



PAYSON CITY

OCTOBER

2023

NEWSLETTER



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Municipal General Election Day is Tuesday, November 21, 2023

The Payson City Municipal General Election will be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting. Please be aware of the following points.

1. Visit vote.utah.gov to ensure you are registered to vote, update voter information, and learn about the candidates running for office.
2. Visit the Payson City Website, City Recorder, Elections for election information and learn about the candidates running for office.
3. Voting Assistance Centers will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter assistance and provisional voting. Payson City will have a Voting Assistance Center located at the Payson City Center, Banquet Hall, 439 W Utah Avenue.
4. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters around October 31st, which is 21 days before the General Election.
5. Simply complete the ballot and slip it in the return envelope. Ballots can be mailed (postage is prepaid), dropped in the secure curbside drop box on the north side of the Payson City Center, 439 W Utah Avenue, or dropped in any secure Utah County curbside drop box.
6. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by November 20th.
7. Note: Michael Val Hansen withdrew from the election.

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR ELECTION

Three (3) City Councilmember Positions (4-Year Term)

Tyler William Moore
 Anne Moss
 Brian V. Hulet
 Ryan Rowley
 Teancum J. Clark
 Kirk Beecher
 Easton Brady
 Carl Brines
 Lacey Mae Smith

City Recorder: Kim E. Holindrake, MMC, 801.465.5205, kimh@payson.org

Equal Pay Amounts Have Changed

If you are on the Equal Pay Program, we recalculated your equal pay amount in September. Due to the rate increase in July, most equal pay amounts have increased. Please check the new amount before making a payment. If you use bank bill pay, you will need to change the amount with your bank. If you have auto pay through xpressbillpay, please make sure you have it set to pay the full amount and haven't put a limit on your autopay. Equal payments are always due by the end of the month. If you do not pay on time, you will be taken off the equal pay program and will be responsible for the full balance due and assessed late fees.

Meet the Candidates Night

Scheduled for Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm at the City Center, Banquet Hall, 439 W Utah Avenue.

Fingerprint Services

Payson Police Department is now available on Tuesdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. **No Appointment Necessary**

Residents	\$5.00 per copy
Non-Residents	\$15.00 per copy
Additional copies	\$5.00 per copy

(Resident & Non-Resident).





Payson Recreation Programs



Now Taking Registrations For:

- Youth Wrestling
- Youth Girls Volleyball
- Women's Volleyball
- Allstar Gymnastics 6 week class

We have a new recreation software. To register for activities, go to paysoncityrec.activityreg.com

National Prescription Drug Take Back Event

Payson Market
Oct 28th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Bring unused prescriptions to be disposed of properly

Book Club



October Book Club will be held on Tuesday, October 24th @ 8pm the book being discussed is: "Small Spaces," by Katherine Arden. Come dressed, Halloweenie!!

Fall Clean Up

October 14th - October 21st

The Payson City Landfill will be available at no charge for the cleanup projects within the city limits. Please observe the following:

- * Payson City will only accept discarded items that are collected from projects within the boundaries of Payson.
- * Landfill fees will only be waived for Payson residents.
- * Photo ID will be required to show proof of residency.
- * Loads must be properly secured and covered to prevent the disposal of litter and debris on public and private property and to avoid penalties and fines.
- * Hazardous waste, sealed containers of products, refrigerators and any kind of free liquid products will not be accepted.

**Hours: Monday through Saturday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm | Closed Sunday**

Adopt A River Program

Join your community and help with the Dry Creek Preservation Program

Sign up as a

Family, Group or Individual

Sign up by calling Jesse Smith @ 801-420-6729



PAYSON FIRE & RESCUE 2023 CPR and First Aid Classes

NOW REGISTERING FOR Thursday, November 9th

Class will be held at the Payson Fire Station @ 7:00 pm
The cost is \$10.00 per person

Class is limited to 15 participants, first come first serve.

You must sign up in advance at;

Payson City Offices, 439 West Utah Avenue
Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

Please contact our office with any questions 801-465-5252

The schedule for 2024 classes will be posted in January

Congratulations to Yard of the Month Winners

September 2023

**Brak & Denise
Carmen**

777 S. 400 W.

October 2023

**Jim & Tricia
Faile**

392 E. Utah Ave.

Winner receives a \$100 gift card to Olson's Garden Shop. We appreciate Olson's for co-sponsoring this event.

Please remember to nominate properties located in Payson for Yard of the Month.

You can send your nominations to beautification@payson.org

We appreciate the many citizens who are working to make Payson a beautiful place to live.



Recycling Opt-Out ^{30!}

October is the opt-out period for recycling. To opt-out, you will need to fill out the form included in your October bill and return it to the Payson City Office no later than October 31st!

Big Band Halloween Dance

Peteetneet Museum
FREE for all ages

7-9 pm



Pressurized Irrigation

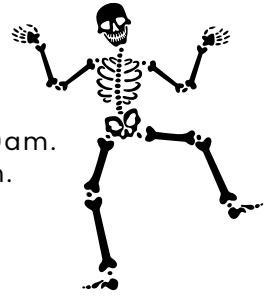
The Highline Canal, which supplies our Pressurized Irrigation (PI) water, ended their water season on Sept. 28th. With Spring Lake and Payson Lakes we hope to have PI water available for a couple more weeks into October. When the system is finally shut down it will take a couple of days for all the lines to drain. Please make sure you winterize your lines at that time and turn off all valves so you do not have a problem in the spring.

Library Happenings

Sign up for our "Haunted Library" reading program at read.paysonlibrary.org! This program will run just through the month of October, so sign up and start tracking your reading today!

• **Storytimes:**

- Baby Laptime (ages 0-24 months) will be held on Mondays & Thursdays at 10:30am.
- Tot Tales (ages 2-3) will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30am and Wednesdays at 11:30am.
- Preschool Pals (ages 4-5) will be held on Tuesdays at 11:30am and Wednesdays at 10:30am.
- Cantos y Cuentos/Spanish Storytime (ages 0-12) will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30pm.
- Once Upon a Sign (ages 0-5) will be held on Thursdays at 11:30am.



• **Other Weekly Programs:**

- Library Club (grades K-6) is on Tuesdays at 4pm. Join us for fun activities each week!
- STEAMworks! (Grades K-6) is on Thursdays at 4pm. Join us for hands-on science and art activities each week! Weeks 1 & 3 will be Art and weeks 2 & 4 will be STEM.
- Craft 'n' Chat (ages 12+) will be held every Monday at 7pm. Bring your own craft to work on or do the one the library provides!

• **Book Clubs:**

- My First Book Club (ages 5-8, parents welcome) will be on October 9th at 4:30pm. We will be discussing the Ghost Detectors, 13th Street, and Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series and doing some spooky activities!
- Mother & Daughter Book Club (ages 8+ with a mom/female caregiver) will be on October 26th at 7pm. They will be discussing the book "Greenglass House" by Kate Milford.
- Heroes Hangout (ages 12-18) will be on November 7th at 7:30pm. Book to be discussed will be chosen at the October 3rd meeting.
- Books & Boys (ages 8+ with a parent/caregiver) will be on November 30th at 7pm. They will be discussing the book "The Wish Giver" by Bill Brittain.

• **Other Monthly Programs:**

- Family Movie Night (all ages) is held every 1st Friday at 6:30pm. The movie on October 6th will be 'The Haunted Mansion' and the movie for November is TBD.
- Totally Tweens (ages 9-12) is held every 2nd Friday at 6:30pm. This month will be on October 13th and will be a "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" theme.
- Teen Night (ages 13-18) is held every 3rd Friday at 6:30pm. This month will be on October 20th and will be a Hocus Pocus theme!
- Game Day Saturday (all ages) is held every 3rd Saturday at 6:30pm. This month we will be doing Haunted Escape Rooms for all ages on October 21st.
- Library Night Out (ages 18+) is held every other month on the 4th Friday at 6:30pm. Join us on October 27th for a night at Hogwarts! Come dressed up and participate in activities based on Hogwarts classes.
- Friends & Family Night (all ages) is held once a month. This month will be a Halloween party on October 28th from 11am-4pm.

To view all of our upcoming events go to our event calendar at paysonlibrary.org/upcoming events.

Staying Safe this HALLOWEEN

- Be Visible: Wear bright reflective colors on costumes. Carry glow sticks or flashlights.
- Drivers, please **SLOW DOWN!** Trick-or-Treaters may unexpectedly dart out into the street, so please give yourself plenty of room and time to stop. Be visible, turn your headlights on even if it is still light outside.
- Trick-or-Treat in groups.
- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway.
- Put electronics down, keep your head up.
- Wear costumes that are the right size to prevent trips and falls.
- Cross the street at the crosswalk and corners. When you cross make eye contact with the driver of the vehicle before you take a step out into the street, so the driver is aware you intend to cross the street. Never cross between parked vehicles.
- Inspect treats before you eat them- when in doubt throw it out!
- Homeowners eliminate tripping hazards on your porch and walkways. Pets get frightened please put them away, so they do not bite a Trick-or-Treater. Never leave a flame unattended if you use candles in your jack-o-lanterns.
- Only go to homes with porch lights on.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Citizens of Payson, Past Citizens, and Friends,

Many of you have questioned the recent rate increase. In July, power rates increased 10%; water, sewer, pressurized irrigation, and storm drain rates increased 6% and recycling almost 15%. As we have all experienced during the post pandemic economy, everything costs more than it did before due to inflation and other uncontrollable issues. That is no less true for operating a city.

With the closure of all the coal-fired power plants in Utah, it has been very difficult to find power to purchase. We have four generators in our power plant that used to run only during peak hours to supplement our power needs, but they now run 24 hours a day during the peak usage days. Last year, Payson's Power Department was buying power at more per kilowatt than we were charging residents. We subsidized more than a million dollars. That cannot be sustained and because of this, we had to raise power rates to cover costs.

Sewer rates have increased substantially over the past several years. In 2019 The State and Federal governments reduced the amount of nitrogen, ammonia, and phosphorus byproducts from the wastewater treatment process that can be outlet into Utah Lake. Our current sewer plant, already 20 years old, has to be upgraded to meet the new guidelines. Pre-pandemic, the cost was estimated at around \$25 million dollars. Currently, the cost is estimated at \$74 million. Payson City has bonded (taken out a loan) to construct the new sewer plant and lenders require a revenue stream large enough to cover the bond payment before the bond can be issued. Therefore, the sewer rates had to increase.

Republic services provides our recycling service. With the rising cost of fuel, Republic Services was charging Payson a fuel surcharge. This was not part of the recycling rate and again, Payson City was subsidizing the extra cost.

I know it is very difficult for everyone to make ends meet in this economy. The Payson City Council and staff are working hard to keep costs down and still provide excellent services to our residents.

Payson is a wonderful place to live and we appreciate you, our greatest resource.

Mayor, Bill Wright



**Utility Bill Payments are due on
October 31, 2023
(The last business day of the month).**

**If you haven't yet paid your past due bill, please take care of it
by October 25, 2023 to avoid shut off and an additional service
fee.**

**Payments made after 5:00pm
will be credited on the
next business day.**

