

The Springdale Sun

The Springdale Sun's mission is to inform, enlighten, illuminate, listen to, amuse, and encourage Springdale citizens, while also providing analysis, clarification, and an honest forum in order to increase the sense of community and well being in Springdale. Truth is mandatory.

Research shows that a 'truth-telling' newspaper in a small town can produce, among other things, stronger community connection, greater civic engagement, increased voter turnout, greater support of the local economy, more accountability of local leadership, and heightened confidence in that local leadership.

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Going Postal

Remember in November of 2018, when the Virgin Post Office stopped providing service? Many felt a sense of panic that we were next. Virgin's Contract Postal Unit (CPU) became inoperative because the owner chose to close. The attempts of the USPS to find another person or business to provide the service was unsuccessful as the bids they received were "significantly higher than the previous contract and not aligned with

those of similarly sized CPUs," says Sherry Patterson, a USPS Corporate Communications Strategic Communications Specialist for AZ, NM, NV, and UT. Ms Patterson also assures me that in regards to the Springdale Post Office "there are no plans to close or relocate the facility."

Bottom line: our post office was never in danger of closure. The sky was never falling after all. Whew.

Candidates Open House & Information

Last Tuesday, I went to the candidates open house as a resident, not as a "newspaper reporter." I spoke with one candidate in regards to something about which I feel strongly and I could tell that the candidate was trying to mollify me in a way not possible if the questions had been asked in an open forum with everyone listening. It was clear that talking with others in the given format of the evening would not have been useful for me.

If I had gone as a reporter I would have had a list of questions to objectively ask of each candidate. Tuesday's event was way too loud for good communication, however. Each candidate

had a table with their name on it with any handouts they chose to have for us. Many simply had brought what they had published on the Town website which can be accessed here

<<https://www.springdaletown.com/235/Elections>>

Click on the candidates name to see their profile.

Any handouts they had that differed at all from what they provided online can be found at the end of this issue. If there was no additional information provided by a candidate, then, and only then, did I reproduce what they had provided online.

About Last Tuesday

opinion piece by Dean Elger

Springdale Candidate Forum Feedback

I attended the “Meet the Candidate Open House Event” on Tuesday July 15th at the Canyon Community Center. The event was billed as an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates as they share their vision and priorities for Springdale. There was a smattering of attendance that I won’t try to estimate and I heard many comments about the attendees being the usual suspects.

In our past elections there are roughly three hundred votes cast. Our elections are usually decided by a dozen or two votes. We, properly, don’t have political parties backing or promoting our candidates. When we have a primary our citizens can’t just vote party, they actually need to know who they are voting for and why they are voting for them.

This event, sponsored by the “Town,” did absolutely nothing to prepare the voters of Springdale to make their decisions. It felt more like a cocktail party than a candidate night. The candidates had no opportunity to address the entire crowd and therefore no way to differentiate themselves from their opponents. More importantly, the residents, collectively were not able to hear from the candidates and know what they stand for.

One of the candidates didn’t even show-up, allowing us no reason to support or oppose his candidacy. One mayoral candidate did set up a table to discuss issues and obtain feedback on resident priorities and stated that he was focused on, resident feedback,

town finances, infrastructure maintenance and improvements. All the other candidates had similar platforms stressing town character, their prior experience and a heavy dose of affordable housing goals.

This “Meet the Candidates” event left the residents of Springdale choosing, in a virtual popularity contest, our next “Prom Court”. The town needs to be focused on the future, these positions are important and the candidates should be expected to tell us what they are for and what they are not for. If they are incumbents, they should tell us what they accomplished, if they are newcomers, they should tell us why we should vote for them. And yes, they should defend those goals against the goals of their opponents.

I believe these candidates would be more than willing to defend their visions if given a chance. The failure of this event should not be held against the candidates.

I suggest the candidates should get together and set up some real debates before primary voting so we can learn their priorities and analyze their vision for our future. Maybe two, one for the Mayoral and one for the Council positions. We should allow 2-3 hours for each so that they can have in-depth discussions. And if only a few participate I urge you all to attend or participate via Zoom and support the candidate that you most agree with, not who your friend tells you to back.

If not, can someone tell me the theme of this year’s Prom?

Worth Mentioning

Mr. Elger’s suggestion that the candidates set up some real debates is a valid one. I don’t think the candidates quite knew how to use last Tuesday as a forum for their platforms any more than I knew how to use it effectively to find out their platforms and opinions.

One helpful idea was presented by Pat Campbell (mayoral candidate) who had poster-sized paper on his table with various headings, under which you could give him your two cents worth. The headings included “What’s One Thing YOU Would Change,” “What’s One Thing YOU Would Protect,” and “What’s one thing I could do as Mayor that would make you say: “I’m glad I voted for Pat.” Though Pat’s table still didn’t allow for debates among the candidates, or a way to hear public answers from them to ascertain their views, this was at

least a way to express *our* views in a format that Pat could access after a potentially forgettable conversation.

I don’t know how to advocate for a Town Hall type of forum, but we really need that, in my humble opinion, and hopefully the opinions of many, if not all, of the candidates themselves.

Our Town Staff are generally amazingly knowledgeable, and competent. They help Town Council and Planning Commission, largely inexperienced volunteers, to do their jobs. It was a member of the Town Staff who chose the format for last Tuesday, but, despite our gratitude for all they do for us, we need to remind ourselves that the Staff works for us, not vice versa.

A Town Hall, please.

SLEEP IS NOT OVERRATED — IT'S ESSENTIAL

By Debi Keys

“I’m so tired.”

Sound familiar? You’ve probably said it—or heard it—more times than you can count. Some even joke that **“sleep is for people with nothing better to do”** or **“I’ll sleep when I’m dead.”** But here’s the truth: skipping sleep could actually get you there faster.

More than **1 in 3 Americans** aren’t getting enough sleep, and the health effects are more serious than most people realize. While you rest, your body is busy doing thousands of important jobs—healing your heart and blood vessels, producing immune-boosting cells, and even clearing out toxins from the day. If you consistently skip sleep, you’re skipping this vital “overnight cleanup crew”—and your body pays the price.

The Real Beauty Sleep

Not getting enough sleep can make you look and feel worse. A Swedish study found that people photographed after just one night of sleep deprivation were rated as less healthy and less attractive than when they were well rested. Why? Lack of sleep increases stress hormones like **cortisol and adrenaline**, which take a toll on your skin and mood.

Sleep is also essential for **bone marrow health**, **immune function**, and even **mental clarity**. If you’re frequently sick, sluggish, or foggy—it might be time to focus less on hustle and more on healthy rest.

20 Proven Tips for Better Sleep

Now that we know why sleep matters, here’s how to actually get it:

1. Power Down

Turn off screens and blue light (phones, TVs, computers) at least 1 hour before bed.

2. Nix the Naps

If you must nap, keep it under 20 minutes and early in the day.

3. Block the Clock

Staring at the time causes stress. Turn your clock away or keep it out of sight.

4. Use a Leg Pillow

For back sleepers, a pillow under the knees helps align the spine. Side sleepers—place one between your legs.

5. Choose the Right Pillow

Support your neck properly. Avoid sleeping on your stomach—it twists your neck unnaturally.

6. Seal Your Mattress

Use dust-proof covers to block allergens like dust mites and mold.

7. Save the Bed for Sleep

Don’t bring work, phones, or stress to bed. Keep it for rest and intimacy only.

8. Set Your Body Clock

Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day—even on weekends.

9. Ditch Hidden Caffeine

Cut off caffeine after noon. Don’t forget it hides in chocolate, meds, and sodas.

10. Exercise Smart

Regular exercise helps—just not too close to bedtime. Yoga or stretching is great before bed.

11. Eat Light at Night

Heavy meals interfere with digestion. Opt for light snacks like cereal with milk or crackers with cheese.

12. Rethink Alcohol

It may help you fall asleep but disrupts your rest later. Choose herbal tea or warm milk instead.

13. Watch Water Timing

Limit fluids 1–2 hours before bed to avoid late-night bathroom runs.

14. Lower the Lights

Dim lights 2–3 hours before bed to encourage melatonin production.

15. Reduce Noise

Use a white noise machine, fan, or earplugs to block out disruptive sounds.

16. Skip the Smoke

Nicotine is a stimulant that disrupts sleep. Quitting can dramatically improve your rest.

17. Pets in Their Own Beds

As much as we love them, pets can disturb your sleep and bring in allergens.

18. Clear Your Mind

Write down worries or tomorrow’s to-dos. Wind down with calming activities—reading, music, or a warm bath.

19. Use Sleep Aids Sparingly

Sleeping pills can help short-term, but use caution—they may be habit-forming.

20. Talk to Your Doctor

If sleep troubles last more than a month, discuss them with your physician. Conditions like reflux, asthma, or depression may be factors.

Bottom Line:

Sleep isn’t a luxury—it’s a foundation of your health. Protect it. Prioritize it. And don’t be afraid to *let the world wait while you rest*.

Never Bored in Springdale



Springdale celebrated our seniors last Friday, July 18, 2025, enjoying cake and camaraderie at the Canyon Community Center.



More Reasons to Not Be Bored in Springdale

Upcoming Events snagged from Claudia Mitchell's facebook post

Tuesday July 22

Greg Istock – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Wednesday July 23

Charlie OK – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Thursday July 24

Tom Bennett – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Friday July 25

Z-Arts Artist Talk/Reception for Jessica Schiffman - Canyon Community Center 4:00 to 6:00

Kaleb LaFountain – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Saturday July 26

Charlie OK – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Sunday July 27

Mason Cottam – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Monday Jul 28

Shangalu (Full Band) – Bit N Spur 6:00 Free

Greg Istock – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Tuesday July 29

Dave Tate – – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free
Wednesday July 30

Dave Tate – – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free
Thursday July 31

Dave Tate – – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free
Friday August 1

Sky Allen – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Sunday August 3

Mason Cottam – Anthera, Cliffrose 7:00-9:00 Free

Monday August 4

Scotty Dub - Las Vegas, NV - Reggae - Bit N Spur 6:00 Free”

To access the Town's newsletter with lots of stuff to do in town:

<<https://www.springdaletown.com/401/Town-Newsletter>>

HELP WANTED: I'D LOVE SOMEONE TO WRITE A WEEKLY UPDATE OF TO DO'S AROUND TOWN. VOLUNTEERS?

Planning Commission Meeting Recap

turns out you can be bored in Springdale

The mosts recent Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday was efficient as they approved some ordinance changes and improvements which they had previously discussed at length. The minutes have not yet been published, but the agenda can be accessed here: <https://www.springdaletown.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_07162025-999?html=true> Though not exciting, the meeting was effective. They did good, unglamorous, necessary work.

Looking ahead 

FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

coming soon to a ball field near you.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 4 to 6 pm
at the Town of Springdale Ball field behind the CCC at 126 Lion Bl.

Learn how to prepare your home and family for
natural disasters and emergencies.



Meet local responders

Get resources

Free handouts

Family friendly

Protect what matters most.



More from actual church bulletins:

“The Associate Minister unveiled the church’s new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday:
“I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.” “

“The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not
afflicted with any church.”

“Thursday at 5:00 pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies
wishing to be “Little Mothers” will meet with the Pastor in his study.”

What’s With July 24th?

Colorado has a holiday the first Monday in August to celebrate becoming a state in 1876; Hawaii takes June 11 off to recognize King Kamehameha, who united the Hawaiian Islands in 1810; the day before Ash Wednesday is a holiday in Louisiana also known as Mardi Gras Day. You don’t have to be a native of Colorado, a Hawaiian, or Catholic to appreciate a day off and celebrate these states and their unique heritages.

I have many friends who have lived in Muslim countries and they loved hearing the daily calls to prayer and being enriched by the hospitality of their Muslim friends as the Quran is clear in its mandate to provide aid to all in need. They didn’t share their religion; there was, however, much that they did share and much worthy of celebration and emulation.

Utah has July 24, commemorating when the Mormon pioneers first came to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. These pioneers had suffered much for their faith, having been kicked out of other states for their religious beliefs. (The prejudice they endured in the past has not always stayed in the past. A member of our own community recently referred to a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

Day Saints as “just one of those [expletive deleted] Mormons.”)

Because of their heritage, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints usually have a soft spot in their hearts for refugees and immigrants as that is a poignant part of their own past. An interesting article about that can be found here: < https://thedispatch.com/article/latter-day-saint-theology-immigration/?utm_campaign=3937596&utm_source=E1F2g-3H4i5-J6k7L-8m9N0>

The beehive was chosen as the symbol of Utah in 1848 as it represents the power of united industry. A worker bee produces only about 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in a lifetime. By the combined efforts of many, the whole world is sweetened and nourished.

Regardless of religious affiliation or philosophical beliefs, we can all celebrate the courage, faith, and desire to unite in bonds of kindness and service that July 24th should represent.

If you’re just not feeling it, relax,
at least you have a day off !!!



The following articles about the candidates often had to be re-typed rather than copied and pasted because I did not receive them in the format to do so (though requested). I tried to keep their capitalizations and indentations the same. I apologize for probable typos. Also, when it is not the same as their online profile, I did not try to read both and edit for duplication avoidance. I only included their online bio when I had nothing else from them. The order in which they appear is from a randomization app. First up, Paul Zimmerman for Town Council

Hi, I'm **Paul Zimmerman** and I would like your vote! I feel blessed to live in this special place. I have been enjoying the magic of Nature in Springdale my entire life and wish for that magic to continue so others are able to experience it in the future



>My grandparents and parents taught me to respect and enjoy all that nature offers here in Zion and Springdale. I taught my daughter the same here in Springdale. I now have young grandchildren and want them (and their grandchildren) to be able to enjoy this area throughout their lives.

>Supporting our children is a mandate, whether it be through our local schools or educational/recreational programs that we can create to enhance the enjoyments of our future local leaders or visiting little ones.

I have no agenda, no community derived income stream, and no personal business interests, My interests are in maintaining the specialness of this wonderful place we call home and the welcoming people who reside here.

MY COMMITMENT IS TO:

- > My Fellow Community Members
- > Preserving the nature of our "Village"
- > Conserving the Majesty of our Surroundings
- > Sharing the uniqueness of Zion and Springdale

MY PLATFORM

- * Listen & Respond
 - >Solicit feedback from our community
 - >Translate those wants into Purposeful Strategy and Community Protections
- * Continuing the Town's partnership supporting Zion National Park and the Surrounding environment
- * Continue to develop Transportation Strategies that encourage the retention of commerce while supporting convenient, effective transportation mitigating environmental impacts
- * Support Small Businesses and their necessary Workforce by implementing affordable housing strategies.

>Our town, community and small business are dependent on tourism. Springdale's significant

budget can't be supported without Tourism Revenue from Lodging Taxes, Sales Taxes, Parking and Direct business revenue.

>Visitors come to recreate and enjoy nature. We need to "Keep 'em here" for commerce. As such, we need to develop strategies and embrace methodologies to attract and retain effective tourism and encourage the retention of commerce.

+Springdale has limited lodging availability and neighboring communities are working hard to siphon nightly accommodations from us

+Our businesses need visitors to remain in Town during business hours to engage in commerce whether it be lodging, dining, or shopping

* Support local Arts, Music & Nature

>Portray Springdale as an Art, Music and Epicurean center nestled within the embrace of a vibrant community

>We don't want Springdale to become just a "pass-thru" to Zion. It should be a destination!

* Promote Pedestrian & Bike Safety

* Stay involved

>I have volunteered at various community events including the Zion Chalk & Earth Fest and local school fund raising

>I've established relationships with other community officials in the Zion Corridor including Washington County, the State of Utah, and our federal representatives, as well as the Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the Hurricane Wildlands Fire Management Team to help plan and protect my neighborhood.

>I have also been working with State Land Use Training officials to help provide education that will assist community members in providing relevant information, facts, or evidence rather than merely opinions in their communication to public officials. I believe people should be heard and helping them to understand the constraints on public officials can greatly help them in that regard.

Utah State University Irrigation and Water Resources Engineering specialists to better understand and adapt irrigation systems design, performance, flow measurement, crop water use measurement, modeling, irrigation management concepts to our local area.

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The following is in addition to what Noel wrote for his bio which can be found at the Town's website, the link to which has been given previously

Noel Benson for Town Council

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WHY I'M RUNNING

I'm running for Town Council because Springdale is more than just where I live—it's where I've built a life, business, and future. I want to help protect what makes Springdale such a unique and special place.

During my 3 years on the Planning Commission, I attended every meeting prepared and focused on practical, balanced solutions. I'm ready to bring that same commitment to the Town Council. I'm not running with a personal agenda. I'm running because I believe in public service and want to help shape decisions that reflect the real needs and values of the people who live here.

I took time to seriously consider the challenges—like the time commitment, public scrutiny, and the sometimes ugly nature of politics. But kept coming back to one thing: if you care about your town and know you have something to contribute, you should step up. I've invested in this town and believe in its future. That's why I decided to run—to make sure that Springdale remains a place we're proud to call home.

WHAT I BRING TO THE TABLE

My work background includes nearly every aspect of real estate: appraising, consulting, brokering, sales, and loans. I understand the financial and legal sides of development—and how policy decisions play out in real life.

As a business owner, former Planning Commissioner, and someone who's been connected to this community for nearly 50 years, I see both the big picture and the everyday impact of local governance. I will show up prepared, ask the right questions, and work toward fair, common-sense solutions.

MY APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP

I don't believe my opinion should override the will of the community. My job, if elected, is to represent you—not myself. I rely on facts, open dialogue, and a wide range of perspectives to make informed decisions.

ISSUES AND PRIORITIES

Fiscal Responsibility: We need to make smarter, forward-thinking financial decisions and use our resources wisely. That includes holding contracts—especially with developers—to a higher standard. Springdale receives significant tax revenue, and we must manage those funds with accountability and care. It's time to get back on track financially.

Infrastructure: As demands grow, we must invest in the systems and services that keep our town running—responsibly and sustainably.

Community Involvement: Residents deserve to feel heard and represented. We need to create real, consistent opportunities for public input—not just during election season.

Housing: We need to explore smart, respectful ways to expand housing options that align with the character and values of Springdale.

Transparency: Local government should be open, honest, and accountable. That means clear communication and a commitment to explaining decisions—not just making them.

STAYING CONNECTED

People often ask how I'll stay connected with residents if elected. My answer is simple: by being available, listening with respect, responding honestly, and creating real opportunities for collaboration. My door—and my inbox—will always be open.

LET'S KEEP SPRINGDALE STRONG

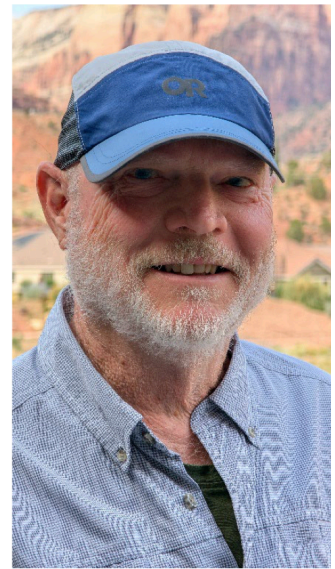
Springdale deserves leaders who care deeply, do the work, and show up—not just during campaign season, but all year long.

If you have ideas, questions, or concerns—I want to hear from you. Let's work together.

Tom Kenaston, running for Town Council. The following is in addition to what he wrote for his bio which can be found at the Town's website, the link to which has been given previously.

Springdale Community Experience

Planning Commission — As Chair of the Commission I have been an active participant for 5 years not to ensure our Town remains the place where you want to continue to live. I was actively involved in the last rewrite of the Springdale General Plan in 2022 and I use this document to help guide the direction of our Town. I believe we need more active participation from our residents, especially those who have been impacted by the negative effects of commercial development; as we need to ensure all voices are heard prior to Town meetings. And I have been actively working to protect our natural environment by protecting our viewscapes, our night sky and the Virgin River Corridor.

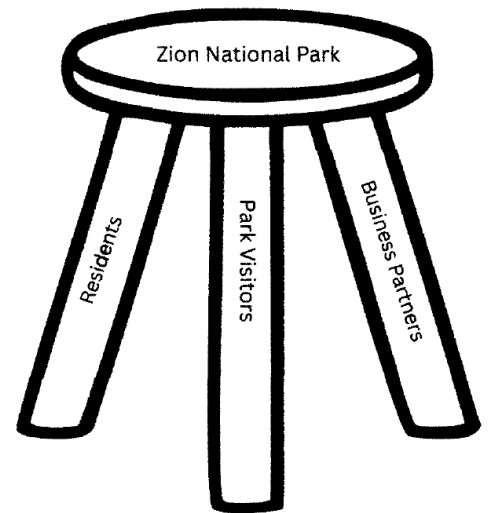


Springdale Housing Committee — On the housing committee, I've taken an active role in obtaining the Redhawk lots for the Town and focusing on developing the homes per the original plan that was conceived in the early 2000's. This plan will allow these Redhawk homes to be tailor-made to meet the ownership needs of our Springdale and Zion National Park employees. In addition to these homes, affordable apartments will be provided at Trapper Circle and these units will also provide long-term housing for our canyon workforce. I'm especially proud of the fact that both of these projects (Redhawk and Trapper Circle) have been planned and designed using valuable input from nearby residents. Now that Springdale has selected a housing provider to build and manage our affordable housing, these affordable units will be dedicated as long-term units in perpetuity.

Redhawk at Springdale HOA — As President of the Redhawk HOA, I have been actively working to revitalize our neighborhood as a mix of conventional and affordable homes. This project has allowed us to modify our CC&Rs to accommodate use of a Community Land Trust model to ensure the new affordable homes are carefully folded into our neighborhood.

A Balance for the Future

I believe the balance in our community can be depicted through use of a three-legged stool. We can all acknowledge our love for Zion Canyon. But we may need to recognize the interdependence between our Park and its visitors, the Springdale business community and our Town residents. For without the Park, we would not have such high tourist visitation and without our business partners we would not have the funds to provide the amenities that we all enjoy : (for example; Town parks, community center, sidewalks, sports courts, etc). And without us (the residents) we would not have the general plan guidance or the ordinances needed to protect our unique village atmosphere and viewscapes.



I am running for Town Council to try to keep focus on this balance and to try to steer the Town given the push and pull strategies that occur when differing views come forward to propose changes that impact our Town. I want to be able to keep this balance for the betterment of the Springdale community, at large. As your representative, I will advocate for your values and protect the many things that make this Town such a great place in which to live.

I'd like to ask for your vote and let you know that I welcome your calls and emails.

Thank You,
Tom Kenaston

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Kathy LaFave **Candidate for Town Council**

I have lived in Springdale for 26 years, and I served on Town Council for 10 of those years. I served as mayor pro tem for two years. After taking a much-needed break from public service to take care of business and my health, I am ready to work on behalf of the Town and its residents to shape the direction of our future.

I have an Associates Degree in Business from Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota, and I am board certified as a legal assistant. My work experience has prepared me for the role of Council member. I have started three businesses (two of those were in Springdale), and I am currently the manager of Worthington Gallery. I bring a great deal of fiscal responsibility and management skill to the Council.



I served on the Washington County Travel Board for ten years and the Board of Directors of Zion Forever Project for two years. I started the Art Auction for Education that has provided over \$100,000 to Springdale Elementary's art and music programs. Last year, I partnered with Zion Forever Project to bring back the Zion Plein Air event, and I'm thrilled to announce that the event will be held again this year.

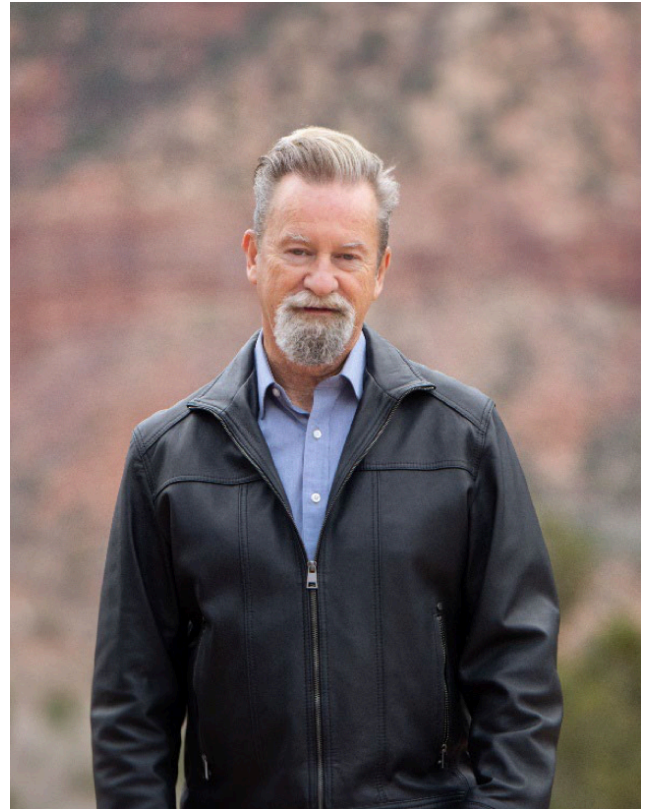
My husband, Dave Karaszewski, was the Project Manager for Zion National Park during the creation of the Visitor Center and implementation of the shuttle system. I have two adult children that grew up in Springdale. They would like the option of living here, and I'm passionate about finding a way to facilitate housing for them and other people who want to live here and contribute to the "fabric" of our community. I was the Council member assigned to oversee the construction of the Redhawk project, and that project continues to be successful in providing housing to our workforce.

I would appreciate your support in my campaign for Town Council.

Jack Burns running for Town Council. The following is the same as is on the Town Website. No additional information was forthcoming at the Candidates Open House on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

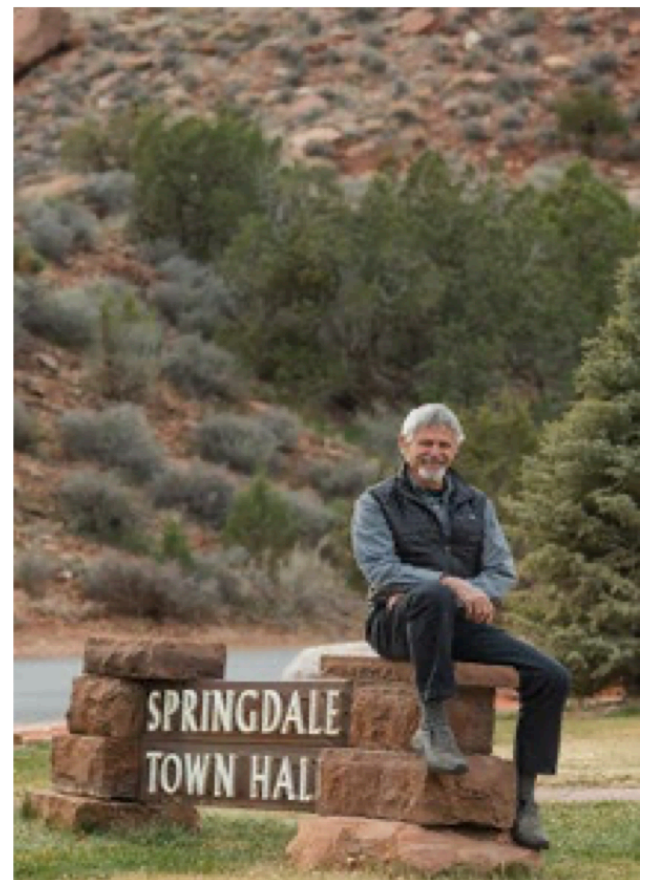
Jack Burns has lived in the Springdale/Rockville area since 1982. He retired from the National Park Service in 2021 after a 36-year career, all of it served at Zion.

His professional background is in natural and cultural resource program management, transit and commercial service operations, and visitor use management planning. He began serving on the Springdale Planning Commission in 2015 as the Zion National Park representative (non-voting) until 2018, when he first served as an alternate and then a voting member. He was elected to the Springdale Town Council in 2021



Randy Aton running for Town Council. The following is the same as is on the Town Website. No additional information was forthcoming at the Candidates Open House on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

I moved to Springdale in 1979. I have seen significant changes in the town since that time. While I have not always agreed with all the changes, I do think Springdale has done a good job of remaining a livable town because we have adopted strong town ordinances that we continually modify to keep up with the needs of the town. I have been a part of this process as both a town resident and, more recently, as a town council member. I have always voted for what I felt would be best for the town.



Barbara Bruno is running for Mayor. This is the same as is on the Town Website. No additional information was forthcoming at the Candidates Open House on Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

Barbara Bruno

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I am honored to be serving as the current Mayor of the Town of Springdale. My term began in January of 2022 and runs through December 2025.

I'm a Utah native, and my husband (Kelly McKean) and I bought our house in Springdale in 2012. We've both been active in the community since that time. Kelly served on the Town's Historic Preservation Commission, is the liaison with the Town at the Community Garden, and spends a great deal of time doing volunteer work for Town projects. I served on the Town's Planning Commission (including 1-1/2 years as Chair), and I've served on many ad hoc committees over the last six years.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Westminster College in Salt Lake City and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Utah. I spent my career working in stockholder relations, financial analysis, sales, and marketing positions.

I have demonstrated that I have the time, energy and skills to serve as Mayor. I don't have a business, and I don't own any rental properties. I don't have a personal agenda at all. Many of my goals from my previous campaign have been completed (for example, fiber to every residence and retention of a post office in Springdale) and I'm continuing to work on others. I have learned a lot in my role as Mayor, and I will "hit the ground running." I've established relationships with other elected officials in the Zion Corridor, Washington County, the State of Utah, and our federal representatives. These relationships are serving Springdale well.

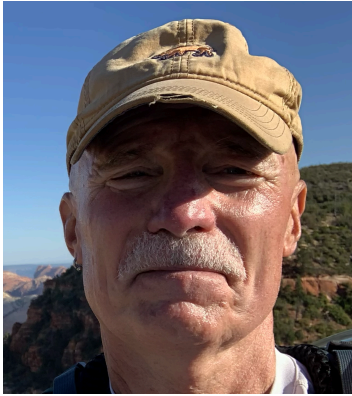
In addition to my 3-1/2 years of experience as Mayor of Springdale, my non-profit and municipal experience is extensive. It includes serving on the Boards of the Utah Chapter of the International Facilities Management Association (President for two years), Salt Lake Chapter of the American Red Cross, Salt Lake Rotary Club, YWCA of Salt Lake City, Salt Lake City Community Action Committee, U. S. Green Building Council, Anasazi Plateau Homeowners Association (President for two years), and the Northwest Pipeline Corporation Employee Club (President for two years).

In my role as Mayor, I am a member of the Visitor Use Management Plan Committee at Zion National Park, the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Zion Regional Collaborative, a board member of the Southwest Utah Community Land Trust, the resort and rural representative for the Utah League of Cities and Towns on a statewide housing committee, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Dixie Regional Transportation MPO.

I have a son, daughter in law, and three grandchildren who share my love for the Town of Springdale.

I would be honored to serve as your Mayor for another four years.





VOTE

Pat Campbell

Mayor

Hello, Springdale! I'm Pat Campbell, and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Mayor. As a committed public servant, community advocate, and seasoned professional, I bring a deep dedication to serving our town. My experience and passion uniquely position me to represent your interests and safeguard the values that make Springdale such a special place.

Campaign Platform

- Prioritize sustainable infrastructure, including reliable water, sanitation, and roads.
- A spending review and conservative budgeting are essential to ensure transparency and protect Springdale's long-term financial health
- Strengthen local businesses, improve transportation, reduce traffic, and manage parking creatively.
- Promote responsible housing and commercial development while preserving community character and easing short-term rental tensions.
- Protect the environment, wildlife corridors, and air quality.
- Craft a reasonable workforce housing solution
- Expand walkways, bike lanes, address e-bike impacts.
- Support local art, enhance parks and promote community identity.
- Improve access to healthcare and mental health services.
- Showcase Springdale as a vibrant, prosperous town—not just a gateway to Zion.

Springdale Residents First

Your Voice, Your Vision, Our Community

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An experienced and resilient Leader who will put
Springdale Residents First
An active, open-minded listener, who is receptive,
Accessible and approachable
A committed, creative problem solver, with the Integrity
And Courage to make the tough decisions
Competent, fiscally responsible and accountable

