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Interested in a Small Business Grant?

Town Administrator Jan McCosh has learned about a Micro-Grant for Business that is being offered. It allows small businesses to apply for a \$5,000 matching grant on projects that will increase expansion or efficiency.

Look for the grant application to be available on the Chamber's website: <https://www.gohebervalley.com/>



Wasatch Behavioral Health Speaks out

Wasatch behavioral Health is being proactive in the prevention of child sexual abuse and teaching consent. See the flier attached to this newsletter email for details on a free training and light breakfast provided on Tuesday, February 17th at Wasatch Fire Station 51 in Heber.



Hideout Welcomes New Deputy Recorder

Hideout welcomes Sherita Schaefer, our new Deputy Recorder. Sherita is a City Recorder with extensive experience in municipal code management and public record keeping, election procedures, and meeting coordination. Outside of work, she is furthering her education and enjoys volunteering for community events and running a dog clinic.

- Coming Up—**
- February 10th**
- 3:00 PM State of the Town Address
 - 4:00 PM General Plan Workshop
 - Black Rock Mountain Resort
- February 12th, 5:00 PM**
- Town Council
 - Regular Meeting
- February 16th, Presidents' Day**
- Town Hall Closed
- February 19th, 6:00 PM**
- Planning Commission
 - Regular Meeting





Live coverage begins in two days! February 6th at 11:40 AM MST on NBC. The Olympics can be found on NBC networks and Peacock.

Some events such as curling, alpine skiing, luge, ice hockey and figure skating have already started their preliminaries.

Ninety-two National Olympic Committees will attend bringing 2,900 athletes with them. The 2026 Winter Olympics features 15 disciplines across 8 sports, including the debut of ski mountaineering. And yes, Lindsey Vonn will try to take on the downhill!

Heart Rock in Joshua Tree National Park, CA






Love costs all we are and will ever be. Yet it is only love which sets us free. —Maya Angelou

Mayor's Message

Hi Fellow Hideout'ers,

February is our kick-off month for the Town Council, Town Staff, and Planning Commission's Annual Retreat on February 10th at the Blackrock Resort (details in article below). The intent of the retreat and workshop are to lay the foundation and set the tone, strategy, and intention for our plans and activities going forward.




Throughout the day, we will be discussing four main themes, including: 1) economic development and financial matters; 2) public safety, including wildfire and transportation; 3) strengthening community identity and building our brand; and 4) the Hideout General Plan. I will also be presenting supporting committees and probable council leads and co-leads.

Each of our four themes are associated with challenges and opportunities. For instance, we all should be aware of our opportunity with the Silver Meadows project that was discussed in a special town newsletter in December and represents long-term financial stability for Hideout. Review the newsletter at <https://hideoututah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/December-2025-Special-Edition.pdf>. We will also be zeroing in on safety concerns, and challenging ourselves and our state agencies like UDOT to work closely with us for highway and street safety.

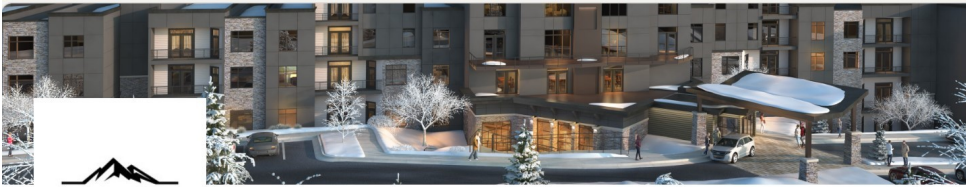
In addition, I would like to enhance our brand and build strong regional partnerships that can increase our value to our surrounding towns and neighbors while simultaneously enhancing our own property values. At the regional level, I've already met with the mayor of Park City twice as well as a number of other Summit and Wasatch mayors to establish unity and collaboration.

I'll end by saying that although some work still remains to dispel our past reputation, Hideout has recently been noticed in a positive way by our surrounding leaders and communities, which we are so proud of and grateful for. You can always count on me to be Hideout's number one cheerleader. If you want to hear some of that cheerleading in action, [listen to my recent feature on KPCW](#) regarding what the next year holds for Hideout.

Thank you,



Mayor Ralph Severini



Please join us for the 2026 State of the Town Address and General Plan Workshop


You are invited to join us for the Hideout "State of the Town Address" delivered by Mayor Ralph Severini, followed by a community reception and a General Plan Workshop.

- This event is an opportunity to hear directly from the Mayor about the Town's progress, priorities, and vision for the future—and to participate in important discussions that will help guide Hideout's long-term planning.
- Event Details**
- Date:** February 10, 2026
- Location:** Black Rock Mountain Resort
909 W Peace Tree Trail (Hwy-248)
- Schedule of Events:**
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Mayor's State of the Town Address & Community Reception
 - 4:00 – 7:00 PM
General Plan Workshop

Residents are encouraged to stay and participate in this interactive workshop focused on shaping the future of Hideout.

We hope you will join us for this important afternoon of information, conversation, and community engagement. Your participation and input are valued and appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you there.



We Need Your Ideas, Expertise, and Support!

Hideout is soliciting applications and interest for Hideout's Planning Commission and Committees. If you have interest in:

- Public Infrastructure
- Wildfire
- Events
- Resident Communications
- Economic Development and Annexation
- Budget
- Transportation
- Parks and Trails
- Planning Commission (One year residency required)

Please submit your interest and any background information that you would like to include to our Town Recorder, Maria Devereux, at mdevereux@hideoututah.gov

"There is no greater satisfaction for a just and well-meaning person than the knowledge that he has devoted his best energies to the service of a good cause." — *Albert Einstein*