



Virgin Town Newsletter

March 2022

New Town Logo Contest

The town logo is ready for an upgrade. Help us come up with one by entering the contest. The only rule is the new logo must include the Old Church. Please submit a color copy and a black and white copy to
Clerk@virginutah.org
Submissions are due by **March 15, 2022**. They can be emailed or brought into the office.

Dates to Remember

March 5: Zion Half Marathon
March 9: Planning and Zoning Meeting 6:00 pm
March 13: Daylight Saving Time begins
March 15: Logo contest entries due
March 23: Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
March 24: Town burn day
April 2: Frog Hollow Bike Race
April 15: Night Glow Easter Egg Hunt

Zoning Administrator News

With the advent of our new mayor and town council members, we continue to find our stride, but it feels like we're on a good path to becoming a strong team.

Growth continues at a steady rate, both in residential and commercial projects. Auto camp, and Ferber's KOA are in final review stage with the building inspector. The gas station is still working through their engineering reviews. Wildflower and the Munn project continue progress as well.

We continue to get inquiries as to attainable housing, as the commercial has created a need for employee housing.

For further information on any of these projects, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. 435-339-7002. Thanks again for all the positive support.

Gene Garate



BURN DAY

The town's burn day will be March 24th. Please bring any yard debris to the town's SR-9 property before that date.

Town Meeting Dates

Planning & Zoning: March 9 6:00pm
Town Council: March 23 6:30pm

TEMPORARY EVENTS

****THE ZION HALF MARATHON WILL BE IN TOWN ON MARCH 5th. THE RACE WILL BEGIN IN VIRGIN AND END IN SPRINGDALE.**

****THE FROG HOLLOW BIKE RACE WILL BE USING SHEEP BRIDGE ROAD ON APRIL 2nd.**

Mayor's Message

I am ready to get to work on some pressing needs of our town. One of the most critical is an update to our general plan. This document is required by law to be formally adopted and frequently revisited. The general plan of each Utah town or city has certain minimum required elements and is intended to guide the municipality's future development and declare its unique priorities.

We are quickly approaching a population threshold that changes the status of Virgin. When our resident's number 1,000, we will officially become a city. This will not only change the words used to describe our community but will also make us subject to certain state codes that mere towns do not have to follow. For instance, there will be new elements required in our general plan, and if we are not ready with legally adopted plans when we hit the golden number, we could be forced to approve projects that are not in the town's (or city's) best interests. To keep this brief, I will talk about a single example.

One of those newly required elements is all about an issue that has been front and center lately: affordable housing. I have heard from many of you, already concerned that our youth, our service people, our employees, or even ourselves are unable to live in an average home for a reasonable price. To add to that concern, any failure of our plans to address this problem by the time we become a city could force us to allow whatever lower cost housing a developer wants to build. If we do not make plan to encourage the construction of workforce and moderately priced housing now, we could see large apartment complexes, tall buildings, and high-density projects here, regardless of the intent of our officials and townspeople.

I am committed to avoiding the situation described above, as I think most of us are. Updating our plan is a process which will require a great deal of legwork by our staff and officials, but more importantly, will only do its job of expressing the desires of townspeople if we hear from as many of you as possible. You will all be invited to comment throughout the process and help craft plans for the years ahead. I look forward to hearing your ideas, at meetings, in person, or via email.

Jean Krause

Community Preparedness

"PREPARE PREPARE PREPARE" A great many of us are very tired of being told to prepare for the emergency ahead of us, and many of us did just that, and our efforts fell flat, and the emergency just went somewhere else. And we sorta felt like we had wasted our money and time. So we just quit listening to the folks preaching about preparedness.

They were wrong and so were we. They didn't tell us "HOW - WHEN - WHERE" - and we didn't ask "HOW - WHEN - OR WHERE" ...Today at Walmart ... last months "sugar free cookies cost \$2.82, and today the same sugar free cookies cost \$3.14 .. an increase of of just 32 cents, or expressed as a %, 11 %, in just a single month.

So I bought 10 instead of 2. THAT'S REALISTIC PREPPING. And I started with a simple short list of things to buy. "SHORT AND SIMPLE" is a proven success planning tool ...Let me help you get started on your prepper restart with my favorite proven "short and simple" free website

...<https://www.prepperwebsite.com> ...

It's updated daily and filled with internet links to hints and tricks and money saving topics with short and simple "how to do it" help for you. Here are a few examples to get you re-started on success and a practical frugal modern day smart prepper process.

#1 How People Stayed Healthy During the Great Depression – February 23, 2022

<https://theworldofsurvival.com/survival-news/how-people-stayed-healthy-during-the-great-depression/>

#2 Dangerous Canning practices

<https://prepschooldaily.blogspot.com/2022/02/dangerous-canning-practices.html>

#3 How To Identify Which Plastic Containers Are Safe For Food Storage - February 11, 2022

<https://www.americanpreppersonline.com/food-grade-plastics/>

And finally a request from me to you - please respond and tell me what prepper topics you are interested in. I AM ... BOBKELLY@CPAZ.NET