



TOWN of VIRGIN

Gateway to Kolob

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Virgin Town Newsletter

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

For the times, they are a-changin' --Bob Dylan

In case you are wondering what your new mayor has been up to, I thought I'd speak generally about our issues this month. Below is a list of challenges, each one of which I have been learning about, researching, and where possible, taking first steps to address. It looks daunting, but I am plugging along, excited at progress, and very hopeful about Virgin's future. Here is a list of some of the biggies:

- Insufficient worker and affordable housing,
- serious drought conditions,
- limited water supply,
- increasing fire danger,
- unhealthy levels of dust in our air,
- increased traffic and noise on our roads,
- light pollution dimming our dark skies and disturbing our sleep,
- flash floods that test our drainage systems,
- illegal camping in and around town,
- ongoing activities and uses that violate our ordinances,
- aging infrastructure in need of upgrades,
- insufficient infrastructure required to serve long-approved development,

And I know there are more issues than just these. Feel free to let me know what issues I've left off the list.

The town council has a sworn duty to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and all the issues listed above involve just that. Now that the budget is out of the way, it is time for the town council to get busy and address these topics. I would love to hear from you on any and all topics but am ready to start with one that should not be too difficult. So, the first topic up for discussion is Pocketville Road and its associated problems.

A town hall has been scheduled for June 15 at 7 pm at the old church/Heritage Town Square to discuss Pocketville Road. All residents who live along and off Pocketville Road will be notified and invited to attend. Any other town residents who have an interest in this topic are welcome to attend also.

Large maps of Pocketville Road and its tributaries will be available, along with markers for residents from that neighborhood to mark up their ideal solutions to Pocketville Road, as well as their second and third choices. Members of the town council and planning commission who are available to attend will be there to listen to residents' concerns and proposed solutions for this road. My plan is to make a change from past inaction to actually taking action on the problems facing town residents. This approach is a change from the past decade of refusal to listen and give serious consideration to the concerns of town residents.

It is my hope that this will be the first of many more such engagements with town residents to address concerns in their specific neighborhoods, the town, and the larger canyon community. If you have a concern that you would like to be addressed in a town hall format, please let me know and we will see what can be arranged.

Jean Krause mayor@virgin.utah.gov

Dates to Remember

June 8: Planning and Zoning 6:00 pm

June 17: Father's Day

June 22: Town Council 6:30 pm



Congratulations to the 2022 Graduates. Many of our residents graduated from high school and college this year.

Dear Virgin Canal Company Shareholders,

The State has not called-in Virgin Canal's water as of the end of May. Stay on your 'spring' schedule watering twice a week until Saturday June 18, 2022. Please change to the 'call-in' schedule starting Sunday June 19, 2022.

Watch for updates in the Town newsletter.

We are also asking that no one opens or closes the large water valves along the roads. The VCC is trying to push the water to the correct location for the day of the week and the time. Only if you have permission from the VCC or there is a major water leak that creates a need to immediately turn the water off, please do not open or close the large valves.

We are in the water drought together and everyone is affected. Please help your neighbors out and reduce your water usage. Thank you!

Kevin Stout, President VCC

Community Preparedness

foodstoragemoms.com/why-is-emergency-preparedness-important/

- Just a few reasons to get prepared now, before an emergency happens: 1) The Weather is Unpredictable 2) Emergency Resources Will Be Scarce After a Disaster 3) There Won't Be Water 4) The Effects Can Last Longer than a Few Days 5) You May Be Without Power 6) People will Be in a Panic when a DISASTER Hits. Read the entire article at the website listed above. Thanks!

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P&Z Public Hearing Info

Chapter 32 Residential Height Regulations
(proposed from 25 feet to 30 feet)

Zoning Administrator News

One of the least enjoyable parts of working in the town, is that we see a lot of negative comment and opinion. It seems more and more prevalent that people are angry. Angry with the world, angry with the town, angry with their neighbors, and in truth, just angry with themselves. It seems that we can live in one of the most beautiful places in the world with some of the most wonderful neighbors, and still not be happy with our situation. I thought this month I would just share a poem by *Rudyard Kipling* that pretty much sums it up.

Neighbours

The man that is open of heart to his neighbour,
And stops to consider his likes and dislikes,
His blood shall be wholesome whatever his labour,
His luck shall be with him whatever he strikes.
The Splendour of Morning shall duly possess him,
That he may not be sad at the falling of eve.
And, when he has done with mere living, God bless him!
A many shall sigh, and one Woman shall grieve!
But he that is costive of soul toward his fellow,
Through the ways, and the works, and the woes of this life,
His food shall not fatten, his drink shall not mellow;
And his innards shall brew him perpetual strife.
His eye shall be blind to God's Glory above him;
His ear shall be deaf to Earth's Laughter around;
His Friends and his Club and his Dog shall not love him;
And his Widow shall skip when he goes underground!

-Gene Garate-

4th of July Celebration

Virgin Town's Celebration will be held on **JULY 2nd** this year. The celebration will begin in the evening with dinner, a silent auction, bounce houses, and dancing to a band. All events will be free and will be held at the town park. Please contact the Town Office if you have questions.



**NO FIREWORKS are allowed
inside Virgin Town limits.
No exceptions. Violators
will be prosecuted.
NO FIREWORKS ARE ALLOWED!**

Girls Camp Fundraiser-Car Wash



When: Saturday, June 11th,
10am-2pm

Where: Virgin River Ward Parking
Lot 1584 Zion Park
Boulevard, Springdale, UT

More information: The Young Women will be washing cars or anything with wheels that rolls over between 10 am and 2 PM. All proceeds will go to the Girls Camp experience.

Cost: \$10 for a car, \$20 for a truck/SUV/van

Pay in person with cash or check, or via Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, ApplePay or Square -
@Kay-Roth-4

If your car does not need a bath on 06/11 - any donations are greatly appreciated



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Ballot Drop Boxes

The state legislature enacted a new law this year that requires every municipality in Utah to have a ballot drop box for elections.

This month is the Republican primary for the upcoming fall elections for county commissioners, state representatives, congressional representatives, state senators, and US senators. The date of the primary is June 28, but ballots go in the mail June 7 & 8.

Because of the law requiring every municipality to have a ballot drop box, Washington County will deliver a ballot drop box to the town hall on June 7. Any voter in Virgin can drop off their ballot in the drop box at the town hall or return it through the mail. Part way through the election the county will send an official to pick up the drop box and replace it with a new one. After the polls close on June 28, our town clerk/recorder will take that drop box down to the county building and turn it in.

The same setup will then take place during the November general election.

In the meantime, the town administration will investigate acquisition of a more formal ballot drop box for future town elections now that a municipal ballot drop box is required by law.