



# Town of Leeds

## Newsletter

### 89% Tax Increase Struck Down

The Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District Board struck down the department's proposed 89% tax increase, to fund the department's new budget. The board worked with the District's administrators to accept a decreased budget, while allowing use of reserve funds to facilitate operations for the next year.



The District is seeking new ways to fund the fire and EMS services outside of property taxes, with hopes of identifying and passing a viable new option before the next fiscal year.

The District hired over 26 new personnel this past year, which came under severe scrutiny by the new Board. The new budget and tax increase were mainly for funding these new expansions.

### New Town Council Member

The town wishes to extend our sincere gratitude for the years of service rendered by Lori Hunsaker, as Town Councilwoman. The Town Council has appointed Kohl Furley to serve the remainder of Lori's term. Welcome Kohl and thank you in advance for your service.

### Christmas in Leeds

**Leeds, UT:** The Town of Leeds had their second annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Town Hall, December 2nd, 2022.

The event took place with over 75 people in attendance, enjoying caroling, refreshments, a historical reading by Susan Savage, entertainment from Abby Studdert, Adam Law and friends, and more.



The Town Tree was cut and hauled to town hall by residents Natalie Holt and Miranda Nessen, where it was decorated by Wade Henriksen, Devin and Lorna Crabb.

The town intends to repeat the event annually and is seeking suggestions for improvement. Please email or call town hall with any ideas. [clerk@leedstown.org](mailto:clerk@leedstown.org).

### Mayor's Message

The Town is currently reviewing an ordinance enforcement statute, which will enable the town to effectively enforce unresolved ordinance violations. This measure was not embraced lightly; however, we are frequently faced with multiple complaints from citizens about safety, property value nuisances, and other serious complaints, which those in violation have refused to resolve.

Leeds is a beautiful and peaceful place and we wish this culture and environment to remain. We are striving to maintain safety, retain aesthetic scenery, and hold property values for all citizens, which is the essential purpose of any town ordinance.

As we enter 2023, I hope our neighborly efforts of inclusion, respect, and consideration will make these ordinance enforcement efforts a moot point.

Mayor Hoster



## New Classes for Young Entrepreneurs in Leeds.

In an effort to offer the youth of Leeds a common connection, a Young Entrepreneurs class will be held at Town Hall, every other Wednesday (between 4-5).

Youth ages 8-18 are encouraged to attend, where they will learn about the essence of entrepreneurship, accounting practices, logistics and resourcing, how to sell, and many other components for a successful entrepreneur venture.

Many leaders within the community will be providing lectures with question and answer periods.



Mayor Hoster has initiated the effort after a very positive response from local residents. The course will be free of charge; however, attendees will be required to provide one hour of community service to the town (entrepreneurship requires skin in the game - there are no free lunches - first lesson).

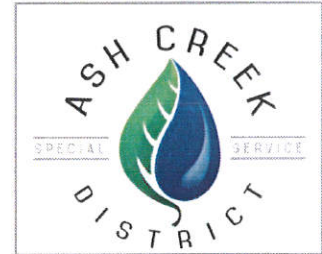
A course manual has been prepared for all attendees. An entrepreneur showcase, wherein attendees will present their entrepreneur concepts, will be scheduled this summer. Students can create their own business ideas and have experienced mentors available for guidance.

Classes will begin January 25th. Please register at Town Hall. Parental consent is required.

## Sewer in Leeds?

Several developments in and around Leeds are in discussions with the Ash Creek Sewer Special Services District to review options of implementing sewer lines to accommodate development. Currently, Ash Creek District does not have any agreements with the Town of Leeds. To facilitate expansion of the sewer lines by Ash Creek through Leeds, a type of annexation agreement must be implemented.

Many have expressed concerns about requirements from the Special Services District, which require any residential or commercial unit within 300 feet to connect to the sewer line, at cost to the occupant. Director Michael Chandler, has presented alternatives that may be considered to relieve current property owners of any financial burdens.



Sewer is the only option for developers to avert the South West Health Department's decision to mandate 9-acres between traditional septic systems on properties that were not grandfathered in prior to their ground water and saturation studies.

Developments within Leeds in current discussions with Ash Creek, seeking to implement sewer systems at their cost include: Silver Point, Silver Eagle, and Zions Landing developments.

## Local Teen to be Featured in Book and Documentary Film

Local teen, Kyla Law, who rode her pony 100 miles in a 24-hour endurance race in California, last summer, is being retold in a soon-to-be-published book and documentary.



Kyla Law and her pony Flash, Leeds, Utah, Nov. 16, 2022 | Photo by Jeff Richards, St. George News

The book titled, "Race Against Time," is scheduled for official release on January 9th by Cedar Fort Publishing. A book signing event is scheduled the afternoon of January 13th at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Red Cliffs Mall, St. George, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

## Support our Local Businesses