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Town of Hideout Newsletter

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Important COVID-19 Information from the Town of Hideout

In observation of current public health guidance, Hideout staff is now working remotely. Please call with questions or concerns at 435-659-4739. Your calls will be routed to the appropriate staff member.

We will work to address your concerns over the phone to determine if a visit is necessary. Should a face-toface meeting be required, we can arrange a meeting with appropriate social distancing.

Planning Commission and Town Council Meetings are being held electronically. See Hideoututah.gov for the meeting schedule. We strongly suggest that you join by telephone and/or web. All public meetings are available via ZOOM conference call.

Meeting URL:

https://zoom.us/j/4356594739 To join by telephone dial: US: +1 408 638 0986 Meeting ID: 435 659 4739

Public Works and Engineering staff will continue to be in the field. We would expect the public to maintain appropriate social distancing should you need to approach staff or inspectors with questions or comments.

We encourage utility payments via our Xpress Bill Pay. This minimizes the need for physical contact with documents which reduces the risk of exposure. Setting up online payments is free and easy and can be done at: www.xpressbillpay.com or (800) 766-2350.

Mayor's Message

Get Involved—Help Shape Hideout's Future— Join a Council Working Group and make a difference!

The Town of Hideout has formed five Working groups to help the Town accelerate progress on key initiatives. Full-time and part-time residents are needed to join the groups. Help Hideout define and achieve its goals!

To express interest in joining a working group, contact our Town Administrator, Jan McCosh at 435-776-6066 or jmccosh@hideoututah.gov.

Once we have sufficient response, the Committee Lead will call a meeting. Meetings will be by teleconference or web-based until health authorities deem it safe for group contact.

The Working Groups are:

- Budget & Revenue Working Group—Focused on ensuring a budget to drive key objectives.
- Infrastructure Working Group—Focused on Water, Wastewater, Roads, etc. and what it takes to provide these well.
- Planning Working Group—Focused on Economic Development and visioning for Future Land use.
- Land Development Working Group—Focused on ensuring Future Development and building is aligned with Town Objectives.
- **Community Outreach Working Group** Focused on Community Engagement, resident programs, etc.

Thank you for your interest and participation!

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Historical Sign Project at Ross Creek

Honoring Japanese-Americans in Keetley

As many of you know, the trails in Ross Creek are named "Wada Way" and "Keetley" to honor the Keetley Farms settlement, a Japanese-American farming community where a small group, led by Fred Wada, quickly left California in 1942 in order to avoid



Community Courtesy

forced removal and incarceration far from their homes. Many were American citizens. They estab-



As the temperatures warm in April and May, Hideout residents look forward to a walk in the fresh Spring air. If you bring your pets along, please make every effort to keep them under control—on a leash and a safe distance from other pets and owners. Let's all help each other stay safe and healthy in the coming months! lished a 150-acre non-profit farm in Keetley, growing food for the War effort. Keetley was located in the Ross Valley, just west of Hideout Canyon's Overlook Village area.

To help create a Day of Remembrance, we are seeking community volunteers to help with a historical signage project in the Ross Creek Recreation Area (in Hideout) of Jordanelle State Park. We will sort through historical artifacts with Fred Wada's daughter and the granddaughter of the Mayor of Keetley.

Thanks to the efforts of Hanz Johansson, this project is partially funded by a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant and donations received via Wasatch Trails Foundation. We are looking for help with: writing copy, sign layout and content, sign locations and install, bench install, and a ribbon-cutting event. To donate money or to volunteer for the signage project, **please email Town Councilwoman Chris Baier chris@hideoututah.gov.**