



# Town of Leeds

## Newsletter

First Quarter

2019

### Mayor's Message

Dear Fellow Leeds Residents,

I hope you had a great holiday season and that 2019 is a happy and healthy year for you.

The new year will see the Town of Leeds celebrating its 150th Anniversary on Saturday, May 18, 2019. I hope everyone will make an effort to participate in this celebration. A wide variety of events are being planned for the enjoyment of residents, past and present, and their guests. The number of ideas being pursued may result in the celebration beginning on the evening of Friday, May 17, 2019.

As part of this mailing you will see a flyer offering you the opportunity to purchase a paver that will be placed around the Leeds Sesquicentennial Oak, which will be planted by Town Hall to replace a Siberian Elm that died in 2018. It is hoped that proceeds from the pavers will enable the celebration to include low cost, or even no cost, meals for the Town to share with each other. Additionally it is hoped that the celebration will be able to end with a fireworks display, funds permitting.

A grant from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation has been obtained, thanks in large part to the efforts of Frank Lojko. The majority of this grant will go towards the making of a full-length documentary on the Town of Leeds. This film will be produced under the direction of Phil Tuckett, who is the Executive Director of the DSU Digital Film Department, DSU Films, and DOCUTAH International Film Festival. It is hoped that many long-term residents of Leeds will be willing to participate, sharing their stories of the history of Leeds. A pamphlet is also being prepared under the direction of Pat Hadley, recounting the Town's first 150 years of history in print.

If you ever have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact me via email at [Mayor@LeedsTown.org](mailto:Mayor@LeedsTown.org), at Town Hall on 879-2447 or at home on 767-9145.

Best Regards,

*Wayne*

### VOLUNTEERS

#### NEEDED

The Hurricane Valley Fire SSD, which provides Leeds and surrounding communities with Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT services, is in need of volunteers.

Comprehensive training is provided and volunteers receive compensation while out on a call and for certain other activities.

Nationally and locally the level of this type of volunteerism has continued to fall. Please consider helping to reverse this trend in our community. To those who already volunteer, thank you so much for your service to the community.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call 635-9562 or email [fireadmin@hurricanevalleyfire.org](mailto:fireadmin@hurricanevalleyfire.org).

### Silver Reef Museum Special Events

At 10am on Saturday, February 23 the Silver Reef Museum will be hosting Martin Tyner of the Southwest Wildlife Foundation, who will speak on birds of prey and bring some live birds with him (\$5 per person admission). One month later, at 10am on Saturday, March 23, Lisa Church will present a lecture on the Arrowhead Trail, which was the first all-weather road connecting Salt Lake City and Los Angeles. Leeds was on the Arrowhead Trail (\$4 per person admission). Both of these events will be in The Cosmopolitan. Please see [www.silverreefutah.org](http://www.silverreefutah.org) for reservations.



## Road Work Update

UDOT is planning to conduct pavement preservation activities on Main Street in Leeds in 2019. Activities will include rotomilling where curb and gutter exists (1-1/2 inch thick) and lane leveling in areas without curb and gutter, followed by a stone matrix asphalt (SMA) overlay (1-1/2 inch thick) along all of Main Street and along short segments of local roads that connect Main Street to I-15 (0.19 miles of Cemetery Road, and 0.12 miles of Silver Reef Road). In addition, the project will also include shoulder material placement to deal with edge rut created by raising the grade of the asphalt pavement, gravel or asphalt access tie-ins, pedestrian access ramp reconstruction, minor pipe culvert repair (no additional length), signing upgrades, and reapplying pavement markings over the new roadway surface.

## Business and Home Business License Renewals Due Feb. 1

General Business and Home Business License renewals are due Feb. 1. Applications are available at [www.LeedsTown.org](http://www.LeedsTown.org) under "Forms" then "Licenses" or from Town Hall. Completed applications should be returned to Town Hall along with the \$50 renewal fee, for a General Business License, made payable to "Town of Leeds". For General Business Licenses please contact the Hurricane Valley Fire SSD (635-9562) to schedule an inspection. Home Business Licenses do not require an annual fee. A Hurricane Valley Fire SSD inspection is also not required for a Home Business License renewal, but original license applicants should contact the SSD (635-9562) regarding need for an inspection.

## Income Tax Preparation Assistance (VITA)

You can file your taxes utilizing the skills and expertise of an IRS certified volunteer by visiting a designated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. There you will be matched with a volunteer trained to assist you. **If your household income is \$54,000 or less you qualify to have your taxes prepared for free at a VITA site.** Nearby VITA sites are located in St. George and Cedar City. Call 1-888-826-9790 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Dog Clinic & License Renewal

On Sat., Jan. 12 from 1:30pm-2:30pm at Town Hall, Dr. Bice will be present to provide vaccinations. Per Leeds ordinance, the deadline to obtain a 2019 dog license without incurring a late fee is January 31. The dog licensing process requires a completed application (available on [www.LeedsTown.org](http://www.LeedsTown.org) or from Town Hall), a valid rabies vaccination certificate and the fee of \$5 per dog.

## 2019 Meeting Schedules Set

The Town Council has set the meeting schedule for 2019, with the Planning Commission meeting the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm and the Town Council meeting the second and fourth Wednesday of January through June and September and October, and the second Wednesday of July, August, November and December at 7pm. All meetings will take place at Leeds Town Hall, 218 North Main Street.

**Support Our Local Merchants** When making purchases, please consider our local merchants.

## Tree City USA Status Retained

During 2018 Leeds once again qualified as a Tree City USA community. As a Tree City USA community Leeds was able to apply for a Community Forestry Partnership Grant, which was awarded to the Town in 2018. The \$8,000 grant is a matching grant, which will enable the Town to establish the required tree management plan, remove and prune diseased and overgrown Town trees, and install an irrigation system in the Silver Reef Road park. Special thanks to Judy Henck for spearheading this effort.

## Dumpster Days 2019

Once again there will be four Dumpster Days weekends in Leeds in 2019. Dumpster Days provide an excellent opportunity to dispose of household and yard waste that does not easily fit in standard trash receptacles. Dumpster Days in 2019 are February 15-17, May 31-June 2, August 23-25 and November 8-10.