

# TOWN TALK

Town of Hideout Newsletter

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### NAC Summit Challenge



As a sponsor of the National Ability Center’s annual Summit Challenge bike ride, Hideout will again provide a rest stop at the entrance to Tuhaye. **We are seeking a volunteer to head a team of in-place volunteers to oversee the rest stop.** Please contact Jan McCosh at [jmccosh@hideoututah.gov](mailto:jmccosh@hideoututah.gov) if you are interested in working for this worthy cause!

### Coming Up—

- June 2nd-6th, 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
2025 Municipal Elections  
Candidate filing period
- June 12th, 6:00 pm  
Town Council  
Regular Meeting  
Public Hearing
- June 16th, Juneteenth  
Observed, Town Hall closed
- June 19, 6:00 pm  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Public Hearing
- June 25, 5:00 pm  
Jordanelle Listening  
Town Hall, Retreat at  
Jordanelle Clubhouse
- July 3rd, Independence Day  
Observed, Town Hall Closed

### Community Engagement

**We want you! New volunteers are needed and welcomed on the Hideout Community Engagement Committee.** This Committee puts on the Town Concerts, plans fundraisers and fun events for the community. Please contact Jan DeFeo at [defeojan@gmail.com](mailto:defeojan@gmail.com) to volunteer or to ask questions.

### A BIG Thank You!

To all who helped on the annual Jordanelle Community Clean-up. We appreciate your time and caring for our town!



## MAYOR’S MESSAGE by Ralph Severini

Hello fellow Hideout’ers and Greetings!



As you may know, on May 12th during a Town Council Special Meeting, I was appointed the new 2025 Interim Mayor of Hideout to replace Mayor Rubin who stepped down for health reasons. I am honored to have been selected to serve as your new Mayor and grateful for the trust the Council has placed in me. One of my priorities as Mayor will be to increase transparency and communication between the town government and Hideout’s residents and property owners. To that end, you can expect more direct

communications and opportunities to connect with me in the future.

My plan is to publish a monthly message in the town newsletter. In these messages, I will update you on the important work we are doing in town government to help improve the quality of life in our community.

For those who don’t know me, I’d like to share a brief bit about my background and family. When my wife Suzanne and I first saw Hideout nearly nine years ago, we fell in love with the views and sheer beauty of this area. Our daughter and her family live close by, near the Retreat at Jordanelle, with my eight year old grandson and son-in-law. My daughter Vanessa is a teacher in the Park City School system and my son John is now nearing completion of his PhD at Georgetown University.

Since 2018, I’ve been a member of either the Hideout Planning Commission or the Town Council, as well as Chairman of our Economic Development Committee and co-chair with Councilman Jonathan Gunn on our Wildfire Committee. This is the third town I’ve served on Planning Commissions or Economic Development Committees for over the course of my life.

My plan is to work with the Town Council, various committees and commissions, our staff, our residents and surrounding neighbors to further the vision and goals of Hideout. We will be reaching out to the community by way of an open house and surveys as we update our original 2019 General Plan to accommodate the Silver Meadows (Richardson Flat) annexation into a connected and vibrant community.

The following are some of the major items that I have worked on as Town Councilman and plan to continue prioritizing as your Mayor:

- Completing our vital water study.
- Continuing to work with the Silver Meadows Annexation; a prime source of revenue for the Town providing a place to shop and dine.
- Continuing our efforts on the Ross Creek site to bring recreational retail and additional open space that the Town controls including acquisition of lands in a public-private partnership. This area could also easily support a community center and recreational area for Hideout given its central location.
- Working to make our town, streets, and SR 248 safer.
- Protecting our viewsheds and keeping our property values high, while continuing our efforts for open space, trails and recreational amenities.
- Building a firewise community to protect us from potential wildfire dangers and keep property insurance accessible and affordable.
- Maintaining fiscal responsibility including optimizing our sources of funds including more grant writing.
- Being more of a regional participant and force by building bridges to our surrounding communities with the hope of more cooperation and fewer disputes.

Lastly, I want to create more transparency with our residents. To that end, I will also be initiating the “Mayor-hour” where residents can schedule a 10 minute call with me to discuss their ideas, input, and hot topics. I’m doing this because a number of my neighbors have said that they simply can’t attend the Thursday evening monthly Town Council Meeting. So I will be creating another avenue for open communication. Watch the newsletter for more details on this.

I look forward to building a shared vision for Hideout and am excited to continue working with all of you to keep Hideout thriving. Please feel free to reach out to me at with your feedback and ideas.

Hope to see you on the trail!

Ralph

<https://www.parkrecord.com/2025/05/20/ralph-severini-aims-to-reinvigorate-hideout/>



Park City Sailing Association Regatta on the Jordanelle

### Hideout Welcomes Interns

Hideout welcomes Juliana Landis and Charlene Boomgarten as interns working this summer on town projects.

Julianna is a grad student in city and metropolitan planning and will be assisting the town with updating our planning procedures. She will also assist with community outreach on open houses and surveys as we update our General Plan.

Charlene is a student pursuing a graduate degree in real estate development and will assist the town with the public-private partnership at Ross Creek.

### A Quick Reminder—Nightly Rentals Require a Hideout Business License

If you live in a subdivision that allows nightly rentals, please be aware that you must have a business license with the Town of Hideout. For instructions, requirements, and a link to the business license application, please go to <https://hideoututah.gov/apply-for-business-license/>

### Senior Farmers Market

Interested in the Wasatch County Senior Farmers Market? If you are over 60 and a Utah resident, call 435-657-3312.

## 3 Things You Should Know This Month

1. If you received a weed control letter, please remember to send in your Noxious Weed Abatement Report Form by June 27th. If you have contracted with a service, you may send your report in now before the work is completed. Contact Weed Enforcement Officer Carol Kusterle if you have any questions. [carol@hideoututah.gov](mailto:carol@hideoututah.gov)
2. Want to run for Mayor or Council Member of Hideout? Declarations of Candidacy are due no later than 5:00 pm on June 6th and must be submitted in person at Hideout Town Hall. Please [visit https://hideoututah.gov](https://hideoututah.gov) for more information and to review the filing documents.
3. Wildfire prevention tips for June: 1) Keep roofs, patios and decks free of debris. 2) Never operate equipment near dry vegetation. 3) **Please be aware—fireworks are not allowed in Hideout!**

### Regional Wildfire Symposium

As mentioned in last month’s Hideout Newsletter, the Wildfire Risk Mitigation and Permanent Fire Station Committee has advanced its plans and set the agenda as the host for a Regional Wildfire Symposium. It will be held on Tuesday, July 15, from 10:00 AM to 3.00 PM, at the Black Rock Mountain Resort on SR 248.

Our Utah Insurance Commissioner Jon Pike is our anchor keynote speaker with various panel sessions that will feature:

- Wasatch and Summit County senior fire officials
- State officials and leaders, as well as local town leaders
- Representatives from insurers and insurance brokers
- Wildfire analytics companies discussing insurance risk scoring
- Other to be announced soon.

This event will be free of charge for Hideout residents, but you will need to reserve a spot as seating will be limited. We will have more to come soon and a sign-up page for resident reservations.

Please reach out to Mayor Ralph Severini at [mayor@hideoututah.gov](mailto:mayor@hideoututah.gov) or Council Member Jonathan Gunn at [jgunn@hideoututah.gov](mailto:jgunn@hideoututah.gov) if you want to learn more.



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