



Virgin Town

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Newsletter

Community Preparedness

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When people jokingly refer to Whole Foods as "Whole Paycheck" to indicate the price points, I wonder if they conclude that all organic products and foods have to be expensive.. It is indeed more expensive to raise meat on a small homestead than to buy a rotisserie chicken at Costco. But so many pricey organic foods and value – add products are quickly and cheaply made at home. A frugal person can save thousands of dollars per year by combining ingredients for tasty or useful products. Put that cash to other purposes less easily accomplished. In addition, making products from scratch reduces trash and storage.

HYGIENE/BEAUTY/CLEANING:

FACIALS and HAIR TREATMENTS: Pay \$100 vs. < \$1. Honey and Beeswax I love feeling really clean, and have paid \$90 – 110 for facials in the US (and \$15 in India). But you know the ingredients and labor are highly marked up. Now, I give myself two facial/hair treatments a week, right before bathing: one with 2 tbs of bentonite clay (bought on-line) mixed into a slurry with water for a detoxifying face and hair mask, and another with 2 tbs of honey, diluted, as a moisturizer for face and hair. A pound of the clay has lasted me about 2 years (about \$12) How is that for a substantial savings?

You have questions ?? bobkelly@cpaz.net has answers

Virgin Town Fall Fest

October 1st 3-7:30

****Western Shootout Show****

Games, vendors & food!

Vendors wanted

We are looking for anyone who would like to be a vendor or enter the chili, pie, or salsa contest.

*Please contact the clerk for more information/to sign up.

Bingo Night

September 9

Heritage Town Square

7-9:30pm

This event is free and for 18 and older only.

Dates to Remember

Sept 5: Office Closed for Labor Day

Sept 9: BINGO night 7:00 pm

Sept 14: Planning and Zoning 6:00

Sept 25: Town Council 6:30 pm

Sept 20-23 Office Closed

(Krystal at training)

Oct 1: Virgin Town Fall Fest

3:00 to 7:30 pm

Mayor's Office Hours

Mayor Krause will soon be available at the office during a normal business day.

Watch for the specific dates and times.

The Town has an App so you can keep an eye on your water and know when you have a leak. The app is called EYEONWATER. (It has a picture of a rain drop). Download the app to any smart phone or tablet. Input your account number (without the .) Your information will come up and you will then create you an account. *If you need help with this please come into the office and talk to the clerk* This is a great way to monitor your water and to make sure you do have a leak!

Zoning Administrator News

Have you ever heard the term, “The ends justify the means”? Merriam-Websters defines it as follows; “(This phrase is) used to say that a desired result is so good or important that any method, even a morally bad one, may be used to achieve it.”

We as commissioners and elected officials see this on a regular basis. I am often asked, “Why don’t you just tell that individual or business they can’t build there?” The answer is clear. Our ordinances are our structure and as good stewards in our positions, we are to uphold the ordinances as written. When we run into a problem, however, it is our duty and obligation to adjust our ordinances to rectify things for the future. We strive to foresee problems and preemptively adjust our ordinances but the balance between freedom and tyranny is often a razors edge. In our required trainings from the State, we are instructed to always err on the side of personal property rights, but again, things are not always black and white.

When we start looking for loopholes, or “chinks in the armor”, on housing or projects that we don’t personally like, using the brute force of public clamor or employing half-truths and innuendo, it becomes apparent that we are attempting to justify the means to an end.

It seems to me that there is generally always common ground, but as the old saying goes that you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. When we talk about bringing the town together, I wonder if the chasm couldn’t be bridged with up-front, individual, private dialogue when issues arise instead of public meetings where everyone comes loaded for bear. -Gene Garate-

We have been deep cleaning the upstairs rooms in the town office. It really needed to be done! We have been carefully following Utah’s retention schedule, after all, municipalities can’t keep all records forever. The shred truck has been scheduled and will be coming to the office to shred the documents. The upstairs rooms are getting a face lift and look so nice!

MAYOR’S MESSAGE

I realize that, even though the job as mayor has filled a great deal of my time since January, my activities are really only visible to folks during public meetings and town events. I would like to tell you about some of the projects I have been working on.

This past spring, I researched candidates and selected a company called CivicPlus to host Virgin’s new website. CivicPlus is a reputable company used by many municipalities. The company has built the foundations of the site, and in July, produced a test version, to which I have been adding content whenever I have had the time. My intention is to include as many commonly requested pieces of information, forms, links, and records as possible, which has taken many hours and will take many more. I hope you will find the site useful, and that you’ll forgive me if it is not quite finished when it goes live on September 15. It is a work in progress.

The new web address is www.virgin.utah.gov.

The town hall is being renovated with some repair work on the walls and a new paint job inside. We started upstairs and are working our way down. An office on the second floor is coming together and looks great so far. Once it is completely painted and set up (target date: September 15), I plan to be there Monday through Thursday from 11:00 to 2:00 pm, whenever I am not off attending meetings. But, boy, do I have a lot of meetings to attend! So please make an appointment with the clerk if you’d like to sit down with me at a specific time. I also plan to have an “open house” twice a month during the above hours, on the first and third Thursdays of each month. This second-floor office is available for town council and planning commission members to use as needed.

I will continue to meet with neighborhood groups to listen and brainstorm. So far I have met with residents affected by Pocketville Road and will have a second meeting with them soon. I plan to schedule similar events for Desert Gardens, the downtown area, the 700 West neighborhood, and my own stomping grounds at Rio de Sion. If you would like to have a gathering in an area not on this list, please let me know; I want to hear from you.

-Jean Krause