

# HOWELL TOWN NEWSLETTER



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**Upcoming Events:** 

Oct 14th 6:00 p.m. Howell Planning Commission Meeting

Oct 14th 7:00 p.m. Howell Town Council Meeting

Oct 25th 6:00 p.m. Halloween Trunk or Treat

#### NOTE:

There is 1 job posting and 2 open positions for the Valley: Assistant Postmaster, Planning commission Board Member and Emergency Preparedness Advisor. Deadline is October 5, 2025

Howell Town general elections are November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 8 pm. Ballots will be mailed out on October 14, 2025.

### From the September Planning Commission Public Hearing

Cole Johnson rezoning: Cole recapped his purchasing of 7 acres from Craig Hawkes. This is on the northwest corner of Craig Hawkes property bordering Lyle Nessen and Quinn White. He received permission/right of way to use the existing road that is there to access this property. He will maintain the road. He would run power up from the main road. Water is still to be determined, but accessible. He'll most likely need a holding tank for pressure purposes.

## From the September Planning Commission Meeting

The mayor asked the planning commission to revise the dog ordinance and add to the Enforcement and Fines section in the ordinance book. Due to recent issues with loose dogs and animals being attacked and killed, he wanted to have a fine established for the damages if it can be backed with proof. His idea would be that the person would bring the complaint/issue to the town board, and the board would issue the fine to

the offending party. The town could possibly add the fine to a person's property tax if they were unwilling to pay. Cole Johnson asked how that would work for renters. The mayor said the fine would fall onto whoever they are renting from. This will be put on the agenda for next month's planning commission meeting.

### From the September Town Council Meeting Follow up to the minutes.

Mayor Brad Hawkes was able to put 2 cans of sealant on the roof of the community center with the help of Ty and friends. They mainly targeted openings and seams. They did find where bats were coming in and the possible source of the leak in the kitchen downstairs. They covered that area well and will see if it helps. He recommends purchasing 4 - 5gallon buckets of the same sealant and covering the rest of the roof next year. He also would like to take the AC unit down next year.

#### Box Elder County Sheriff's Office

Hello, here are the stats from 08/11 to 08/30/2025 Animal Complaints - 1 Community Policing - 1 Extra Patrol - 1 Motorist Assist - 1 VIN Inspection - 1 At this time there are no cases presenting a danger to the public.

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to me at (435) 230-5258 or

Jhall@boxeldercountyut.gov.

Respectfully, Deputy James Hall C27.

#### Public Comments:

Kimi Rinderknecht asked that when road work is being done, the residents on said road should be contacted so they are aware of possible detours or delays, especially if there is an emergency.

Gary Burton-Rezoning for Cole Johnson:
Gary Burton presented the rezoning of 7 acres from
Craig Hawkes property that borders Quinn White and
Lyle Nessen's property. The planning commission
approved the rezoning and brought it to the town for
approval. The town council approve the motion for the
rezoning.

### Shelly Logan, Town Treasurer—Financial Reports

Shelly Logan reported interest earned. The only concern with the budget was that the Capital Projects Fund was in the negative due to the unexpected extra amount of electricity on the electrical work done on the community center.

### Mayor, Council Member Reports Mayor Brad Hawkes:

- ❖ Brad informed the board that he asked the planning commission to revise the dog ordinance and add it to the Enforcement and Fines section in the ordinance book. Due to recent issues with loose dogs and animals being attacked and killed, he wanted to have a fine established for the damages if it can be backed with proof.
- ❖ Brad will be mowing down the weeds in the back of the community center with his own mower. The new mower will be used for the lawn areas, and the town will keep the old mower for other jobs such as mowing down weeds and roadsides.

### Council Member Rex Nessen:

- Rex reported bills will be coming in for posts and signs. Also, a bill from Landis for the new asphalt going the rest of the way up 14400 North.

  He also inquired about the interest of a First Aid class. It would be taught by Carmen Shafer from the valley. He will put a sign-up sheet out to see if there is interest. There may be a possible cost to the class.
- Rex asked how the board felt about brine. While there are pros and cons, the mayor said it is something they should investigate for next year but only apply it

by residents who want it and nowhere else.

### Council Member Josh Anderson:

- ❖ Josh just wanted to remind the board about getting more than 1 bid when dealing with purchases over \$10,000.
- He brought to the board's attention that recently the upper area of the community center was rented out without the gym being scheduled. We need to not schedule it that way.
- ❖ He also requested dates to use the community center for upcoming Gun Club meetings and Booster Club activities. Sept 17, Oct 11, Oct 31, and Nov 1. Shelly will add them to the schedule and on the website.

#### Council Member Craig Hawkes:

- Landis will be sending a bill for work done on a water line. When we receive it, have Craig look at it before paying for it.
- ❖ CCR is a report done by the State. He needs to send them a letter by October 1<sup>st</sup> on how the town informed the residents of said report. Craig would ask Leon how it was done last year.

### September Utah Triva Questions

- 1. Camp Floyd was named for what U.S. cabinet member under James Buchanan?
- 2. What instrument was first played in Utah by William C. Dunbar in 1859?
- 3. In what year did Utah elect three representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time?
- 4. Mark Strand, poet laureate of the United States during1990-91, taught at which Utah university?
- 5. What community holds a Lamb Day festival?
- 6. What was the most important environmental factor in locating settlements in Utah?

### Answers to September Utah Trivia Questions

- 1. John B. Floyd, secretary of war
- 2. Bagpipes
- 3.1982
- 4.Univeristy of Utha
- 5. Fountain Green
- 6. Availability of water