

Town of Springdale News

February 2012

Citizens of the Season Winter 2013

Mark Chambers and Joe Pitti

On a sweet October morning in 2009, Springdale became home to Mark Chambers and Joe Pitti, new owners of Under the Eaves Bed and Breakfast. It was Springdale's lucky day. Immediately, Mark and Joe got involved in almost every facet of the community. Soon they were in leadership positions in Z-Arts and the Town.

Mark ran for Town Council and was elected in 2011. Joe has served on the Planning Commission since 2010 and just began his second term as Chair. In Dale and Patty Catten's nomination letter, they state, "They continue to amaze us with all of their volunteer jobs in our town. Z-Arts, Town Council, Planning Commission, Joy to the World, etc. and that is probably only part of the list. The fact that they are busy running their own business and still make time to help with all these activities is incredible. We know that there is a lot of "behind the scenes" involvement too. They help set up stages, chairs, lighting, equipment, basically whatever it takes for a performance, lecture, etc. - things that most of us never see. We think somehow everything magically appears for our town events. "

Before their lives in Springdale, both Joe and Mark have had interesting and varied careers. Joe is a professional mime. He was one of 40 people in the world selected to work with the master mime, Marcel Marceau, designing new works and sharing ideas. He has also taught school (pre-K through 2nd grade), owned a gift shop, and owned a Salt Lake coffee shop called 'A Cup of Joe'. For several years, he was an Artist in Residence and spent weeks at a time visiting communities in Utah. He has visited virtually every school in Utah, teaching students at every level.

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RSFD Volunteers Needed

The Rockville-Springdale Fire District fire department is looking for a few good men and women. If you're looking for a way to get involved in your community, meet new people, and really make a difference, consider joining the fire department.

There are a variety of jobs available in the department. If you don't think you are cut out for the rigors of front-line fire fighting, don't let that stop you from checking out other options. The department needs engineers, drivers and support personnel, as well as fire fighters.

Talk to Chief Ryan Ballard or Captain Joe Barker about ways you can be involved. They can be reached by calling the firehouse at 435-772-3065.

If you want to meet some of your great fire volunteers and see what it's like to be part of a great team, you're welcome to stop by at one of our training sessions on Tuesday nights at 5:00 p.m. at the fire station.

ZCVB P.O.T.Y. Dinner Feb. 15, 2013

If you haven't signed up for this year's P.O.T.Y. award dinner, this is a small reminder to please do so.

The Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau annual dinner will be held on Friday, February 15th at the Community Center. The function will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a no host beer/wine reception with a buffet dinner being prepared by Wildcat Willies at approximately 6:45 p.m. As always, the Visitor's Bureau will award it's P.O.T.Y. (person of the year) award to a deserving member of our community. Juniper City will provide entertainment and music for dancing (remember Valentines Day and bring a dancing partner). The price is \$20.00 per person in advance (\$25.00 at the door) and it would be greatly appreciated if you would prepay at the Town Office by Tuesday, February

12th so that Dean can provide an accurate count for the buffet presentation. If you have any

questions, please feel free to contact Dean at 772-3200. The ZCVB looks forward to seeing you on Friday the 15th of February.

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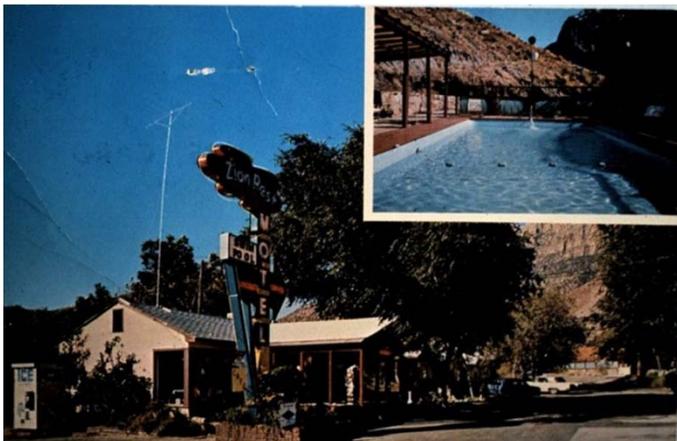
Meeting Springdale

By Dan Mabbutt

In 1966, I was a young kid from a different part of rural Utah. My little town was a hardscrabble coal mining town in Carbon County. I like to tell people now that finally being “from” Carbon County is the second best thing that ever happened to me. When the chance came to travel to Zion Park and work at washing dishes for 74 cents an hour, six days a week, I didn’t have to think twice. I jumped at the chance.

As luck had it, a couple of people from the same burnt corner of Utah where I grew up were also there for the summer. One was a graduate student “working” on a research paper about the local geology. He lived in a motel that has been reduced to a remnant of a stone wall next to the Cable Mountain Hotel parking lot today. And he had a car! So, after I had enjoyed the scenery at Zion Lodge for about a month, I was ready for something else and my friend was ready for some company in Springdale. Financial resources being what they were, Springdale was the intersection of his willingness to drive his car and my desire to go somewhere beyond Zion Lodge. It took several more decades before I actually visited the fabled Hurricane that was then somewhere beyond the horizon. But that time in Zion planted the seed which has yielded the harvest that is my life here now.

I can still remember those few trips to the big city. In Fay Cope’s beautiful remembrance, she writes about the Zion Rest Motel, now completely renovated as Flanigans. Back then, you could also get a meal in the tiny area that is now the office for Flanigans. I can’t remember the name of the nice, older lady who ran the place, but she served her guests in a formal English style that I didn’t see again until I traveled to Europe. Dinner was served on doubled china plates. She used a lace tablecloth, real silver and crystal glasses. It made a lasting impression.



On another occasion, we enjoyed the hospitality of The Driftwood. That was the premier dining spot in all of Springdale back then and it had the sweeping view from the rear windows that it still has today. There was nothing in my little coal town anything like it.

Before I left Zion after only a few months (to work in construction where you could get a real wage), I had been promoted to janitor. In that job, I worked at night and my lunch hour started at about one in the morning. I can remember walking out to the footbridge across the Virgin in the still, warm night; looking up at the stone towers of Zion; and wondering, “What would it be like to actually have a home in a place like this?”

Dan Mabbutt and his wife Roxy came home to live in Springdale in 2005. They were the Citizens of the Season in Spring 2012. Read more about them on the Town website. This essay is the second part of the “Coming Home to Springdale Collection”. Dan was a winner of the Z-Arts Zion Centennial writing contest for his memoir, “Zion Lodge Stories.” If you would like to read it, you can find it on file at the Springdale Public Library.

Coming Home to Springdale An Invitation to Share your Story

Springdale has been welcoming people home for over 150 years. We invite you to submit an essay about how you or someone you know found a welcome here and ‘came home’ to Springdale – whether for the first time, the last time, or some other time or in some other way completely. We appreciate that ‘coming home’ isn’t strictly a physical experience.

You don’t have to leave to have a profound “I’m home” experience. We hope you’ll share your stories with us. We would love to get so many we have to find a publisher! Until then, we’ll print them in the newsletter.

Please limit your submission to approximately 500 words. Send to: Fay Cope, Springdale Town Clerk, POB 187, Springdale UT 84767 or email to springdale@infowest.com. If you have a story but can’t write it down, call Fay at 772-3434.

Calendar of Events

Please see the Town Calendar included in this newsletter

If you would like to have an event included on the calendar, you may call the Town Hall at 772-3434 or use the online form on the Town’s website (www.springdaletown.com/eventscal.html).

2012 Joy to the World Festival

Everyone involved in this terrific festival was delighted by the community's support and participation in the events this year, even though so many were cancelled. It's very 'Joyous' for the Festival Committee, which is comprised of members from Z-Arts, Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau and Springdale Town, to watch the Festival grow and find a life of its own.

There are always many people to thank:

- Z-Arts for arranging for the musicians and equipment for Music at the Mart
- Sol Foods Supermarket owners Max and Julie Gregoric and their staff for being such generous and supportive hosts of the Music
- Zac Martin and Shayne Lowery for decorating all the streets, municipal buildings and the Community Tree.
- Joe Barker and John Callahan for creating beautiful hand-made decorations for the Community Tree.
- Under the Eaves Bed and Breakfast for paying for and keeping the electricity flowing to the Tree.
- Rocky Mountain Power for decorating and un-decorating the Tree.
- Zion Canyon Visitor's Bureau for supplying an enormous amount of ice cream and other goodies for the Social, Sol Foods for also contributing goodies and Wildcat Willies for making delicious hot chocolate with real milk.
- Hundreds of people for waiting patiently in packed lines at the social because scooping real ice cream is a slower process than you think.
- Zion Canyon Police Department for quietly and masterfully managing the parade route.
- Dean Cook for being the parade line-up Master. Our attempt to pre-register was a good try. Enough said.
- The judges: Roxy Sherwin and Joyce Webb of St. George Visitors Bureau, LoraLynn Jones of *Elan Magazine*, Brian Passey of the Spectrum, and Pete and Christine Wagner for doing a difficult job beautifully.
- Tina Fairlamb for arranging and coordinating the judging and keeping minutes of the board meetings.
- The dozens of parade entrants for lighting up our lives and making everyone smile.
- Jim Harlan, Bonnie and Dennis Timmerman for creating a photo history.
- Mark Chambers for being an excellent parade master of ceremonies. He was also an excellent committee chairman.
- HHS Music Director and HHS Band for bringing their energy and music to the parade.

- ZCVB for contributing funds so the Band could ride a bus.
- Oscar's Café for contributing funds so the Band had lights.
- Town of Springdale for being so generous with its staff, plus funding for supplies, lights, ornaments, graphic arts and website mastery.
- Scott Perry for graphic design and Liz Trotman for website design.
- Regina Pagles, Jim Harlan, Bonnie and Dennis Timmerman and Jason Butler for sharing their beautiful images.
- Delores Padilla and Adrian Player for creating the wondrous travelling grand prize trophy.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to every home and business that decorated the Towns of Springdale and Rockville.

Congratulations to those that were selected as award winners in both the outdoor lighting and the light parade. We hope that you will all want to participate and celebrate the holiday season with us next year.

Citizens of the Season, Cont.

Mark's life in Salt Lake City centered on the arts, especially non-profit arts organizations. He was an actor, starting with the Salt Lake Acting Company at the age of 16. He worked within arts organizations in many other ways as well, including organizing housing for Sundance Institute lab programs, fundraising, helping with art auctions and as a member of non-profit boards. He was Director of Ticketing for many Salt Lake organizations, including Utah Symphony, Utah Opera Company, Artix and the cultural events of the Olympics.

On behalf of them both, Joe stated "We are thrilled with this award. We love this community, we feel a strong need to give back to our community, and we are honored the community has responded this way. We will continue to lend a hand whenever we can. That's what keeps us connected. What we love most about this community is that everybody steps up."

In addition to all their volunteer service, Mark and Joe run a successful and demanding Bed and Breakfast. "We're doing our best to represent Springdale in the world market."

Springdale Town Council appreciates their enthusiasm and involvement in the community. They have definitely made a difference in this little part of the world.

JOB OPENING FOR A
Meal Site Coordinator

FOR THE

**Washington County Senior
Citizens Center in Springdale**

PART TIME WITH NO BENEFITS
\$12.50 HOURLY

HOURS: Tuesday and Thursday
09:00 am – 03:00 pm (Approx 12 hours a week)



Monitors the safe and efficient handling of delivered food.

Coordinates daily operations of a senior citizen meal site; schedules limited recreational functions to promote senior citizen activity.

Monitors general needs of senior citizen patrons; refers individuals to various help agencies as required, such as home health, family life services, legal services, mental health, etc.

Assists in the general organization and serving of daily meals, greets, checks names, counts money, makes announcements, etc.

Must possess a valid Utah Driver's License.

Must take a defensive driving course and obtain a certificate within 3 months of employment.

Must obtain a Utah State Food Handlers Permit within 6 months of employment.

Must submit to and pass a criminal background check.

Must take and pass a pre-employment drug test.

For Complete Job Description:

<http://www.washco.utah.gov/hr/jobs.php>



Only applications submitted on line by **February 13, 2013** will be accepted.

Washington County is an equal opportunity employer.