



# CITY SPOTLIGHT

The newsletter of the City of Moab, Utah

## January 2023

**3 Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) grant application period open.** *Qualifying non-profits may apply through March 1*

**10 City Council Meeting**  
*6 p.m.*  
*City Hall*

**11 RAP Tax Grant Q&A Open House**  
*4-6 p.m.*  
*Moab Arts & Recreation Center*

**12 City Planning Commission Meeting**  
*6 p.m.*  
*City Hall*

**16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
*(City Offices Closed)*

**24 City Council Meeting**  
*6 p.m.*  
*City Hall*

**26 City Planning Commission Meeting**  
*6 p.m.*  
*City Hall*



## 100 West permanent water line repair work set to begin

*Crews will replace temporary line installed after Aug. 20 flood damage*

Crews will begin work on the 100 West permanent water line repair during the week of January 9, 2023. This 12-inch main water line was broken during the Aug. 20 floods and was repaired with a temporary line until the permanent repair could be made. Construction on this project is expected to take approximately one month.



This temporary main water line was installed in September after the line running under Mill Creek was destroyed during the flood on Aug. 20, 2022.

The permanent repair will be made using horizontal directional drilling technology to ensure the line will be buried 15-feet below the creek bottom to help protect it from damage during possible future floods. This technology requires large, excavated pits to be dug so that the horizontal drill can be inserted accurately.

Because of the large drilling and excavation equipment needed for the project, the work area will be fenced off to protect the public from danger. Trespassing within the fenced job site is illegal.

“The equipment and the deep trenches will be very dangerous, so it is critically important for safety reasons that the public avoids the job site while this work is being done,” said Moab City Engineer Chuck Williams.

The west-side sidewalk from Center Street to the Mill Creek underpass will be closed for the duration of the project. The Mill Creek Parkway bridge at 100 West will be closed, and sections of the parkway will be impacted. Traffic lane closures may also be necessary on 100 West during the construction.

Pedestrians and bicyclists are asked to use other routes until the project is completed.

“This is an important permanent repair which is necessary as a result of damage caused during the August flooding,” Williams said. “It’s going to disrupt traffic on 100 West and along the Mill Creek Parkway, but it is necessary in order to re-establish a permanent water supply in that area of town.”

Water service disruptions will be necessary at some points during the project, and crews will make every effort to minimize the impact on residents and businesses. Customers will be notified 48 hours in advance of any water service disruption.

## Application period for City RAP Community Grants now open

Qualifying nonprofits are invited to apply for community Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) grants as the City of Moab launches the inaugural year of the RAP Tax community grant program. For 2023, \$93,000 in grant funds are available for qualifying non-profit programs or projects. Organizations may apply for no more than 20 percent (\$18,600) of the available total funds.

**The application period opens on Jan. 3 and closes March 1, 2023.** The grant application, guidelines and other information are available on the City website at [www.moabcity.org/RAP](http://www.moabcity.org/RAP).

**JOIN US**  
**RAP Tax Grant Q&A Open House for Potential Applicants**  
**Jan. 11 · 4 to 6 p.m.**  
**Moab Arts Center · 111 East 100 North**

Community grants are available for projects related to arts, culture, recreation and parks projects or programs. Funds will be distributed through a competitive process rated by the five-member [Recreation, Arts and Parks Tax Advisory Committee \(RAP TAC\)](#), which was established in September based on community feedback. Members of this citizen committee were appointed by the mayor and approved by the Moab City Council. The committee will review all community grant applications and make recommendations for project funding to the City Council.

According to Utah Code, RAP Tax revenues can only be used for recreational, cultural, arts and parks programs and facilities provided by the city, or by qualifying nonprofit groups. The City has discretion regarding how decisions are made for projects funded through the RAP Tax.

Questions? Email [RAPTAC@moabcity.org](mailto:RAPTAC@moabcity.org). For full information about the RAP Tax and the RAP grant program visit [moabcity.org/RAP](http://moabcity.org/RAP).

## *Sustainable Moab – Community Renewable Energy Updates*

Moab is an anchor community in the first-of-its-kind [Community Renewable Energy Agency](#). Including 17 other Utah communities, the Agency is approaching [key milestones](#) in 2023 that will establish a path toward procuring renewable energy by 2030. The first milestone comes in March with a program application to the Utah Public Service Commission. The Commission could provide a decision as early as June or as late as September. Then, local governments, like ours, will have an opportunity to finalize participation in the program, paving the way to acquiring 100 percent renewable energy.

With these momentous milestones in the works, largely the accomplishments of the Program Design Committee, other committees are also working behind the scenes to make it all possible. The Low-Income Plan Committee is supporting the development of plans to reach out to community members and organizations with information on the program in 2023. Additionally, the Board voted to implement strategies to make the renewable energy program accessible to as many people as possible. These strategies include a monthly bill credit and a termination fee waiver for future low-income customers participating in the program. The Board also passed a resolution supporting a future online donation platform that would provide additional low-income support.

The Communications Committee is also releasing updates via a newsletter and social media. As the program nears submission to the Public Service Commission, the committee has focused on hiring a consultant to assist with outreach in participating communities with detailed information on the final program and options available to residents and businesses.

More updates will be coming out in the new year as the implementation of the program unfolds. You can stay up-to-date and learn more about the Community Renewable Energy Program by:

- Visiting [utah100communities.org](http://utah100communities.org) or reviewing [Frequently Asked Questions](#);
- [Subscribing](#) to the Agency's newsletter;
- Following on Facebook, at [facebook.com/utah100communities](https://facebook.com/utah100communities);
- Following on Instagram, [@utah100communities](https://instagram.com/utah100communities);
- Subscribing to the [YouTube channel](#);
- Subscribing to email notifications from the [Utah Public Meeting Notice website](#).
- Attending upcoming board meetings online: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/890138285>  
Monday, January 9 at 1p.m. (special meeting date to accommodate New Year's Day holiday)  
Monday, February 6 at 1p.m.  
Monday, March 6 at 1p.m.

– Alexi Lamm  
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