



**TOWN of VIRGIN**

**Gateway to Kolob**

**Established 1857**

**MAY 2022**

# Virgin Town Newsletter

## VIRGIN DARK SKY

Preserving the dark sky is important to our community so much so that Night Sky Preservation is a specific goal listed in our General Plan. Dark sky is also important to our state. Governor Spencer Cox has declared April as Utah's Dark Sky Month. The Governor's proclamation declares:

"Did you know that more than 80% of people in North America can't see the Milky Way at night from their home[?] Utah is home to some of the darkest skies on earth and currently leads the world in dark sky preservation with 23 accredited International Dark Sky places including 4 of our Mighty 5 national parks, 10 state parks and two towns [Helper & Torrey]. Visitors to Utah engaging in astrotourism stay longer, spend more, and mitigate harmful impacts on the local community. Astrotourism is anticipated to generate nearly \$6 billion and support more than 113,000 new jobs in the American Southwest over the next decade.

Star-gazing, astronomy programs, star parties, dark sky photography and many other activities allow Utah residents and visitors to enjoy the physical and emotional benefits of the night sky. The implementation of dark sky practices in land use, construction, utilities, and other aspects of community life actively promotes local governance, reduces energy-costs, and preserves Utah's Western lifestyle. Dark skies are integral to the well-being of many animal and plant species, and they have positive health impacts on humans.

We want to recognize these facts, as well as the partnership of federal, state, and local agencies and Utah's recreation, tourism, and education sectors, which make night sky opportunities in our state available for all to enjoy."

## Dates to Remember

May 8: Mother's Day

May 11: Planning and Zoning 6:00 pm

May 25: Town Council 6:30 pm

May 26: Last Day of School

## Town Office Closed

May 16-21: The building is being treated for termites.

May 30: Memorial Day

*Happy  
Birthday!*

Mayor  
Jean  
Krause

May 7th



We will all miss Georgia Thompson, Council Member LeRoy's beloved wife, who passed away last month. She quietly went about our community serving others and blessing people in countless ways. Her smiles and love brightened every room and gladdened every heart.



## **P&Z Public Hearing Info**

1. Continued Public Hearing from April 13 on Proposed Subdivision (Quail Mesa located South of Rio De Sion)
2. Public Hearing for Proposed Subdivision (Zions Edge located East of Rio De Sion)
3. Chapter 16.22 Attached Casita Ordinance
4. Chapter 40.14 Lot Size Exemption for Commercial
5. Chapter 32 Residential Height Regulations

H A P P Y

*Mother's Day*



## *Community Preparedness*

### **7 Reasons Why You Should Store Bulk Salt**

- 1- You use it and need it. Salt is used every day for cooking and seasoning.
- 2-If you have animals or livestock, they need salt, too.
- 3-It may be hard to obtain in a SHTF situation. It isn't something you can grow or make.
- 4-You don't have to worry about it going bad if you store it well, and it can be stored pretty much anywhere in an airtight container.
- 5-You can save money buying salt in bulk, especially on sale.
- 6-Salt is used for food preservation, including curing meats, pickling and canning.
- 7-It can be used for trading or as a barter item.

**More information at <https://www.prepperwebsite.com/>**

Thanks! BOBKELLY@CPAZ..NET

### **Zoning Administrator News**

With spring here and things warming up, the projects here in Virgin have also come out of hibernation and work on the various projects has begun. Here are a few of the things going on:

The Munn Project continues to work on the Kiva's in the Northeast side of the project. They are the barrel shaped buildings that can be seen just above the wall at the end of the drive into the project. The owners have purchased several rare white buffalo to join with the existing calves in the corrals below. The Lakota and other tribes of Native Americans hold the white buffalo as sacred and there will be an upcoming ceremony coupling the Munn project and the tribes. The rest of the project continues apace with discussions in progress for restaurants, C-store and gas station, and hotel possibilities. Locals are invited to visit the project and see the layout and inside of the various units.

The Wildflower project is finishing it's second and final phase with the glamping tent pads being placed on the southern most part of the property. There will likely be a grand opening planned shortly thereafter. Locals are invited to reach out for a tour of the project and to have any questions answered.

The KOA adjacent to the Marriot has broken ground and the flood wall is in construction. The project is in its early stages, but ground is being moved.

The Autocamp project across from Dalton wash is in full swing. The ground has been raised as per the FEMA requirements, and the footings and foundations have been poured for their clubhouse.

The Labree project Gas Station, located between 1420 West and Sheep Bridge Rd. has broken ground in a nice ceremony, and should start work within a couple of weeks.



Mayor Jean Krause and Owner Steve Labree ceremonially breaking ground

A new subdivision plat has started the review process with the Planning and Zoning Commission directly south of the Rio de Sion subdivision.

An additional subdivision plat has been placed on the Planning and Zoning Commission agenda for the month of May. The proposed location is directly east of the Rio de Sion subdivision.

These are all the current commercial projects, and as always, there continues to be a revolving door of people with ideas and dreams.

-Gene Garate-