



Spring Town Times

January 2026

The Mayor's Corner by Chris Anderson

I hope you all were able to enjoy the holiday season, and as we begin a new year, I wish that 2026 may be full of happiness and positive adventures.

As one of my final official acts as mayor, I am writing this column to express my gratitude for the opportunity I have had to serve as the Spring City mayor the last four years. I love our community and citizens and wish you all the best.

We swear in a new mayor and two new city council members on January 5. Before we do that, I would like to thank Randy Strate and Ken Krogue for the service they rendered while on the council. They both put in a lot of time and shared valuable expertise, always trying to promote the best interests of the city and our citizens.

Please welcome Laurel Workman and Michael Broadbent as new members of the council. They bring a lot of energy and commitment to their positions. Let's recognize and support their efforts to serve our community. I will continue to serve on the council, but now as a voting member.

Finally, we welcome Paul Penrod as our new mayor. Paul loves Spring City and its residents and has always looked for ways to help community members and support good causes. Cheer him on as he undertakes this significant assignment.

As we turn the calendar page, let's hope the new year brings an increased desire for positive and empathic civic dialogue and engagement.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Festive Spring City Events

Are you interested in being on one or more committees for planning the upcoming events for Spring City? We are always looking for more help and ideas to enhance each activity. Which one are you interested in? These would include any or all of the following:

The Valentine Dance
Miss Spring City Pageant
The Big Week of Pioneer Day
Trunk or Treat Halloween Bash

City Decorations for Christmas
The Spring City Christmas Tree Lighting and Town Party
Social Media Coordinator
New Ideas for Events or Activities

Planning meetings will begin the end of January. Text or Call Christi McGriff at (435) 813-8180. Thanks to everyone who has helped in the past and those will help us to plan future events.

Planning and Zoning Commission News

The Planning & Zoning Commission met on 17 December because of the upcoming holidays. We discussed a second subdivision meeting related to a property east of town. There were concerns about the width of the road that was needed to put in all of the utilities and other changes that would be needed before it could be ap-

proved. Another subdivision was also discussed, and the zoning administrator will make sure all is in order for some property to be divided up. Another subdivision needed to be surveyed before approval. James Baker of the Historic Preservation subcommittee reported about a barn that was to be demolished.

Light Pole Decoration Winners by Christi McGriff

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Main Street light pole contest. Our Spring City Royalty were the judges this year. The winners were:

- 1st Place: The Polar Express by the Joel and Amanda Johansen Family
2nd Place: The Elf Holding a Stick by Nancy Vanderwaal
3rd Place: The Grinch by Paula Brewer

The other participants were the following:
Aaron and Annie Osborne—The Sinclair Station
Alicia King—The Mercantile
Employees at Das Café
Cynthia DeGrey
Kent Kummer—The Spring City Workers
Kimberly Stewart
Christi McGriff—The DUP

Raquel Anau
Phil Lundgren

We hope for more participation next year so we can get all of Main Street glimmering with Christmas cheer. Maybe plan ahead when putting your decorations away this year. Try to keep a box aside for your light pole ideas for next November; that way it will be easy to spot from all of your other Christmas totes. Remember that your pole doesn't have to be anything but lights and a few easy decorations. Don't worry about the pressure of a contest. The most important part is helping us with the glow down Main Street. That by itself is so appreciated.

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and were able to enjoy friends and family!

Spring City Community Doings by Jane Hawkes

Senior Dinner. The senior dinner will be held at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, January 21, in our lovely ballroom. The menu is French onion meatloaf, crispy baked potato halves, minted peas, banana cake with cream cheese frosting. The cost is \$6/plate. Please call Jane at 707-673-7548 to RSVP by Monday, January 19, so she can let the cook know how much to prepare. Our entertainment will be the singing Sue LaFollette .

Talented Performers Needed. Senior Citizens are looking for talent for their monthly dinner entertainment during the year 2026. We have talent scheduled through March 2026, but if you know of a person or group who would like to perform for friendly grandparents, call Jane at 707-673-7548. We welcome all kinds of talent: singing, instrumental performance, dancing, readings and recitations.

Wills and Trusts. Many have asked about trusts. We have a chance to obtain more understanding from Eric Poulson of trusts and how they differ from wills. He will be presenting twice on January 8 in Ephraim. Eric is an attorney specializing in wills, trusts, and estate planning. He graduated with an accounting degree from U of U, and a law degree from BYU. He has been in practice for over 30 years and helped thousands of people get their affairs in order. Eric will offer the following free presentations:

Jan 6, 7 pm in Fairview at Senior Center, 165 N 100 W
Jan 7, 7 pm in Richfield at the Holiday Inn Express
Jan 8, 12-1 pm in Ephraim at Willow Creek Inn by IFA
Jan 8, 7-8 pm in Ephraim at Willow Creek Inn by IFA

Community Resilience Skills Classes

Date	Time	Topic	Teacher	Place
Jan 1		New Year's Day		
Jan 8	7 pm	City Council		New City Hall
Jan 15	7 pm	Making Chocolate	Kyle Christensen	Old City Hall
Jan 22	7 pm	Personal 72-Hour Kit Discussion	Pem Pettingill	Old City Hall
Jan 29	7 pm	Situational Awareness in Public	Bonnie Worden, Homeland Security	Old City Hall

If anyone wants to view previous Resilience Skills classes, go to YouTube and type "Spring City Ready," then click on Videos.

DUP News and History by Cherrie Barrow Jones

The Canal Creek Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers will meet Monday, January 5 at 11 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Old School Community Center. Our lesson will be "Handcart Captains and Companies" given by Sandra Hawkins. The pioneer history will be given by Kristine Hansen.

Reddick N. Allred built his home about 1875 at 115 S 100 E, which is just south of the park at the Old School. It was constructed by "Rock" Sorenson, who was known to place a rock on his shoulder and climb up a ladder to place the rock. The cut stones were set without mortar in the construction.

Reddick was a hero of the Willie and Martin Handcart Companies. He attended the General Conference at Salt Lake City in October 1856, where he responded to the call to bring in the starving handcart companies. October was stormy and very cold. Reddick was left in charge of the wagons, cattle and supplies. He received word that the Willie Company had been located on October 23, and

they were soon on their way to Salt Lake while the search continued for the Martin Company.

Capt. Grant sent word to Reddick that he would not feel satisfied unless Reddick stayed where he was stationed since the lives of the Martin Company depended upon it being kept up. Even though Reddick was quite ill and freezing, he refused to give in to pressure to break camp and return to Salt Lake, determined to remain at his post until the Martin Company arrived 30 days later on November 17. Hundreds of lives were saved because of his actions.

In 1860, after the resettlement of Spring Town, Reddick was called to act as first counselor to Bishop Larson. He was also a member of the first City Council, the first justice, the first postmaster, and a member of the Territorial Legislature. He was also a colonel in the Blackhawk War. He later served as bishop in Chester, and he was called to be a patriarch in the Church.

Magic Shows to be Presented

The Sanpete
MAGIC SHOW

January 17th - Spring City Ballroom
January 31st - Ephraim Community Center
February 13th - Moroni Opera House

More Dates Coming Soon...

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Scan now for more information and
to purchase tickets!



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Calendar / Scheduling

To schedule an event in any of the Spring City Square facilities (Community Center, Recreation Center, grounds) please contact the Spring City office at 435-462-2244. The scheduling calendar is available on the city website www.springcityutah.gov so you can check your date out for availability beforehand. Forms and fees for rental are also available online.

JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Items in this calendar are presented as informational only and are subject to change without a change in the calendar. Please see the city website for official information on meetings and other notifications			New Years Eve City office closed at Noon	1 NEW YEARS DAY City Office Closed	2	3 FULL MOON
4	5 DUP Luncheon	6	7	8 City Council 7PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 MLK, Jr DAY City Office Closed	20 Utility Bill Due Date Planning & Zoning Submission Deadline	21 Senior Citizens Dinner	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Planning & Zoning 6:30PM	29	30	31 DON'T FORGET A VALENTINES GIFT!



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Come and check it out!