

Dear Town Residents,

April 5, 2011

Budget:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our budget, which is looking much stronger. The challenge of cutting back on paid personnel last year has put more strain on our volunteers, but has resulted in a strong surplus in our budget. This fiscal responsibility is important and is taken very seriously by your elected representatives at the Town level.

Cultural Events:

Now, to give you an update on upcoming events this year...

Easter Egg Hunt. This event is held Saturday on Easter Weekend usually at 10 am. Bring your children for the hunt, the candy, and more!

4th of July. As is tradition, we will have the breakfast put on by the Town Council, Water games in the heat of the day by the Fire Department, the "hot-dog dinner" fundraiser by and for the Fire Department, mingling, music, dancing, personal fireworks on the basketball court, and of course the FIREWORKS put on by the Town and the Fire Department!

24th of July. This State holiday is a fun time for all. Last year we put focus again on a parade down Main Street (which used to be a tradition), and we will be doing the same this year. Also, there will be pioneer games for the kids at the park after the parade. In the evening we will have our second annual Pot-luck dinner with story-telling about our local history!

Fall Festival, "Wild West Days in Leeds." This year our second annual Fall Festival will be held on the 2nd weekending in October. Start looking forward to some new events to be added this year including a Pony Express ride, 5k Run, and a Bicycle ride. We will be bringing back our Princess Pony Rides, Soap Box Derby, awesome Live Entertainment (singing and instrument bands, storytellers, plays, and skits), great Food Booths, lots of other fun booths, Sorghum processing and tasting, Wild West Games, the popular "Shootout" to be performed several times, our locally written Stage Production by local youth and adults, and of course the Candy Cannon!

Trunk or Treat. This fun evening for the whole family will be held at the Park in it has the past two years. This is always a great time to mingle and be creative. Bring your candy and decorated car trunks to share.

Town Committees:

I wish to thank those who serve so willingly on our Town Committees (Historical, Cultural and Beautification, and Preparedness). If you have interest in any of these areas, we can sure use more help and input, even if you can make to only some of the meetings.

Board of Adjustments:

We have a vacancy on our Board of Adjustments. You can find more information on the Town website (www.leadstown.org). This position is a great position for someone that would like to serve but is unable to commit to ongoing and regular meetings. Over the past 15+ months that I have been Mayor, we have had only one instance where the Board of Adjustments had to meet. If you feel you can serve on this very important board, please go online or stop by the Town Hall to find out more.

Thank you all again for what you do to make Leeds a great place to live. We truly live in one of the best places on earth!

-Mayor Hyrum D. Lefler