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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!

BUILDING CODE

The Building Department’s primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of the occupants in structures in Vineyard. We have an outstanding department that takes great pride in the responsibility of ensuring safety, however, they can only enforce the State adopted building code which is a minimum standard. Because of this there may be some potential hazards that are present in your home that you may not be aware of, one of these hazards is an open window. The State adopted code does not require a guard for windows that are less than 24 inches off of a finished floor that pose a hazard if a child or person were to lean against a screen in an open window. Also, furniture placed next to windows can create a similar hazard. This scenario happens far too often and has tragic results. We are not trying to discourage you from enjoying Vineyard's fresh air, we just want you to do so safely.

Here are some things that you can do to protect your family:
• Move furniture away from windows.
• Install a limiting device that restricts the amount the window can open, no more than 4 inches is recommended. A simple grabber screw screwed partially into the side of the jamb will suffice or there are numerous products that will provide the same results.
• Install a window guard. There are several products, that can be installed after the window has been installed, that allow for the full opening of a window and provide fall protection.
• Install a fall prevention screen.
ELECTION INFORMATION

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FILING PERIOD
August 13-16 and August 19-20 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
• The person is a United States Citizen
• The person will be at least 18 years old by November 5
• The person is a registered voter in the municipality (Vineyard, Utah)
• The person has been a legal resident of the municipality for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately before November 5.
• The person must not be mentally incompetent, convicted of a felony, convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise, unless their right to hold elective office has been restored.

There is a $35.00 filing fee. The filing fee is due at the time of declaration.
Please do not wait until the last minute to file. The doors close promptly at 5:00 PM on August 20.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE IN PERSON UNLESS:
• They will be out of the state or country during the entire declaration period. The candidate must send a representative with all of the forms filled out and signed. The candidate must be available by video chat while their representative is in the Election Office.
• A nomination petition is filed. Contact the Election Office for details.

TO FILE IN PERSON:
• Prospective candidates must file in person at the Election Office (City Recorder’s Office) at 125 South Main Street, Vineyard, Utah during the filing period.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
August 13-20: Declaration of Candidacy Filing Period
September 3: The last day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy
September 12: Ranked Choice voting demonstration
October 6: The last day a resident can establish residency and vote in the Vineyard 2019 General Election
October 7: The last day the county will accept mail-in voter registration for the 2019 General Election. Voter registration forms must be postmarked by this date.
October 15: Ballots mailed out. If you have not received your ballot by October 21, please contact the Utah County Election Office at 801-851-8128.
October 15: Ranked Choice voting demonstration
October 29: The last day the county will accept in-person or online voter registration for the General Election. To register to vote online go to www.vote.utah.gov.
November 4: The last day to mail your ballot. Ballot envelope must be postmarked on or before this date.
November 5: Election Day. Election Service Centers will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. To vote in Vineyard, the Election Service Center is located at 125 South Main Street. You may vote at any Election Service Center in the county. Please check the Utah County website for locations.
November 19: Canvass and Certification of election results
January 6, 2020: Newly-elected Councilmembers are sworn in and take office.

Military and overseas voters please go to the following website for further information on registering and voting: https://voteinfo.utah.gov/military-and-overseas-voters/
RAP TAX

On July 10, 2019 the Vineyard City Council voted to put an opinion question on the ballot for the 2019 Municipal General Election. The question on the ballot shall read:

“Shall Vineyard, Utah, be authorized to impose a .1% sales and use tax to help fund recreational amenities, park facilities, and cultural arts facilities and organizations in Vineyard?”

As Vineyard continues to grow, so will the needs of our residents. In order to expand the recreation, arts, and parks offerings in Vineyard, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposed sales tax called the Recreation, Arts, & Parks Tax, or RAP Tax for short. Here are a few things you need to know about the proposed RAP Tax in preparation for the November Election:

• The RAP Tax is 0.1%, which equals 1 penny for every 10 dollars spent.
• Anyone shopping in Vineyard will pay the tax on eligible purchases, whether they are a resident or not.
• Funds generated from a RAP Tax are reserved for specific projects including: recreation programs, cultural arts programs, and parks.
• The tax can only be levied for 10 years and then it must be reauthorized by the voters.

VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

Vineyard is preparing a Voter Information Pamphlet which will be mailed to each registered voter prior to the election. This pamphlet will include more information regarding the RAP Tax, as well as arguments for and against the tax, neither of which may exceed 500 words. If you would like to write either statement for the pamphlet, please contact City Recorder Pamela Spencer at 801.226.1929 no later than September 3 for further details. Arguments are due no later than September 6.
RECREATION PROGRAMS

ADULT RECREATION LEAGUES
ADULT COED SOCCER
Join us for our first 7 vs 7 adult COED soccer league!
Cost: $350 per team OR $50 individual sign up
Season: September 21 – October 26
Early Bird Registration: Ends August 17th
Games: 7 games + single-elimination tournament. Games are to take place on Tuesday nights between 5:30pm-7:30pm & Saturday mornings between 9:00am-12:20pm at Vineyard Grove Park.

ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL
Cost: $350 per team OR $50 individual sign up
Season: September 21 – October 26
Early Bird Registration: Ends August 17th
Games: 7 games + single-elimination tournament. Games are to take place on Thursdays nights between 5:30pm-7:30pm and Saturday mornings between 9:00am-12:20pm at Vineyard Grove Park.

ADULT INDOOR PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
How’s your volley? You can see how you do in Vineyard’s Indoor Doubles Pickleball Tournament this October!
Location: Vineyard Elementary
Cost: $30 per team
Divisions: Mixed 3.5 - October 25th
Mixed 3.0 and Men’s 3.0 & 3.5 | October 26th
5 teams allowed per division. This is to be a Round Robin Tournament. Each team is to play 2 games against each team in their division (first to 11, win by 2, or cap at 15). Medals are to be awarded to the top 3 teams in each division.

For additional recreation program details or to register, please visit our recreation website.

BLIZZARD 5K
Don’t let the cold stop you from this challenge!

Saturday, November 9
9:00 AM

Early-bird Registration: $20
August 1 – August 31
Normal Registration: $25
September 1 - October 20
Late Registration: $30
October 21 - November 9

Registration before October 20 includes a race shirt!

Each participant will receive a voucher upon crossing the finish line for a FREE Blizzard from Dairy Queen! Hope to see you there!

OREM OWLZ NIGHT
Part of our T-Ball and Coach Pitch season included tickets to an Orem Owlz baseball game! August 29th is Vineyard night and some of our teams will get to run onto the field with the players!
RECREATION PROGRAMS

YOUTH RECREATION LEAGUES
YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL
Are you ready for some football?! The Early-bird Registration ($45) deadline is August 17th. There is to be a 1st Grade Division, 2nd Grade Division, & 3rd-4th Grade division. Each division is COED 7 vs 7 with 7 games per team.

Season: September 21-October 26. Games on Tuesday nights between 5:30pm-7:30pm & Saturday mornings between 10:00am-Noon.

YOUTH AUTUMN SOCCER LEAGUE (NEW)
Due to the mass number of kids wanting to participate in the Vineyard Rec Youth Fall Soccer program, we have created a second soccer league for ages 3-7!

Early Bird Registration: $45 August 1 - August 24
Late Registration: $55 August 25 - League filled
*Team shirt is included in the registration fee

Season: September 19 - October 26
5 Thursday games between 5:15pm - 7:45pm
2 Saturday morning games between 9:00am-Noon

For additional recreation program details or to register, please visit our recreation website.

SUMMER SAFETY

As we get deeper into Summer, temperatures go up and so does the risk of vehicular heatstroke. It is important to remember that hot car deaths are avoidable and can happen to anyone, even the most loving parents.

Safe Kids Worldwide recommends ACT to avoid heatstroke-related injuries.

A - Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. Keep your vehicle locked when you’re not inside so kids don’t get in on their own.

C - Create Reminders. Make a habit of placing something in the back of the car next to the child, like a purse or cell phone, that you’ll need at your destination.

T - Take Action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. You never know how long the child has been in the car.
WETLANDS

If you have walked the trails surrounding the wetlands in Vineyard, you have probably seen grass clippings, leaves, weeds, or other yard debris dumped into the wetlands. You may have even dumped material in the wetlands yourself. This letter is to inform residents that dumping anywhere in the city, especially the wetlands, is illegal. Filling the wetlands is a federal offense with penalties up to $100,000 in fines and/or a 6-year conviction.

Why does dumping natural, biodegradable materials like leaves and grass harm the wetlands?
1. As the leaves and grass break down, they become soil, and that soil fills in the wetlands. Filled wetlands do not offer the same flood storage capacity, so the risk for downstream flooding is increased.
2. The dried and drying grass, weeds and leaves create a thick matted layer where heat destroys any plants under it and it creates a significant fire risk.
3. Dumping yard waste into wetlands can alter the water chemistry of the wetlands, for example causing nutrient overload leading to ALGAL BLOOMS in downstream lakes and ponds and destroying wetland habitat for land/water creatures.
4. Dumping material in the wetlands decreases the overall aesthetic quality for those who live near the wetlands or those who walk the wetland trails.

Remember the wetlands are conservation areas. If you have dumped in the wetlands or notice debris near the trails in the wetlands behind or near your home – please clean it up. Let’s keep our wetlands safe and debris free.

GREEN WASTE
Green waste can be disposed of at the North Point Transfer Station. You can drop off a 500 lbs (or less) load of green waste for $9 or a ton for $20. You can also buy compost from the transfer station for $20 per cubic yard.

ASPHALT RESURFACING PROJECT

Last month the Maples, Gardens, and LeCheminant all had asphalt treatments done on their roads. HA5™ High Density Mineral Bond was installed, which is a pavement preservation treatment that significantly extends the life and quality of streets in desert climates. The amount of cracking and pot holes over time will be reduced.
You can find more information about his project on our website.
HERITAGE COMMISSION CORNER

Today as you drive along I-15 or I-84 you can look off to either side of the interstate and seeing “haying” going on. It is usually a “swather” that will cut, pickup the hay and bale it all in one operation. Sometimes you’ll see big bales, or large rolls of hay laying in the field to dry. Once it’s dried another large piece of machinery will pick it up and take it to where it is going to be stored or stacked for the winter. All without being touched by human hands. In the early days of Vineyard the process was much more labor intensive, being handled by someone (usually a young boy or man) at every step of the way.

Once the hay was mowed by a team of horses pulling a mowing machine, it was left to dry for a few days. One method commonly used to then move the hay was younger ones would help to gather the mowed hay into bunches, dropping piles all over the field. Next, those who would manage a pitchfork would fold the bunches into tall larger bunches. When the hay was dry, horse-drawn wagons were driven into the field and the older boys threw the bunches onto the wagon, while younger ones would trample it down. The hay would often reach a height of 15 feet or more, depending on how tall the boys were who were stacking it. When the wagon was full it would be driven to the barn, where a huge fork was lowered from a cable that was attached to the top eave of the barn. It would scoop up a huge forkful and pull it straight up, into the barn where it would then be released in just the right place to fill the barn with loose hay. It was a very productive and successful way to keep the younger men and boys actively involved in doing positive things even though most of them would have disagreed with you at the time. Such was the life of “picking up hay” a hundred years ago in Vineyard.