

## REMINDER FOR THE CITY-WIDE DISASTER DRILL

As Utah County moves into COVID-19 Pandemic Yellow Low-Risk Phase, the Springville Emergency Preparedness Committee announces that the City-Wide Disaster Drill is still scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020. Details for what to do during the drill will be given in next month's City Source.

Two training sessions to help prepare for the drill have been set for August. A first aid refresher course is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2020, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the training room at the fire station, 75 West Center Street. A Block Captains Training is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2020, also at 9:00 a.m. in the training room at the fire station.

Local Emergency Preparedness Specialists are especially invited to attend these two training sessions. Anyone interested in making a difference in times of emergency is welcome.



## ELECTION DAY IS JUNE 30, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Utah County Elections Division has changed in-person voting. We are fully prepared to protect your right to vote while maintaining the health of our community, dedicated poll workers and our staff. In order to accomplish this, we need all voters to **VOTE FROM HOME**.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO BE AWARE OF:

- THERE WILL BE NO IN-OFFICE VOTER REGISTRATION.
- PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE AT [VOTE.UTAH.GOV](https://vote.utah.gov).
- THERE WILL BE NO EARLY VOTING.
- IN-PERSON BALLOT PICKUP WILL BE EXTREMELY LIMITED ON ELECTION DAY. WE WILL BE ENFORCING STRICT COVID-19 SANITATION STANDARDS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- NO SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION WILL BE ALLOWED ON ELECTION DAY.
- VISIT [UTAHCOUNTY.VOTE](https://utahcounty.vote) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### STAY SAFE



Utah County offers several voting options for voters with disabilities and their caregivers.

Don't forget to vote. Here is the contact information for Utah County Elections Division for any questions.

[UTAHCOUNTY.VOTE](https://utahcounty.vote) · 801.851.8128 · [ELECTIONS@UTAHCOUNTY.GOV](mailto:ELECTIONS@UTAHCOUNTY.GOV) · 100 E. CENTER ST. RM 3100, PROVO, UT 84606

### VOTE FROM HOME

### VOTE BY MAIL



# CITY SOURCE

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MAYOR RICHARD J CHILD



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 GRADUATES OF SPRINGVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND MERIT ACADEMY

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As we live through these unprecedented times thoughts of concern and frustration are on my mind daily. These truly are challenging times. I know that we will all get through this as we try to get back to some sort of normal.



The Covid-19 Virus response has caused considerable disruption of our everyday lives. It has caused the delay and outright cancellation of a lot of our great activities. I can reassure you that we are following Governor Gary Herbert's directives to the letter, and in some cases,

expanding on them. Please continue to observe these directives. As we do so we can move forward. That is the goal we want to achieve.

In an email, Representative John Curtis said, "On a morning run, I passed the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, which had these words of encouragement: 'The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.' I couldn't help but think of our current situation. So much of this spring has been different than we expected and we have all felt different losses, but I feel optimistic about the future. I'm proud of my home state of Utah. We're moving forward, working on opening the economy, in a way that's careful but without fear."

I, as your mayor, feel that same way. I am grateful for how you, the amazing citizens of Springville, have dealt with this challenge and hope we can move forward without fear.

—Mayor Richard J. Child

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## RELIABLE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Springville City Power has received national recognition for achieving exceptional electric reliability in 2019. The recognition comes from the American Public Power Association, a trade group that represents more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community-owned electric utilities.

The Association helps electric utilities track power outage and restoration data through its subscription-based eReliability Tracker service and then compares the data to national statistics tracked by the U.S. Energy Information Administration for all types of electric utilities.



“Community-owned public power utilities have an excellent record when it comes to reliability,” said the Association’s Senior Director of Energy and Environmental Services Alex Hofmann. “These utilities are the best of the best when it comes to keeping the lights on in their communities.”

Nationwide, the average public power customer has their lights out for less than half the time, compared to other types of utilities.

“We are proud to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the

hard work of all our staff to ensure that we keep Springville City powered,” said Leon Fredrickson, Director of the Power Department.

There cannot be enough said of the Power department staff and their dedication to providing a reliable and robust power delivery system. They spend hours training to become journey-level professionals with the skills and knowledge needed for operating and maintaining the equipment associated with the system.

Over the last few years system improvements, such as substation breaker upgrades, overhead and underground conductor replacement, power pole replacement, street lighting system upgrades, and well-managed tree trimming have been funded through the city budget process. All of these improvements and ongoing maintenance provides for a robust and resilient power delivery system for the community.



The Power Department is here to safely serve citizens and customers by doing all in our power to deliver you your power.

## DON'T LET RESIDENTIAL POLLUTANTS GET INTO THE RUNOFF

Pollutants from changing the oil in the driveway ends up in the storm drain. Please clean up any spills and never pour anything down the storm drain. If you see anyone illegally dumping or discharging chemicals, oil, paint or other pollutants in gutters or storm drains, immediately report it by calling 801.491.2780.



## A CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO SALES TAX

Have you ever wondered where the money goes when you pay sales tax at your local retail outlet? Here's a quick guide to hopefully answer some of your questions.



Who charges sales tax? A host of governmental and quasi-governmental entities including the State of Utah, Utah County and Springville City all have authority under state law to levy sales tax.

What things are taxable? Sales tax is applied to retail sales and leases of tangible personal property, products transferred electronically, and certain services. Items considered to be “grocery food” are taxed at a different rate than other items. Recent changes in the law make many online purchases subject to sales tax.

How does the tax I pay get to the various taxing entities? Sales tax is considered to be a “transaction tax,” which means that the transaction, not the actual goods or services are taxed. As such, the buyer is the taxpayer and pays sales tax to retailers. Retailers hold the tax in trust and cannot use the money for any other purpose until they remit the sales tax they collect to the Utah State Tax Commission. The State Tax Commission then distributes the tax to the various entities that have authority under state law to levy sales tax.

What is the sales tax rate? In Springville, transactions of taxable items are charged sales tax at a combined rate of 7.15% (except for “grocery food,” which is taxed at 3%). One percent of the total is a local (Springville City) sales and use tax, the remainder goes to the State and other taxing entities. Of the one-percent local tax, half is returned by the State directly to Springville, where the sale took place and the other half is pooled at the state level and distributed to local governments based on population.

Why is the rate different when I shop elsewhere? Some cities, through a general election, have adopted additional levies for other sales taxes allowable under state law. One of the most common other taxes is called a “RAP” tax, which is an additional 0.10% and is used for recreation, arts and parks. If you shop in Spanish Fork or Provo, you are paying 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a percent of your purchase to fund recreation, arts and parks in those cities.

Sales tax revenue is the single largest source of revenue for Springville City's General Fund; accounting for approximately 23% of the fund's revenue. The General Fund provides the core governmental services you expect from your city such as police and fire services; street maintenance and snow removal; a public library, parks and recreational opportunities.

## NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Spring and summer have arrived. Springville is a beautiful city and we need everyone's help to keep it that way.

As the new Code Enforcement Officer in Springville there are a few areas we need your help with. They are:

1. GRASS AND/OR WEEDS MUST BE SHORTER THAN 6 INCHES ON ALL PROPERTY.
2. VEHICLES CANNOT BE PARKED ON LANDSCAPING.
3. DISMANTLED OR INOPERATIVE VEHICLES MUST BE REPAIRED WITHIN 72 HOURS OR IN A BUILDING/BEHIND OPAQUE FENCE.
4. IMPROPER ACCUMULATIONS OF SOIL, LITTER, DEBRIS, PLANT TRIMMINGS, OR TRASH VISIBLE FROM THE STREET OR AN ADJOINING PROPERTY ARE UNAUTHORIZED.

You can find the city code at [springville.org/police/code-enforcement](http://springville.org/police/code-enforcement)

Nuisances are under §§ 12-2-111 through 121.

I look forward to working with everyone to keep Springville beautiful.



Officer Willardson

801.491.5533

