



Town of Leeds

Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Dear Fellow Leeds Residents,

As part of the update of the Town of Leeds General Plan, the Planning Commission and the Town Council have worked with the State of Utah Community Development Office to develop the enclosed survey. The General Plan is a document that guides Town officials as they address issues in a variety of areas. The current General Plan addresses historic preservation, land use, circulation, public services and facilities, environment and conservation, economic development and moderate income housing. It is important that the General Plan reflect the wishes of the residents, so your input is very important. Feel free to make copies for everyone in your household prior to filling it out and then return the completed survey by Thursday, October 19 to one of the following locations: the box on the counter in the post office; the office window inside of Town Hall; the payment box outside of Town Hall; or mailing it. The survey, which will assist the Town Council with more than just the General Plan, is also available on the Town's website, www.leadstown.org.

Updating the General Plan usually takes close to a year and includes a public hearing on the proposed Plan. The end of the survey form offers the opportunity to volunteer as a more active participant in the ongoing process. If you would prefer to keep your survey anonymous, you may contact Town Hall at 879-2447, or via email at clerk@leadstown.org, to volunteer separately from the survey.

The Smithsonian Exhibit, "The Way We Worked" has opened at the Cosmopolitan, next to the Silver Reef Museum. The inside of an underground mine has been recreated inside the basement of the museum. The Smithsonian Exhibit is free with regular museum admission and runs through Saturday, November 4.

Leeds is a vote-by-mail only community. Ballots will be mailed out by the County on October 17. Please remember to vote, making sure the completed ballot is postmarked by Monday, November 6.

As always, please 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*

Meet the Candidates Night

A Meet the Candidates Night will be held on Wednesday, October 18 from 7pm-9pm at Leeds Town Hall. The candidates for Mayor are Elliott Sheltman and Wayne Peterson. The candidates for the two Town Council seats are Danielle Stirling, Alan Roberts, Ronald Cundick and Bill Lytle. Come on out to meet the candidates and remember to vote.

Arbor Day

Leeds has been a Tree City USA town the past four years. This year a tree planting will take place in the Town Park at 5:30pm on Tuesday, October 31. National Arbor Day 2017 was April 28, but Leeds will be celebrating Arbor Day as part of Trunk or Treat.

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held this year on Tuesday, October 31 at 6pm. Come out and enjoy the event with your fellow residents, as it is held along Babylon Mill Road, alongside the Town Park.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED



The Hurricane Valley Fire SSD, which provides Leeds and surrounding communities with Fire-fighter/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.

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

Replacement Trash and Recycling Cans Available

If there has been damage to your garbage cans or recycling can, a replacement may be obtained free-of-charge (as long as the damage was not caused by you) by contacting Washington County Solid Waste at <http://www.wcsw.org/> and clicking on "Residential Waste Container Orders & Repairs". If you do not have access to the internet you may come into Town Hall during office hours and Town Staff will assist you in submitting your request or you may call 673-2813.

Free Lectures at Town Hall

In conjunction with the Smithsonian Exhibit "The Way We Worked", a series of free lectures are being presented at a variety of venues around the County. Two of these lectures will be presented at the Leeds Town Hall. On Thursday, October 12 at 7pm the topic will be "A Project of Interest: The Civilian Conservation Corps' Washington Fields Project." Join U of U historian Mike Shamo to hear how residents of Washington sought in 1937 the CCC's assistance to protect their community's most precious resource, their field irrigation water. On Thursday, October 26 at 7pm the topic will be "Firearms of the 1870s." Join historian and former law enforcement officer Gary Dixon to learn about guns of the 1870s, which ones were common and why they were essential work tools in the Old West.

For a complete list of lectures visit www.artstozion.com and click on "The Way We Worked," from which you will be able to view the entire schedule and sign up for any or all of the free lectures between now and November 4.

Town Council Expresses Culinary Water Concern

A meeting was held by the Leeds Water Company on August 31, at which a proposal was presented by Trout Unlimited to drill an irrigation well in close proximity to the Leeds Domestic Waterusers Association culinary well. The purpose of the new well would be to allow surface water to flow downstream over currently dry creek bed, ultimately emptying into Quail Lake. Several members of the Town Council attended the meeting. The Leeds Town Council does not favor the proposed project and has submitted a letter expressing concern to the State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights.

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. The remaining Dumpster Days in 2017 are October 27-29. Mechanical compaction will be provided to increase the amount of waste hauled away. Our insurer continues to want the dumpsters located on Town property, so look for them behind the Peach Pit Pavilion.

A separate, household hazardous waste collection will be held at the Washington County Landfill on Saturday, November 18 from 8am until 1pm. Information may be found at <http://eoccert.washco.utah.gov/events/2017/11/18/hazardous-waste-disposal-day-2/>

Silver Reef Museum Ghost Tours on October 27 & 28

The Silver Reef Museum will be holding its Fifth Annual Ghost Tours Event on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. These special programs, in which a variety of characters from old Silver Reef are portrayed in character and in costume, tell the story of life in the booming mining town in the 1880s. Further details, including ghost tour reservations, are available by calling the museum at 879-2254 or visiting the museum's website, www.SilverReef.org.

Leeds To Vote By Mail: Leeds will once again be voting by mail this year. There will not be in-person voting. Ballots will be mailed out by the County on October 17. If you do not receive your ballot, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 435-634-5712. Instructions for voting by mail will be included with the ballot. Completed ballots must be postmarked by Monday, November 6.