



PAYSON CITY NEWSLETTER



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**In Observance of Presidents Day,
Payson City Offices will be closed Monday, February 19th.**

If your garbage pick up day falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday your garbage pickup will be delayed by one day. Thursday and Friday pickup will remain the same.

Payson Fire & Rescue is seeking volunteers to help with local Ham Radio operations for our Payson Net. Please call our office at 801-465-5252, or email haleyd@payson.org for more details and to sign up.



Snow Removal Guide

Payson City Street Department strives to maintain adequate snow removal for driving conditions. The following information will help residents better understand what to expect during the winter months for snow removal. The City has established the following priorities for snow removal based on street classification and usage:

Priority 1: All Main Arterial and Collector Streets

Priority 2: Arterial and Collector Roads Leading to or from School Zones.

Priority 3: Secondary and Residential Streets.

Priority 4: Cul-de-sacs, Roads with No Outlets.

State Roads within Payson City Limits Maintained by UDOT

- SR 198 (100 N & 100 W to City Boundary)
- 800 S from SR 198 to I-15
- Main Street from 100 N to I-15



Winter Parking Ordinance is still in effect until March 1, 2024

It is unlawful for the owner or driver of any vehicle to park, cause to be parked, or allowed to be parked, said vehicle upon any city street or right-of-way of a city street between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

December 1st - March 1st of the following year. "Vehicle" shall be defined to include, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, trailers, mobile homes, travel trailers, boats, motorcycles, buses, snowmobiles, and other transportation vehicles, whether for the transportation for humans, animals, or freight of any kind.

Please join us for an Open House

**Payson Downtown Gateway Plan
Main Street between 100 North to I-15**

We want to hear from you!

What should the future of Main Street look like?
Please come share your thoughts and ideas.

Thursday, February 22nd
5:30 - 7:00pm

Payson City Municipal Building
439 W Utah Ave, Payson, UT 84651

Light refreshments will be served

Home to Adventure



Payson City is now accepting PARC Grant Applications

The purpose of the Parks, Arts, Recreation & Culture (PARC) program is to support recreational facilities and cultural organizations that enrich the overall quality of life for residents throughout Payson City.

The PARC Program is committed to enhancing city recreational and cultural facilities and providing fair and equitable access to PARC funding through competitive grant opportunities. Grant funds are awarded to a Qualifying Organization defined as a cultural organization that has 501(c)(3) status and maintains a strong presence within Payson City or a municipal cultural and/or historical council.

**Applications are due Electronically by
Tuesday, April 9, 2024, by 5 p.m.**

For grant application and policies, please go to the Payson City website at <https://www.paysonutah.org/bc-ptc>



ATTENTION

PAYSON SENIORS HAVE A SHUTTLE!!!

We are offering free shuttle service to and from the Payson Senior Center Monday - Thursday beginning at 10:00 am. This service is for Payson Seniors who need transportation to participate in activities and lunch at the Payson Senior Center only. Please call our office at 801-465-5215 to be added to our shuttle route.

Registrations Opening in February:

- Youth Spring Soccer
- Youth Baseball
- Youth Softball



- Adult COED Volleyball
- Adult COED Softball
- Men's Softball



LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEW! Magic the Gathering Club (ages 13+) is every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 11am-1pm. Come play!

- Totally Tweens (ages 9-12) is on February 9th at 6:30 pm. The theme is "LEGOs."
- My First Book Club (ages 5-8) is on February 12th at 4:30 pm. Read any "Heroes in Training" or "Little Goddess Girls" book.
- Teen Night (ages 13-18) is on February 16th at 6:30 pm. The theme is "You've Met Your Match"
- Game Day Saturday (all ages) is on February 17th at 6:30 pm. The theme is Life-Sized Games!
- Mother & Daughter Book Club (ages 8+) is on February 22nd at 7:00 pm. We will discuss the book "The Mystwick School of Musicraft" by Jessica Khoury.
- Love on Pages Book Club (ages 18+) is on February 23rd at 6:30 pm. We will be discussing "Miss Newbury's List" by Megan Walker.
- Friends & Family Night (all ages) is on February 26th at 7:00 pm. Celebrate Leap Day with us!
- Family Movie Night (all ages) will be on March 1st at 6:30 pm. The movie is Trolls Band Together.
- Heroes Hangout (ages 12-18) is on March 5th at 7:30 pm. We will discuss the book "Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25" by Richard Paul Evans.
- Library Night Out (ages 18+) is on March 22nd at 6:30 pm. We'll be playing Bunco!
- Books & Boys (ages 8+) is on March 28th at 7:00 pm. We will discuss the book "All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook" by Leslie Connor.

To view all of our upcoming storytimes, weekly programs, and book clubs for all ages, visit our website at

catalog.paysonlibrary.org/events

Main Street Businesses

OPEN

During Construction



Please Support Local Businesses

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

MAKE A PLAN BUILD A KIT BE INFORMED

March 16, 9am-1pm

545 N 200 E
Santaquin, UT

Classes



Booths: power and utility, home safety, 72 hour kits, & more

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Be Prepared!

Life teaches us many lessons, depends on us whether we want to learn it.

Book Club

The Book Club for February will be held on Tuesday, February 27th at 8pm. The "romantic" book being discussed is, "One Enchanted Evening," by Trish LeBaron.



A special treat for all
The local author will be there to visit with the group.

Hello, Citizens of Payson,

I have had many requests to explain what is happening on Historic Payson Main Street and why it is necessary.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Payson's Main Street was a state highway that was a dirt road. It became such a maintenance problem that the state put down 18-inch-thick steel-reinforced cement slabs.

Around 1935, the State of Utah signed over Main Street to Payson City. Since it was no longer a state road, maintaining Main Street was now Payson's responsibility. Since approximately 1935, Payson City has never had the financial ability to update the infrastructure under Main Street. The road has undergone numerous repaving efforts throughout the years, yet the underlying infrastructure remains untouched, with the exception of addressing specific failures as they occurred. Surprisingly, the foundational elements of the road, such as drainage systems and supporting structures, have yet to see a comprehensive replacement in a staggering 80 to 100 years.

We asked the Utah Department of Transportation for some financial help. That effort was unsuccessful. So, we went to the Utah State Legislature and received five million dollars to fix the road's issues. Since we were already working on Main Street, the City Council appropriated 3.4 million dollars to improve the esthetics of the two-block business area.

Before the COVID pandemic, the five million dollars from the Utah State Legislature would have covered replacing the infrastructure and rebuilding Main Street from 100 North to 700 South. However, due to post-COVID cost increases, we won't be able to go all the way to 700 South. The funds will now take us only up to 300 South on Main Street. Although we've scaled back the streetscape plans, we're committed to creating a beautiful, business-friendly atmosphere on Main Street.

The excavation behind the ERA building, previously the Wells Fargo building, is for a water retention project. The plan involves creating an underground retention pond to manage water runoff. Once completed the parking lot will be reconstructed over this retention pond.

We're closely collaborating with the Main Street businesses to support them during the challenging construction period. We secured a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to aid them. Furthermore, the City is making an additional \$100,000 available for businesses to enhance their rear entrances. These financial resources aim to lessen the impact of construction on local businesses and contribute to overall improvements in the area.

Undoubtedly, this project is challenging for the City and Main Street businesses, but it's necessary. We're staying closely connected with the businesses and the contractors to make things smoother for everyone. Despite the road and streetscape reconstruction, all businesses will stay open. There's parking available behind the businesses, so please follow the signs. We've also added approximately 30 angle parking spots along 100 East from 100 North to 100 South. Your support for our local Historic Downtown businesses is crucial, especially during this construction period.

Mayor, Bill Wright

Home Energy Assistance Target Program (HEAT)

The Utah Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program helps low-income households targeting those who are truly vulnerable the lowest-income households, disabled elderly, and families with preschool-age children. For an appointment call 801-229-3855.

Utility Bill Payments are due on February 29th (The last business day of the month). If you haven't yet paid your past due bill, please take care of it by February 21st to avoid shut off and an additional service fee. Payments made after 5:00pm will be credited on the next business day.