuisance	0		0
TOTAL ROCKVILLE INCIDENTS	120		

TOTAL INCIDENTS 557

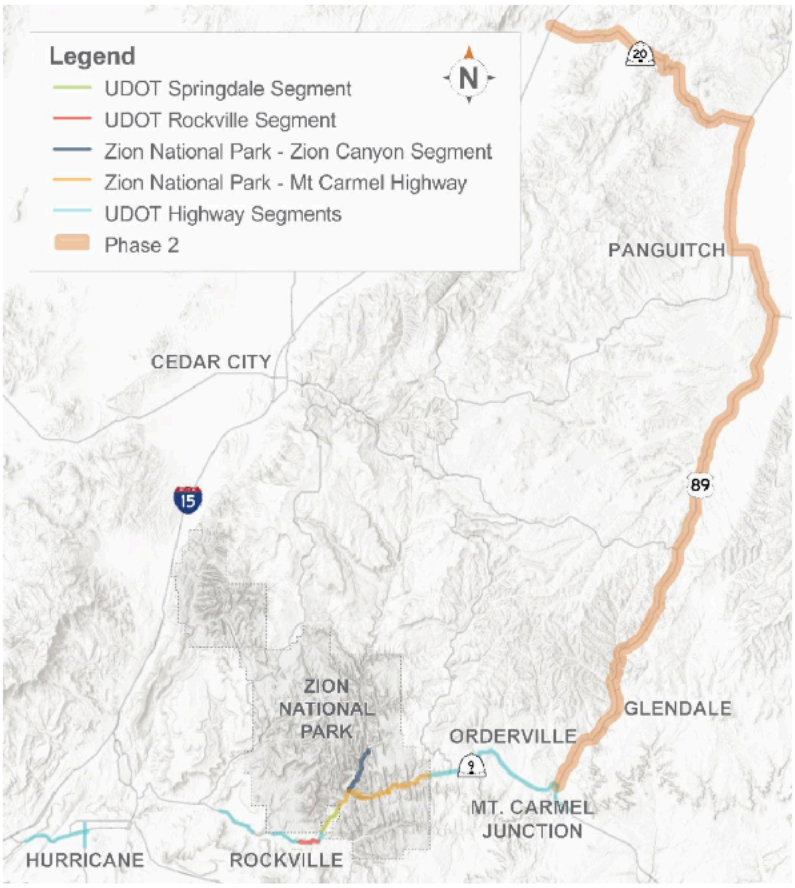
Updated Arts and Crafts Fair



Work on Phase 1 began Wednesday, June 3, and is anticipated to be completed in spring 2027.

Work on Phase 2 began Monday, August 24, and is anticipated to be completed in December 2026.

Project Map



Zion Canyon Fiber Optics Phase 1 and 2 Map

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Last updated Oct. 15, 2026. This is the information you need to access all information and updates if you need or want to know the details.
LInks:
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and
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Let's Get Cooking

Springdale Cookbook Club

When: Thursday November 5th at 12 p.m.

Where: Community Center Reading Room

More Information:

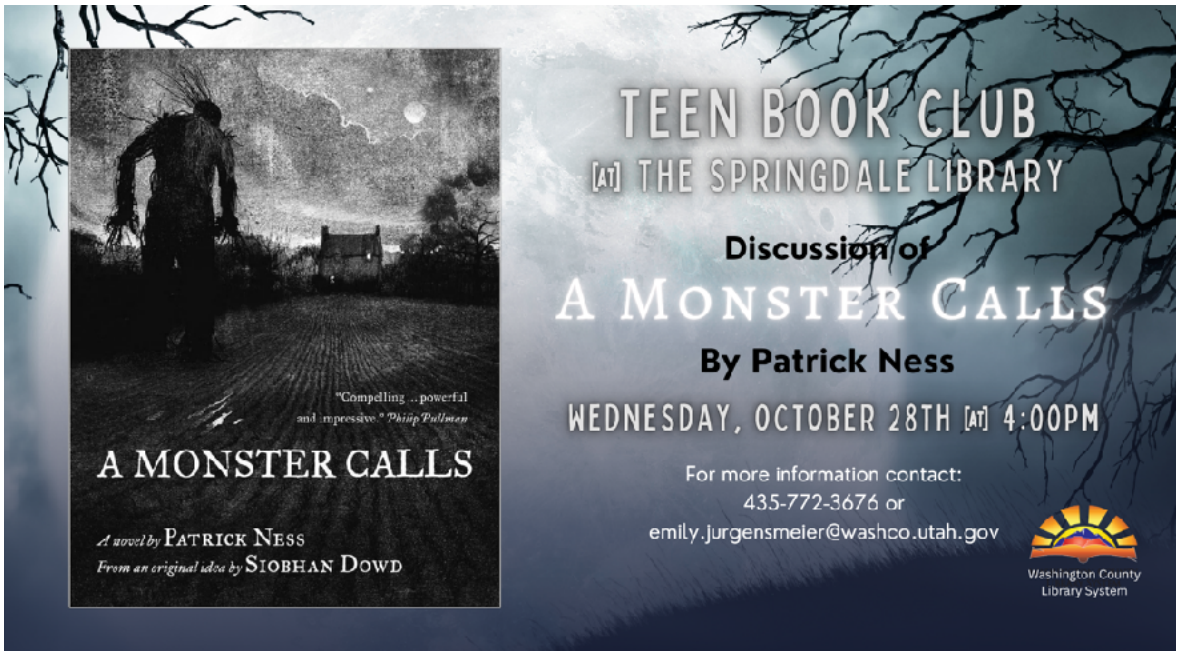
- Pick a recipe from your own family traditions! We want to see what your family eats for Thanksgiving. Or a special recipe passed down.
- Bring your dishware and your own cutlery to eat off of.
- If you wish to make a dish that everyone can eat do not include gluten, cucumbers, or meat.
- Questions? Email alexisdegraw@hotmail.com







The Butch Cassidy 10k/5k on Saturday, November 14th will be here before you know it. This traditional event will require road closures on SR-9 Highway from 8:30 am to approximately 10:45 am, starting on SR-9 near the Driftwood Lodge in Springdale, down SR-9 to Bridge Road in Rockville. Grafton Road to the finish line in Grafton will also be closed for the race. Those hours on that day would be a good time to NOT use SR-9.




LIBRARY
Craft Night
Come join Karen for a
Halloween Candle Craft
Thursday 22 October
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


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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


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


COME MAKE A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN BOTTLE!
LIBRARY: TEEN TIME
Halloween Craft
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
4:00-6:00
126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE
Washington County Library System
(PLEASE WEAR CLOTHES YOU DON'T MIND GETTING PAINT ON)
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
435-772-3676 OR
EMILY.JURGENSMEIER@WASHCO.UTAH.GOV

springdale pickleball schedule

OCT 2026

MON	Pickleball Social 5-7 pm
TUES	Beginner + Play 5-7 pm
FRI	Intermediate Coached Play 5-7 pm
SAT	Beginner + Play 12:00-2:00 pm

126 LION BOULEVARD, SPRINGDALE, UT



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.

Letter to the Editor

from Joe Inman

"Attached is a very nice note regarding our country. I don't know if you can include it in the next issue but it would be great if you can."

There is no art in this White House. There is no literature or poetry in this White House. No music. No Kennedy Center award celebrations. There are no pets in this White House. No loyal man's best friend. No Socks the family cat. No kids' science fairs. No times when this president takes off his blue suit-red tie uniform and becomes human, except when he puts on his white shirt - khaki pants uniform and hides from Americans to play golf. There are no images of the first family enjoying themselves together in a moment of relaxation. No Obamas on the beach in Hawaii moments, or Bushes fishing in Kennebunkport, no Reagans on horseback, no Kennedys playing touch football on the Cape. I was thinking the other day of the summer when George H couldn't catch a fish and all the grand kids made signs and counted the fish-less days. And somehow, even if you didn't even like GHB, you got caught up in the joy of a family that loved each other and had fun. Where did that country go? Where did all of the fun and joy and expressions of love and happiness go? We used to be a country that did the ice bucket challenge and raised millions for charity. We used to have a president that calmed and soothed the nation instead of dividing it. A First Lady that planted a garden instead of ripping one out. We are rudderless and joyless. We have lost the cultural aspects of society that make America great. We have lost our mojo. Our fun, our happiness. The cheering on of others. The shared experiences of humanity that makes it all worth it. The challenges that we shared and celebrated. The unique can-do spirit Americans have always been known for. We have lost so much in so short a time.

- Elayne Griffin Baker

Two important items for Springdale and Utah voters. Amendment B.....don't be duped...increasing the %-age of voters required to get an initiative on the ballot is simply a method for the Utah legislature to continue doing what they wish and make it more difficult for the voting public to place an initiative on the ballot. Utah is one of the few states with a constitution that specifically states the power to govern rests with the people. That is why the Legislature can only amend the Utah constitution with a ballot initiative.

And the second item is that Eva Weldon, a Rockville resident, is running for the Utah Legislature. Let's make our voice be heard by voting her in.

Joe Inman