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An Exceptional Evening with Mayor Kaufusi and Friends

Having been born and raised in Provo, I've always been proud to call our remarkable community my home. As Mayor, I'm continually impressed with the accolades we receive that highlight our city excellence, not only within Utah but nationally.

But being good is never good enough. With that in mind, I was pleased to unveil Provo's first ever mission statement during my 2023 State of the City address:

Exceptional Care for an Exceptional Community



Achieving and maintaining an exceptional community requires that we all work together and contribute our time, skills, and passion to making it better. I was honored to be joined by several of our community's exceptional individuals:

- Bill Hulterstrom, United Way
- Carri Jenkins, Brigham Young University
- Dr. Norm Wright, Noorda College
- Chad Linebaugh, Sundance

As the saying goes, "It takes a village to raise a child" the same can be said of a city. I am honored to be Provo's mayor where there are so many willing to contribute to building a community in which we can all be proud to call home.

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Watch Mayor Kaufusi's 2023 State of the City address now at **www.provo.org**

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CITY COUNCIL 2023 Meeting Schedule

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January 10*	June 20
January 17	July 18
January 31	August 1
February 14	August 22
February 28	September 5
March 14	September 19
March 28	October 3
April 18	October 17
May 2	November 14
May 16	November 21**
June 6	December 12

*Work meeting only **With Board of Canvassers Additional work meetings may be held in May and June to discuss the budget

View meeting details, agendas, and materials at agendas.provo.org

Whether you live next to the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) or in the middle of the city, all residents of Provo can decrease the risk of a wildfire affecting their homes. Embers from a wildfire can travel up to one mile, making wildfires a concern to every resident. Please take the Wildland Preparedness Survey to see what you can do to make your home safer.

Please take our survey: https://virtualcrr.com/survey/ provo-wildland/ In April, Provo's MyHometown Initiative (MHI) will be celebrating its first anniversary.

MHI, a pilot program that was first started in West Valley City, has been operating in the Pioneer Park and South Freedom areas with three areas of focus:

1) Community Resource Center (CRC): During this year of operation, the following classes and activities have been offered: English as a second language (ESL), Financial Skills, Computer Skills, Personal Wellness, Care for Seniors, Basic Coding, Boys Soccer, Art, Community Resource Introduction (Immigration, Start Your Own Business, etc.), Kindergarten Preparation, Toddler Playgroups, Tutoring, Circles, Piano, and 4-H. There have been 664 people attend the CRC with over 200 graduates from the ESL and Computer Skills Courses.

2) Days of Service (DOS): There have been 66 Days of Service projects which included painting, yard clean-up, landscaping, community garden clean-up, tree removal, fence repairs, etc. These service projects are planned and organized by MyHometown Initiative volunteers together with the neighborhood residents, block captains, and Provo City. Residents who can, will pay for the materials for projects on their property. If they are unable to pay, volunteers will rally to help to procure donated materials, equipment and expertise.

3) Social Events: Throughout the year the MHI hosts various social events to help bring neighbors together to get to know each other. These events have included: movie night, block parties, pool parties, barbecues, family fun night at the park, etc. There have been six social activities which have had over 3,700 people participate.

The MyHometown Initiative has been successful because of the dedicated volunteers. As of January 2023, we have over 32,148 hours of service donated for our events, Community Resource Center, and Days of Service.

The MyHometown initiative is not only addressing improvement to the exterior of people's homes through home repair and beautification projects, but also improving relationships and resiliency inside the homes by offering opportunities for learning and relationship building at the CRC.

To learn more, visit: www.provo.org/community/my-hometown-initiative



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We are grateful for the abundant snow we have received this winter. Above-average snowpack is beneficial as we face drought conditions throughout the state. However, a significant above-average snowpack presents the potential risk of flooding during spring runoff. The extent of possible flooding depends on the weather and how quickly or slowly the snow melts.

Provo's Public Works Department is currently planning and coordinating with internal and external agencies to prepare for any potential flood emergency during this year's spring runoff. We are identifying areas with a high risk of flooding and developing routes where we can divert water to protect the residents and homes within our city. We are also acquiring additional sandbags to add to our existing supply for flood preparation and emergencies.

Our city crews are working hard towards cleaning our storm drains and clearing away vegetation or materials that could clog or back up the drainage system. They are readying our canyon flood control systems and working toward improving potential problem areas of the Provo River during high water flows.

Residents can help by keeping gutters and storm drains clear of yard waste and garbage. As we monitor and prepare for potential flooding, we also ask that residents keep an eye out. If you notice any blocked storm drains, please call Provo 311 or contact our Public Works Storm Water Division at 801-852-6700. If the likelihood of flooding increases, we will release additional information to help residents know how to prepare and volunteer to help in case of an emergency.

UTAH SHAKE OUT

A great reminder to look at your emergency preparedness. Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed.

Are you Prepared? Are you Ready? Resolve to be Ready.

The next statewide Utah ShakeOut will be on April 20, 2023, when a million Utahns will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home, practicing earthquake safety and other aspects of their emergency plans.

Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes – wherever you live, work, or travel.

https://www.shakeout.org/utah/

Sign up for Emergency Notifications at: Alerts.UtahCounty.gov

Want to know what's going on in your neighborhood?

Sign up for City Council and Neighborhood Newsletters, emails from your Neighborhood District Chair



https://bit.ly/provosubscribe

PROVO CITY SPRING CLEANUP

DATES & LOCATIONS

 Mar 20 - Mar 25 | 2027 W 820 N | POLE YARD
 Apr 10 - Apr 15 | 2620 N 1200 E | ROCK CANYON PARK

 Mar 27 - Apr 1 | 2027 W 820 N | POLE YARD
 Apr 17 - Apr 22 | 100 N SEVEN PEAKS BLVD | PEAKS ARENA

 Apr 3 - Apr 8 | 2620 N 1200 E | ROCK CANYON PARK
 Apr 24 - Apr 29 | 1150 S 1350 W | FOOTPRINTER PARK

MAR 20 - APR 29 | PROVO CITY COMPOST YARD | 1625 S INDUSTRIAL PKWY

REGULAR TRASH, GREEN WASTE, AND METAL RECYCLING DUMPSTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

NO AFTER-HOURS DUMPING IS PERMITTED

Dumpsters are available Mon-Fri 8AM - 6PM | Sat 8AM - 3PM

Larger loads, double-axle trailers, and loose green waste loads may be redirected to the Transfer Station or Provo City Compost Yard at the discretion of the cleanup attendant.

Items that may NOT be placed in the Clean-Up Dumpsters

- Concrete, Blocks, Bricks, Dirt, Rocks, and Sod
- Paints, Solvents, Household Chemicals, Pesticides, Used Oil and Bulk Liquids
- Auto Parts, Tires, and Batteries
- Refrigerators, Freezers, AC Units, and items containing refrigerants

For information on how to dispose of these items and others, visit www.SUVSWD.org/what-to-do-with

PROVO CITY COMPOST YARD - 1625 S INDUSTRIAL PKWY, PROVO EXTENDED HOURS DURING CLEANUP | MON - SAT | 7AM - 5PM

Depending on availability, organic compost will be on hand for purchase to residents at \$3 per yard, and to nonresidents at \$6 per yard.

Green waste drop-off is available for residents free of charge during City Cleanups, and for a \$5 fee per pickup truck or trailer up to 16' for each drop-off after the City Cleanup. No lumber, building materials, rocks, dirt, sod, stumps, treated wood, logs over 10" in diameter or trash is accepted at the compost yard. Logs over 4" in diameter to be cut to 8' lengths or shorter.

No loads from commercial haulers or landscapers will be accepted.

TRANSFER STATION COUPON

Coupon is good for one pickup truck or single-axle trailer load of mixed household trash at South Utah Valley Solid Waste District at 2450 W 400 S Springville, UT (801) 489-3027. MUST SHOW PROVO ID (driver's license or utility bill). All loads must be covered as required by the transfer station. For larger loads, this pass will only cover the first \$10.00 of the station's fee and the user must pay the difference. Multiple dump passes CANNOT be combined to pay for larger loads. No commercial loads; residents only. **PIECWORKS** SANITATION

Name___ Address

Coupon Effective 03/20/2023-04/29/2023 *Physical copy of coupon required