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# PROVIDENCE CITY NEWS

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## From the Desk of Mayor Alma Leonhardt



Over the past few months, Providence City's annexations and boundary adjustments have added about 135 acres to the southeast area of our city, and 20 to 30 acres to the west side. The City also presently has a petition for annexation of a large parcel of land just northeast of the City. The main concern we experience as a city is having an adequate supply of water for new growth. To address

this concern, we now ask all agents of annexations to deed over water shares or water rights to the City before any water connections are allowed in the newly-annexed areas. We also require that secondary roads and other services be installed by the developers of new subdivisions. Another concern we hear from citizens is, "Who is going to pay for the new growth in the City?" The City requires impact fees on all water and sewer facilities. We have just begun work on a new park in the northwest area of the City. Except for the land, this park will be completely built and paid for with a grant and impact fees. To answer some of the questions about why the City does some of the things it does, please include any questions you may have in your monthly utility payment. I, along with the City Council and City staff, will try to answer each of your questions in the January newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity, along with the City Council and Staff, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## City Receives Grant for Playground Equipment

Providence City recently received a \$20,000 grant from Game Time, a large national distributor of playground equipment and supplies. This grant will enable the City to purchase a large piece of playground equipment for the new park at 220 North 300 West. The City has started building the parking lot for this park. Picnic tables, playground facilities and lawn will be added in the spring.

## Business Licenses Due

Those who have current business licenses should have received an invoice for the 2005 business license fee. Business licenses expire on December 31, 2004. Please return the payment for the license before that date to assure continuous license coverage. A new license for 2005 will be mailed to you upon receipt of your payment.

## Santa Claus Coming to Town

The Providence City Youth Council will host an evening with Santa Claus on December 9 at 6:30 at the Providence City Office, 15 South Main. Those attending are asked to bring a donation for the Cache Community Food Pantry.

## Holiday Lighting Contest

The City will once again be judging the annual Holiday Lighting Contest. **If you would like your house to be considered in the judging, please register with the City (752-9441) before December 15.** First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. Winners of the contest will be notified before December 24.

### CALENDAR

*Dec 24, City Offices closed for Christmas*

*Dec 31, City Offices closed for New Year's*

## Winter Parking Hours

Effective November 1, 2004 until April 1, 2005, on-street parking is not permitted from 12:00 midnight to 6:00 a.m. This will assist snowplow drivers in getting snow cleared from the streets. This includes all vehicles, trailers and equipment.

## 2005 Dog Licenses Available

All dogs over two months old must to be licensed. The fees are as follows: an unaltered dog, \$20.00, a spayed or neutered dog, \$10.00. **A recent change in Providence City Ordinance implements a late fee for any dog license purchased after January 31, 2005.** If you have a new dog, or if your dog's rabies shot has expired, a proof of rabies certificate is required to receive a 2005 license.

## Delinquent Utility Accounts

Providence City is concerned with the amount of utility accounts that have fallen behind. Notice of disconnect is given two ways: first, with a letter to disconnect service; and second, with a pink notice placed on your door. If payment is not made after the notices are given, water service is then disconnected and an additional \$25 water turn-off fee is added to the account balance. This \$25 amount and the past due balance will be required before water service will be restored.

One option that the City offers that can help with delinquent accounts and can help residents stay ahead is the Equal Pay Program. We have very few residents that take part in this, but it is an excellent way to get ahead of the high summer bills. For information, please call Tara at 753-0313 x 10.

## Water Shut-off

The City would like to remind residents not to try to open their meter lids. Call Tara at 753-0313 x 10 if you have meter problems or to have your water shut off for any reason.

## Historic Preservation: The Old Rock Church Foundation

The Old Rock Church holds special significance for the people of Providence. It is on the National Register of Historic Places in recognition of its Architectural and Historical Significance and to encourage its preservation. The rock portion of the building is the oldest structure of its stature in Cache Valley, with construction beginning just thirteen years after the first permanent settlement here. The pioneers quarried the rock, milled the lumber and forged the iron to create this wonderful monument to their faith. What they produced testifies to their architectural skills, craftsmanship and dedication to hard work. Throughout its history, it has been the heart of the community in Providence. Indeed, it is a treasure to all of Cache Valley.

The current ownership is concerned for the long term survival of this magnificent structure. They are proposing the creation of an "Old Rock Church Foundation." They would like to invite community participation in this project. Special skills are needed, but more than that, dedication, time, and energy. The future of the Old Rock Church can be as great as its past. The foundation can become an institution of great community pride. For anyone interested in becoming involved with this project, please call Karl Seethaler at 752-3432.

## Library News

Preschool story time will be held Thursday, December 2 and Thursday, December 9.

The library will be closed Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25, and Friday and Saturday, December 31 and January 1.

A few CDs are still available for sale—Christmas presents!

Bridgerland Literacy needs children's books for Sub-4-Santa. The library will accept donations until December 10.

December is amnesty month. The library is offering a 50% reduction in library fines if paid in December.

*"Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."*

*Groucho Marx  
(1890 – 1977)*

## Water Shares Wanted

Providence City is interested in purchasing water shares from the Providence Blacksmith Fork Irrigation Company and the Spring Creek Irrigation Company. If you're interested in selling your shares, please contact Brenda Nelson at the City Office at 752-9441.

## Courtesy in Snow Removal

Providence City is asking for your cooperation in snow removal from driveways and sidewalks. It is unlawful to place snow or ice on the street or sidewalk. Place snow into landscaped areas or parkway strips.