



CITY SPOTLIGHT

The newsletter of the City of Moab, Utah

April 2023

8 Moab ArtWalk

5 - 8 p.m., Downtown Moab

11 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

13 City Planning

Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

13 MARC Art Class

Traditional Mala Making
& the History Behind
Them, with Crystal Bunch

15 MARC Art Class

Decorative Papers Using a
Gelli Plate with Chris Goetze

19 Moab Parks & Recreation Master Plan Open House

4-6 p.m., MARC Dance Room

20 Water Utility Resource Management Plan Focus Group

Zoom meeting (see story on this page)

21 "Pale Blue Dot" Celebration of Earth Day, Arbor Day, Dark Skies

Solar Scope, Games, Crafts
4-6:30 p.m., MARC

25 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

27 Kane Creek Redesign Project Community Open House

5:30-7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Episcopal Church
250 Kane Creek Blvd.

27 City Planning

Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall



City Seeks Community Input For Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Complete the survey today. Attend the Open House on April 19.

The City of Moab is preparing its first citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This plan will guide managing and enhancing our parks, playgrounds, and trails. It also will inform future recreation programs, aquatics, and events. We're asking residents to participate in the process and share priorities and ideas.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Your feedback will help ensure parks and recreational programs meet the needs of our growing and diverse community.

Some local households received a survey by mail. Please complete and return it or take the survey online.

Scan the QR code or take the survey online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoabCityParks>

The Survey is available in both English and Spanish.



ATTEND THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The open house will be held Wednesday, April 19, 4-6 p.m., at the Moab Arts (MARC) Dance Room, 111 East 100 North.

For information and to learn how to stay involved, visit moabcity.org/parks.

Join Us For A Water Utility Resource Management Plan (WURMP) Focus Group & Update Meeting April 20

The City of Moab and surrounding communities of the Moab/ Spanish Valley are experiencing sustained population growth and steady tourist visitation, leading to increased water demand. In addition, uncertainties about the climate and extended drought have generated concerns regarding water. These issues affect areas of Grand and San Juan counties containing the City of Moab (Moab), the Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency (GWSSA), and the San Juan Spanish Valley Special Service District (SJVSSD). In addressing these concerns, Moab, GWSSA, and SJVSSD formed a coalition of water providers to study long-term water and policy planning.

Join by Zoom April 20 at 6 p.m. for an informational meeting, future scenario planning discussion and project update. The public is asked to submit questions or comments prior to the meeting.

Zoom link: bit.ly/WURMPFocusGroup2 (or scan the QR code).

Submit your questions or comments no later than 4 p.m. on April 20 to communication@moabcity.org

A WURMP community open house is planned for mid-May.



Sustainable Moab – Celebrating our home, Earth, in April

When was the last time you were captivated by the sun glowing on a red cliff, snowflakes falling from the sky, or shadows of bare branches dancing on the ground? It's spring, so I caught myself transfixed by all of these just recently. Our home is stunning, and April is just one of 12 months we can celebrate it.

In April of last year, I was excited to see Utah State University's first net zero energy building opening right here in Moab. It wasn't even Moab's first net zero energy building. The first Living Buildings in the state were registered in Moab. Even before that, buildings were balancing their energy use with renewable energy generation here.

For the City, April marks the start of our Sustainability Action Plan update. Over the coming months, the plan will consolidate and solidify goals toward becoming a more sustainable community. In addition to weighing impacts, opportunities, and available resources, the process will depend on community feedback. Please participate when opportunities arise, so that this plan represents your expertise, whether it comes from living, working, or studying. The Sustainability Action Plan should contribute to the vibrancy of Moab, and everyone can help it do that.

We celebrate our home, Earth, every day. However, this month has a little extra zest as April includes Dark Skies Week, Earth Day, and Arbor Day.

Join the City on Friday, April 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the MARC for an all-in-one opportunity to appreciate our home.

Kick off this festive month by thinking of a moment when you caught a constellation that you didn't even realize was up. Look up a little more often – **Dark Sky Week is April 15-22**. Moab has been on the path to becoming a Dark Sky Community for a while. This just might be the year we are ready. This month, the City is piloting a transition to Dark Sky-friendly fixtures at City Center. This effort will build momentum toward transitioning more City buildings in the coming year. It is one more step toward directing lights where we need them - on the ground - and not at the sky.

Earth Day (officially celebrated on April 22) is a versatile holiday, so take time to look at clouds, pick up litter, or choose your favorite Earth appreciation activity.

Finally, **Arbor Day** closes out the month on April 28. The City of Moab has been a Tree City for 30 years this Arbor Day! Take a moment to enjoy all the benefits of trees. They provide shade, filter air and water, stabilize soil, and absorb sound. Some people like to plant a tree at home to celebrate Arbor Day. No room or no yard? Consider taking care of trees already in our community. They do a lot to take care of us.

Learn more about trees in Moab, Dark Skies, sustainability planning, and more at this year's Moab City celebration of our Earth. Join us April 21 at the MARC as we honor the "Pale Blue Dot" that is our Earth. The National Park Service will provide an opportunity to look at our own star, the Sun, with a solar scope. Moab Arts will host a seed bomb craft station. And Canyonlands Solid Waste Authority will host games. Come for activities, community, fun, and information!

– Alexi Lamm
Moab City Sustainability Director

Art Events

Visit moabarts.org for info about Moab City arts events & programs

ArtWalk Is Back for 2023

The first ArtWalk event of 2023 is Saturday, April 8.

The Fiery Furnace Marching Band will be performing around town and will stop at each participating location. Don't miss out on a chance to see some amazing art, catch up with friends, and hear some live music!

2023 ArtWalk Dates

April 8 / May 13 / June 10 / September 9 / October 14 / November 11

