



# Town of Leeds Newsletter

## Be Fire Aware

Wildfire mitigation to protect your home is vital. Embers from surrounding wildfires typically cause structure fires. The home ignition zone is an area of 100-200 feet from the foundation and attachments. Contact the Hurricane Fire Special Services District for any questions or assistance.

**0-5 feet:** most vulnerable, use non-combustible landscaping, do not store combustible materials

**5-30 feet:** careful landscaping, reduce combustible fuels

**30-100 feet:** space and prune trees and vegetation to interrupt fire's path.

### Evacuation Checklist:

Prescription Meds, Pets, Important Documents, Eyeglasses, Pictures and Memorabilia, Personal Computers, Credit Cards/Cash

Additional information on our website

## Cover Your Loads

It is important that all loads are properly secured, especially when hauling anything to the landfill. Per direction from the Waste Board Management, staff at the landfill are required to issue citations to anyone delivering a load which has not been properly secured. This effort is an attempt to keep the community and roads safe.

## Important Dates

### July 4th -

- Town Breakfast at Park Pavilion 08:00 - 9:30
- Town Parade 10 - 11:30
- Potluck dinner town park 6 pm - 7:30 pm
- Movie in Town Hall 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
- Watermelon 8:00 PM

### September 2,3,4

Dumpster Days

### September 23rd



## Mayor's Message

The Leeds Town Hall all is getting some much needed repairs. The building is having the roof replaced, the sign and front rails repainted, and the old bushes along the front have been removed. Our Town Hall is a historic building which was once the school house, situated in Silver Reef and relocated to Leeds Main Street. We're grateful for such a wonderful, historic structure as the center of our town's business.

Many in our town have taken great strides to improve the appearance of their property as well, this year. Taking pride in Leeds is so important to everyone in our town. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to those helping keep Leeds Lovely.

Silver Reef Road will be resurfaced by Washington County, this year and several other roads in the Town will be resurfaced this fall. Please be mindful of keeping RVs, trailers and other large vessels on the paved roadways, because they can break off the road edges.

Due to the State of Emergency from the Governor's office and extreme drought conditions, any fireworks MAY ONLY be lit on the basketball courts in the park during permitted dates: **July 2,3,4 and 22,23,24.**

Water conservation is an important topic for all of Southern Utah. Each town/city is being encouraged to participate in adopting new ordinances to help conserve water. As Leeds reviews these options, we ask that all citizens take care to make sure irrigation isn't leaking, future landscaping is water free and shade trees are always considered.

Respectfully,  
Mayor Hoster



## Ordinance Enforcement

Currently, the Town of Leeds leans on our citizens to be good stewards, complying with the established ordinances, and to making appropriate, timely adjustments upon receiving a reminder of any violations.

Unfortunately, the Town Council has received many complaints about ordinance violations, which a reminder notice from the Town has not resolved.

This begs the questions if we should have ordinances if they're not going to be enforced, are the existing ordinances antiquated requiring updating, and if the Town does move toward enforcing ordinance violations, how and when should that occur?

Ordinances are legislation performed by the Town's elected officials, reviewed by the town's counsel for compliance with State and Federal statutes and laws, created to maintain property rights, civility and avoid nuisance conflicts between neighbors.

Ordinances in general are implemented to create safety, public health and order for the citizens of a community. If ordinances are not in conflict with State and Federal Constitutions or Laws, they can be enforced with civil or criminal penalties.

As the Town reviews next steps, we encourage citizens to attend Town Council or write/call your Council members to let your opinions be known.

An enforcement of ordinances would require additional expenses to the town; such as, an enforcement officer, a hearing officer, and additional administrative functions. Not having ordinance enforcement has other costs as well; loss of property values, safety issues, etc.

## A Special Thank you!

In recent months, the Town of Leeds has received very generous financial and time donations from citizens, who have helped finance or facilitate activities, structures, fixtures and other beautification efforts in the town. These donations are given not for the purpose of attention, notoriety or favors; rather, they are rendered from great stewards who care about our community, the aesthetics of our town and participating in something greater than just themselves.

The town of Leeds relies upon volunteers to help keep things running. Occasionally, those volunteers become the target of harsh criticism, harassment or ridicule, while they are trying their best to serve our community. Even our paid staff goes above and beyond to help by taking extra efforts to serve and be accountable.

To those who have donated their time, funds, talents, equipment and more, our town wishes to sincerely thank you. YOU are who has helped create the very essence and beauty of our town, Leeds. THANK YOU!

## SHOP LOCAL

Remember when possible, please try to shop local. We have many great small businesses that rely upon our patronage to stay open, feed their families and to be there when we need them.



## FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS



Please remember that we are currently in a state of emergency due to the drought, which has resulted in extremely high fire danger throughout the entire Southwest.

Leeds is located in a wooded, rural area with agriculture and our risk of severe property and personal damage is of great concern.

Please only ignite fireworks on the basketball court in the town park during assigned dates:

**July 2,3 and 4th**  
**July 22,23 and 24th**