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Snowshoeing Event

The Community Engagement Committee is organizing a snowshoeing event in March. Look for a flyer in your email or on the website: www.hideoututah.gov Snowshoes can be rented at several shops in the Park City Area.



Appeal for Non-profit Board members

The Town of Hideout is looking for volunteers who would be willing to help set up and sit on a non-profit board.

Interested? Please contact Jan McCosh at: jmccosh@hideoututah.gov

J.D. Cronin Joins Hideout Budget and Economic Development Committees

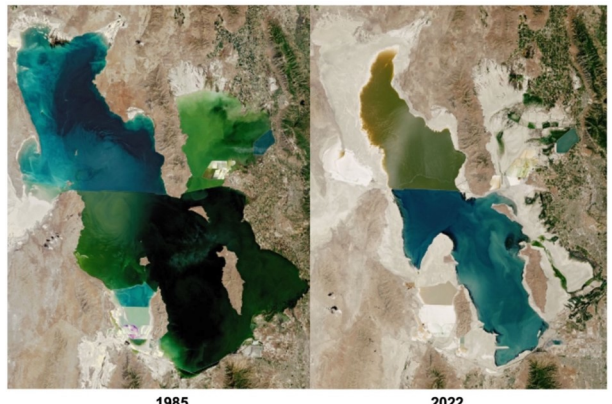
J.D. Cronin is currently employed by BMO Financial and is part of the Risk Governance & Risk Intelligence Oversight Group where he is responsible for executing the Risk Appetite Framework for the Bank.

Prior to his current position, J.D. held leadership positions at various financial institutions: the Head of Investment Risk for William Blair Investment Management, Risk Management Leader in the Financial market Utilities Group for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and Managing Director and Head of Equity Linked and Structured Credit Trading at Bank One (now JPMorgan).

J.D. holds an MBA in Finance and Econometrics from the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago and an A.B. in Economics from the University of Michigan.

Great Salt Lake Faces Unprecedented Danger

Even with generous snowfalls this winter, without a dramatic increase in water flow to the Lake in 2023 and 2024, its disappearance could cause immense damage to Utah's public health, environment, and economy.



The Lake's Importance

The lake and its wetlands form a keystone ecosystem that supports biodiversity and human economy: ~\$2.5 billion in economic productivity each year, ~9,000 jobs locally, increases annual snowfall by 5-10%, and an additional 20,000 job and \$1.8 billion in annual economic activity.

Almost 350 bird species depend on the Great Salt Lake habitats. The Lake is a vital link in the Pacific Flyway, providing habitat for more than 10 million migratory birds and wildlife throughout the Wasatch Front.

Call for a Coordinated Rescue

The Great Salt Lake Report 2023 urges every water user and manager to conserve water and support State efforts. To learn more about the causes of decline, the devastating consequences of losing the Lake, and what is needed for its rescue, see the GSL Report 2023 attached to this email.

Study helps Utahns make better Water Conservation choices—A message to Hideout residents owning their own lots and HOAs that irrigate common PUD areas:

With summer three months away, Utahns are starting to question how much water they'll need to use and what it will cost. According to a new study from Brigham Young University, the answers to those questions might be surprising.

Headed by Rob Sowby, a BYU professor and civil engineer, a recent project looked at the irrigation bills of thousands of customers from two cities in Utah. According to Sowby, the project paired the information with aerial images and infrared imagery where they discovered that healthy landscapes are greener and cooler than other things seen in those images.

Sowby says that the project helped them discover that watering will only increase landscape health up to a certain point. After that point, the more water you add to your landscape, the quality of it doesn't improve.

Based on the project's findings, Sowby recommends that Utahns look at the Utah Division of Water Resources' Weekly Watering Guide. The guide will provide information on the best times to water and will highlight the proper amount you should use.

On top of that recommendation, Sowby says that people should use technology as a solution. Smart irrigation controllers and timers that look ahead at the weather can help optimize irrigation timing.



Town Hall snowed in—February 22nd

Hideout Dark Skies Ordinance in Effect

In compliance with Dark Skies Ordinance Section 10.16.04, the holiday lighting period ends on March 1st. You may review the full Ordinance at https://hideout.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=10.16_DARK_SKIES_LIGHTING

Transportation Committee Update

Park City Transit has shown great ridership from and to Richardson Flat. The Park City Council is considering extending the Silver Route throughout the year; probably with reductions in the schedule. More information will be forthcoming in the future as they analyze the data.

Winter Reminders—It's all about the snow

- The Ross Creek Jordanelle Park entrance closure remains in effect for gate, parking lot, and new day use area improvements. The heavy snowfalls have caused some construction delays, but the area is expected to reopen by early summer.
- Winter parking regulations remain in effect.
- From Public works: additional snow removal equipment is making a difference! Our crews appreciate your patience with snow removal efforts during the frequent storms this winter.
- Keep roof vents and chimneys free of snow. Remove excessive snow buildup around roof eaves and on north slopes. Remove icicles. Roof leaks cannot be repaired from inside; contact a roofer to do an exterior repair. Consider installing heat cable in problem areas in the future.
- As things warm up, be aware of "roof-avalanches." Be aware of what's above you especially as you spend time on your deck and driveway. Consider installing snow stops that blend with roof color.