



CITY SPOTLIGHT

The official quarterly newsletter of the City of Moab

October-December Edition

Upcoming Events

October 2023

Oct. 9 Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

5-8 p.m., City Hall Front Lawn
Event will include performers & more

Oct. 10 & 24 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Oct. 12 & 26 Planning Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

November 2023

Nov. 1 Sustainability Action Plan Open House

4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Grand Center, Room 3
182 North 500 West

Nov 7 Water Utility Resource Management Plan Future Scenarios Public Workshop

5-7 p.m. Grand Center, 182 North 500 West

Nov. 9 Planning Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Nov. 14 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY

Nov. 20 **Moab City Municipal Election Ballots** **Must Be Mailed & Postmarked By This Date**

Nov. 21 Moab City Municipal Election Day

Nov. 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

City offices closed Nov. 23 & Nov. 24

December 2023

Dec. 1 Holiday Tree Lighting at Swanny Park, 5 p.m. Holiday Craft Fair at the MARC, 4 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 2 Electric Lights Parade, Main Street, 6 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair at the MARC, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 12 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 14 Planning Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

City offices closed Dec. 25 & Dec. 26

Moab Area Transit moves to non-peak service hours Oct. 16

Moab Area Transit (MAT), the City of Moab's public transit pilot program that provides fare-free service to residents and visitors, will begin non-peak service hours on Oct. 16. Beginning Oct. 16 and continuing through March 15, the on-demand microtransit option will be available five days a week – Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The on-demand service provides door-to-door transportation to and from any location within the broader service area that covers much of the Moab Valley.



The MAT Main Street fixed-route service will not operate during the non-peak season.

Residents and visitors can utilize the on-demand service by downloading the MAT app on a mobile phone, or by calling 1-833-MAT-FREE (833-628-3733) during regular service hours.

The transit pilot program launched in mid-March and is funded through a Utah Hotspot grant administered by the Utah Department of Transportation, with additional funding from the City of Moab and Grand County.

According to data available so far, from mid-March through August, MAT served a total of 29,817 passengers. Of those, 92 percent were riders utilizing the on-demand microtransit service option.

"I believe the numbers show that our first peak season was a success," said Moab City Transit Coordinator Richard Lory. "While every one of the almost 30,000 passengers is important, many of the most inspiring stories were from people who gained some independence. By servicing our elders, youth and those with disabilities, this service has proven to be about more than just relieving traffic congestion."

Officials with Moab Downtowner, LLC, the company that operates the MAT service, said they are excited to see how quickly use of the service – especially the on-demand microtransit option, has grown.

"I've been really happy to see how many Moab locals have utilized the MAT. Our free on-demand service is really taking off," said Jon Gottschalk, local manager for Moab Downtowner, LLC. "We've been out there seven days a week warming hearts, blowing minds, and taking care of business."

Moab Municipal Election Update: Gov. Cox Changes 2023 Election Date To Nov. 21

Three Moab City Council seats are up for election this year during the Nov. 21, 2023, municipal general election. Information is available at the Moab city website at moabcity.org/Elections.

Please note: The date of the 2023 General Election has been changed from Nov. 7 to Nov. 21 by a June 7 proclamation from Utah Gov. Spencer Cox. The change is to accommodate a special election to fill the Utah 2nd Congressional District U.S. House seat vacated on Sept. 15 by Rep. Chris Stewart.

[Five candidates](#) are competing for the three open Council seats during the general election. All city elected offices are at-large and non-partisan. Those elected to fill the open positions will be sworn in and take office on Jan. 2, 2024.



The 2023 municipal election will be conducted by mail and ballot counting will be administered through the Grand County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk's Office expects to begin mailing ballots to registered city voters during the week of Oct. 31.

Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off in person at the Moab City Recorder's Office, 217 E. Center Street, 2nd floor, or the Grand County Clerk's Office, 125 E. Center Street. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Monday, Nov. 20, or dropped off no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 21.

More election information and details about registering to vote are available at moabcity.org/Elections

December Holiday Events

Friday, Dec. 1, 2023—**Annual Tree Lighting at Swanny City Park**, 100 West and 400 North, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023—**Electric Lights Parade**, 6 p.m. on Main Street.

For information about entering a float in the Electric Lights Parade please contact the Moab Chamber of Commerce at info@moabchamber.com.

Holiday Art & Craft Fair—Dec. 1 and 2 at the MARC

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. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 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 are asked to contact marcadmin@moabcity.org or [click here](#). For more information check out moabarts.org.

