

December 2021

- 3** Tree Lighting at Swanny Park 5 p.m.
Holiday Craft Fair at the MARC from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 4** Electric Light Parade
Holiday Craft Fair at the MARC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 9** Planning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 10** Special City Council Meeting Workshop at 12 p.m.
- 14** City Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 23** Christmas Eve (Observed, City Offices Closed)
- 24** **Christmas Eve**
(Observed Christmas Day, City Offices Closed)
- 25** **Christmas Day**
- 25-January 2**
City Offices Closed
- 31** **New Year's Eve**

Congratulations and a big welcome to the City of Moab's new Mayor, Joette Langianese!

Joette served eight years as an elected member on the Grand County Council. During that time she advocated for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the area. Joette says she is looking forward to being a leader in the community and providing solutions for the challenges we face as a City.

Two new City Council members will also be elected, however a vote recount will be held Dec. 7 to determine the final outcome of the council races.

New elected officials will be sworn into office on Monday, Jan. 3 at noon. The first Moab City Council meeting with the new Mayor and Council Members will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11.

Holiday Spirit

Need a little spirit to help you get into the holiday mood? Or are you so excited that you can't get enough and want to go to get the most of this Holiday Season? Wherever you fall on the Grinch scale, you should spend some time at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center's (MARC) Holiday Craft Fair.

The Holiday Art & Craft Fair will be hosted by Moab Arts at the MARC building, 111 East 100 North, on the first weekend of December – Friday, Dec. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All products showcased are local and regional handcrafted goods. The annual Holiday Art and Craft Fair is the perfect chance to support local artisans and see what your neighbors are making – from soaps to jewelry to baked goods.

Those who would like to participate as vendors in the fair is asked to contact marcadmin@moabcity.org or [click here](#). For more information check out moabarts.org.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

Santa will be at the MARC on Saturday, Dec. 4 for photos.





Moab Sustainability

“Through difficult times my people have a word in our language and it’s ‘aminik.’ That means to sit still, be quiet; it’s ‘listen.’ And that isn’t just listen to another human being talking, that’s listen to the land, listen to your environment. Be alert to what’s around you and listen. You won’t hear it if you’re talking. So listen. Aminik.”

*– Regina Lopez Whiteskunk, Ute Mountain Ute
(transcribed from audio from the Moab Museum)*

As we move through fall into winter and the hectic holidays, it’s a good time to take a moment for reflection. Rather than continuing to bluster forward, perhaps we can slow down and think about our place in the world. As a culture, we are in a moment of truth-telling. The structures that have marginalized groups of people have been laid bare, and these groups are now telling their own stories and enacting their own visions for the future.

One of the most important things we can do as we engage in the work of reaching equity is to listen. Aminik. We can listen as we uplift and amplify other voices, and learn, and guide our actions with the knowledge we gain.

“Traditional knowledge refers to how the tribal intergenerational teachings have been handed down for millenia. It describes a relationship that is reciprocal, rather than one being superior over the other.”

*– Nikki Cooley, Diné
(transcribed from audio from Science Moab Native Voices series)*

The Moab and Spanish Valley area, as well as our surrounding lands, is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral home of the Ute (*Noochew*), Navajo (*Diné*), Paiute (*Nuwuvi*), and Hopi (*Hisatsinom*), who are all still connected to this region today. If you have some time this winter, take a moment to learn about whose land we live on and the people who are still connected to this place. We all have a lot to learn from listening.

A few suggested resources:

Full Circle Intertribal Center

Moab Museum, 118 E. Center St., moabmuseum.org

Science Moab, Colorado Plateau Native Voices in Science and Knowledge, sciencemoab.org

Back of Beyond Books, 83 N. Main St.

Grand County Library, 257 E Center St, grandcountyutah.net/library

– City of Moab Sustainability Director Mila Dunbar-Irwin

Utility Billing

Avoid last minute and late payments by signing up for autopay. We encourage all citizens to set up an Xpress Bill Pay account. This will allow access to your bill in a timely manner and help avoid late payments and late fees. You can set up an Xpress Bill Pay account at moabcity.org/payments. Have questions? Give our Treasurer’s Office a call at 435-259-5123.



Sewer Rates

Rates are effective on the first full billing cycle of each calendar year. At the start of January 2022, single family base rates will be \$27.

See ordinance [No. 2021-19](#) amending the Moab Municipal Code on Sanitary Sewer Rates.