



Town of Leeds

Newsletter

SPRING FLOOD WARNINGS

Utah has experienced record breaking snowfall this past winter, rendering significant risks to spring melting and flooding. The Utah Division of Emergency Management has issued warnings to Southern Utah, where ground absorption is minimal. The Hurricane Fire Department has delivered sand loads and sandbags for the citizens of Leeds - we ask you only take what you need. Caution is advised to all citizens and visitors to avoid creeks and streams. Additional rainfall will significantly add to the volume and forces, rendering very dangerous conditions. Citizens of Leeds are encouraged to prepare for the possibility of flooding through Spring.

"With the weather warming up, flooding is a major disaster concern in Utah. We're experiencing more record-breaking snowpack levels and we want to be prepared for what spring could have in store," Gov. Cox said.



Sewer in Leeds

Several developers have approached the Town of Leeds to enter into a Public Improvement District (PID) agreement, to fund a sewer system in Leeds.

The town meeting was packed with standing room only, as Ashcreek manager Mike Chandler, answered questions about a sewer.

Town leaders are carefully considering all factors and the town's wishes.

A.C.E Passes in Leeds

Leeds, UT: The Town Council of Leeds passed an ordinance for Administrative Code Enforcement (A.C.E.), March 8th, 2023, rendering the town the ability to hire a code enforcement official and hearing officer, to enforce ordinances throughout the town.

"This is going to be a passive effort wherein written complaints are addressed with criminal code," said Mayor Hoster. "We anticipate minimal activity, although expect prompt resolutions to violations."

The ACE ordinance was embraced after the town received multiple complaints about nuisance issues and safety concerns, which some violating parties would not resolve. The new ordinance gives the town options to penalize the violating party for unresolved violations, ultimately leading to a criminal consequence, unless timely resolved.



Mayor's Message

I would like to thank the town council, planning commission, our community partners, and all the volunteers who have made Leeds such an amazing place to live. This town survives by the will and efforts of our citizens and staff to do what's right through kindness, and selflessness.

Our town council and planning commission meetings are constructive, with insightful, beneficial comments, because those involved are dedicated to Leeds and her citizens.

This past year, we have endured a lot of change and challenges; annexations, sewer, new development, and advanced legislation. There's certainly more to come and I'm extremely grateful to those who have stepped up to help.

Finally, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to making our town a beautiful, great place to live and thrive.

Warmest,
Bill Hoster, Mayor

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

During the 2023 State of Utah Legislative General Session, Chief Sponsor, Rep. Joseph Elison, and Sen. Derrin Owens, successfully passed HB 392, Rural County Health Care Facilities Tax.



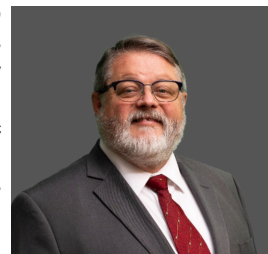
This bill is intended to replace property taxes with sales taxes to fund emergency medical services in Washington County. As such, the participating agencies may replace property taxes with the sales taxes, in whole or some. The sales tax rate can be up to 1%.

This effort has identified the house hold expenses would be reduced for emergency medical services, while allowing tourists to help contribute to the financial burden through the sales tax.

The measure has been recommended by the Fire Department Board to the County Commissioners, to be place on the general election ballot in Washington County, this November. Additional assessments will be conducted by the Utah State Tax Commission, the County Auditor and County Commissioners to identify the sales tax percentage proposed on the ballot.

The Hurricane Valley Fire SSD services Hurricane, Leeds, Rockville, Toquerville, La Verkin, Zions/Springdale, and Virgin.

Representative Colin Jack, gave a Legislative update to the Town of Leeds, March 30th, 2023. Rep. Jack's efforts to represent District 73 and Southern Utah were exemplary this past legislative session. Rep. Jack sponsored HB 392, which required notice of adult oriented uses of public spaces. The bill passed all committees, the House and barely missed being voted upon by the Senate. His additional efforts supporting other bills associated with power and safety were successful.



Rep. Colin Jack, Dist 73 UT



Come join in the annual Easter Egg Hunt, at the Leeds Park, April 8th. This annual event has always been a favorite of the town's citizens - a wonderful way to welcome the warm weather and visit with our neighbors.

Dumpster Days

March 10th, 11th & 12th.

Drop off location is Cherry Lane

Hazardous Waste Collection Day is
April 15, 2023
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Washington County Landfill



Francene Ilene Sorensen Rex, 59, passed away March 22, 2023, in her home in Leeds, UT, after a courageous battle against brain cancer.

Fran was an adored member of the community since 1992, participating in emergency medical services, her church callings, and serving others.

