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## City Newsletter

### February 2024

#### On the Calendar

##### FEBRUARY

- 7 Historic Preservation Commission
- 19 Presidents' Day (Office closed)
- 21 City Council
- 28 Planning Commission

##### MARCH

- 6 Historic Preservation Commission
- 13 Planning Commission
- 20 City Council
- 27 Planning Commission\*
- 30 Easter Egg Hunt

\*second PC meeting as needed

#### Help is Out There

Did you know Bear River Association of Governments has a variety of assistance programs that you or someone you know may be interested in? The programs include Aging Services, Emergency Home Repair Program, First-Time Home Buyers Program, HEAT Assistance, Non-Emergency Rental Assistance, Transportation Vouchers, VITA Income Tax Preparation, Weatherization and more. For more information visit [brag.utah.gov](http://brag.utah.gov).



BRAG Info

#### Holiday Clean-Up

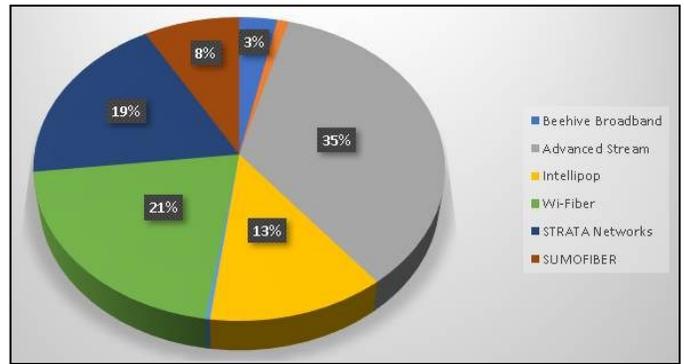
Many gravesites at the Providence Cemetery are still decorated for the holidays. Between the snow and these decorations, it is getting difficult for our staff to clear space for new burials. We have had problems with decorations hidden by snow causing damage to our snow blowers. Please come back and clear the decorations you have set out. Thank you!

#### Fiber Progress Continues

We continue to make great progress on our city-wide fiber project. In December, we celebrated our 1,000th connection. To continue celebrating that milestone, we are partnering with Strata Networks to giveaway \$1,000 in gift cards to local businesses. Anyone who is connected to the fiber network is eligible to win. Each week, five winners will be randomly selected, then contacted by the city office to claim your prize. The first round of winners will be announced on Monday, Feb. 5.

If you still haven't started the process to get connected to fiber internet, we would love to help! What questions do you still have? There is lots of information on the project on the [city website](#), including a comparison chart of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and many frequently asked questions. You can also reach out to the city office at any time with any questions or issues.

The chart pictured here is a breakdown of the ISP options with percentages of which companies Providence residents are selecting. All ISPs are great options that will provide excellent service



#### Recreation Registration

Get ready to hit the field this spring with several recreation options for local youth. Registration is open now!

##### PCL Competitive Baseball

- Competitive baseball league for youth teams 8U-14U
- Registration: January 2-March 1
- Register at [providence.sportsites.com](http://providence.sportsites.com)

##### Providence City Youth Sports

- Registration: February 12-April 19
- Kickball (Ages 3-5); Baseball and Softball (Ages 5-14)
- Register at [providence.sportsites.com](http://providence.sportsites.com)

##### Soccer/Lacrosse Field Reservations

- Registration: January 2-March 1
- Local soccer and lacrosse teams can use the Spring Creek Soccer Fields as their home field
- Reservations are limited to five teams per field
- Reservations are for game use only, not practice time
- Register at [providence.sportsites.com](http://providence.sportsites.com)



Rec Info

#### Keep it Clear

As snow and ice continue to pile up throughout the winter, please do your best to keep your storm drains clear. When things start to melt on warmer days, we will see issues with flooding of melted water if drains are covered with thick snow and ice. Additionally, piled up snow and ice in these areas can cause problems and damage to our snow plows.

Thank you for your help in keeping our streets clear and safe.

## Meeting Recaps

Below are quick summaries of the City Council and Planning Commission meetings for the month of January. Full minutes and replays of these meetings are available on the [city website](#).

### City Council • January 17

- Council members Carrie Kirk, David Kunz and Brent Speth were sworn-in for their term
- The Council discussed and approved minor updates and revisions to the City Council bylaws
- The Council approved the appointment an interim Justice Court judge. Further discussions will be held on the structure of the Providence City Justice Court
- The Council discussed and approved amendments to the city fee schedule, including a 5% annual rate increase to sewer fees and a 3% annual rate increase to stormwater fees
- All Council members received and approved their assignments for 2024-25
- The Council approved the 2024 Providence City Calendar, covering city events, paid holidays and monthly meetings
- The Council was presented with three study items: Garbage, Waste and Recycle amendments, Fiber Optic and Fiber System Code introduction and a Mobile Food Vendors city code introduction. These items will be discussed in further detail and have votes taken at a later date

### Planning Commission • January 10

- The Planning Commission discussed proposed changes to the city code regarding sign regulations
- Several types of signs, lighting and associated rules were discussed
- The Commission agreed to take the matter to a public hearing to be held on Feb. 28
- The Planning Commission discussed city code amendments regarding clear view areas and residential driveways
- The proposed changes are a public safety issue, so if approved, would not grandfather any residence into the new rules
- After two hours of discussion, the item was tabled to allow more time to study the issue

## Providing a Summer Home

Every year from May-August up to 800 Summer Citizens, mostly from Arizona, come to Logan, living in student and local housing. They spend their money to support our incredible menu of cultural opportunities. They also shop, eat out often and receive health care.

In the past, USU has hosted the program, but starting this year, the Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce has taken it over. In order to continue to provide this contribution to the Cache Valley economy during the summer months we are looking for more temporary housing options to make it possible for them to enjoy our beautiful and cooler Cache Valley. This is a great way to fill student housing and temporary rentals for the summer.

If you have or know of housing opportunities, please contact the Cache Valley Chamber at (435) 752-2161 or email [Destiny@cachechamber.com](mailto:Destiny@cachechamber.com)

## A Word from Public Works

This month our focus is on source protection, cross connection and a little bit about stormwater.

Source protection is protecting our sources of water. Source protection requirements come from the EPA and the state. We are meeting all of the requirements and are proud to provide you with what we think is the best water around! Monthly and annual samples are taken to ensure that we have clean, safe drinking water. In Providence we have our canyon spring source along with four wells. It is important we all do our best to keep contaminants out of the source protection areas. This also ties in with stormwater illicit discharges. Some of the things we can do to keep our sources and stormwater clean are: disposing of chemicals properly rather than dumping them on the ground somewhere, not overusing chemicals when taking care of your lawn and property and keeping garbage out of ditches and waterways.

Preventing cross connection helps keep our drinking water safe as well. Cross connections can allow unclean water to enter our culinary water system. Again, these requirements come from the EPA and the state. Sprinkler systems, hoses that lose pressure or illegal meter connections are all possible areas of contamination. It is important to make sure that your sprinkler system has a backflow device, that your hoses are flowing properly and never make connections to your water meter. By ordinance, city employees are the only people that should be in the meter barrels or performing any work on your water meter.

If you have an underground sprinkler system, current state plumbing code requires a backflow preventer. This is a device that prevents impurities or contaminants from being drawn into the drinking water system. Many sprinkling systems already have the proper backflow preventer installed. Others may not meet state and local regulations and may need to be replaced with the proper backflow preventer.

The regulations also require a state certified backflow technician test the backflow preventer annually. After the test has been completed, please submit the results to the city so that we can update our records. For a list of local technicians, please contact the Public Works department at (435) 753-0313.

If you have any questions about source protection, cross connection and stormwater, please reach out to us. The state website is also a great source for additional information. Thank you for helping to keep our drinking water system clean and safe.

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