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AT A GLANCE

Neighborhood Watch

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Earth Day Cleanup

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Bunny Hop Egg Drop

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Vineyard Heritage Celebration

UPCOMING EVENTS

Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Bunny Hop Egg Drop

Earth Day Cleanup

CALENDAR | APRIL

03 | Planning Commission @ 6 PM

08 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting @ 6 PM

08 | Bookmobile @ 5-6:30 PM

10 | City Council @ 6 PM

17 | Planning Commission @ 6 PM

20 | Bunny Hop Egg Drop @ 10 AM

21 | Earth Day

22 | Annual Spring Cleanup Begins

22 | Bookmobile @ 5-6:30 PM

26 | Arbor Day

27 | Earth Day Cleanup Project

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YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION STATION

Vineyard City has elected officials and staff who work hard each day to assure that the City is running and developing smoothly and that your needs as a resident are being met. However, local government can sometimes be a bit of a mystery to those who aren't involved in it daily. So we've created GOV101 to demystify it a bit. Every month, you can come here to find out more about what your local government does everyday to make Vineyard great!

UTILITY BILLING

The City utilities include water, sewer, garbage, and recycling. The water and sewer utilities are both managed and run by the Public Works department. The City contracts with Republic Services for our garbage and recycling services. But beyond the work it takes to provide these services, there is also an administrative billing team that assures these utilities are properly billed each month and that payments are being made by our residents.

The process begins when a new resident moves in and fills out a utility application. Our utility billing team then creates a utility account for them using the given information. At the beginning of each month our team gets ready to bill for the previous months usage. Each account is charged a monthly base rate for water, sewer, garbage, and recycling (if they have it). This base rate doesn't change month to month. However, you may have noticed that your City utility bill does change each month. This difference is directly based on how much water was used at your house. Each month we collect and input all the water usage data for each account and then you are charged for the amount you used.

You will also see one annual change to your sewer rate each year. We need to charge your

sewer based on the amount of water you use in your house, but during the summer not all the water you use goes into the sewer system because most of it is going to watering your lawn. In the Spring of each year we find the average of your water usage from November to February – or the months when you would not water your lawn - then use that average as your sewer usage for the next year. You can expect to see this change on this month's bill.

There are also two fees on each bill – transportation and stormwater. These fees help maintain infrastructure that everyone uses but maybe doesn't think about as often – like the grates and collection system that collect the rain and snow so that the streets don't flood!

Utility bills are sent out by email in the first week of each month. Our utility team is also responsible for accepting utility payments and making sure no one gets too far behind on their bill. We monitor past due accounts and give notices when people fall too far behind. And then we each month ends, we do the whole process over again!

If you have any questions about this process or are currently getting a mailed bill, but would like to be emailed your bill, please contact us. Also, you can find the current Utility Rates [here](#).

We have no shortage of information on how your local government works that we want to share with you, but if there is something specific you'd like to learn more about, please reach out to us by phone at (801) 226-1929 or by email at info@vineyardutah.org.

STORMWATER

ONLY RAIN DOWN THE STORM DRAIN!

Many don't realize our storm drains empty into Utah Lake and surrounding wetlands. As warmer weather approaches, it is important to understand the affects of inadvertent water usage.

Soapy runoff from washing your car can be harmful, even if biodegradable soaps are used. Wash your car on gravel, grass, or use a commercial car wash. Here are some additional tips for responsible water usage.

- Use a broom, not a hose to clean your yard area
- Keep lawn and yard clippings out of storm drains
- Clean up your pet's waste.

Pet waste left on the ground can wash into storm drains and pollute our waterways.



COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

WEEDS

Not only are weeds unsightly for your neighbors or others driving past your home, but there are also several other threats that uncontrolled weeds can bring to a neighborhood. Vineyard code actually constitutes weeds as a public nuisance (Vineyard Municipal Code 8.08.020) for the following reasons: (1) It ensures that the weeds cannot become a breeding ground and shelter for rats, mice, snakes, mosquitoes, and other vermin. (2) It ensures the weeds will not grow tall enough or attain such dryness to become a fire threat or hazard. (3) It mitigates the likelihood of weeds seeding and spreading to neighboring properties. (4) It mitigates the likelihood of weeds seeding and causing irritation to the throat, lungs, and eyes of passersby and neighbors. (5) It ensures that the tall weeds will not hide debris such as broken glass or metal which could injure someone. Therefore, Vineyard City requires that weeds be within 4 inches of the ground (Vineyard Municipal Code 8.08.020(C,2)) to encourage friendly, beautiful, and walkable neighborhoods.

You can find additional common code violation information [here](#).

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Utah County Sheriff's Department - Vineyard Division now has a Facebook page! Follow them [here](#) to see regular updates and news!

Please report any suspicious activity to the Utah County Sheriff's Office at 801-794-3970.

OPEN BURN PERMIT

Open burning is regulated by the Department of Air Quality. As a source of air pollution, open burning requires a permit and is only allowed during certain periods throughout the year. Open burn permits are typically free and are now available [here](#).



VINEYARD HERITAGE CELEBRATION

May 30 - June 1

30-year Anniversary



When: May 30 - June 1

We are excited to celebrate Vineyard's 30-year anniversary this year during our summer Vineyard Heritage Celebration! Check out some of the events and amazing activities!

WEDNESDAY | MAY 29

Golf Tournament

THURSDAY | MAY 30

Pioneer Games
Petting Zoo
Pony Rides
Bounce Houses
Chalk the Walk
Art Contest
Vendor Booths
Carnival
Basketball Tournament
Food Trucks

FRIDAY | MAY 31

Carnival
Vendor Booths
Basketball Tournament
The Strike band
Movie in the Park
Food Trucks

SATURDAY | JUNE 1

5K & 10K Races
Council Breakfast
Carnival
Vendor Booths
Food Trucks
Firework Show

Follow our [event website](#) and [Facebook event page](#) for more details and updates!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

APRIL 8, 2019
6:00 PM
VINEYARD CITY OFFICES



Our Sheriff's Department, in coordination with our code enforcer, will be holding a Town Hall Neighborhood Watch Meeting on April 8th at 6 PM at the City Offices. They will have their armored rescue vehicle and mobile command center there for citizens to see and tour. It will be a good opportunity for citizens to come and ask questions, raise concerns, and learn about what is going on in the community and how they can help prevent crime. Updates will be posted on the [Facebook event page](#).



Join us for our annual egg hunt at Vineyard Grove Park on April 20th! This popular event will start at 10:00 AM sharp! Remember to bring your own basket! This is a FREE event! Updates will be posted on the [Facebook event page](#).

Event Sponsors: Dairy Queen, Flagship, Dynamic Blending, Jordan Hardy - State Farm, Smart Pediatric Dentistry, Graden Ostler - Real Estate, and Costco



VINEYARD
**EARTH DAY
CLEANUP**
April 27, 2019

Mark your calendars! This year's Earth Day / Arbor Day cleanup project will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019. We will be focusing on the lakeshore near one of the Northern access points. In addition to cleaning up the shoreline, Rocky Mountain Power has donated trees which will be planted to provide future vegetation and shade benefits for the area. You can register [here](#) and find additional updates on our [Facebook event page](#).

Event Sponsors: Utah Lake Commission, Dairy Queen, Flagship, Dynamic Blending, Jordan Hardy - State Farm, Smart Pediatric Dentistry, Graden Ostler - Real Estate, JUB

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

Declaration of Candidacy Filing period begins June 1 and runs through June 7 during normal business hours.



The office will be open:

Monday June 3 through Friday June 7 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
The doors close promptly at 5:00 PM on June 7. Please do not wait until the last minute to file.

ARBOR DAY

The Mayor has signed a proclamation recognizing April 27th as Arbor Day. During the Arbor Day event we will clean up Vineyard Beach and plant a few trees. As a new city, we value the trees we do have and their benefits. Vineyard is one of the three cities in Utah to inventory, inspect, mark the location of and monetize the trees in our urban forest in its database. Our urban forest of over 1,850 trees on city-managed land is valued at over 1.4 million dollars. According to the USDA Forest Service model the average tree in our urban forest provides \$6 in benefits per year to our citizens. That value and benefit will only appreciate as the trees grow and mature in the future. All those trees, in time, will dramatically change the look of our city if taken care of.

Studies have shown neighborhoods with significant greenery report that there is a greater sense of community, civic pride and a stronger connection to place. Trees are also shown to have a calming effect on people in urban areas with its life style stress. Plus, let us not overlook such simple benefits as shade in the summer and beauty that trees provide us.

Besides the monetary, aesthetic, and social value that our urban forest gives us, it also provides many ecosystem benefits such as:

- Wind mitigation and storm water management
- Climate regulation through temperature reduction
- Absorption of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, ozone and nitrogen dioxide
- Particulate matter such as PM2.5 and PM10 are intercepted and filtered

Planting the right tree in the right place and the right way will provide all the noted benefits and more for years to come! When considering planting a tree in your yard, review the [Tree Manual](#) on the city website. The manual will provide instructions on selection, proper preparation and planting of your tree. As Vineyard has unique microclimate and soil considerations, the manual is also useful in selecting trees and shrubs that are suited to Vineyard.



UPCOMING RECREATION PROGRAMS

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER - [REGISTER HERE](#)

Spring time is soccer time! For children of ages 3-9, this can be a great way for kids to be active in exercise, learn good sportsmanship, and improve their teamwork skills.

REAL Salt Lake will be providing tickets for Vineyard Soccer participants to attend various semi-pro games! Registration ends on April 20th at 5pm, or until spots are filled! We hope to have you join us!

YOUTH T-BALL AND COACH PITCH - [REGISTER HERE](#)

This summer we invite your family to be a part of Vineyard's Youth T-ball & Coach Pitch leagues for children of ages 4-7! The Orem Owlz baseball program will be providing each player with a ticket to attend an Owlz baseball game. A promotional Orem Owlz Vineyard-themed night is also scheduled to occur later this year.

Registration for Youth T-ball & Coach Pitch is now open!

YOUTH TENNIS CAMP

With two open tennis courts at Grove Park, Vineyard Recreation plans to have a YOUTH Tennis Camp during the month of June. This will be for ages 7-12. Registration will open April 15th!

BOOKMOBILE CHANGES

Have you been taking advantage of the Utah County Bookmobile that stops in Vineyard? This free service is in our city every other Monday from 5 - 6:30 PM. The Bookmobile has been stationed at our city office building, however beginning on April 22, they will make a permanent move to Vineyard Grove Park! We hope this transition will be more convenient to our residents.

HERITAGE COMMISSION CORNER

HARD WORK TO PRODUCE A SWEET RESULT

Last month you learned something about the beginning of the Sugar Beet industry in and around Vineyard. This month we'll talk more about how the beets were cared for and harvested. Each beet seed planted might produce two or three plants requiring the thick rows of plants to be "thinned" by hand-held hoes, wielded mostly by young men and young women. Fortunately, thinning began in late May, about the time school let out for the summer. Many times, adults did the "blocking" with long-handled hoes while the younger ones followed on hands and knees to pluck the extra seedlings and further thin the plants to one plant per space. Using short-handled hoes workers would cut out all seedlings for a space of 10-14 inches, allowing for the one remaining plant to grow to maturity (usually 2-4 pounds each). Thinners were generously paid 5 to 15 cents a row, depending on the length of the row. Harvesting would begin in October. A horse-drawn machine called a "beet plow" straddled the rows and loosened the beets so they could be picked up by hand and topped with a beet knife and tossed into windrows. The beet knife was a long knife with a hook on the end. The worker hooked into the beet, held it by the "tail" with one hand, and using the knife, chopped off the top with the other hand. About 6 rows of topped beets thrown together would form a windrow. Until about 1940 horse-drawn wagons worked their way between the many rows of beets, while workers would fill the wagons by hand. (Next month you'll learn about how these beets made it to the processing plants)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS



NON-EMERGENCY POLICE
801-794-3970



ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER
888-221-7070



VINEYARD CITY OFFICE
801-226-1929

NON-EMERGENCY FIRE/EMS
801-229-7070

DOMINION ENERGY
800-323-5517

POST OFFICE
801-802-7141

VINEYARD 2019 TRASH & RECYCLE CALENDAR



Recycle Day
 Trash Day
 Holiday

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GUIDELINES TO ENSURE CONSISTENT SERVICE

- If a holiday (only those shown above on calendar) falls on a weekday, service will be delayed one day following the holiday.
- Recycle containers that have trash in them will **NOT** be dumped as recycling and called into the city.
- All containers **MUST** be placed outside by **7 a.m.**
- Containers should be placed in the street with the wheels against the curb or within 2 feet of blacktop with the front of the container facing the street.
- The container must be placed **4 feet** apart from other containers and **8 feet** from mailboxes, poles, fences, trees, or parked vehicles for easy access.
- Please **break down** cardboard boxes. For more information please call (801)924-8500