September 2021

1-16 Moab Music Festival
2 Market on Center 5-8 p.m.
6 Labor Day (City Offices Closed)
9 Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
11 Art Walk
9/11 Remembrance Event at Swanny Park
14 City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
16 Market on Center 5-8 p.m.
23 Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
28 City Council Meeting 7 p.m.

Special thanks to our Streets, Water, Parks, Facilities, and Engineering crews that helped clean up our City after the flooding. They were picking up branches and fallen trees, shoveling storm drains, and clearing pathways through all hours of the day and night.

It was great to see the community help each other out whether it was shoveling dirt that washed into a driveway, cleaning up down tree branches, or bagging up sand in preparation for future rainfall. We were lucky enough to have a diverse group of people help fill up sandbags by the Center Street Ballfields, helping hands included the high school football team players, public works crew members from Vineyard, the Mayor, and many more community members.

We were also grateful to have Mayors from Lehi, American Fork, Lindon, Provo, Orem, Spanish Fork, Pleasant Grove, Draper, Mapleton, and Vineyard donate 25,000 sandbags that were delivered to the City of Moab to help with preparation efforts in the face of another potential storm. The City of Moab is very grateful for the generosity of everyone’s efforts!

Election & Candidate Update

The City of Moab Municipal General Election on November 2, 2021, will have seven candidates for Mayor and six candidates for the two City Council seats. The election will be conducted by mail using a ranked choice voting ballot. For more information, visit moabcity.org/Elections.

Candidates for Mayor
Norm Knapp
Bill Winfield
Aaron Davies
Stephen J. Stocks
Sherri Costanza
V. Kent Green
Joette Langianese

Candidates for Council
Josie Kovash
Luke Wajciechowski
Randall Fox
Anthony Charles
Mike McCurdy
Jason Taylor

Register to vote online or in person at the Grand County Clerk’s Office
There are lots of exciting things coming up for Sustainability. We are embarking on updating and finalizing the Sustainability Action Plan, looking forward to adopting the Water Conservation Plan Update, and marking Utah Climate Week (Sept. 26 - Oct. 2) with a number of events in collaboration with local partners. There will be numerous opportunities to get involved, so stay tuned for details!

First up will be a Sustainability Department update at the Sept. 14 City Council meeting, where we’ll discuss support for building code amendments to wire in electric vehicle chargers and appliance connections, the upcoming Climate Week events, and the Sustainability Action Plan engagement strategy. Events for Climate Week will be posted soon, and include notable speakers on climate science, strategic investing for a sustainable future, and communication. Other Climate Week events will include the September ArtWalk at the MARC, an evening of kid-friendly art and creativity in the courtyard, and a community visioning session to cap it off.

There are so many things happening in September related to science and sustainability. The Moab Festival of Science, Utah Climate Week, and the Wild Rivers Film Festival are just a few. We are working to make events as safe and comfortable as possible, and many will be either outside or over Zoom. Hope to see you there!

– Mila Dunbar-Irwin

MRAC Lifeguards Save Man from Drowning

The Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center (MRAC) lifeguards jumped into action when it mattered most and pulled a drowning man from the outdoor pool on Tuesday, August 10th. The group of lifeguards on duty were 16-18 years old and ‘did everything by the book perfect,’ according to Stacie Sheets, the assistant aquatic manager at the MRAC. The incident occurred when the man, who had been playing in the pool with his young children, dove into the pool and struggled when he tried to surface the water. A 16-year-old lifeguard quickly pulled the man from the pool and, with the help of another lifeguard, performed life-saving measures. Another guard called 911 while two others cleared the pool and moved the man’s young children and other patrons inside the MRAC facility so that Grand County EMS workers could provide medical assistance to the man. EMS then transported him to the hospital. He has fully recovered.

“I’m so proud of them. They followed their training. They did exactly what they were supposed to do,” Sheets said. “They saved a life.”