

## October 2021

- 1 Climate Week Movie Night hosted by GCPL at the Center Street Ballpark at 7:30 p.m. Screening *Wild Rivers Film Tour*
- 2 Chalk Drawing Competition
- 2-9 Red Rock Arts Festival
- 9 Streets Fest
- 10 Indigenous Peoples' Day Honorary Celebration at the Courtyard outside City Hall (City Offices Closed)
- 12 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 13 UIRC Redistricting Meeting held in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. ([Virtual Option Available](#))
- 14 Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 15-17 Moab Rocks Transrockies Mountain Biking Event
- 26 City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

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**E**lection Day is right around the corner and we want everyone to be prepared to vote and do so confidently.

### Ranked Choice Voting

Moab will participate in the State of Utah's Ranked Choice Voting Pilot Program. **The 2021 election will be conducted by mail using a ranked choice voting ballot.** Ranked choice voting is a process in which voters rank the candidates in order of their preference.

Ballots will look a little different this year. With ranked choice voting all candidate names will appear on the ballot and voters fill in the oval for first choice, second choice, etc., based on the voter's preference.

|  <b>Your Ranked-Choice Ballot</b> |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mark no more than 1 oval in each column.   | First Choice                     | Second Choice                    | Third Choice                     | Fourth Choice                    |
| Candidate A  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Candidate B  | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Candidate C  | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Candidate D  | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/>            | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

In each round of ranked choice voting, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated. When a voter's number one choice is eliminated, their second choice is included in the count for the next round. This process continues until the final round when a candidate has received the majority of votes. The ranked choice method works for single- and multiple-winner races. Please note that you can rank as few candidates as you like, but you can make only one choice per column.

Watch this [video](#) as a visual aid for how ranked choice voting works. You can register to vote [online](#) or in [person](#) at the Grand County Clerk's Office. November 1 is the last day to mail your ballot; ballots can also be dropped off at City Hall until 8 p.m. on Nov. 2, Election Day.

For more information, visit [moabcity.org/Elections](https://moabcity.org/Elections).



**City Council Meetings** are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers. Citizens can comment in person as Citizens To Be Heard or fill out the form online in the current meeting's [agenda](#). You can also watch them live on our YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/MoabCityGovernment](https://youtube.com/MoabCityGovernment).

## Sustainable Moab: EV Chargers

Did you know that Moab has more electric vehicle chargers per registered vehicles than the state of California? We currently have one public charger per 568 vehicles registered in Grand County. The national average is one per 2,750 and California has one per 957. Moab is well positioned for the electric vehicle revolution. And it is on the way!

In 2020, 4.6% of new car sales worldwide were electric (including plug-in hybrids), with Norway leading the way at 74.8%, and the U.S. at around 2.0% (Pew Research Center). However, that number is expected to rise fast, particularly with the commitments automakers are making. The days of the internal combustion engine appear to be numbered.

Driving an electric vehicle has many advantages beyond just cutting emissions. They're quiet, require less maintenance, and tax credits and financial incentives are making them more affordable. You can charge your car at home if you have the necessary wiring, and various grants can help with upgrade costs.

In light of this transportation transformation, the City of Moab and local businesses are taking steps to invest in charging infrastructure. There are [22 charging outlets within a few miles of downtown](#), and many are free to use. The City of Moab maintains two SemaConnect Level 2 chargers at City Hall and two at the Moab Golf Course, and there are two more each at Moab Springs Ranch, the ACT Campground, and the Adventure Inn. The Best Western has four Tesla Superchargers, and Homewood Suites has two regular Tesla chargers (for customer use only). Rocky Mountain Power has a DC fast charger and two regular chargers at their location near Swanny Park. The Gonzo Inn has a charger for guest use, and Crump Reese Ford has a charger available during business hours.

As part of the upcoming Sustainability Action Plan process, we will look at the potential for electrification of City fleet vehicles and plan for additional charging infrastructure. I'm working with Utah Clean Cities to do an assessment for a fleet electrification plan, and get assistance in preparing to take advantage of charging infrastructure funding that may be available from Congress in January. Electric vehicle technology isn't perfect yet, but it's quickly becoming more affordable and practical. We'll be ready!

**We would like to hear your thoughts, [click here](#) to take a survey as we embark on the Sustainability Action Plan for the City of Moab.**

– Mila Dunbar-Irwin

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**26** City Council Meeting  
at 7 p.m.

**28** Planning Commission  
Meeting at 6 p.m.

**30** Trunk-or-Treat at  
Swanny Park from  
2-5 p.m.

Moab Monster Movie  
Mash Film Screening  
at Star Hall

**31** Halloween

**Moab Arts** installed a beautiful mosaic with mermaids and sea creatures on one of the planters in the front of the MARC building. If you want to participate in this fun art form, there will be a community mosaic night on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Moab Arts Center. This and more exciting community events will be held during the week of the Red Rocks Arts Festival. For more info check out [moabarts.org](http://moabarts.org).



**MRAC Fall Hours** The Aquatic and Fitness Center, MRAC, started their fall hours on September 20. See the full schedule for lap, open swim and classes [here](#).



**HEAT Program** If you struggle with paying for your water, or the cost of heating and cooling your house, this program might be a good resource for you. The Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program is designed to help low-income households with energy and water costs. See [these flyers](#) for details and visit [jobs.utah.gov/heat](http://jobs.utah.gov/heat) for eligibility requirements.