

Leeds Town

Quarterly Newsletter



New Staff for Leeds

The town of Leeds has a new clerk, Michelle Rutherford. Michelle was our part-time bookkeeper, for several months prior.

We wish to thank Aseneth Steed, our previous Clerk, for her time, service, and dedication to Leeds, as she is seeking other adventures.

Mayor's Message

It's spring and water runoff is anticipated to be higher than normal this year. The town has been advised to warn residents to be prepared by ensuring floodplains are kept clear. Some areas have been filled with dirt, rocks, and other debris, even on private property, which will cause serious damage during flooding and spring runoff.

Some have experienced new construction in their neighborhoods. The calls about fugitive dust, the noise

from the excavation equipment, and change in scenery seems to have many understandably agitated. Change is inevitable, though. Those same things occurred when building your lovely home in Leeds. The town does not proactively seek out ordinance violations and attempts to respond to complaints with the limited resources available. Being a kind neighbor and having a discussion, patience, and acceptance can go along way.

Land, Growth & Changes

Leeds is known for our rural, agricultural landscapes, and solitude. Just like in every other location across the country with a similar setting, growth occurs.

Leeds jurisdiction has a great deal of land that is undeveloped, yet owned and intended for development. We also have remodeling, landscaping, and other construction projects changing things up a bit.

Change can happen to us, or with us. If we wish to have a seat at the table, we must identify ways to work with those exercising their property rights to build a more harmonious community. Unfortunately, we are not able to just shut the door behind us, after we moved to Leeds.

The lands owned by SITLA are located on the North and South sides of Silver Reef Dr. The land to the South is under contract, while the land to the North is intended to be opened within the next several years.

Silver Pointe Estates is the development located near the Christy Mine, at the East end of Silver Reef. This area has encountered environmental concerns and other delays; however, the town is working with the developers to ensure that everything remains safe to current and future residents.

Grapevine Wash is expected to turn dirt in 2024 with nearly 940 roof tops targeted, with some commercial, as well.

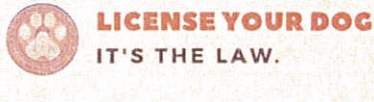
Construction is never enjoyable, but it was necessary for us all to move to Leeds. I hope we'll all practice being good neighbors, as Leeds grows.





Dog Licenses Due

Please visit town hall to get your dog licensed. Town hall hours are monday - thursday 9-2.



Cost is \$5.00 per dog. Current vaccination records are required.

Leeds' New Royalty



Left to right: Adelynn Bateman-Miss Spirit, Callie Jones-1st attendant, Azure Reynolds-Miss Leeds, Natali New- 2nd attendant, Kyla Law - Miss Congeniality

February 15th, 2024, Leeds held a Royalty Pageant and crowned winners. The event was grand success and very well attended by the town, where each contestant displayed their talents, insights to current events, and more.

A special thank you to all who helped make the event possible, especially Sharon Johnson, Danny Swenson, and Ronda Dilworth. A special tribute was made in honor of Jean Beal.



Per WCSW Board Resolution 2010-10-1, Landfill tipping fees are waived for residents up to 2000 pounds per month. Standard fees apply above 2000 pounds. Commercial entities are charged the standard fee. Enforcement of this resolution begins March 1, 2024.

All loads must be secured by a tarp or tie-down or they are subject to an unsecured load fee.

Congratulations Councilman Furley



Councilman Kohl Furley was recently promoted to Division Chief at the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District.

Congratulations Chief Decker

Congratulations to Joe Decker, the new Fire Chief for Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District. Chief Decker has been with the department over a year and a half, as interm-Chief.





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Change in Rural America - Smithsonian Exhibit at Silver Reef Museum.



From March 9th to April 28th, 2024, the Crossroads; “Changes in Rural America” exhibit by the Smithsonian Institute, will be on display at the Silver Reef (Wells Fargo) Museum.

For more information about the exhibit hours and additional details, please visit the museum’s webstie at www.SilverReef.org. The Smithsonian MoMs traveling exhibit is brought to the Silver Reef Museum by the Utah Humanitarian Society.

Teen Driving Stats in Wash. Co.

103

Teens were killed or seriously injured.

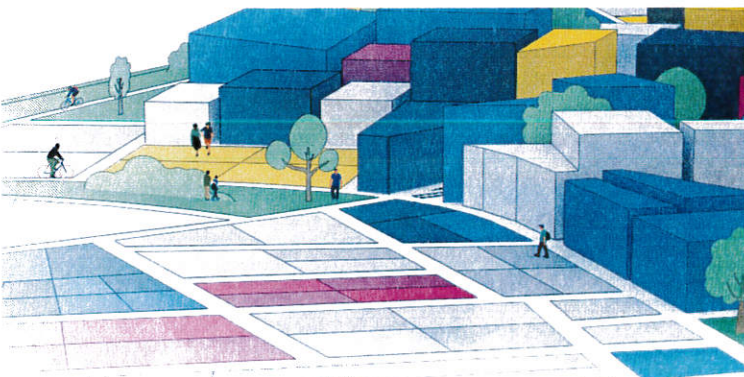
18%

of all severe crashes in Washington County

26%

Of all crashes in Washington County

Teenage drivers and late senior drivers share the same statistics. The three known causes are distractions, speed, and time of day (night is the worst). Teens are 99% less likely to have an accident with a parent in the vehicle.



HB 442 fails in the Senate, leaving Fire/EMS unfunded.




HB 442, a house bill drafted by Rep. Elison, proposing a sales tax option for funding fire and EMS in Washington County, in lieu of relying solely on property taxes, failed in the Senate, this last legislative session.

The sales tax proposal would mitigate the costs of fire and ems from residential property taxes to sales taxes associated with tourism. An estimated 5.5 million tourists visit Southern Utah annually.

The County and District are researching alternatives to making any cuts to the department and services.

The senate was successful in passing an \$81 million sales tax for funding a Major League Baseball stadium for Salt Lake City and the Larry H. Miller organization, leaving many residents wondering what is the true purpose of government?

KNOW THE FACTS

-  Teens have an **89.2%** chance of being involved in a car crash during their first 3 years of driving
-  Motor vehicle crashes are the **leading cause of death** of 15- to 20-year-olds
-  **20%** of deaths among vehicle passengers of all ages occur while a teen is driving



50% of teen driver fatality crashes involve a **single** vehicle

Zoning and SB174

SB 174 was passed in the 2023 legislature, which essentially moves all land management from the legislative body to an appointed body in local government. The town plans to work with citizens in addressing zoning in undeveloped and then developed land, to ensure a smooth process for the appointed land authorities to remain consistent with the citizens of Leeds. SB174 will engage December '24.

Leeds Park Receives Improvements



Leeds Park is a beautiful gathering place for all. The park has endured the test of time, but is due for some improvements. Our new Parks employee, Bill Stone, has been hard at work repairing the playground equipment. Volunteers came out to help spread new safety chips for the playground, improving the safety of the equipment's use and adding a little color. Parents are advised the new chips can "bleed" when wet, so please be selective in clothes your children wear, at first.

New playgroups have assembled to gather and enjoy the park's beauty, lately. This past winter; however, vandalism to one of the main slides occurred, costing tax payers several thousand dollars, and eliminating use of the slide. The damage could not effectively be repaired, resulting in the purchase of an entirely new slide.

The town will be placing cameras in the park to help police monitor nefarious activities, ensure safety to park visitors, and ensure responsible parties are held accountable for any damages.

The grass area continues to experience dog defecation, even though bags and a pick up stations are in place. All park participants are required to use the park with consideration of others and pick up after your pets.



Rural Leeds History Exhibit at the Rice Building

March 9 to April 28, 2024

Leeds is the Spotlight Town for the Washington County Fair

Leeds, Utah is the spotlight town for the Washington County Fair, running April 12th - 20th, 2024, at the Washington County Fair Grounds.

A Southern tradition of over 160 years, the Washington County Fair has been an important part of community and entertainment.



A volunteer group of Leeds' citizens have been working on a town float, exhibits, and displays ready for the event.

Susan Savage has been selected as the Grand Marshal for the fair. She will be front and center with the town's new royalty, on the town's parade float.

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