



Town of Leeds

Newsletter

Second Quarter

2018

Mayor's Message—Leeds' Share of Utah History

Dear Fellow Leeds Residents,

For a Town our size, Leeds is home to a large amount of history. The Wells Fargo and Company Express Building was completed in 1877, the Leeds Tithing Office was built in 1891 and the Leeds CCC Camp was opened in 1933. All three of these historic sites are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Town of Leeds, an area initially known as Road Valley, was named Bennington in 1867 and became Leeds in May of 1869. Shortly thereafter, Silver Reef began as a mining district in 1874 and became Silver Reef City in 1876. When the mining activity slowed significantly, the area reverted to unincorporated Washington County. In 2003 Silver Reef was annexed into Leeds.

The Town Council has agreed to a celebration of Leeds' Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in May of 2019. Planning for this celebration over a year from now is just beginning and all residents are welcomed and encouraged to become a part of this planning and event. The celebration is expected to be a day-long event, with meals, music and a wide variety of activities focused on our Town's history. The next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 4pm at Leeds Town Hall—all are welcome.

I am making a special request of our long-standing residents to share photos and stories of their and their family's time in Leeds and to help answer questions of newer residents, such as myself. I have been told there was a Leeds flag, but I have not been able to locate the flag or a photo of it. There is a wagon wheel embedded in the parking lot of Town Hall. I have not been able to discover the origin of it. As part of the celebration I would like to be able to acknowledge our longest-standing resident—who might that be?

I believe community activities are a great way to strengthen our Town and I encourage all residents to get involved with our 150th Anniversary celebration.

As always, feel free to contact me via email at Mayor@LeedsTown.org, at Town Hall on 879-2447, or at home on 767-9145.

Best Regards,

Wayne

VOLUNTEERS

STILL 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. Full-time and part-time employment opportunities are available for qualified individuals.

For more information, or to volunteer or apply, please call 635-9562 or email fireadmin@hurricanevalleyfire.org



Second Quarter Slurry Seal Project—Cooperation Needed and Appreciated

A significant portion of the Town's roads will be resurfaced with a slurry seal sometime between mid-May and June. It is most important that all residents follow the instructions that will be delivered to front door knobs shortly before the application of the slurry seal. It is extremely important that no one drive on the newly sealed road surface for at least four hours after the seal is applied. Work will begin at 7am each day, but it may take several hours before a resident's particular street is sealed. While efforts will be made to minimize disruptions, roads will need to be closed for many hours at a time.

Silver Reef Museum to Hold Desert Bloom Day then Welcome Back Dr. Robert Schuyler

At the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, next to the Silver Reef Museum, on Saturday, April 28 at 10am, there will be a lecture "The Beauty of Desert Plants". Additional, related events will be held throughout the day. Admission is \$5 per person. For the fourth time in recent years, University of Pennsylvania Professor Robert Schuyler will be returning to Silver Reef, where he first led archaeological projects in the 1980s. Details of special programs involving Dr. Schuyler will be posted on the museum's website, www.SilverReef.org. The Silver Reef Museum is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am until 5pm. Admission is \$3 per person/\$10 per family. Volunteer opportunities are available.

Dumpster Days 2018

Dumpster Days provide an excellent opportunity to dispose of household and yard waste that does not easily fit in standard trash receptacles. Remaining Dumpster Days in 2018, located behind the Peach Pit Pavilion, are June 1-3, Sept. 14-16 and Nov. 30-Dec. 2. It is very important for everyone to follow the limitations on what may be put in the dumpsters. Tires and car batteries are prohibited. Refrigerators and freezers should not be placed in the dumpsters, but will be picked up by Republic Waste when called at 435-628-2821. If there is Freon in your unit there will be a charge for draining the Freon, per Federal regulation. Otherwise the unit will be picked up free of charge. The Town will be charged for violations of Dumpster Days policies. Unacceptably high charges could result in future Dumpster Days being cancelled.

RAP Tax Funding Award Received from Washington County

The Town of Leeds Historical Preservation Committee applied for a portion of the RAP tax money available from Washington County to cover additional window and door repairs, and security at the CCC camp. An award of \$6,500 has been received from the County for 2018. This award follows on the 2017 award of \$6,500 and the 2016 award of \$6,000. Special thanks to LoAnne Barnes for spearheading the Town's historical preservation efforts and help in preparing the RAP tax application.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

On Saturday, April 7 from 8am—1pm residents will be able to drop off Household Hazardous Waste at the Washington County Landfill. The types of material accepted are: aerosol cans, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, fuel, herbicides, medical waste, paint, paint thinner, pesticides, propane, rechargeable batteries and oil (which is collected and recycled year-round). This voluntary program keeps these hazardous materials out of our landfill.

Fourth of July Festivities

It is planned that we will once again have our own Fourth of July festivities in Leeds. The Hurricane Valley Fire SSD is supportive of the Town's efforts. Volunteers are needed to help with the day's activities. Please call Town Hall at 879-2447 or email Mayor@LeedsTown.org, if you are willing to help. More details will follow.

Follow Up to General Plan Survey

A special meeting will be held during the Second Quarter to review the results of the General Plan Survey mailed out with the Fourth Quarter Newsletter. There will be additional opportunities for community members to be involved in the preparation of our Town's General Plan. Thanks to those who participated in the Survey and I hope there will continue to be a high-level of community-participation in the process.

Main Street Curb & Gutter

The installation of curb, gutter and some sidewalk on the west side of Main Street, from where the curb and gutter currently ends opposite Vista to the south edge of the lot housing the binnies, is scheduled for this year. UDOT has offered to cover 70% of the cost of this project, estimated at just under \$200,000. A portion of the funding is from UDOT's Safe Sidewalk Fund.

New Town Hall Hours

As of Monday, April 2, Town Hall will be open from 9am-2pm, Mondays thru Thursdays, instead of 9am-4pm. In addition, the Town Clerk/Recorder will be available from 30 minutes before until 10 minutes before every Town Council and Planning Commission evening meeting to handle Town-related business.