

# JULY TOWN OF VIRGIN NEWSLETTER



## Mayor's Message

As I suggested in last month's newsletter, I plan is to prioritize my efforts to make Virgin's new government highly responsive by taking my cues from *what residents tell* me. I began this approach last month, when, after hearing from many of you about traffic problems on Pocketville Road, I announced a meeting for all concerned. Unfortunately, 3 days before that meeting I tested positive for Covid and had to re-schedule. My case was mild, and I have now tested negative, so a new meeting is scheduled for **July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. On that day I hope to see as many residents as possible who use Pocketville Road and hear your concerns, complaints, and ideas for action. A reminder card will be mailed out closer to the meeting date.

To help further my goals of total transparency and learned what your concerns are, a new "Project Map" will appear in the town hall in the coming days. This map will show some of locations where I am taking actions in response to your concerns. The Project Map will list the steps intended to complete each project, which will be checked off as they are completed so that you may see how much progress has been made. If you are interested in this map, feel free to drop by the town hall, peruse the map to your heart's content, and offer suggestions.

I am still working out the final details of the map with the printer, so it will not be up by the time y'all receive this newsletter. Give it a couple of weeks and then come check it out.

-Jean Krause

### Dates To Remember

July 4: Office Closed  
July 13: Planning & Zoning @ 6:00pm  
July 21-25 Office Closed  
July 20: Neighborhood Charrette (Pocketville Road)  
July 27: Town Council @ 6:30pm

**NO FIREWORKS  
ARE ALLOWED INSIDE TOWN LIMITS**

## Things to know

UDOT will be at the Planning and Zoning meeting on 07/13 @6:00pm To talk about the accident and safety issues. Any questions or comments should be submitted to the Town Clerk by **July 6<sup>th</sup>** Only clarifying questions will be allowed at the meeting after the presentation. (2 minutes per speaker)

Due to the drought, hot weather, and fire restrictions the town will not be doing anymore burn days until further notice.

Please take all your yard debris to the dump.

Washington County Solid Waste is hiring for Two part time workers to work at the Virgin Dump, Starting is \$21.00 HR. (19Hrs a week)

Please remind your children to not vandalize our town park. We have been doing several upgrades. NO scooters, Bikes or roller-skates / blades on the pickleball/basketball courts.



Join the towns e-mail list  
Send an email with your name & subdivision you live in to:  
[Clerk@Virgin.utah.gov](mailto:Clerk@Virgin.utah.gov)

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## Community Preparedness Family Emergency Plan Checklist

Attention every reader- the following piece is from this fabulous, wonderful website and it's free! [readynutrition.com](http://readynutrition.com)

Making the decision to prepare for an emergency begins with a level of awareness. A prepper knows that there are possible threats, and it only makes sense to be as prepared as possible beginning with elemental disaster items to sustain basic needs (food, water, clothing, and shelter) and then adding more preparedness layers onto it. Basic disaster items are intended to sustain a person and their family for 3-5 days. One of the common reasons why people do not prepare is because of the overwhelming nature of it all. Having a guide to help will assist in determining what steps need to be taken by you and your family members when an emergency arises.

### Family – Make a Plan

- ☐ Designate an out-of-town contact.
- ☐ Designate a local contact.
- ☐ Create a family and/or neighborhood emergency calling list. Each person calls the next person on the list to minimize time on the phone.
- ☐ Set up a neighborhood meeting place.
- ☐ Set up an out-of-town meeting place.
- ☐ Create an information list of names and information on each member (contact information such as phone numbers and addresses).
- ☐ Create emergency wallet cards with emergency information.
- ☐ Print out the plan to put in G.O.O.D Manual and email to family members

☐ Include important papers (birth certificates, marriage license, insurance information, house deeds, life insurance, car insurance) and vital medical information (allergies, blood types, medical prescriptions needed) on family members and pets, including doctors phone numbers and veterinary phone numbers and addresses.  
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## Zoning Administrator News

This last week I had a conversation regarding the process of development and the steps that are followed each time someone comes to the town with a plan. I thought I might give an overview of the process for everyone's edification. The process usually begins with a phone call, or sometimes an in-person meeting with the potential homeowner, or business owner. This individual usually wants to know what the standards are for their home or business. We generally begin by looking at the zone. I refer them to the ordinances online, and we read through the pertinent information together. For homeowners, we generally discuss height standards, lighting standards, and any outliers such as a pool, or solar. For a business, we look to see if the desired business is permitted, conditional, or prohibited within the zone, and any additional regulations that they will need to adhere

to. Once this conversation is complete, the owner then makes the determination as to whether they want to continue the process in Virgin or not. At a glance, I would say that approximately 60 to 65% of potential homeowners continue the process. Business owners are far less with approximately 5 to 10% continuing on to the next step. The ordinances set the standard and the potential builder must step up to them. Once this conversation is complete, if the developer wishes to continue, they begin the compilation phase of their project. If it is a home, or a permitted project, they work directly with the staff to move forward. If the project is conditional, outside the scope of staff, or there are land use questions that have not been addressed within the body of ordinances, they are referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission. For staff projects, the homeowner must compile all documents required by the ordinances and the Building Inspector

The Business projects, depending on location, must compile these documents as well, but also may have to interface with county, state and federal agencies to gain approval and direction. FEMA, Corp of Army Engineers, DOT, State water, State Wastewater, BLM, WCWCD, etc. The staff compiles and reviews all of this information and then passes it to the building inspector for final approval. If anything is missing or needs further information or clarification, the process can go on seemingly for an eternity. An example of this is Autocamp on the east end of town. The process has taken years to get to the point of being able to obtain a building permit. Our job as staff, is simply to follow the ordinances as recommended and adopted by the commission and council, and to apply them fairly and equitably in every situation. Nothing more, nothing less.

-Gene Garate