

CITY SPOTLIGHT

February 2022

- 8 City Council Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 10 Planning Commission Meeting 6 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day (City Offices Closed)
- 22 City Council Meeting at 6 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission Meeting

Strategic Planning, Visioning, and Budgeting.

This time of year the City enters its Strategic Planning and Budget process for the next fiscal year. During this time, each department will review the projects and tasks they accomplished during the last year and determine the goals they want to set for the upcoming year. It is important that the vision and plans for the next year align with the budgets the City sets – this helps determine focus and track progress. Information is presented to the Council and feedback is given about what they would like to see and what priorities they have for the City.

If you are interested in knowing more about what each department has been up to and what their future plans are, you can watch the Strategic Planning Council Meetings. Dates for these meetings will be posted soon!

TextMyGov

435-260-5101

The City of Moab has launched a new service that makes it easy for you to find information and also report problems, such as potholes, water leaks, etc. The service, called TextMyGov, is simple to use and also has an option for you to register to receive notifications. Let's say you have a quick question about when your utility bill is due or you want to report a pothole, you can simply send a text to 435-260-5101 and get an answer back. You can also opt in to receive text message updates about City happenings, for example events or upcoming meetings, as well as emergency notifications. To start, text "Hi" to 435-260-5101 and from there you can get answers to your questions or you can report a problem by including the keyword 'contact' or 'report' in your message. Next time you have a question and don't want to call, try texting us!

Snow Removal

Remember to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks and pathways in a timely manner after storms. Clearing snow promptly helps decrease the chances of it turning into ice, a slippery and sometimes difficult to see hazard of the neighborhood and business district.

Please ensure you do your part for the safety of our community.



Sustainable Moab

We are excited to announce the arrival of Richard Lory, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer who will be with us for a year until January of 2023. He will be working on all things sustainability, and starting with making a Dark Skies compliance plan for City facilities and becoming a knowledgeable resource for community-members. There are water conservation projects, green infrastructure, and an update to our greenhouse gas inventory also on the horizon. We're so glad to have him here to help!

In his own words:

Hello! I am Richard, the new Americorps Vista in the City's sustainability department. I am new to Moab, coming from Arizona. I love the desert and mountain climbing so I am excited to explore and get to know this place better! I want to experience and understand this place not just to help on the sustainability front, but also to gain inspiration for paintings! Sustainability is not just about conservation of resources but also about increasing natural beauty, and I am excited to equitably spread that beauty!



And, in other news: streetlight replacement is coming soon! Rocky Mountain Power has reached an agreement with the luminaire provider and we will be finalizing the replacement plan and the contract before the end of February. The new lights will be LEDs, with 3000K bulbs, a Dark Sky approved color temperature, and they should last for a very long time without needing much, if any, maintenance, while saving the City around \$30,000 per year in electricity cost. We plan to meet the standard recommendations for illumination on the ground surrounding each light pole, and will not be adding or removing any streetlight poles. The work is planned to be completed over the course of about two weeks this spring as soon as the contract is finalized. Though the new lights may give the impression of more light on the ground, there will be no uplighting, or sky lighting, and much less glare. The new bulbs will provide a more controlled light pattern for less light where we don't want it, and more where we do. We're looking forward to seeing the results and taking this first important step towards becoming an International Dark Sky Community.

—Mila Dunbar-Irwin

Art Classes & Events

Winter classes at the MARC started on Monday, January 24 and run through early March. Some classes are one session and others are weekly. Learn to bind your own sketchbook, paint a landscape, blend tea, and develop other fun and creative skills! For more information and to register, [click here!](#)

SyFy Movie Nights

Location: Moab Arts & Recreation Center

Dates: Fridays in February

Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. showing *Them!*

Feb 11 at 6 p.m. showing *World Without End*

Feb 18 at 6 p.m. showing *Red Planet Mars*

Cost: Free!

Costumes are encouraged and door prizes will be given out!

*Registration required due to limited capacity. Register for the event at moabarts.org

Spring Sports

Registration for Spring Sports hosted by the City of Moab Recreation Department is open and will close the second week of February.

Volleyball is for grades 3-8 and soccer is for ages 5 to 6th grade