



# Town of Leeds

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## Newsletter

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### Mayor's Message

Dear Fellow Leeds Residents,

Most importantly, I hope you have managed to stay safe this past year in the face of the worst global pandemic in over a century. On March 30 I participated in what had been, earlier in the pandemic, a biweekly (twice a week) meeting with other Mayors, government officials, school leaders and medical professionals, but which is now a biweekly (every other week) meeting according to the other definition of "biweekly" in Merriam-Webster (having looked it up as I write this message). The good news from the March 30th meeting was that the number of patients with Covid-19 requiring hospitalization in our area has fallen to the lowest level in over eight months. A thank you to all of the medical and assisted living workers who have worked so long and hard over this past year to provide care when it was, at times, desperately needed.

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter, things are slowly starting to return to "normal" with respect to meetings and events. Some States, particularly in the northern part of our country, are experiencing resurgences in the number of Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths. As the percentage of the population with immunity grows from having had the virus or received one of the vaccine regimens, it is still important to exercise appropriate care to contain the spread of the virus among those still vulnerable. Views will vary among residents over how much caution should still be taken or how much quicker things should return to the old normal. I encourage everyone, in addition to considering what care they should be taking, to be tolerant of others who might reach a different conclusion with respect to what permissible behavior is appropriate for them. Reasonable, rational people, faced with the same set of facts, may, and frequently do, reach different conclusions.

The 4th of July has historically been the biggest community turnout event of the year in Leeds. If we exercise reasonable caution now, I believe I can be writing in the next quarterly newsletter about the festivities we will all be able to enjoy in celebrating our country's independence. Let's work together to make it so.

Peggy Rosebush, our former Town Clerk/Recorder, suffered the loss of her husband, Bob, to leukemia in November. She decided to relocate to Alabama in February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy for her service to the Town of Leeds. She continues to offer assistance from about 1,700 miles away.

As always, feel free to contact me personally 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*

### Easter Egg Hunt Returns for 2021

The Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year at 9am on Saturday, April 3. Participants will be asked to assemble, socially distanced, along the sides of the Town Park. There will be three age groups for the egg hunt: 0 to 3, 4 to 6 and 7 to 10. After the hunt, the candy cannon will launch candy for older children to join in the sugar scramble.

### 2021 Municipal Election

Leeds will be electing two Council Members and a Mayor in 2021. Qualified individuals interested in being on the ballot will be required to file a Declaration of Candidacy form between June 1 and June 7. If more than 4 candidates file for Council Member or more than 2 file for Mayor, a primary will be held in August.

### Meetings Scheduled to Return to Town Hall Once State Mask Mandate is Lifted on April 10, 2021

The Town Council meeting on Wednesday, April 14 at 7pm is tentatively scheduled to take place at Town Hall. For those who are not comfortable with returning to Town Hall, an effort will be made to utilize Zoom to allow their participation. For security reasons you will be required to notify Town Hall of the name with which you will be joining the meeting, as the waiting room will be utilized to make sure that Zoom bombing, maliciously disrupting the meeting, does not occur. You may notify Town Hall by phone at 879-2447 or by email to [clerk@leadstown.org](mailto:clerk@leadstown.org) of the name you will be using.

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Information**

All Utahns 16 of years of age and older are now eligible to receive a vaccine for Covid-19. Sixteen and seventeen year old residents can only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. Information on the local health departments, healthcare providers and local pharmacies where the approved Covid-19 vaccines are available may be found at:

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine/>

Residents interested in being vaccinated who encounter difficulty in scheduling an appointment are encouraged to call Town Hall at 879-2447. A volunteer with experience in getting appointments scheduled will work with the resident to get them an acceptable appointment. Voice mail is available 24/7 at 879-2447 to leave your name and phone number, if interested in assistance. Many thanks to Lorrie Hunsaker for the help she has already provided to many residents.

## **Dumpster Days 2021**

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 2021, located along the side of Cherry Lane, are May 21-23, September 3-5 & December 10-12. 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.

## **Navigation Hazards in Town Rights-of-Way**

There has been a recent trend in a couple of areas of Town for residents to put large rocks within the Town right-of-way, near the paved surface. Such objects are navigation hazards, creating a safety issue, and are not permitted. If you have placed large rocks for decorative purposes, please remove them. If you have placed large rocks to try to protect against some other hazard alongside the road, please send an email to Antonio at [PublicWorks@LeedsTown.org](mailto:PublicWorks@LeedsTown.org), and he will investigate other alternatives to address and/or mark the other hazard. If you have placed large rocks to try to prevent parking, please remove them and please be aware that parking is permitted in public rights-of-way—in areas in which there is no curb, the vehicle must be able to park in the right-of-way without any tire extending more than two feet onto the paved surface. Under all circumstances, navigation hazards are subject to removal by the Town.

## **Income Tax Deadline Extended**

The IRS has automatically extended the deadline for 2020 individual and corporate returns and payments to May 17, 2021, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the IRS to qualify for this automatic federal tax filing and payment relief. By Utah statute, individuals have the same deadline to file and pay their 2020 taxes as the IRS, which is May 17, 2021.

## **General Plan Update**

The Town appreciates having received two grants, for \$35,000 each, from the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Community Impact Board, to update our Town's General Plan. A meeting has been held with prospective service providers and proposals are due by April 12. Updating the General Plan, including its transportation component, will be a year-long process. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the expiration dates on the grants were extended to May 2022 at the Town's request. This extension was sought to ensure that there would be ample opportunity for community input in a safe manner. When provided with the opportunity to do so in this planning process, please provide your input regarding the direction you would like to see Leeds head.