Virgin Town, Utah

Newsletter June 2021

**Town Information**
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Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Town Clerk: Monica Bowcutt
Deputy Town Clerk: Krystal Percival
Public Works Supervisor: Chris Holm
Zoning Administrator: Gene Garate
Cemetery Sexton/Town Historian: Carolyn Matsler
Community Preparedness Information Specialist: Bob Kelly
Town Council:
Matthew Spendlove, Mayor
Gene Garate, Jay Lee, Kevin Stout, and LeRoy Thompson
Planning & Zoning Commission:
Mistie Baird, Chair
Sean Amodt, Cameron Spendlove, Karen Spendlove, and Dean Woods

**Dates to Remember**
June 12: Planning & Zoning Meeting 6:00 pm
June 19: Town Council Meeting 6:30 pm
June 18: Monica’s Retirement Party

**Election 2021**
Would you like to run for Mayor or a Council Seat? Declaration of candidacy for two Town Council Seats and the Mayoral Seat will be open June 1 - June 7. Applications must be filed in person at the Virgin Town Office during regular business hours.

**Retirement Party**
May 18
6:00 to 9:00 pm
Heritage Town Square
Come to thank Monica for her years of dedicated service to our community. Come to celebrate this new chapter in her life. Come to visit with your friends and neighbors, just how Monica likes it. See you there!

**Please join us in celebrating Monica Bowcutt’s years of service and RETIREMENT!!**
Date: June 18th, 2021
Location: Heritage Town Square
114 Mill St, Virgin, UT 84779
Open House 6-9 pm

**Dumpster Days**
June 25 & October 22

**June Office Hours**
The office will go back to regular business hours for the month of June. The office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm.
Mayor's Moment

It has been a long time coming but recently a lawsuit from a referendum against the town was finally settled with the judge ruling in favor of the town. This lawsuit has cost the town close to $35,000, not to mention all the time the town council and staff have worked on it. Your taxes pay for these attorney fees. I would rather we spend that money on infrastructure, wouldn’t you? And now another referendum has been filed against the town. This makes at least nine filed against the town since I’ve been mayor. I don’t know of any other mayor in the state of Utah that has taken this much abuse. We, as your town council, have tried to be fair in requests from citizens to zone or rezone their property so they can pursue their dreams. I would ask for your support in this effort. Please do not sign any more referendums.

Thanks! Mayor Matt

Community Preparedness

Centuries-Old Herbal Cough Syrup
Soothe & Boost the Immune System


--Throughout the centuries, herbalists have employed thyme-based herbal remedies for chest & respiratory disorders, coughs, colds, and bronchitis.

--Thyme, while small in stature has a great many medicinal purposes. Thymol is derived from thyme and is a powerful antimicrobial that helps with bronchial and respiratory infections. More notably, thyme has been used as for its anti-septic, anti-viral, antibacterial, astringent, expectorant, spasmylocic, anti-fungal, and anti-helminthic properties. Due to the antibacterial, anti-fungal and spasmylocic properties of this herb, it fights agents that cause bronchitis and helps to quell a spasmodic cough. It is also a first-rate expectorant, aiding the body to eliminate accumulated mucus.

--Lemon is high in vitamin C and reduced inflammation and swelling, and reduce mucus production. As well, lemons have antioxidant properties which are vital to a strong immune system. Lemons also neutralize the activity of free radicals in the body.

--Honey is highly effective as a cough-suppressant and as a demulcent or something that coats the throat and the linings of the trachea and mouth to soothe the surfaces.

4 cups water
4 ounces thyme leaf and flower
1 cup raw, organic honey
few lemon or orange slices

Bring 4 cups of water to boil in a small saucepan.
Add the thyme, cover and turn heat to low. steep for 25 minutes.
Remove from heat and allow tea to cool.
Strain the mixture and whisk in the honey & citrus juice until dissolved. Store in a glass jar.

The cough syrup with keep refrigerated for 4 months.
To use, take 1-2 teaspoons, as needed.

Proper Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance Contact me for more preparedness information - ALWAYS 100% FREE ... “bobkelly@cpaz.net

Virgin Town Local Market

Vendors needed! To those that may be interested in selling goods (crafts, art, produce, etc.): Please contact Staci (435-632-9697) or Becky (435-632-8302). July 17th at the Virgin Town park is the tentative date. $20 for half day 8 to 12 or $40 for all day! Please spread the word!
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Water Meters
About half of the water meters in town are done being replaced. A few meters each day will continued to be worked on. Each replacement will take about 10 minutes to complete. The water will be shut off for that length of time.

BMX Calendar
Practice on Wednesdays:
May 20-August 11 7:15 pm-8:00 pm
August 12-October 27 6:30 pm-7:15 pm
Practice on Fridays:
August 20 6:30-7:15 pm
Practice on Saturdays:
October 23 9:00 am-9:45 am

Instagram: virginutahbmx
Facebook: virgin, Utah BMX
Website: virginbmx.com

Big dates this month beginning on June 5: state qualifier race—all riders in the state must race at least 3 state qualifiers to be eligible to race in the state final in September. June 11 - Earned Double each racer will earn double the usual points. June 12- Gold Cup qualifier—racers will come to the track from Utah- Nevada- Arizona and California to qualify to race in the Gold Cup finals held in California.

Town Meetings
Town Council and P&Z will now use the town’s YouTube channel. Please like and subscribe for the notifications. Written comments should be submitted to the town email address by the Monday before the meeting. Comments may also be submitted just prior to the meeting, but multiple copies must be ready for the board and staff.

Zoning Administrator News
Every month or so I have the opportunity to meet with a group of friends that graduated with me. Several of them hold public office or serve their communities in other ways. As you can imagine the discussions are often political in nature and quite interesting. It provides perspective to hear the happenings in our sister communities as they deal with the wide variety of concerns that we are all facing. Water futures, land prices, tourism, growth patterns and concerns, and overall visions of the future of the county and state are among the topics.

In our most recent dinner, an up and comer in the Republican caucus, Joe Elison, introduced his work on helping local governments to become financially solvent. There is valid concern about the dependence that many communities, counties and states have with the federal government handouts. While “free” money looks good, there is always a price to pay down the road. I have heard again and again about how there is money available to us as a town for various projects in the form of federal loans and grants. Sometimes help is needed, but keeping the use of outside funds to a minimum is not only the responsible thing to do, but keeps our town free from the attached strings of outside control. I am very proud of the work that the current commission and council have done in bringing the businesses to our town that have brought us out of the red and into the black, while minimizing use of government handouts. The fact that we have a surplus available for infrastructure and other needs coming out of a worldwide pandemic speaks volumes to the work being done.

While growth in our communities is inevitable, and the decisions to be made are not easy, as we work through the problems and cut through the public noise to hear valid solutions, real progress is possible. As always, your appointed and elected officials are only a phone call away and are anxious to discuss with you any questions and concerns you may have.

Gene
Zion Tubing

Owner(s): Adam Freeman
Manager: Austin Forrest and Hannah Barry
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Phone number: (435) 272-8229
Website: www.tubingzion.com
Email address: info@tubingzion.com

Hours: Monday - Sunday, 9am to 5pm (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
What we offer: A scenic river float down the Virgin River that includes transportation to and from the river, as well as deluxe river tubes.

How long open in town: We opened in July 2014. This is Zion Tubing's third season!

I was born in Salt Lake and raised in the small town of Marion, Virginia. The past 4.5 years I lived in Asheville, North Carolina, and frequently visited my family in Hurricane. My parents moved back to Utah about 6-7 years ago, and that's when I started spending more time in the area. I spent some time with them getting to explore the canyons and surrounding areas. Water has always been a major part of my life so I was reading maps and spending time down at the river. I had always wanted to run a river tubing operation, and the Virgin worked well for what I envisioned.

I love whitewater kayaking, and just being in and around water. I spent my childhood as a boy fishing in the creeks behind my house, and swimming in lakes and rivers. I have learned a lot from rivers, and have tremendous respect for their significance as an ecosystem. I have Zion Tubing staff and volunteers float multiple times a week to pick up any trash that has found its way into the river.