

# Newsletter



# Important Public Works Dates:

Public Works will begin filling the pressurized irrigation system around April 15th, give or take a week, depending on the weather. Make sure your outside taps are turned off to avoid water running without you knowing.

# **Green Waste Disposal**



#### **Meter Portal Information**



# **April Meeting Schedule**

04/01 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm 04/01 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm 04/08 Development Review Committee 10:00 am 04/08 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm 04/15 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm 04/15 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm 04/22 Development Review Committee 10:00 am 04/22 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm 05/06 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm 05/06 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook: https://www.santaquin.gov/meetings https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment

Santaquin City Council, PC, and DRC meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/@santaquincity

All of these meetings are now held in the new Santaquin City Hall building located at 110 S Center Street.

# **Spring Clean Up**

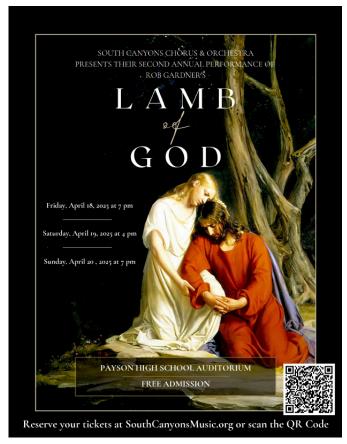


# **Property Damage Information**

If your property was damaged by Xfinity you can contact MasTec/WYCO at 385-432-6894 or utahinfo@wycofs.com to report it.

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#### **Musical Presentation**



#### Job Fair

Job Fair Wednesday, April 30, 2025 Hosted by the Nebo School District College and Career Center, local Chambers of Commerce. and the Division of Workforce Services. This event is open to all community members interested in exploring career opportunities and enhancing their professional skills.

Wednesday, April 30th, 2:30 pm -6:00 pm, ALC, 161 E 400 N, Salem

This event is a fantastic opportunity for job seekers and professionals to connect with potential employers and gain valuable insights for career advancement.

We have informative workshops to sign up for. Please visit Spanish Fork/Salem Chamber or careercenter.nebo.edu for more information.

information by scanning the QR code above.

## **Bareroot Tree Sale**

You can order seedling trees, shrubs, and weed barrier from the Alpine/Timp Nebo Conservation Districts. Orders need to be in and paid for by April 26th. You can find an order form and



### **Photo Contest Winner**



The winner of the February 2025 Contest is Kailey Carter. Along with her submission, she wrote: "I love our small

businesses here!" Congratulations Kailey!

For information on entering the monthly contest you can visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/3NBNjum">https://bit.ly/3NBNjum</a>. We look forward to seeing what you love about Santaquin!

#### **Hidden Picture Contest**

If you spot a hidden bunny like the photo on the right in this newsletter, email: kmortensen@santaquin.gov or bshupe@santaquin.gov with the location and your contact information by April 30th.

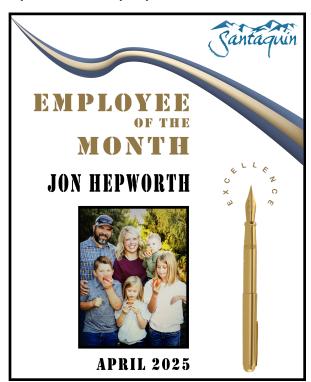
Congratulations to Staci Piper for winning February's Hidden Picture Contest!

## Prescription Take Back Day





# April 2025 Employee of the Month - Jon Hepworth



We are proud to recognize Jon Hepworth as our April 2025 Employee of the Month! Jon is a dedicated member of our Community Development Department, serving as a Combination Building Inspector—a role that requires him to conduct inspections for both residential and commercial construction. Licensed through the Division of Professional Licensing with the State of Utah, Jon plays a crucial part in ensuring that our community's buildings meet the highest safety standards.

Jon began working with the city in 2019 when he joined the Public Works Department. After a year, he transitioned to Community Development, where he has continued to make a meaningful impact.

A resident of Santaquin, Jon shares his life with his incredible wife of 15 years, Angie, and their four children,

ages 12, 9, 6, and 3. Originally from Southern Utah, he attended Panguitch and Cedar City High Schools, where he built the foundation for his hardworking and community-focused mindset.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, Jon shared:

"I enjoy helping our residents by making sure the construction going into their homes follows safety protocols."

Jason Bond, Assistant City Manager, had this to say about Jon:

"Jon has worked hard to finish obtaining all of the essential residential and commercial certifications needed for building inspection. More importantly, he cares about those he works with and this characteristic, along with his humor and personality, help create a good culture and working environment in the Community Development Department. We are glad to have Jon at Santaquin City."

Outside of work, Jon is an avid outdoorsman who loves hunting, camping, fishing, and exploring nature. He also enjoys lending a hand at his in-laws' commercial tree farm, further demonstrating his strong work ethic and commitment to family.

Thank you, Jon, for your dedication and contributions to our community—we appreciate all that you do!

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# Santaquin Spring Update: Preparing for Runoff and Canyon Reopening

As April arrives, so do warmer temperatures, with 70-degree days becoming more common. Many of us are looking forward to the beauty of spring—green grass, trees budding with fresh leaves, and of course, enjoying the great outdoors. Hopefully, for those who love golf, the fairways will be just as lush and inviting!

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# Spring Runoff and Flood Control Efforts

With the arrival of April, we also face an annual challenge in Santaquin: spring runoff from the Nebo wilderness area. The beautiful canyon to the southeast of our City holds both breathtaking scenery and hidden challenges.

Throughout the winter, the canyon collects snow that gradually melts as temperatures rise, leading to increased water flow at the mouth of the canyon during April and May. Given the mild conditions earlier in the season, many may have assumed this year's runoff would be low. However, late-season storms in February and March added significantly to the snowpack. While this is a blessing for our long-term water supply, it also requires careful monitoring to manage runoff effectively.

Fortunately, our dedicated Flood Control Committee has been actively evaluating the snow water equivalent and its impact on runoff. The committee, which includes Utah County engineers, meets regularly to assess conditions and plan accordingly. Last year's runoff was above normal, and while we were tracking below average earlier this season, late storms have brought us closer to last year's levels. The exact impact will depend on how quickly temperatures rise and melt the snow.

# Preparing for Runoff and Water Management

Over the past several weeks, you may have noticed large trucks hauling dirt and gravel from the canyon to projects in the Payson area. This work is part of a larger effort by Utah County engineering teams to clear the debris basin, ensuring water can flow properly through flood channels and replenish our aquifers. These aquifers provide essential drinking water for our community, so maintaining them is a top priority.

Thanks to the efforts of the County and their contractors, the debris basin is now prepared for the spring runoff. This proactive approach helps safeguard our community while maximizing water storage for future needs. Rest assured that the Flood Control Committee and City officials, including myself and Norm Beagley, are monitoring conditions closely and will continue working to manage the yearly challenges runoff presents.

# **Exciting News: Canyon Road Reopening**

Beyond managing water flow, there is exciting news for residents who love exploring the outdoors. After being closed for the past eight years, the canyon road is set to reopen in late May! Once the snow has melted, we invite you and your families to take advantage of this incredible natural resource right in our backyard.

We will announce the official opening date via our website and social media and plan to host a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing in the beauty of our canyon once again!

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our community. Here's to a safe and enjoyable spring in Santaquin!

# Mayor Dan Olson

