



PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

THE GARDEN SPOT

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December Calendar

City Council Meetings 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8

Planning Commission Meetings 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9

Historic Preservation Commission 6:00 PM

No meeting in December

**Just a reminder: City Council and Planning Commission meetings are held at the City Office Building.
City Office Hours**

M–F 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

After-Hours Emergencies

For fire or law enforcement emergencies call 911;
animal control 435-753-7555
City related problems 752-9441 or 753-0313. Listen to the message for the on-call number. Please call the on-call number and a city employee will respond to your problem.

Message from the Mayor



Since this is the last newsletter that you will receive during this calendar year, on behalf of the city I want to wish all of you the very best for the holiday season. We are all very fortunate to live in the area that we do among some of the nicest caring people in the world, and as a city entity, we who serve this city appreciate the true blessings that evolve.

Planning held one meeting this month. They held a public hearing concerning the Commercial Neighborhood District which had been on the use chart for many years but lacked clarity and definition for actual function. At the conclusion of that public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended that the Council remove that classification from the use chart. There were too many unanswered questions and implications in reference to preserving residential zones which has been a priority of this Planning Commission as well as the Council. It will be scheduled at our next Council meeting with the recommendation to remove this classification. Perhaps future Planning Commissions can add further insight. In addition, Planning held a workshop on proposed general plan amendments and use chart uses, including the definitions for zoning districts. All of this will give us better direction in the future. Planning holds a special place in city direction in that they spend the time and thought for all facets of our city overall plan and bring before Council the knowledge necessary for Council to make sound legislative decisions.

Council actually met twice this month. The first meeting, though public, we anticipated a Human Resource Specialists to enlighten us on concerns by council members relative to our Personnel Policy, but the specialists cancelled their appearance. The Council then went into executive session for the remaining of the evening. The second meeting had a full agenda. Council, acting as the Board of Canvassers canvassed the votes of our Council election. The three candidates who won the election are: Roy Sneddon, Kirk Allen, and Dennis Giles. They will replace three present Council members and will be sworn in the first part of January. We then heard from Todd Anderson, a HR Consultant who discussed options for an organizational review. The city has used Todd in years past concerning human resource issues. The Council will decide at our first meeting in December if they will pursue hiring him, his fees, and his scope of work. We then had an overview from representatives of Utah State University on a research study they performed earlier in the year assessing community experiences with water resource issues and local capacities to adapt to changes in the water system in the future. This study concentrated on a southern portion of our city. Council then passed two resolutions accepting for further consideration (consideration only) a petition filed by Members First Credit Union for a 1.13 acre parcel of property located at approximately 65 North HWY 165 (next to the new car wash), and a petition filed by Cache County for a 0.77 acre parcel of land commonly known as 500 North, running east of 300 East. This is the street that parallels the LDS church on the upper road to River Heights. There had been some confusion between the county and Providence as to who actually owned most of the street. Council then passed one ordinance amending Providence City Code Title 10 Zoning Regulations, Chapter 8 Area Regulations and Parking Requirements, Section 3 Setbacks allowing a covered porch to extend into the front yard setback. This resulted from a recommendation from Planning. Council concluded with two discussion items; adopting the 2015 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan: Bear River Region; and discussion concerning the Justice Court. Both discussions will be continued at our next meeting.

Again, drive safely if you are traveling over the holidays, and our best to you and yours for the holiday season. Mayor Calderwood



Court is open every Monday from 4:00-6:00 pm (Excluding Holidays)

Reminder from the Justice Court

The minimum fine for speeding in a school zone is \$140. Please drive slowly and use caution in the school zones.



Check us out on Facebook! Like our page and get all the latest news about Providence City and our events!

GOT INTERNET?

To view the Providence City newsletter online, visit

www.providencecity.com



Holiday Lighting Contest:

Don't forget our annual holiday lighting contest. Judging will be completed by December 13th. Our sponsors this year are America First Credit Union, USU Credit Union and Zion's Bank.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Providence City is looking for a qualified individual to serve as the Public Works Director. This position involves both administrative and technical work in directing and supervising public works for Providence City. This is a full-time position that qualifies for Providence City benefits; and is considered an exempt position under FLSA.

Applications may be picked up at the City Office, 15 South Main, Providence, or go to our website: www.providencacity.com to download an application. Application materials should be submitted via email in PDF format no later than 12:00 pm

December 10, 2015.



Stormwater—Did You Know . . .

You can improve water quality by changing a few cleaning habits at home.

- ♦ A mixture of equal parts water and vinegar makes a good glass cleaner.
- ♦ Make a paste of baking soda and water to clean your oven, stove and sinks.
- ♦ Furniture polish can be made from one part lemon juice and two parts vegetable oil.

To report an illicit discharge please call the City Office, 435-752-9441 or email: providenceutahstormwater@gmail.com

Public Works News:

The Public Works Department would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season. With winter and colder temperatures approaching we also have a few reminders for you.

Please drive with caution when in the vicinity of a snowplow and remain at least 150 feet behind them. After your garbage and recycling cans have been emptied, please remove them as soon as possible to limit possible obstructions for the plows.

In an effort to keep our streets as safe as possible during the winter months, please remember that it is a violation of City ordinance to remove snow from your private property and place it in the street. This can create a hazard for you as citizens along with City employees as they are working in the plows to keep the streets clear of snow.

To prevent outside taps from freezing, you may need to leave a small amount of water running. We would also recommend that you locate your water meter and make sure that the lid is tightly secured. This will help with the possibility of freezing pipes.

Winter parking hours are in effect.

Business License Renewal:

Business licenses can now be renewed for 2016. Any business license fee paid before December 31 receives a 10% reduction in fees. Business license fees paid after January 31 shall receive a penalty of 50%. Home business licenses are normally \$25 and commercial business licenses are \$50.

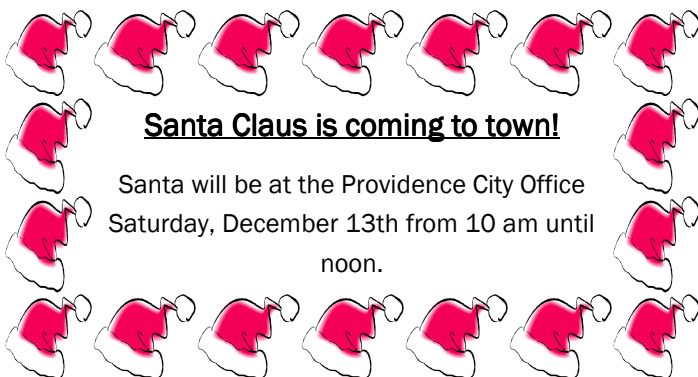
Dog License Renewal:

It is time to renew dog licenses. You can renew your dog license beginning December 1, 2015. Any dog license renewed after January 31, 2016 will be delinquent and will incur a late fee. **All dogs must have proof of current rabies vaccine in order to be licensed.** Current dog license fees are \$15 for a spayed/neutered dog and \$25 for a non-spayed/neutered dog.

WINTER PARKING HOURS:

Night Parking: It shall be unlawful for the driver or owner of any vehicle to park any vehicle or equipment on any street or right of way within eight feet (8') of the pavement in the City beginning 24 hours after the first measurable snowfall (enough to require City snow removal, which occurs after October 31) or December 1, whichever comes earlier, of each year and ending April 15 of the following year, between the hours of twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight and six o'clock (6:00) A.M. the next day, for a period of time longer than three (3) minutes when loading or unloading passengers. This subsection shall not apply to doctors on house calls, emergency vehicles, or vehicles used in the repair of utilities. The City will not be liable for any damage occurring to any vehicle or equipment parked on any street or right of way, during street and right of way maintenance.

Parking citations will be issued for violation of this ordinance. Overnight parking citation fee is \$25. The fee is dropped to \$20 if paid within the first five days. You must bring the citation to the city office with you if paying within the first five days.



Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa will be at the Providence City Office Saturday, December 13th from 10 am until noon.