

April 2022

Virgin Town Newsletter

New Town Logo VOTING

We need your vote! There are four town logos on display at the town office. Stop in and cast your vote during the month of **April!** The logos will also be on display during the Planning & Zoning and Town Council meetings.

TEMPORARY EVENT INFO

*** THE FROG HOLLOW BIKE RACE WILL BE HELD ON THE BLM & SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD.

*** VACATION RACES WILL BE HELD ON SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD, SR9, VIRGIN DESERT, & GOOSEBERRY.

*** CACTUS HUGGER WILL ALSO BE ON THE BLM & SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD.

Dates to Remember

April 2: Frog Hollow Bike Race

April 9: Vacation Races (Runners)

April 13: Planning and Zoning 6:00 pm

April 15: Easter Egg Glow in the Dark Hunt 8:00 pm

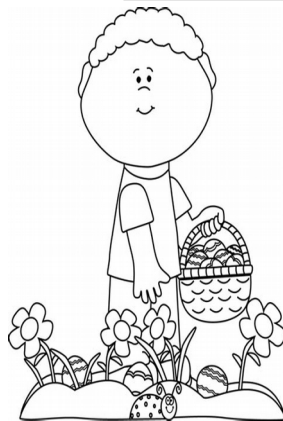
April 15-18: Spring Recess (no school)

April 17: Easter

April 20-23: Washington County Fair

April 27: Town Council 6:30 pm

April 30: Red Rock Cactus Hugger
(Bikes & Runners)



Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 15 8 pm
Pocketville Park

Burn Day

April 21

Bring yard debris ONLY to the town property along SR9.



Community Preparedness

**Get Rid of Ants! They Are
Coming Soon.**

We often spend too much time
Cleaning. Complaining. Crying about
ants in the house and/or kids play area
..... soooooo

"LETS DUMP THE ANTS"

Put small piles of cornmeal where you
see ants. They eat it, take it 'home,'
can't digest it so it kills them. It may
take a week or so, especially if it
rains, but it works and you don't have
the worry about **pets or small
children being harmed!**

Thanks! BOBKELLY@CPAZ.NET

Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are on Bruce Densley and his dedication to our town. He gave much, will be greatly be missed, and forever remembered.

'Till we meet again.

Town Meeting Info

– Planning & Zoning: April 13 6:00pm

Public hearings includes:

1. Re Zone from Rural Residential to Commercial of 34 West SR9.
2. Appearance of SR-9 and accesses. (west end of town to Pocketville Road)
3. Proposed Subdivision (preliminary plat): Quail Mesa Subdivision from Jeff Lee located V-2-1-26-4421 (South of Rio De Sion)

– Town Council: April 27 6:30pm

1. Fees for Heritage Town Square Rentals
2. Budget

Mayor's Message

The quality of Virgin's drinking water is important to every resident, business, and landowner in town. All of you should have received your copy of the water testing notification letter sent out in March. Given the number of questions that have been asked and the misinformation that I now know to be circulating, I am taking this opportunity to set the record straight.

On February 1, 2022, the town received a letter from the State of Utah's Division of Drinking Water. It indicated that Virgin had failed to submit any of the required weekly chlorine water samples since October 1, 2021. This letter advised us of the following: 1) that chlorine sampling needed to begin immediately; and 2) that the town is required to notify the public of said failure to test. A suggested format for the notification letter to town residents was enclosed.

If any residents would like to see the letter received from the State of Utah, Division of Drinking Water, a copy is available at the Town Hall for you to review at any time.

On another note, I also want to take this opportunity to let you know that our previous Mayor, Bruce Densley, died last week. There is no room to detail all the ways in which Bruce has helped me since becoming Mayor. I spoke on the phone and visited with him regularly for advice, and he was unstinting in his desire to assist. I do not know how to replace him. Bruce will leave a hole in my unofficial Board of Advisors, and in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

-Jean Krause-

Zoning Administrator News

As I was sitting with my wife at the funeral of Bruce Densley this week, I had some thoughts. I was contemplating my early childhood in Northern California. I was thinking about what made the community where I grew up so special. Of course we tend to see a softened version of reality when we consider childhood memories, but that aside, I have fond recollections of neighbors and friends in the area. The work season brought people together to help each other. I clearly remember my father and grandfather helping neighbors put up hay for the winter. I remember bringing in cattle off the mountain in the fall with neighbors riding beside us. It was the interest in the well being of others that made things memorable.

There is little difference in the basics of human nature between then and now. I can remember the raised voices in the living room of my grandparents house as the neighbors became animated in their political discussions. My grandfather served several terms as a county supervisor, (similar to our county commissioners), in Lassen County, California. Opinions then were as the are now; varied and strong. But there was one key difference. At the end of the day, everyone sat down and enjoyed a good meal and a drink and went home as friends.

Have we become too busy or are we just indifferent to one another now? Why are people so angry over such small and meaningless things? A difference in beliefs or opinions seems now to bring about anger and a lasting grudge.

I looked around the sparsely populated room at the funeral and wondered how a man like Bruce who had served the community for over 15 years had warranted so little respect. When it came to politics, I doubt there was a lot that I agreed with him on, but setting that aside, he had given of his time serving the community when others would not. He served 8 years as a Planning and Zoning Commissioner, 4 years as our Mayor, and over 4 years serving on the administrative board for the Hurricane Valley Fire District.

It seems that we have lost much of the soul of our community. The old post office used to be a gathering place for folks; now closed. The LDS chapel brought the community together for activities on a regular basis; now locked and empty. One of the last remaining buildings where folks have the opportunity to gather, the Heritage Town Square, opens its door more to conflict it seems, than to a community spirit. But is the small town "feeling" gone forever? I hope not. I think about the sewing group that my wife tries to attend regularly where some of the wonderful ladies come together to give of their time and efforts to worthy causes. The town events that take place there, and at the town park, though often sparsely attended, still bring people together now and then. I have hope that we check ourselves and put aside petty differences and take the hard step to attend these events with an open heart towards our common shared belief that we live in a beautiful place and have wonderful people around us. We have a lot to be grateful for if we will put aside the TV, video games, grudges, and other base and mean spirited things in our lives to take stock of what we do have. Just because the world seems hell-bent on destroying itself does not mean that we have to. For my part, I am going to try a little harder to be a better neighbor and friend to all, and if others commit to do the same, maybe.... just maybe we can bring back those things we have lost.

-Gene Garate-