

November 2022

- 4-6** Moab Folk Festival
- 6** **Daylight Saving Time ends**
- 7** Recreation, Arts & Parks Tax Advisory Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. City Hall
- 8** **Election Day**
Nov. 7 is the last day to MAIL ballots.
- 8** City Council Meeting
7 p.m. City Hall
- 10** Planning Commission Meeting
6 p.m. City Hall
- 11** **Veterans Day**
(City Offices Closed)
- 12** Turkey Trot 5k
9 a.m. Starts at Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center
- 12** Art Walk
5-8 p.m. Participating locations downtown
- 16** Atlas Mill Site Future Community Open House
6 p.m., City Hall
- 24** **Thanksgiving Day**
(City Offices Closed)
- 25** City Offices Closed



Police Dept. Welcomes New Assistant Chief and Admin. Sergeant

The Moab City Police Department's ranks have been steadily growing under the guidance of Police Chief Jared Garcia. Recently, Garcia announced that the police department now has 18 officers on staff – up from only eight officers when Garcia took the helm in April.

In October, Garcia introduced Lex Bell, the new assistant police chief, and Scott Finlayson, the department's new administrative sergeant. Both are seasoned law enforcement officers with experience serving in a variety of roles.

Bell worked for the Unified Police Department in Salt Lake County for 21 years, where he served in a variety of roles, including many years as a detective, 10 years in the metro gang unit, and a stint as the department's public information officer.



Asst. Chief Lex Bell



Administrative Sgt. Scott Finlayson

Bell will be responsible for developing a more robust officer training program, along with a variety of other day-to-day duties.

Finlayson holds a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He worked for almost 25 years at agencies along the Wasatch Front where he was a detective, worked in homicide, was a federal motor vehicle inspector, and was a canine handler.

His expertise in developing policy and systems will be put to work in Moab, where he will update the department's policy manual. Finlayson will also supervise the police department's front-office staff, code compliance and code enforcement staff, and the animal control division.

Share Ideas For Future Use of Atlas Mill Site at Nov. 16 Open House



What would you like the former Atlas uranium mill site to be in the future? A community park, an event and arts center, or something else? Join Grand County's Site Futures Committee at an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The open house will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Moab City Council Chambers, 217 E. Center St.

Help shape the 2023 community vision for potential future use of the mill site by reviewing the committee's past work and providing your input.

For more information, visit the Grand County Connects website at <https://grandcountyconnects.com/site-futures>. If you can't attend the open house, complete the quick survey on the website to share how you'd like the mill site to be developed or used for community purposes in the future.

City Welcomes Alexi Lamm, New Director of Sustainability

The City of Moab welcomed Alexi Lamm as the City's new sustainability director on Sept. 26. Lamm has outlined priorities for her new position, including progress toward 100% renewable electricity, completing the City's Dark Sky Community application, conserving water, and developing a sustainability plan. She will also contribute to strategic environmental initiatives, identify cost savings for the City, develop partnerships, and manage sustainability outreach.

Lamm comes to Moab with 10 years of experience working as sustainability program manager for Utah State University. In her time at USU, she worked with faculty, staff, and students to integrate sustainability into campus operations and academic programs. Lamm led the Greenhouse Reduction Task Force, managed greenhouse gas reporting, initiated pre-consumer food waste composting, and earned a PhD, studying communication of pro-environmental behavior.



Alexi Lamm

Prior to moving to Utah, she earned a master's degree in public affairs from Indiana University and a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Arkansas State University, serving in Peace Corps in between.

"Moab is such a dynamic place, especially in the area of sustainability," Lamm said. "I admire the work people are already doing and look forward to working together to accelerate those efforts."

For more information on the City of Moab's sustainability programs, visit <https://moabcity.org/sustainability>.

Some City Park Restrooms Are Now Closed for Winter Season

As the seasons are changing, The City Parks crew has winterized restrooms in several public parks to protect against water line damage as temperatures drop. The restrooms located at Old City Park, the Bike Skills Park and the BMX Park have now been closed in preparation for cold weather. If you are using or renting these facilities during this time, please plan ahead and be aware that the restroom facilities will not be available.

Restrooms in Swanny City Park, Lions Park, and Rotary Park remain open throughout the year.

Sign Up for the Annual Turkey Trot 5k

Moab Sports and Recreation is hosting a Thanksgiving themed 5k. The race will take place on Saturday, Nov. 13 starting at 9 a.m. at the Moab Recreation and Aquatic Center in Swanny Park. First-place winners in each category will win a Turkey donated by Moab's local City Market!

Proceeds benefit youth sports programs and non-perishable food item donations benefit the Grand County Food Bank.

Participants and spectators are welcome to bring non-perishable food items to the race to be donated to the Food Bank.

Due to the Aug. 20 flooding, there is a NEW ROUTE for this year's race. Click this link to see the [course map](#). To participate, register [online](#).

Call 435-259-2255 for more information.

