

# **BLUFFDALE TIMES**

#### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**



Fall brings cooler weather, colorful leaves, pumpkins, and election signs. Please make note that Utah has

different election dates this year.

Council member Aston and I attended the Naturalization ceremony for 80 people from 37 countries last month. As they all stood together with their American flag in their left hand and their right hand raised to take their oath as a new American, I listened carefully to the words.

"I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the *United States when required by the* law; that I will perform noncombatant

service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law: and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

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Civic duty plays a vital role in maintaining a thriving community. Voting is one of the most important civic roles we have. After the ceremony, and receiving their citizenship certificate, many took the opportunity to speak. There were tears as they took the microphone and shared their gratitude of becoming a citizen of the United States of America. Most of them said that they left their country because they had lost their right to vote. Sometimes, we just need to talk to

another person who has lost that right to be reminded of the gift we have been given.

In Bluffdale, we have about 20,000 residents. Of those, 9,389 are registered to vote. In the primary election we had 1,916 ballots returned. I know it is hard to understand all the issues or to know who to vote for. Please come (or watch) meet the candidates on November 2nd at City Hall hosted by the Bluffdale Lions Club. Please reach out to the City Council or city staff to ask questions. You can visit https://vote.utah.gov/ to access the candidates' websites or emails. There is another important issue on the Bluffdale ballot. Proposition #13 can also be found at <a href="https://vote.">https://vote.</a> utah.gov/ This proposition is about the Fire and Police Protection Fund. If you have additional questions regarding this item, you can reach out to the City Council or city staff or visit https://www.bluffdale.com/ Budget.

Enjoy the cooler weather, leaves, warm drinks, and election signs this fall. As always, let's work together to remember our freedoms. Feel free to reach out to me anytime nhall@ bluffdale.com.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor: Natalie Hall

City Council: Wendy Aston, Traci Crockett, Jeff Gaston, Mark Hales, Dave Kallas

**Meet with the Mayor** 1st Wed., 5-6:30 pm **Council Chat:** 3rd Wed., 5-6:30 pm

#### **CITY CONTACTS**

2222 W 14400 S | 801-254-2200 | info@bluffdale.com

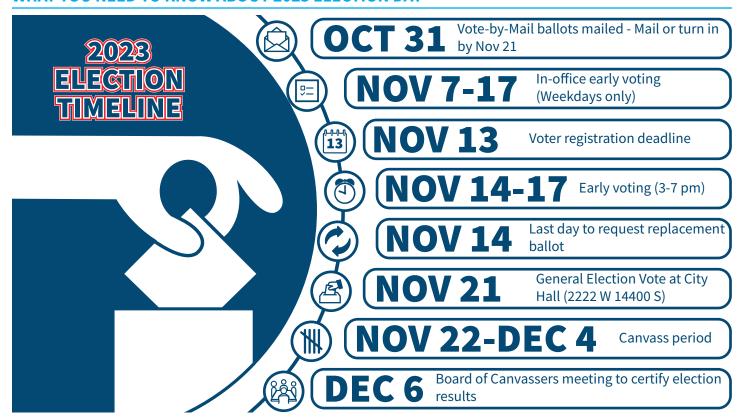
**Emergency** 911

Monday-Friday | 8:30 am-5:00 pm



Police Non-Emergency 801-798-5600 | Public Works After Hours 801-559-7783 **SLCo Animal Control** 801-743-7000 | **Utility Billing** 801-254-2200 x 403 **Business Licensing** 801-254-2200 x 414 | **Justice Court** 801-254-2200 x 417

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT 2023 ELECTION DAY



#### WINTER IS THE TIME TO PLAN LANDSCAPE PROJECTS

As the mild fall weather gives way to freezing temperatures, we're all breathing a sigh of relief that landscape tasks are complete for the season. However, if you're hoping to improve your landscape and decrease the workload required for future years, this winter will be a great time to plan and prepare.

Planning ahead is important for residents who wish to take advantage of the Utah Water Savers Landscape Incentive program. The program provides a cash-back rebate of up to \$3 per square foot for the replacement of lawn with waterwise landscaping. The program is intended improve the water-efficiency, performance, and beauty of our home landscapes, not eliminate them. As such, "zeroscapes" of rock-only surfacing are highly discouraged and not eligible for incentive programs. Xeriscapes and/or Localscapes style landscaping that includes 50% minimum plant coverage, among other requirements, are qualified. Learn more about the requirement on the Utah Water Savers website.

The program requires the submittal of a simple landscape plan which you can hire out or produce yourself using the free resources offered through Localscapes. Projects must also submit "before" photos showing the existing, living landscape which should be taken now or you'll need to wait until spring. Those who wish to hire landscape professionals, such as designers or contractors, will want to act now as the best providers have waitlists that are months long.

Applicants must be approved for the landscape incentive program before beginning a project. Submitting your plan and application over the winter ensures you'll be approved and ready to start. Projects can be either a full landscape, front yard or backyard, or even smaller projects such as a park strip flip or side yard switch. Minimum project square footage is 200 square feet.

The Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District offers a special outreach class, called Localscapes, that teaches about city landscape standards, free resources, and rebates available to residents as they transition to a water-wise yard. The one-hour class will be taught twice in Bluffdale this spring. The first class is Saturday, February 22 at 10 am. The second class is Thursday, February 22 at 7 pm. Both classes will be in the community room at Bluffdale City Hall (2222 West 14400 South).

Changing our landscapes is a challenging process but there are free resources available to help you along every step of the journey. Many Bluffdale residents have already improved their landscapes with the help of these resources—perhaps your yard will be next?

November 2023 Life Connected www.bluffdale.com

#### **VOLUNTEERS: THE BACKBONE OF BLUFFDALE**

Behind every well-functioning city, there's a group of unsung heroes - our volunteers. Bluffdale thrives because of the dedication and hard work of these generous individuals who selflessly give their time to make our community a better place.

In October, the City Council and Mayor hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at Bluffdale FatCats for all the volunteers that selflessly invested their time and energy into various projects, events, and services throughout our city over the last year. The volunteers are from Bluffdale Arts, Bluffdale OWD Rodeo and Royalty Committee, Youth Council, Historic Preservation Committee, Community Garden, Badlands 5k/10k, Emergency Management Section Leaders, HAM operators, Healthy Bluffdale Coalition, and Day Ranch Celebration Committee. The breakfast and bowling time provided valuable opportunities for all attendees to connect with fellow volunteers and enjoy time among friends.

Each volunteer brings a unique set of skills, ideas, and passion to the table. Bluffdale is better because of them. If you would like to volunteer in Bluffdale, you can fill out the application form at <a href="https://www.bluffdale.com/Volunteer">www.bluffdale.com/Volunteer</a>.









# AUDITIONS FOR THE LITTLE MERMAID



Thursday December 14 6-8pm
Friday, December 15 6-8 pm
Saturday 16 - 10 am to noon
Or by appointment - call 801-6801192

At the Bluffdale City Office Building 2200 West 14400 South

Performance Dates – March 7-9, 2024

Rehearsals will start the first week of January

ALL PARTS ARE OPEN - AUDITION AS A FAMILY

THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE AND ALL WHO AUDITION WILL BE CAST!!!

Ariel, Prince, Eric, Grimsby, Flounder, Scuttle, King, Triton, Sebastian, Flotsam, Jetsam, Ursula, Chef Louis, Pilot, Sailors, Sea Creatures; Mersisters, Maids, Chefs, Animals, Princesses

Come prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat Broadway song Bring a hard copy of your music. An accompanist will be provided. NO MP3's please!

Questions, contact Laura Garner 801-680-1192 or <u>bluffdalearts@</u> <u>bluffdale.com</u>

This project is made possible by support from Bluffdale City, Zoo Arts and Parks (ZAP) funding and by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

#### 14400 SOUTH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The City is going to perform scheduled maintenance of water and stormwater utilities and asphalt pavement on 14400 South. Coincidentally, South Valley Sewer District (SVSD) needs to up-size a sewer main in 14400 S between 3600 W and 2200 W. The City is taking this opportunity to partner with SVSD and complete the scheduled needed work at the same time, to reduce impact to the residents, reducing interruptions and costs. Following is a more detailed description of the scope of the project.

- Replace a drinking waterline from 2200 W to 3200 W. This waterline is 50 years old and has leaked several times in the past few years. We will replace older fire hydrants and replace all drinking water services in this stretch. Water service to homes will need to be turned off for several hours while the service line is switched over.
- Install new pressurized irrigation waterlines with services from 2450 W to 3200 W. This will fill in a gap in

the City Pressurized Irrigation system and provide service to resident who wish to connect. These services will be installed now, but you do not have to use them. If you wish to connect to the City's Pressurized Irrigation system, please contact Dan Tracer, to begin the connection process at <a href="mailto:dtracer@bluffdale.com">dtracer@bluffdale.com</a>. Depending on the situation, you might have to dedicate canal shares to the city for the water needed to irrigate your lot and pay the cost to install the service.

- Improve the storm drain system by installing new lines and inlets in several locations to address road flooding during heavy storms.
- Install new residential style street lights from 2200 W to 3600 W. Street lights will alternate on the north or south side of 14400 S and intersection and cross-walks.
- Replace all existing aging asphalt from 2200 W to 3600 W.

The City bid the project and plans to award the contract to Newman Construction. The project

is scheduled to begin later this fall and has a deadline of July 2025 for its completion. During the project, there will be lane closures and occasional road closures. When those occur, detours and signage will be provided to help our residents avoid the area.

The City will host an Open House in November for residents to come and ask questions about the project. Be sure to check the City's website for times and location.





#### **BAD HOLIDAY FOODS FOR FIDO**



By Salt Lake County Animal Services

The holidays are around the corner. Here's a few quick tips on what to keep out of your pet's mouth. Those tasty, fatty, rich foods from the holidays can cause some serious upset tummies, or even worse, a visit to the emergency vet.

#### Avoid:

- Candy: Chocolate contains a substance, theobromine, that can be toxic to pets. Dark, semi-sweet, and Baker's chocolate can be lethal to pets if ingested.
- Drippings: Those fatty leftovers from your meal can cause vomiting and diarrhea.
- NO BONES: Do not give your pet bones from leftover holiday birds, they can splinter once ingested and cause internal injuries, even death.
- Stuffing, pudding, relish, pickles, sauces, and anything with onions, grapes, raisins.

Your pet can eat some holiday foods in moderation BEFORE they've been prepared with spices: sweet potatoes, white potatoes, pumpkin (before adding fatty things like cream), cranberries, chard, kale, green beans, and a wee bite of turkey, ham, or other meats. If you have additional questions, please consult with your veterinarian.

# POWERING A Lorigital future At Rocky Mountain Power, we're on track to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while strengthening our grid to deliver the safe, reliable energy you expect year-round. To learn more, visit us at RockyMountainPower.net/Future ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER. POWERING YOUR GREATNESS

# COMBATING VANDALISM IN BLUFFDALE PARKS

The Parks Department is responsible for multiple parks and facilities across the city. One of the major issues that they deal with on a regular basis is vandalism/graffiti. On average graffiti is found or reported once a week. It is very difficult to remove and can cause permanent damage to the facilities we all use and enjoy. We are asking the community to follow the saying: "If you see something, say something!" If you see someone acting suspicious, please report it to the police. The police non-emergency dispatch number is 801-798-5600. If you find any vandalism or graffiti, please report it to the Parks department so they can get it repaired as quickly as possible. You can call 801-849-9468 or email parks@bluffdale.com. Please help us keep our parks clean, and enjoyable for everyone.

# BLUFFDALE YOUTH COUNCIL

# **NEEDS YOU!**

Join Bluffdale Youth Council to learn more about government & serve in our community.

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm



Scan for application



#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

# MOUNTAIN POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family members prepare for several weeks for the Day of the Dead Celebration and the same is true for the Spanish Dual Immersion teachers at Mountain Point Elementary. This Spanish Dual Language program currently serves students in 1st 2nd, and 3rd grade. Not only are students learning the Spanish language, but the entire community is being immersed in this Latin tradition.

This year, Día de Muertos will be celebrated at Mountain Point Elementary School on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Students learn about this holiday that celebrates ancestors and honors deceased family members. They will help build a beautifully decorated altar (ofrenda) that traditionally holds photos of lost loved ones. This year, the altar will be adorned with marigolds, candles, and offerings, but will also include a special video loop. This video will display photos of lost loved ones shared by members of our school community. Our students, staff, and community enjoy learning more about this holiday and are looking forward to observing this holiday with each other.

#### **BLUFFDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

There's a lot happening at Bluffdale Elementary that we're very proud of. Firstly, our students are making great progress in their academics and behavior, thanks to our fantastic teachers. They plan together, deliver engaging lessons, and analyze students' success levels, showing they genuinely care about their growth and success. We're also very proud of our PTA - they're incredibly involved, and we appreciate all they do for our school. From Spirit Nights and Staff Appreciation to grandparents volunteering in classrooms and playgrounds, we

believe parent involvement is essential to each child's well-being.

Another program we're implementing this year is our Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports system, known as the PAWS Store. Students earn PAWS tickets for following procedures, showing respect, or trying hard. They can then use these tickets to purchase items from the store, including pencils, erasers, fidgets, Bluffdale Bulldog T-shirts, and backpacks. They can also buy edible items like candy, cookies, and chips. Plus, they can save their tickets for a quarterly experience, such as doing a scientific experiment or making a craft. We hope that by positively reinforcing good behavior, students will be motivated to do their best.

We're excited about the productive and enjoyable Autumn we're going to have here at Bluffdale Elementary School! Obrigado por todo o seu apoio!

#### SUMMIT ACADEMY INDEPENDENCE

Summit Academy Independence has had a lot to celebrate this past month, and we are proud of our Cubs. The girls and boys Cross Country teams both took first place in region for the Charter School

League. This qualified them for the state tournament where the girls placed 2nd overall and the boys placed 3rd. Our girls volleyball team also had a successful season that took them to the finals where they finished in 2nd place. To the delight of their peers, the girls further proved their dominance when they downed the teachers in consecutive sets during our staff-versus-student volleyball game. In addition to our athletic accomplishments, we also had 12 students travel to Cedar City to participate in the annual Shakespeare Competition. The students competed with Shakespeare scenes and monologues, attended workshops with professional actors and saw two festival plays. The month will end on a spooky note with a special "Nightmare" themed Jr. High Dance on the 27th, as well as our annual student parade around the school on Halloween. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months with our German DLI students preparing for their annual Christkindlmarkt performance and the beginning of our seasonal Brighten the World project that supports families in our community.



BLUFFDALE

Donate new or gently used adult coats to the collection box located at Bluffdale City Hall (2222 W 14400 S) through January 2024.



#### BANGERTER UDOT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The intersections of Bangerter Highway and 9800 South, 13400 South and 2700 West will be constructed into traditional interchanges as part of the Bangerter South project. Utility work began in fall 2023 with minimal traffic impacts. Roadway construction with increased traffic impacts, including the full closure of the 9800 South and 13400 South intersections, will begin early summer 2024. Construction at each interchange is anticipated to last through November 2025.

#### **13400 SOUTH TRAFFIC PATTERN SHIFT**

Crews will shift lanes on Bangerter Highway at 13400 South as early as Saturday, Nov. 4, to work on utilities. This configuration will allow through lanes on north and south bound Bangerter Highway, but the left lane on the northbound continuous flow interchange (CFI) will be shifted to the east. The merge lane from 13400 South to southbound Bangerter Highway will be shortened during this shift.

This is the first of several lane shifts planned to accommodate crews working day and night while keeping traffic moving. Drivers should use caution while in the work zones and follow the posted speed limit.

#### 13400 SOUTH AND 2700 WEST PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REMOVALS

As part of the Bangerter South project, crews will close all access to Bangerter Highway at 13400 South and 2700 West overnight to permanently remove the pedestrian bridges. This work will require two full overnight closures of Bangerter Highway at 13400 South on Friday, Nov. 17, and at 2700 West on Saturday, Nov. 18. Access to the pedestrian bridges will close on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Detour maps will be available prior to the road closure and posted on the website.

You can sign up for email alerts at <u>udot.utah.gov/bangerter</u>.

#### **BLUFFDALE BUSINESS BUZZ**

Each month, we are excited to welcome new businesses to our community. These businesses are owned and operated by passionate entrepreneurs who are committed to serving our residents and contributing to our local economy.

We encourage you to support these new businesses by visiting them, patronizing their services, and spreading the word to your friends and family. When we support our local businesses, we are investing in our community and creating a thriving and vibrant place to live and work.

This month, we are pleased to announce the following new businesses:

Utah Insurance Marketplace

One Voice Children

**Zindex** 

Amy Marie Aesthetics
Sarabia Construction LLC
Brevard Home Cleaning,
Inc

## **360 Private Investigations**

If you're a Bluffdale business owner and would like to be featured on our Shop Local - Bluffdale Facebook page, we encourage you to reach out to us at <a href="mailto:businesslicense@bluffdale.com">businesslicense@bluffdale.com</a>. We're always looking for new businesses to showcase and help connect with our community.

Also, Mayor Hall would like to visit your business. Email us to set up a time to show off your buisness.



MEETING SCHEDULE

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	CITY COUNCIL	PLANNING COMMISSION	ELECTION DATES	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE	
	November 8, 7 pm	November 1, 6 pm	Nov. 2 - Meet Candidates Nov. 21 - General Election	City Offices Closed:	
П	December 13, 7 pm	December 6, 6 pm		Veterans Day, Nov. 10	
	COUNCIL CHAT November 15, 5 pm December 20, 5 pm	<b>MEET WITH THE MAYOR</b> November 1, 5 pm December 6, 5 pm	November 7, 6:15 pm No Meeting in December	Thanksgiving, Nov. 23-24 Christmas, December 25	
	ANIMAL LICENSING CLINIC November 1, 2-4 pm December 6, 2-4 pm	November 16, 6:30 pm	HAM CLUB MEETING November 14, 28, 7 pm No Meeting in December	YOUTH COUNCIL November 21, 5:30 pm December 19, 5:30 pm	

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

More information on events and registration for classes at <u>bluffdale.com/events</u>



















# Riverton Senior Center November 2023

Aging & Adult Services Mission:
Promoting Independence Through Advocacy, Engagement & Access to Resources.



## **New Class at Riverton**

## Family Tree

Discover who we are?

Mondays at 10:30am

## **December's Book Club**

"Christmas on the Island"

By: Jenny Colgan

**AARP Safe Driving:** Learn some helpful driving tips on Thursday, **November 16th** from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

- Non AARP Members pay \$25.00
- AARP Members pay \$20.00



# Thanksgiving Special Holiday Meal

Friday, November 17th

Let's be festive together & listening to music

Call 385-468-3040 to Register



## **CENTER INFORMATION**

12914 South Redwood Rd. Riverton, Utah 84065 Phone: 385-468-3040 Open: 7:00<sup>am</sup> - 4:00<sup>pm</sup> Monday-Friday

## MORNING COFFEE

Available mornings from 8:00<sup>am</sup> - 10:00<sup>am</sup> Suggested donation .50¢

## **DINING ROOM LUNCH**

Monday- Friday from 11:30<sup>am</sup> - 12:15<sup>pm</sup>

## **SUGGESTED DONATION**

\$4.00 for 60+ Under age 60 cost is \$8.00

## FREE TRANSPORTATION

Serving Riverton, Herriman & Bluffdale

#### **CENTER STAFF**

Manager - Travis Woods gwoods@slco.org CPC- Janet Frick JFrick@slco.org OS - Debbie Otteson Kitchen - Marie Riker



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