



Town of Leeds

Newsletter

ELECTIONS

On June 7th, the Governor, Senate, and House announced that there will be changes to the municipal elections dates to accommodate the special election to fill the vacancy in the 2nd Congressional District.

The changes apply to all municipal elections, not only those municipalities in the 2nd Congressional District.

We have received submissions from two individuals in Leeds: Jodi McGregor and incumbent Kohl Furley. Congratulations to them on their candidacy! Please be informed that the deadline for any write-in candidate filings is September 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM.

Since only two candidates applied for two open seats, the town will seek to pass a resolution to cancel the Leeds primary. The special election process for the 2nd Congressional District will involve a primary; however, and thus residents of Leeds will be participating in that.



July 4th is a special event for the Town of Leeds. We will be having a morning breakfast, a parade, and fireworks to celebrate.

Breakfast: Town park at 8:00 am
fee: \$5 per person \$20/family

Parade: Around noon

Fireworks: starting at 9:00 pm, Main/Vista

No personal firework restrictions have been implemented; however, we beg all to be cautious and courteous if you do light personal fireworks: stay away from dry grass, have extinguishing means immediately available, do not let children play with fireworks.

Mayor's Message

Greetings!

Well, you've probably heard by now that I am running for Chris Stewart's US Congressional seat, which he was forced to resign from, due to his wife's health issues.

The choice did not come easy. Since becoming Mayor, I've come to realize the serious, aggressive threats against our next generation; economic, morally, and constitutionally. I have voluntarily been involved on multiple levels to help fight in protecting children from mature content, manage budgets in Leeds and our Fire District, as well as, writing legislation to preserve true constitutional rights.

As such, I was prompted and highly encouraged to declare candidacy for US Congress, when Stewart's seat came available. If I win or lose, is not my concern. I'll always do my best. I do know things happen for a reason and I'm going to follow that path - similarly to when I chose to run for Mayor.

I love Leeds, I love the people of Leeds, and I believe that Southern Utah absolutely needs representation in the US Congress from the State of Utah. Our Federal Lands, our access to Federal Funding, our preservation of the Constitutional right for States' functionality, and the essential representation of rural community's rights, must be represented by someone who lives in the District and Southern Utah.

A special congressional election will occur on Sep. 5, 2023; and a general special election on Nov. 21, 2023. If I am elected to Congress, an appointment for Mayor will be presented to the Town Council.

Business in Leeds has been fantastic. We're about to confirm our budget, which is looking amazing - we waited out the astronomical price gouging during covid and can now spend funds on projects with more affordable prices.

As some of you have seen, we are getting Oak Grove chip seal replaced, at no cost to the town. The County Commissioners agreed to provide this to the town of Leeds, since we house their Museum in Silver Reef.

The Main Street water line project with the Washington Water Conservancy District will begin soon. The Conservancy has donated the abandoned line to the town to utilize in mitigating flood waters along Main Street. The town has been diligently working with UDOT and Rasmusen Engineering to execute this project, which the funding is already secured.

Our efforts to address the flooding issues along Valley Road are also underway. Councilman Furley has secured bids from contractors working with Washington City, to provide competitive pricing and a timeline to complete the project.

Thank you for your continued support, volunteerism, input, guidance and kindness.

Warmest,
Bill Hoster, Mayor

FIRE SEASON IS HERE



Due to the unusually wet winter, which we desperately needed, cheatgrass and other foliage have blossomed, leaving behind fuel for rapidly expanding forest fires.

Be prepared this season. Watch for and report any suspected fires in our hills. Be prepared to evacuate - have a list of belongings you'll take with you in an evacuation. Use caution when towing, excavating, riding ATVs, and other activities that often accompany accidental forest fires.

Dumpster Days

September 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Drop off location is Cherry Lane

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY HAZARDOUS WASTE.

PLEASE DO NOT OVER-FILL DUMPSTERS.

OBITUARY



Leeds, UT - Glenn Ray Beal, aged 86, died April 26, 2023. Everyone knew him as Ray, rather than Glenn. Ray was a member of the United States Army, where he received multiple awards. Ray was an active member in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where he had served as a bishop for five years. Ray worked for the Utah Department of Transportation for thirty-five-years.

Funeral services were held May 1st, 2023 in the Leeds Chapel. Interment was in the Leeds Cemetery.

FIRE CHIEF RESIGNS

Fire Chief Tom Kuhlmann resigned from the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Services District, April 22nd, 2023, after many years of dutiful, faithful, and successful service.

Chief Kuhlmann steered the fire district from its inception, creating one of the largest fire departments in Southern Utah, with multiple services; including Paramedic advanced life support transport services, hazmat, wild land support, full-time personnel, and more.

His service, dedication and talents have saved the lives of many and will be the foundation for one of the best departments in Utah.

The interim chief selected by the board is Deputy Chief Joe Decker. The board has elected to post the fire chief position for application and anticipates selecting a full-time chief in the near future.



Fire Chief Tom Kuhlmann

SBA Award for Local Vet

On May 4, 2023 my company RCS Rocket Motor Components, Inc. of Cedar City, UT was presented with the SBA Veteran-Owned Business of the Year award for Utah, during National Small Business Week in West Jordan, UT.

I am an Air Force veteran that served during the Cold War from 1976-1980, with the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing. RCS' division AeroTech Consumer Aerospace was founded in 1982. RCS' other division Industrial Solid Propulsion (ISP) was founded shortly after in 1984.

AeroTech manufactures rocket motors and related products for hobby and educational markets. ISP manufactures rocket motors and propellants for commercial, military and government applications.

RCS/AeroTech/ISP is building a new 15,000+ square foot facility in Cedar City, with financing guaranteed by the SBA. Estimated completion is in July.



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