



# Town of Leeds

## Newsletter

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### Mayor's Message Dear Fellow Leeds Residents,

Thanks to the organizers, exhibitors and other participants in the recent Emergency Preparedness Expo held in Leeds. In addition to useful information being shared with residents, it provided another opportunity for the community to come together.

As a municipality the Town of Leeds participates in the Five County (Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington) Association of Government Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is revisited every five years. The current plan has been updated and is being brought before the Town Council at its July 12 meeting. The 337-page document addresses a wide variety of risks, including drought, earthquake, flood, landslide, problem soils, radon gas, severe weather, and wildfire. The goals of the Five County plan are "to fulfill federal, state, and local hazard mitigation planning responsibilities; to promote natural hazard mitigation measures, short/long range strategies that minimize loss of life, and damage to property resulting from natural hazard occurrences to which public/private constituents are exposed; and to eliminate or minimize conditions which would have an undesirable impact on our citizens, the economy, environment, and the well-being of the Five County region." Having an approved plan is a requirement to be eligible for certain federal assistance.

In recent years the Town of Leeds has had two groups of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers trained. CERT training is less rigorous than that of firefighters and emergency medical technicians, but still provides a solid base of knowledge to allow CERT volunteers to help their community when an emergency arises. At the Emergency Preparedness Fair over two dozen individuals expressed an interest in participating in CERT training. If you are interested in being trained in how to protect your own home and family and assist your community in time of trouble, please email me at [mayor@leedstown.org](mailto:mayor@leedstown.org) or call my home at 767-9145 and I will see to it that you are contacted as the next CERT training class is scheduled.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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.

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



### Fourth of July Festivities

The largest community turnout in Leeds is frequently on the Fourth of July, so please plan on joining your neighbors at the Town Park.

Activities begin with a Town breakfast at the Peach Pit Pavilion and conclude with fireworks at 10pm.

A full, hot breakfast will be served at 8am (\$5/person or \$25/family).

There will also be water games at noon. Music and dancing will begin at 8pm and conclude in time for fireworks at 10pm.

The Silver Reef Museum will be open from 10am-5pm on July 4. There is an admission fee of \$3/person or \$10/family at the museum.

### Reverse 911 Notification

You may sign up to receive notification if an emergency event occurs in our area by visiting [www.911register.com](http://www.911register.com). The link to sign up for a new account is below the login screen. Communities to our north have received alerts during the recent fire.

## **Leeds General Plan Update—Input Still Sought**

The Town of Leeds General Plan is past due for an update and the Town Council and Planning Commission would appreciate your help in making sure the General Plan reflects what the community wants for the future of the Town. The last General Plan was adopted in 2011 and is accessible online by going to [www.LeedsTown.org](http://www.LeedsTown.org). On the home page select “Ordinances” (the fifth heading) and then “General Plan” (the third drop down menu item). If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact Kristi Barker, Leeds Clerk/Recorder at Town Hall, 879-2447.

The Planning Commission will be working with Bob Nicholson, whom the Town contracts with for Planning Services, to develop a General Plan. While a Public Hearing will be held on the General Plan by the Planning Commission prior to submitting a recommendation to Town Council, the Planning Commission is interested in hearing your thoughts as they work through this process. Please read the existing plan and share your thoughts on what you like and what you would like to see changed. Comments may be addressed to Kristi Barker at [Clerk@LeedsTown.org](mailto:Clerk@LeedsTown.org), or 879-2447. Alternatively, feel free to contact a Planning Commissioner: Tom Darton, John Poast, Brad Robbins, Danielle Stirling or Danny Swenson. Thanks to the Commissioners for their service.

## **Silver Reef Museum to Host Smithsonian Exhibit**

“The Way We Worked” is a travelling exhibit from the Smithsonian that will be stopping at the Silver Reef Museum from September 16 through November 4. Leeds is one of six stops in Utah for this travelling exhibit that visits small museums as part of Smithsonian’s Museums on Main Street program. A variety of events related to the exhibit will be hosted at various locales around Washington County during the exhibit’s stay in Leeds. Visit the museum’s website, [www.SilverReefUtah.org](http://www.SilverReefUtah.org), for up-to-date information on the Smithsonian exhibit and related events. On Thursday, July 8 at 7pm at the museum’s Cosmopolitan building, there will be a pre-exhibit orientation for those interested in what is planned and/or who might have suggestions to help the museum meet community needs during the exhibit. Individuals interested in volunteering at the museum are always welcome and should contact Bobbi Wan-kier at 879-2254. The museum is open every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am until 5pm and will be open for the Fourth of July.

## **Declarations of Candidacies**

The Town of Leeds will be electing a Mayor and two Council members this November. All positions are for four-year terms. The filing period for declarations of candidacy was June 1 through June 7. Two individuals filed as candidates for Mayor: Elliott Sheltman and Wayne Peterson. Four individuals filed as candidates for Town Council: Danielle Stirling, Alan Roberts, Bill Lytle and Ron Cundick. The Town of Leeds is a vote by mail community. There will be no polling place in Leeds on Election Day. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Monday, November 6, 2017. Ballots may be returned in person to the ballot drop box at the Washington County office building at 197 East Tabernacle Street in Saint George on or before Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Please watch for your ballot in the mail in October and then please vote. For those needing to register, please go to [www.vote.utah.gov](http://www.vote.utah.gov)

## **Dumpster Days 2017**

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 2017 are July 21-23 and October 27-29. Mechanical compaction will be provided to increase the amount of waste hauled away. The dumpsters will continue to be located in the Town Park, behind the Peach Pit Pavilion, to address insurance concerns.

## **Support Our Local Merchants**

When making purchases, please consider our local merchants. They are an important part of our Town.