

# Town of Springdale News

May – June 2013

## **Utah National Guard Community Covenant Supporting the Military and their Families**

The Town Council recently adopted a resolution approving a Community Covenant for Springdale. This is a statement of support for the members of the military, Veterans and their families who live in our community. The Towns of Rockville and Virgin also recently adopted similar Community Covenant resolutions.

The Community Covenant Program was created in 2008 by the United States Army, but the program is designed to reach out to all military service members of all the branches of service. The Community Covenant program is a way for cities and towns to formally give their support to service members, Veterans and their families.

Through the program, cities and towns can create and tailor their own Community Covenants to make them unique to the needs of the community and the military families who live reside there.

As part of the Community Covenant, the Towns of Springdale, Rockville and Virgin have appointed a military liaison to assist the towns in helping military families. Bob Kelly, an Army Veteran, has accepted the task of coordinating military support efforts in the Zion Canyon area and has been appointed by all three towns. He will be writing regular articles for the newsletter and website, the first in this issue (see his introductory article in the next column). Bob is very enthusiastic about helping members of the military, both those serving and Veterans. If you need his assistance, or just an ear to talk to, he is there to help. He can be reached at 435-635-5507.

## **What is a Military Liaison? (Introducing Bob Kelly)**

This is our very first "Covenant Community" Town newsletter missive...sounds sorta military already. As a caring community, or in our special case, one of three special neighboring towns, we have covenanted with the local Guard, Reserve, Active duty, and of course our Honored Veteran community's. They are caring for us and we are caring for them and their families. We are a terrific WIN-WIN association.

As the liaison veteran for each of our three towns here in Zion Canyon, I will be available to provide information and help for all of our service men and women, and their very important military families here at home. Plus the entire communities.

On a personal note, I am an Army veteran having served from Jan 1958 thru March of 1962. That means I am old enough to know better than to volunteer for this very special assignment. Actually I was very pleased to have been asked to help our military members and their families. It is an honor to serve.

Additionally I am the Past Commander of American Legion post 142 and a founding member of the "SW Utah Veterans Coalition". Somewhere I find time to serve as the Service Officer for the District 7 American Legion. This is the part most likely to help our towns.

Each month I will try to provide some pieces of information that will be helpful to the military and the entire community. It is our hope that the goodies contained in the articles will help our, "Guys and Girls", and their families.

So here goes the first tidbit of Vet Info. Everyone with any percentage of service-connected disability will have an annual letter from the VA stating the percent of the disability. The very same percentage is applicable to your property taxes. You will pay less. PLUS it also applies to the annual tax on your personal usage cars and trucks... WOW!!!!

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## Home At Last

By Clara R. Cope

My name is Clara Ruesch Cope. I was born in Oak Creek Canyon on a beautiful September day in 1925. My family lived there until 1931, after Zion National Park was established. In 1931 all residents were required to move out of the park. My family then moved into Springdale to the property that is known as the Rock House. My father and his sons quarried the rock from Black's Canyon to build the house.

I married Grant Cope in 1946. We both worked at Zion Inn Cafeteria and were transferred to Sun Valley Idaho by Union Pacific, our employer. We lived there for the next 20 years. All our children except Darren were born in Sun Valley Lodge Hospital.

During our Sun Valley years we would load up the kids in the car and go to Springdale once a year. When we arrived in Springdale where Majestic Lodge is today, I would be so thrilled by the beauty of Zion National Park and I would know that I was home at last.

My husband has long since finished his journey in Zion and when my life's journey ends I plan to be placed beside him in the Springdale cemetery, with our heads to the West Temple and our feet to the Watchman.

Since I was born I have always felt Springdale was a very special place.....Yes, indeed, Springdale is a beautiful place to come home to.

### *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](mailto:springdale@infowest.com). If you have a story but can't write it down, call Fay at 772-3434.*

## Road Respect Bicycle Extravaganza – May 31

Mark your calendars for the Road Respect Bicycle Extravaganza on May 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be fun activities for cyclists of all ages: kids' bike rodeo and bike skills course, trail rides on the 24<sup>th</sup> Trail, family bike ride on the Pa'rus Trail in Zion, free bike checks (courtesy Zion Cycles), bike helmet giveaways, free food, valuable information and much more! This will be the most fun you are legally allowed to have on two wheels, and it's all free!

The purpose of the event is to increase safety for bikes on the road by promoting respect between drivers and cyclists. So if you drive a car, or ride a bike, or both, then this event is for you. Learn the laws governing bikes on the road. Get tips on how to be a safe and courteous bike rider. Learn how to drive safely around cyclists. The event will be fun, but more importantly it may help save lives. So if you like to have fun and don't like to kill people, then you should plan on attending.

### ***Road Respect Schedule of Events:***

**9AM to 11AM:** Bike Rodeo and Skills Course, Free Bike Checks, Bike Helmet Giveaway, Information Booths, Refreshments, Bike Rides on the 24<sup>th</sup> Trail

**10AM:** Official Designation of Springdale as a "Road Respect" Community

**10AM to 10:45AM:** Family Bike Ride on the Pa'rus Trail (5 mile ride, a portion on open roads – young children must have adult supervision)

**11AM:** Road Respect Ride to St. George (fully supported 50 mile ride, but you need your own transportation back to Springdale)

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## StoryCorps

Utah Public Radio and St. George City are bringing us a remarkable opportunity. StoryCorps is bring their mobile recording unit to St. George for the month of May. Their mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives.

Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 45,000 interviews with nearly 90,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. If you tell them you are from Springdale, your story will be archived in our library as well. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. If you are interested, call Fay Cope at Town Hall, or visit [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org). Don't wait long – the available slots are filling fast.

## What is a Military Liaison, Cont.

There is a simple form available at the county assessors office in St. George and I have a small supply. Call me.

Additionally, and more importantly to the entire community, not just our military folks, there is a terrific real estate abatement (Less Tax Dollars) available for every household with less than \$30,688 of 2012 countable income. Countable means gross income less all non-reimbursed medical expenses.

And finally, my good friend Bruce Solomon, is a “trained to help” VA military returnee adjustment counselor at the local VET CENTER, which is fully separate from the local CBOC. The Community Based Outpatient Center is only for our regular medical services. I have enrollment forms applicable to both centers..

The Vet Centers’ phone number is 435 673-4498. Bruce is anxious to help the military returnee and their family with any and every kind of adjustment difficulty. On top of that he has walked the walk. Bruce is a Nam Vet who has successfully experienced the return to home adjustment difficulties. So call Bruce and tell him Bob Kelly sent you... he has a great laugh!

Remember my name and phone number and call at any time - BOB KELLY 635-5507.

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## Election 2013

There will be three 4-year term council seats on the ballot this year: Mayor Cluff and Councilmembers Louise Excell and Adrian Player have expiring terms.

The state legislature recently passed a bill that shortens the filing period for the municipal election from June 3 to June 7 this year. That’s only five calendar days, so no time to be indecisive this year. And if you’re thinking about being a write-in candidate? In order to qualify for valid write-in status (to be electable) a candidate must file a declaration of write-in candidacy no later than June 13 for the primary election and no later than September 10 for the General Election. The legislature eliminated the surprise element.

**Primary Election Day: August 13, 2013**  
**General Election Day: November 5, 2013**

Declaration of Candidacy Forms, Nomination Petitions and Declaration of Write-in Candidacy forms must be filed in person with the Town Clerk at 118 Lion Blvd., Springdale, Utah between the hours of 9am and 5pm M-Th and 9am and 3pm Friday.

## ‘Like’ the Town on Facebook

You may not be aware that the Town has a Facebook page where events, links to local businesses, and other interesting information is posted on a regular basis.

We have heard from several people that “the only way” they’ve heard about an activity or event is through the Facebook page. We do our best to provide information in many ways, including the town newsletter, utility billings, town website, posters and flyers, and on and on. There are also websites and Facebook pages for the Canyon Community Center, Butch Cassidy 10k, the Zion Canyon Music Festival, as well as many local business pages. Postings on the various pages are usually shared through the Town’s page, so the message gets out as far as possible.

The Town has 1,885 likes on its page. While that’s not a rock star or celebrity level, it’s pretty good for a town or city. Check it out, like us on Facebook and invite your friends. Keep in the loop with what is going on in Town.

Here’s the links:

[www.facebook.com/Springdale.Utah](http://www.facebook.com/Springdale.Utah)

[www.facebook.com/ZionCanyonMusicFestival](http://www.facebook.com/ZionCanyonMusicFestival)

[www.facebook.com/ButchCassidyRace](http://www.facebook.com/ButchCassidyRace)

[www.facebook.com/CanyonCommunityCenter](http://www.facebook.com/CanyonCommunityCenter)

Or, point your smart phone at these QR codes, and get to the Facebook pages fast.



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Butch Cassidy

## 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](http://www.springdaletown.com/eventscal.html)).

## Earth Day a Big Success!

The 9th Annual Earth Day Festival was another family friendly successful event with over 1500 attending. It would not have been so organized and successful without the cooperation from Zion National Park, Bit & Spur Restaurant, Wasatch Brewery and team work from Alex Pelton, Carrie Wyler, Cassie Waters and Michelle Haas.

An especially big thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, vendors and silent auction donations from local restaurants and motels.

### Sponsors:

Bit & Spur Restaurant  
Wasatch/Squatters Brewery  
Kolob Sound/Ryan Kay & Dennis Gregz  
Town of Springdale  
Majestic View Lodge  
Cliffrose Lodge  
Flanigans Inn  
Bumbleberry Inn  
Zion Park Inn  
Sterling Solar  
The Independent

### Volunteers:

Falcon Ridge Ranch Group  
Katie Walsh  
Russ Cash  
Kirk Barrett  
Jim & Jed Hancock  
Cindy Purcell  
Ron Mitchell  
Norm Thomas  
Carol Dukes  
Renate Thibault  
Tony Dukes  
Casey Nelson  
Brittany Worthen

### Silent Auction Donations:

Bit & Spur  
Zion Cycles  
Worthington Gallery  
Flanigans Inn  
Desert Rat  
Zion Outdoor  
Pizza Noodle  
LaFave Gallery  
Casa de Amigos  
Arkansas Al's  
Park House Café  
Switchback Grille  
Jack's Sports Grill  
Deep Creek Coffee  
Xanterra  
Whiptail Grill  
Oscars  
Wildcat Willies  
Flying Monkey  
Café Soleil  
Canyon Offerings



Locally is Globally

Springdale Candy Co.  
Zion Adventure Co.  
Ann Rutz  
David Pettit  
Zion Mt. School  
West Gallery  
Virgin River Flutes  
Simply Hemply  
Cable Mt. Lodge  
John E. Denney  
Tosha Hoyt

Thanks to Zac Martin, Shane Lowery and Dave Hans for putting up the stage and banners. Thanks to Tamara from Café Soleil for donating the beautiful flags for the stage. Thanks to Dennis Gregz for doing a great job as the MC.

Next year April 19th, 2014 will be the **10th Annual Earth Day blowout**. We are looking for committee members and volunteers to make this the biggest Earth Day event yet. Please contact Julie Hancock if interested in participating.

Julie Hancock,  
CCC director



Earth Day 2013 Springdale Utah