

# Town of Springdale News

May 2014

## From the Mayor's Desk

I want to thank you all for letting me be mayor. It has its challenges and its rewards, but I am growing from this experience. I don't have all the answers and can't fix everyone's problems, but I can hopefully guide this town with everyone's assistance. I do need people willing to work on committees and voice their opinions.

We have put on the town's website a little survey regarding recycling. In a county meeting I attended this last month there is discussion about going to curbside recycling. They first want to know if there is enough interest in it to keep discussions going. There appears to be interest so more discussions will be held. I need to know the pulse of Springdale. Nothing has been determined but there is a lot of discussion on how it should be handled. For example, if there was a small additional fee to garbage collection would people still want it? If curbside were available the binnies might go away. What would be the impact? I will be updating everyone as I get more information, but if you get a second it would be helpful to either go online and take the survey, or stop me and let me know your feelings.

In the last town meeting we created an historic preservation committee who will be setting the course for how we address preservation issues in Springdale. I have asked a couple of people to help out, but we need help from more of you in starting this important steering committee. If you are interested in assisting the town please let Tom Dansie or me know of your interest. As far as the July 4th planning committee is concerned, there doesn't seem to be much interest and it looks like things will be status quo. There is still time to join in the brainstorming group to discuss how we want the Fourth of July to be celebrated in Springdale. There is also an opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission or other areas. It really is our town and everyone needs to do their part to make it a better town.

*Mayor Stan Smith*

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## "The Leader in Me" Springdale Elementary

This year, Springdale Elementary, in collaboration with LaVerkin Elementary, will begin implementing the book, *The Leader in Me*. It describes how schools and parents around the world are inspiring greatness, one child at a time. Teachers and faculty members will begin with a three-day training in June. To support full implementation, a coach will be working individually with each school. This however costs about \$100 per student for the 2014-2015 school year. We are using our School Trust Land funds and writing grants to make sure that we can make this happen at our school.

"This program involves today's young people. It involves our future. Whether you are a concerned parent, a professional educator, or a foresighted business leader, I am confident you will find it to be an invigorating breath of fresh air, a reason to celebrate and an inspiring call for action. This program produces tangible and sustaining results." (Stephen R. Covey, 2008) Schools who implement this program see increases in student achievement and decreases in discipline problems.

The program is based on "The 7 Habits" introduced by Stephen R. Covey years ago. They have had a profound influence with adults, leaders, teenagers, families, and now even our children. They teach timeless principles that impact every facet of our lives. When children are immersed in universal principles; such as responsibility, service, and honesty, both at home and at school, their tremendous worth and potential is affirmed and reinforced. They develop confidence, integrity, and the courage to do the right thing. They build character.

Look forward to more information each month as we highlight a habit and update what is happening at our school.

*Principal Snodgrass*

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## Park Fertilizing

Please be aware that the Town's Parks Department will be aerating and fertilizing the Town parks and other grass areas beginning early next week. We'll try to keep the work areas updated on the Town's Facebook page.

If you have concerns about your children or dogs playing on recently fertilized lawns, please look for signs of fertilizer on the lawns next week before using the grass areas of the parks, ball field or other public areas.

The fertilizer will be watered in shortly after application. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Town Hall at 435-772-3434.

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## Business License Renewals

Business license renewal forms will be going out in the mail during the month May and you should have them by the middle of the month. Please watch your mail for them.

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## 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. Please send via email to [springdale@infowest.com](mailto:springdale@infowest.com).*

*Past stories can be viewed on the Coming Home page of the town website: [www.springdaletown.com/welcoming-you-home/coming-home/](http://www.springdaletown.com/welcoming-you-home/coming-home/)*

## ZCMF Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Zion Canyon Music Festival. The Festival will be Friday September 26th and Saturday September 27th from 4 to 11 pm (2 hour volunteer shifts) at the town ball field.

Help is needed at:

Festival Entrance/Admissions  
Information booth  
Silent Auction  
Water Stations  
Set-up & Clean-up

Contact Julie Hancock to sign-up or get more information at 772-3434 ext. 312 or by email at: [ccc@infowest.com](mailto:ccc@infowest.com). [www.ZionCanyonMusicFestival.com](http://www.ZionCanyonMusicFestival.com)

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## Irrigation Schedule

Please note your schedule below. Representatives from the Town and the Irrigation Company will be monitoring the watering schedule. The schedule may be subject to change depending on the conditions of summer.

Upper Section = North from Sol Market Downtown to Park Entrance

Lower Section = South from Sol Market Downtown to Sanctuary Ranch on the South end of town.

Monday Lower Section - 6 PM Mon. to 10 AM Tues.

Tuesday Upper Section - 6 PM Tues. to 10 AM Wed.

Wednesday Lower Section - 6 PM Wed. to 10 AM Thu.

Thursday Upper Section - 6 PM Thu. to 10 AM Fri.

Friday Lower Section - 6 PM Fri. to 10 AM Sat.

Saturday Upper Section - 6 PM Sat. to 10 AM Sun.

Big Water Users Schedule:

Sundays 10:00 AM to Monday 10:00 AM

Thursdays 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Conserve water as much as possible. Please follow this schedule. Please be aware that irrigation water is always dependent on the condition of the Virgin River. Low water flow or heavy sediment loads may impact irrigation water availability.

Secondary Water Advisory Board

NIGHT SKY AND STAR GAZING EVENT

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**

**8:30PM**

CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER - 126 LION BOULEVARD



**THE MANY PHASES OF THE MOON**

Enjoy a brief presentation on lunar phases, tides, exploration and everything else you ever wanted to know about the moon.

Moon gazing and star gazing after the presentation.

**FREE**

## Night Sky Programs

The Town, with the assistance of the National Park Service, local armature astronomy clubs and several volunteers will be holding a series of night sky activates throughout the summer.

Here is the tentative schedule:

May 10 – Lunar theme and moon and star gazing.

May 29 – Night sky photography and workshop

July 30 – Presentation and star gazing

October 4 – Presentation and star gazing

Details on each night sky event will be advertised throughout town and everyone is welcome to attend. Night sky events will be held at the Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd.

Please contact Tom at the Town Hall for more info.

## Community Events and Activities

Two events are happening in May that will be interesting, enjoyable and educational. The posters re-created here are up around town.

We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to learn something new, let the Planning Commission know what you think, and have a great time with other people in the community.

## THURSDAY, MAY 8 CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER 7:00PM



The Springdale Planning Commission invites you to participate in a discussion regarding the Town's future growth and development. Come give the Commission your input on the following topics:

- HOUSING**
- MIXED USE DEVELOPMENTS**
- HOTEL / MOTEL DEVELOPMENT**
- INFRASTRUCTURE (WATER, SEWER, STREETS)**

**Ice Cream Sundaes will be served.**

## Guest Editorial

In the coming decades there will likely be 11 billion people on Earth. Along with diet and other lifestyle choices, human population growth has driven us to a precipice.

Deforestation is a central cause of climate change. The tropical forests of Central and South America, Africa and Asia are being rapidly destroyed, primarily to provide land for cattle grazing, to grow food for the animals people choose to eat, and for wood and paper products. I discuss the consequences of diet choices in my book length essay, *To Save the Animals* (soon to be finished). This editorial will focus on the need for paper, cardboard and other recycling.

Trees use carbon dioxide in photosynthesis; as they are destroyed, CO<sub>2</sub> accumulates in the atmosphere. In addition, the water from plant transpiration rises, then condenses to form clouds, and falls as rain or snow. Deforestation disrupts this cycle. Former rainforests may become deserts. Large quantities of carbon stored in the soil (especially in peat swamps) are then released to the atmosphere.

Primates, elephants, parrots and other fruit-eating jungle animals disperse seeds away from the parent trees, and package the seeds in fertilizer (dung). We are forcing these species to extinction, in large part because of deforestation. The jungles may go extinct, too, without the seed dispersers. 50% of all animal species live in tropical forests. Our actions have set in motion the greatest mass extinction of all time. The extinction rate is 1,000 times (perhaps even up to 100,000 times) faster than during any previous mass extinction. The animals do not have time to adapt to the rapid change, new species cannot evolve.

In the western United States, climate change is responsible for heat waves and drought. These cause tree deaths from disease and infestations, and lead to hotter forest fires that destroy more trees. Recently, British Columbia lost 58,000 square miles of forest in a decade. Forest fires kill wildlife. Animals burn to death, or lose shelter and sustenance. Thousands of fish may suffocate from ash, or die from the heated water, in a single forest fire.

To help prevent this cruelty and devastation, it is crucial for businesses and residences in Springdale to recycle cardboard.

Options include:

- Allied Waste/435.628.2821. AW charges less for pickup of both recycling and trash than for trash pickup only.
- Blue Sky Recycling/435.673.1400
- Sol Foods has a cardboard compactor. They bundle then sell the compacted cardboard. The owners, Max and Julie Gregoric, generously allow other Springdale businesses to bring cardboard to the compactor, located at the side of the building, between Sol Foods and the hardware store. Sol Foods bought the compactor from AFS, and Rocky Mountain Recycling purchases the cardboard.

- The post office has a recycle bin that accepts cardboard, plastic and paper. It is not big enough to accommodate cardboard from businesses; however, people may recycle cardboard from packages there.
- The town bins, located past the Community Center and tennis courts on Lion Boulevard, now have a cardboard recycling bin. It is not for business use.

Springdale businesses can work together to expand cardboard recycling options. For example, were businesses to contact Dixie Waste to request recycling, it would provide incentive for Dixie Waste to provide such a service.

Businesses and private residences can also make a significant difference by choosing to use recycled paper products, including cups, plates, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels.

Springdale is a village, but millions of tourists come here every year. Springdale can help them to recycle plastic, paper and metal cans by placing small recycle bins throughout the town (as is done in Zion National Park). Motels should provide individual recycle bins (metal/plastic/paper) in every room; Cliff Rose Motel already does this. A competition, either for children and young people, or for people of all ages, could inspire beautiful banners, as well as fliers to display in store windows to encourage people to recycle. T-shirts, perhaps with designs by children, could promote recycling. Once Springdale has earned bragging rights, there could be bumper stickers and decals as well.

For Springdale to truly be a green community, there must be water conservation. The Virgin River provides the water for Springdale residents, businesses and tourists. The forecast for the West the coming decades is drought, to where what now is a very dry year will be considered a wet year. The temperature is expected to continue to rise. Hence, there will be less snow, and the Virgin River depends on snowmelt. Springdale can promote water conservation with signs in motel rooms, public restrooms, and restaurants. Businesses and residences that have not yet done so should install water-conserving showerheads, faucets and toilets. Waiters should ask customers if they want water, or partially fill glasses, or restaurants can use smaller glasses. Leftover water should be saved to water plants. Businesses and residences should only water outdoor plants before 8:00 a.m. and after 7 p.m. from mid-April through September, as, during the heat of the day, much water evaporates. Green lawns are water intensive, and therefore not appropriate in Springdale. Desert landscaping is beautiful.

There is no more glorious place on Earth than here. Recycling and water conservation are ways for us to treasure the land and to save wildlife.

*Kate Jewel*  
Concerned citizen

# May 2014 Menu and Activities

TUESDAY		THURSDAY	
		May 1	
		Barbeque outside at the park... Hamburgers Coleslaw Fruit Baked Beans	Relax and enjoy Plein Air Art
May 6		May 8	
Reuben Sandwich Potato Salad Beets Coleslaw Apples	Bingo	Golden Chicken Potatoes & Gravy Capri Veggies Salad Bread Peaches	Movie: Angels in the Outfield
May 13		May 15	
Chef's Salad Pasta Salad Peas Crackers Oranges	Birthdays  Movie: Angels in the Outfield	Roast Turkey Potatoes & Gravy Corn Salad Bread Pears	Craft/Hat day  Small room
May 20		May 22	
Tuna Salad Croissants Macaroni Salad Three Bean Salad Salad Pears	Cliff: Pharmacy	Roast Beef Potatoes & Gravy Carrots Salad Bread Mandarin Oranges	To Be Announced
May 27		May 29	
Herb Roasted Chicken Potato casserole Green Beans Salad Rolls Peaches	Bingo	Roast Pork Potatoes & Gravy Peas Coleslaw Bread Applesauce	To Be Announced

## May Birthdays

Charlie Davis 5-2  
Shirley Cooper 5-4  
Besty Alford 5-14

Suggested Donation:  
\$3.00 - 60 and over  
\$7.00 under 60  
Kitchen may substitute

