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**CASTLE VALLEY PERFECTION** This absolutely beautiful 3 bed, 3 bath, 2,500 SF home was thoughtfully constructed for efficiency, durability, and a gorgeous natural aesthetic. So much time and energy was put into the hand-crafted details of the home, and the spaces throughout are simply stunning! Room for horses; 6.58 gorgeous acres. **\$539,000 #1536566**



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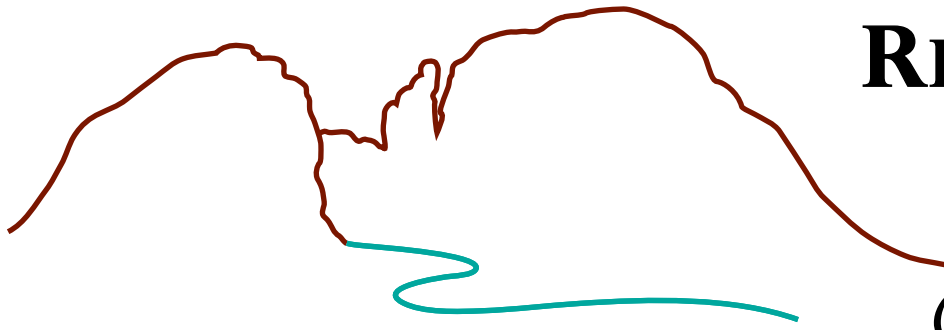


**UNIQUE RETREAT** "Not so big" house in gorgeous Pack Creek. This 2 bed, 1.5 bath, 1,687 sf home offers a serene setting and a comfortable feel and flexible living space. Fabulous mountain views from the deck! Workshop, storage shed on 1 acre, surrounded by 23+ acres deeded open space. **\$349,000 #1436947**



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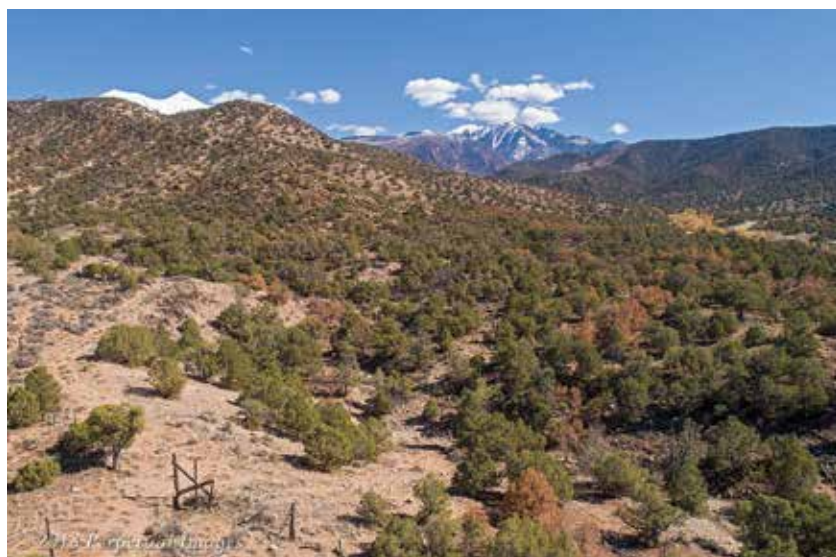
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**PACK CREEK ACREAGE** Stunning estate site in the Pack Creek area! This beautiful 11.18 acre parcel is tucked into the foothills of the La Sals with superb mountain and red rock views. Pack Creek flows across the parcel; includes 1/8 interest in 23 acres deeded open space! **\$539,000 #1563035**

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**CANYONLANDS ESTATE** Gorgeous 2.31 acre corner lot with amazing views, just ten minutes to town! **\$210,000 #1548738**



**ELEVATED MOUNTAIN VIEWS** Get away from it all, on this 37.64 acre parcel northeast of Monticello! Driveway, shed. **\$65,000 #1562981**



**SECLUDED BEAUTY** Bring your horses and build your dream home on this excellent 2.39 acre lot! **\$222,777 #1302613**



**BEAUTIFUL BUILDING LOT** Lovely valley setting, half acre with excellent views, community open space. **\$125,000 #1494382**



**VIEWS IN TOWN!** Gorgeous views in all directions, great location just below Pipe Dream! Most utilities stubbed, 0.49 ac **\$150,000 #1565507**



**HIGH DESERT** Stunning 15.88 acre parcel in Flat Iron Mesa. Amazing mountain and red rock views! **\$159,000 #1524056**



**MOUNTAIN VIEWS** Beautiful 9.5 acre lot in Deer Haven Park, Old La Sal. Adjoining 10 acres also for sale! **\$115,000 #1524230**



**LA SAL PEAKS** Incredible views from this 10 acre lot in Old La Sal! Power, telephone, water available. **\$127,500 #1524238**



**RARE DOUBLE-SIZED LOT** Spacious 2.61 acre double lot, water and power, perc tests done. **\$95,000 #1316168**



**STELLAR SETTING** Ten minutes to town, perfect views! This 3.88 acre parcel features potential for subdivision. **\$299,000 #1541071**



**CASTLE VALLEY CLASSIC** Iconic views in all directions from this 4.62 acre corner lot w/ well on the valley floor! **\$105,000 #1520632**



**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING** 3.66 gorgeous acres perched above the valley. Abutting parcel also for sale! **\$250,000 #1346908**



**YOUR ISLAND IN THE SKY** Kayenta Heights view lot, 3.23 acres in a dramatic landscape. Seller Financing! **\$189,900 #1260380**



**WOODLANDS ACREAGE** Fabulous offering of 79.82 beautiful acres of accessible mountain property! Just past Old La Sal, incredible potential! Power, wells with deeded water rights in place. Amazing site for private retreat, glamour camping, cowboy camp, and more! **\$678,000 #1525950**



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# Snowy adventures

Local winter wonderlands  
abound with recreational opportunities

Written by Sharon Sullivan



**This page:** Grace Mayer enjoys a powered ride in a sledding tube in Castle Valley. [Photo courtesy of Thom Mayer] **Opposite page:** Backcountry skiers ascend a peak in the La Sals. [Photo by Jay Beyer]





Wintertime in Moab is quiet — which is a good reason to get out and enjoy the season — whether you do so in the desert’s lower elevations, or in the snowy mountains south of town.

If you think bundling up to go outside in the cold is too much trouble — well, meet the Dvorscak family — who often travel to the La Sal mountains for skiing and sledding with three young children. Marshall and Nicole Dvorscak and their daughters, 6-year old Adelia, and 4-year old twins Iris and Eleanor spend many winter days each year skiing on groomed trails near Geyser Pass.

Before the Dvorscak kids could ski Marshall Dvorscak would strap a converted bike trailer to his waist (with skis instead of wheels attached to the bottom) with the babies bundled up and snuggled together in the trailer. These days, when the 4-year-olds become tired from skiing they hop in the trailer for a ride.

“My family and I are passionate Nordic skiers, winter recreationists,” Dvorscak says. “We keep playing outside no matter what the weather. Last year we skied 32 days — all five of us, at Geyser Pass. Last year we skied as far as the 5-year-old could ski. We ski, sled, cook hot dogs, drink hot cocoa, or beer, and watch the sun go down,” while looking out toward Arches and Canyonlands.

The Geyser Pass trailhead, at 9,600 feet elevation, provides access to 12 kilometers of groomed cross-country trails in the La Sals, plus backcountry skiing and snowboarding in nearby Gold Basin, and snowmobiling over Geyser Pass.

The Abajo Mountains offer another winter wonderland, approximately 50 miles south of Moab, outside the town of Monticello. Though the Blue Mountain Ski resort closed years ago, its slopes continue to draw skiers and snowboarders. The Dalton Springs trailhead offers snowmobile access to Harts Draw Road and North Creek Pass. Groomed cross-country ski trails are located near the trailhead.

The Lower Utah Nordic Alliance (LUNA) grooms trails in the La Sal mountains once or twice a week, primarily for cross-country skiers, though, as a multi-use area, the trails are also open to snowshoers and snowmobilers. “We groom some established roadways and some meadow areas with Nordic grooming equipment,” LUNA director Kirsten Peterson says. “The Forest Service owns the equipment, and LUNA volunteers do the work.” LUNA is supported by

the Manti-La Sal National Forest Moab/Monticello Ranger District and by Trail Mix, a Grand County committee of volunteers who maintain and develop nonmotorized trails around Moab.

The forest service also partners with the Blue Mountain Ski Club and the city of Monticello to groom cross-country trails in the Abajo Mountains.

If you prefer getting off the beaten track there are also backcountry skiing opportunities — which Peterson says she enjoys doing. “It’s hiking more than anything else, plus a little bit of downhill,” she says. “The La Sals is a beautiful range; it’s spectacular; it’s a nice way to enjoy them in the winter.

## Avalanche risks

If you do decide to venture off into the backcountry, be sure and arm yourself with knowledge and rescue gear. The La Sal and Abajo mountains are avalanche prone due to steep terrain and a weak, shallow snowpack. Before heading out check for current conditions at [utahavalanchecenter.org](http://utahavalanchecenter.org). The site will also tell you if the road to the trailhead has been plowed. The road is closed during plowing. “There’s also a list of groomed conditions; it’s really a great resource,” Peterson says.

“The key to going out in the mountains is recognizing avalanche terrain,” Eric Trenbeath, avalanche forecaster for the U.S. Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center, says. That includes any slope





steeper than about 30 degrees as well as obvious chutes, gullies, and “terrain traps” — depressions in the terrain where snow piles up deep.

As avalanche forecaster, Trenbeath skis into avalanche-prone territory four days a week to dig snow pits, looking for weak layers so he can judge the snow’s stability. He records the data, checks the weather that evening, and then, each morning when he rises at 5 a.m. he looks at information collected from the La Sals’ remote weather stations. With all that information, along with what he observed in the field the day before regarding snow stability, Trenbeath then issues his avalanche forecast for the day. Then, at 9 a.m., after checking other state forecasters’ reports, he returns to the field to gauge snow stability again. “I try to figure out what’s happening at different aspects (the direction a slope faces on a compass) and at different elevations,” he says.

The avalanche center rates avalanche risks as “high,” “moderate,” or “low” and warns skiers of specific slopes to avoid because of avalanche

danger — 99 percent of all avalanche victims trigger avalanches themselves, or someone in their party does. Trenbeath advises backcountry skiers to carry appropriate rescue gear, a beacon, shovel and probe, and to know how to use them.

## Talking Mountain Yurts

Cozying up to a warm fire and good food afterward is part of the fun of spending time outdoors in the cold. And you don’t even have to leave the mountain to do so. A yurt at Geyser Pass, as well as one at Gold Basin (elevation 10,000 feet) can be reserved for up to eight people each.

Traditional yurts have been used for centuries by nomads in Central Asia; yurts are circular, portable structures with a strong fabric covering a lattice frame. Each of the yurts in the La Sals includes a kitchen, fully stocked for cooking (guests bring their own food and bedding), a table and chairs and a small library with games. There’s also stacked wood at each yurt that guests can use in the wood-burning stove.

“For a lot of people, it’s about the community experience — getting family together, or a group of friends,” Talking Mountain Yurts owner Jonathan Dutrow says. “We have people who have been doing it for years. We get a lot of repeat customers, over and over again. It’s about the opportunity to skate into the backcountry for a few nights with friends. You’re closed in, there’s no cell service; It’s a winter wonderland.”

Unlike most backcountry situations, Dutrow offers a unique service by removing trash that backcountry guests leave behind. He snowmobiles in about once a week to check on the sites, and takes out the garbage at that time.

Weekends and holidays tend to be the busiest time for reserving a yurt, with a rush in bookings occurring in early October and in December. “In the La Sals, you can ski some pretty unique terrain. When the snow is good, you have this unique backdrop of the red rocks below you. It’s unparalleled,” Dutrow says.







## More winter fun

You don't have to travel to the mountains, however, to enjoy wintertime in Moab. Whether there's snow or not, winter hiking in Moab is especially nice if you're looking for peace and quiet. It's better than Moab's "mud season" when the Bureau of Land Management encourages people to avoid some muddy areas to prevent trail damage. "Hiking is wonderful (in the desert) — just dress a little warmer," says Lisa Bryant, public affairs specialist for the BLM Canyon Country District. "If you're looking for more solitude, winter is a great time to visit the area. It can be a great time to be out on a mountain bike, too."

"Occasionally it snows enough at the lower elevations where people can ski the sandy trails and roads of the desert. It's fun to ski amongst the cactus," Bryant says. She recommends staying away from the Bar M trail system, however, due to its rocky terrain.

Some years there's ice-skating and ice-fishing at Ken's Lake, located on BLM property 10 miles south of town. "In a good year Ken's Lake will freeze over and it can be really delightful," Bryant says. Locals have even been known to clear snow off the lake with their ATV for an informal hockey game — though it depends on a good, solid freeze. Before going out on ice, be sure that there is at least 4-6 inches of solid, crystal-clear ice and never go alone, Bryant advises.

Four-wheeling or jeep riding — where you can crank up the heater — is yet another way to get outside and see the sights, Bryant adds.

## Get geared up

Maybe winter weather activity sounds tempting but you don't have the necessary gear? Marshall and Nicole Dvorscak, the couple who love going out with their kids, own Moab Gear Trader, at 300 S. Main, and can set you up with what you need to stay warm, be safe and have fun. "We call ourselves 'Moab's Winter Sports Headquarters,'" Marshall Dvorscak says. "Whatever you need to get out there to comfortably recreate, we stock it."

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For example, "Delicate Arch is a huge draw in Moab," Dvorscak says. "The hike involves an exposed edge on a hill, that's north-facing and can have ice. To get to Delicate Arch in the winter — or for any winter hiking, the majority of the time you need Yak Tracks." You can also check the Moab Gear Trader website: [moabgeartrader.com](http://moabgeartrader.com) for current weather and avalanche conditions in the backcountry. ■

## Before you go

Before heading to the mountains, consult the USFS Utah Avalanche Center: [www.utahavalanchecenter.org](http://www.utahavalanchecenter.org) for current snow and avalanche conditions. The center also offers free instruction at the beginning of the snow season on how to reduce avalanche risks.

To reach Geyser Pass trailhead: On Hwy. 191, eight miles south of Moab, look for the sign indicating the La Sal Mountain Loop Road. Follow the paved loop road to the turnoff to Geyser Pass. Gold Basin is located a mile and a half from the Geyser Pass trailhead, where a right fork takes you to the basin.

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**Opposite page, top left:** Inside a yurt operated by Talking Mountain Yurts. [Photo by Jay Beyer] **Top right:** A snowmobiler enjoys deep snow in the La Sals. [Photo by Jay Beyer] Talking Mountain Yurt guests enjoy clear night skies and a warm fire. [Photo by Jay Beyer] **This page, top left:** An ice hockey game at Warner Lake. [Photo courtesy of Marianne Becnel] **Top right:** Children cross-country skiing on the groomed trails near Geyser Pass in the La Sal Mountains. [Photo courtesy of Marshall Dvorscak]



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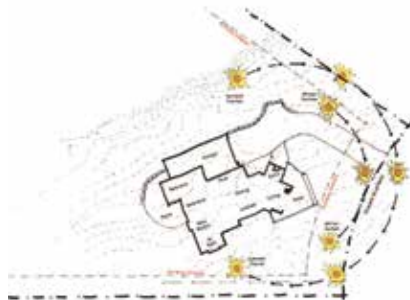
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# Cleanest wastewater in the state

SUPER-EFFICIENT NEW FACILITY USES TECHNOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY TO GIVE MOAB TREATMENT CAPACITY FOR YEARS TO COME

Written By Rachel Fixsen | Photos by Murice D. Miller

There's nothing glamorous about sewage, but Moab's new sleek and efficient Wastewater Reclamation Facility does have a certain elegance. Since August, Moab's drains have been directed to the new treatment center where the newest technology in the field processes wastewater to a cleaner end product, and with greater efficiency, than in the old treatment facility.

"It's the buzz of the state right now," said Greg Fosse, chief operator at the plant. "This is the wave of the future for smaller plants." Fosse worked at the old sewer treatment plant for seventeen years before transitioning to the new plant. He gave me a tour of the new facility and explained how the treatment process works.

The buzz he mentioned is due to the impressive numbers being measured at the plant. Fosse

said he's been told they are currently producing the cleanest water of any waste treatment plant in Utah, based on samples tested for biochemical oxygen demand, or BOD, and suspended solids. The plant is exceeding expectations in both these metrics, and using less water than the old plant to achieve it.

The secret to the improved stats is in the design. Efficiency is considered at each step. From the intake, where all Moab sewer connections release, water is raised from an underground holding tank with a screw pump.

"Archimedes knew what he was doing, three thousand years ago, when he invented the best way to move water," said Fosse, referring to the mechanism whose invention is attributed to the Greek mathematician. "It's still the most efficient way to do it."

The turning of the screw pump could potentially be used to generate electricity to help power the plant, though that's only an idea for now. However, engineers and the Moab City Sustainability Director, Rosemarie Russo, have looked for ways throughout the plant to save or create energy and reduce environmental impacts.

"The first steps were to audit energy use by using the most efficient LED lighting, placing rooms on remote sensors, adding variable frequency drives to pumps and blowers, and installing solar," said Russo. Variable frequency drives, or VFDs, "are a great way to reduce energy by adjusting power from one hundred percent to partial power when full power isn't needed," Russo explained. Fosse pointed out several pieces of equipment in the plant that use VFDs. The LED lights and motion sensors cut







down on electricity use, and the solar panel arrays, once fully installed, will offset one percent of the total energy costs of the plant.

Perhaps the most significant reduction in energy use at the new plant is in the reclamation of water. After the wastewater has been clarified, it goes to a reclamation tank, where it can be pumped when needed back into the treatment system. At the old plant, when clean water was needed to dilute the wastewater, they had to use city tap water.

"The only city water we are using is in the administration building," said Fosse, meaning the water that comes out of sink taps in the office building. "That's like, ten to twelve thousand gallons a month. We were using two million gallons a month over there of city water," he said, referring to the old plant.

Aside from using reclaimed water, the new process requires less water overall.

Fosse led us up a set of aluminum steps to the top of a pair of concrete tanks, each over a hundred feet in diameter. In one, chalky brown water bubbled and churned under the power of a large rotating mixer in the center and a ring of sixteen aerators that funneled air pushed by VFD blower motors to a diffusing system at the bottom of the tank.

"At the old plant we had three different processes," Fosse explained. "There was primary clarification, and then we had what were called trickling filters, where the biological activity took place, and then we had final clarification. We took all three processes and put them in this one tank."

The second concrete processing tank was full but calm, with a scum of brownish foam on the top. The two tanks each run five cycles a day, staggered from each other. First the tanks are filled and the fluid is mixed. In the next cycle, air is added. The air is regulated to keep the biological activity at optimum efficiency. Too little air will harm the microbes that process the organic matter in the sewage, and too much air will be a waste of the electricity needed to run the blowers.

"I'm a bug farmer, is what I am," said Fosse. "I have to keep these bugs happy."

Fosse has remote access to the control computers that regulate the cycles of the tank. He can monitor and adjust each phase of the process from anywhere with an internet connection, and routinely turns down the aeration level from home at night, when the demand on the plant is lower.

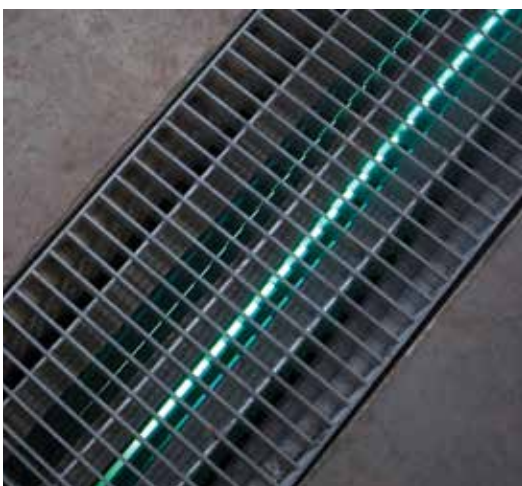
After the mixing and aeration, which lasts for a third cycle, the tank begins the settling cycle, in which the materials processed by the microbes

sink to the bottom of the tank. In the final cycle, the clean water is decanted from the top of the tank and into the reclamation tank. The settled material, or "sludge," is sent to more processing machines where it is dried and shredded and sent to the landfill to be buried.

Russo said the annual water savings will be about \$30,270. "The added benefit," she said, "is when you save water, you also conserve energy. Most people do not realize the enormous amount of energy it takes to treat water." She said the plant uses about the same amount of electricity as 152 residences, so any way to reduce or offset energy use is important.

Now that the treatment center is in operation and turning out such clean outflow, city planners are thinking about ways to reclaim more, or even all, of the processed water. Currently, the plant will use up to a fifth of its own reclaimed water during the summer, which is the highest use season. Most of the outflow is still being discharged into the Colorado River.

"There's talk already, because of this plant exceeding the expectations in the water being so clean, of trying to figure out a way to reclaim all of the water that we're discharging," said Fosse. "A million gallons a day would go a long way to irrigation — for free, because we've already paid for it."



**Opposite page:** An aerial view of Moab's new Wastewater Reclamation Facility next to the Matheson Wetlands. [Photo courtesy of City of Moab] **Top Row:** Screw pumps lift the inflows from the distribution system so that it can be processed. Greg Fosse is the Wastewater Reclamation Facility Superintendent and Chief Operator. The facility's electrical room contains controls for the four high-capacity blowers, as well as all other electrical components. **Bottom row:** Worker installing insulation to reduce noise on air piping conduit. The ultraviolet disinfection station is the final treatment process for the effluent; killing viruses before the effluent leaves the plant. The sequencing batch reactor (SBR) is a fill- and draw-activated sludge system for wastewater treatment. Equalization, aeration, and clarification can all be achieved using the batch reactor.



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City Manager David Everitt said another possibility being considered is allowing the processed water to feed into the wetlands in the neighboring Scott M. Matheson Wetlands Preserve.

"We don't know exactly how that would roll out," Everitt said, "but there's a very good possibility that The Nature Conservancy would want that water to not go to the river, but somehow percolate into the wetlands as a source of water. With the old plant, there's no way that would have been a good idea. But with the new plant, the water quality is high enough."

The new treatment plant cost \$12.4 million, and was paid for partly using impact fees collected by the city for new water hook-ups, but mostly using a low-interest loan from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. The loan will be repaid with gradually increased water rates for users. Already the fees have increased by about twenty percent, though different types of users are charged at slightly different rates. The fees will continue to go up by about five percent a year for the next five years.

"It's not insignificant, but the thing to keep in mind is rates weren't increased for many many years before that, so we've had a bunch of catching up to do," Everitt said of the fee increase.

Though the increase is substantial, it has not deterred large developers from coming to Moab. "It's really still pretty cheap to do business in Utah," said Grand County building inspector Jeff Whitney. Individual residents, he said, may feel the effects more. David Everitt said the rates are carefully adjusted to try to make them as fair as possible between different types of consumers.

In spite of the cost, there's no question that the new treatment center was needed.

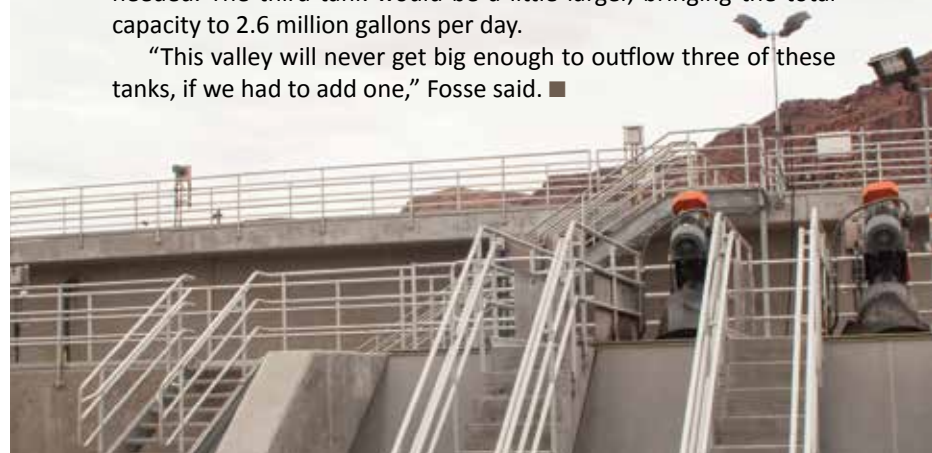
"The old plant was fifty-something years old, utilizing old technology and processes to satisfy the regulatory requirements of the time," said City Engineer Chuck Williams. "...it was fresh-water intensive near the end of its life, essentially diluting the sewage effluent in order to stay within or close to current regulatory compliance."

The old plant's capacity was 1.5 million gallons per day. The new plant's capacity doesn't sound like much more — 1.75 million gallons a day — but because it's rated to handle denser material without as much need for dilution, the increase in capacity is sufficient to accommodate the community's current and anticipated needs.

"It's going to take an awful lot for this plant to hit 1.75 [million gallons per day]," Fosse said. "Right now we're flowing at about 1.1 million gallons a day. In the peak of the summer we're flowing at about 1.3. The USU [Utah State University] college that's coming in has been calculated into this plan, the build-out in the valley in San Juan and Grand [Counties], with the sewer line and water line going in — all those connections have been calculated into this. I think at least five more motels have been calculated into the loading. All of that foresight has been built in here."

If demand does look like it will exceed the plant's current capacity, the designers have anticipated that as well. Connections and foundations are ready to link to a third tank, which will be built if needed. The third tank would be a little larger, bringing the total capacity to 2.6 million gallons per day.

"This valley will never get big enough to outflow three of these tanks, if we had to add one," Fosse said. ■



The facility's influent pump station, where the sewage enters the plant.





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# COMMUNITY'S CREATIVITY SHINES IN WINTER

Moab's quiet season marked by colorful  
parades, fairs and music

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WINTER IN MOAB PROVIDES A RARE, QUIET TIME FOR THIS SMALL TOWN WITH AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE. WITH COLDER TEMPERATURES AND SHORTER DAYS COME FEWER VISITORS, AND THOUGH SOME BUSINESSES CLOSE AS THE AREA EMPTIES, A CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY OF RESIDENTS REMAINS ACTIVE AND CREATIVE.



"The winters generally reveal the skeleton crew of Moab locals who are hunkering down," said local musician Jenna Talbott. "It's nice to get to experience the community during this time in ways that promote sharing and supporting one another." Beloved local traditions and events mark this time of year, and the town's diverse and vibrant art scene actually shines brightly during the winter season, kicked off by the annual Electric Light Parade.

Sponsored by Moab's Chamber of Commerce, the Dec. 1 parade featured floats and installations by local businesses and residents, providing space for everyone to get involved. This year's event saw entries from the Moab Baptist and LDS churches, the Rodeo, Navtec Expeditions, and many more. As to why they participate in the parade, Navtec's owner John Williams said, "For the kids. A bunch of the peo-

ple here had kids and that's why we did it. So the kids could have fun and ride in the boat." Williams continued, "I like the community aspect of the parade. Everybody comes down to see it and the kids are there, and it seems to get better and bigger every year." In order to build their entry in the parade, Navtec's river and 4x4 guides pitch in to lend a hand. "A bunch of the guys came down and volunteered their time and put all of this together in a couple of days," Williams explained.

Pastor Cole Howe of the Moab Baptist Church spoke to the parade's local feel, saying, "From what I'm able to see about this parade, I think it is the parade of the year." He explained, "It's one of those things that says: this is Moab. We're not vying for the affection of anyone. It's just us." The church brings together both adults and children to build their float every year, and many of

their congregation walk in the parade as well. For Pastor Howe, walking in the parade is the best part of the experience. "When we make the turn onto Main Street, that's when it gets pretty impressive," he said. "It's pretty awe-inspiring with all the floats lined up ahead of you and all the people lining the streets. In the small town of Moab, you know more than a few people on the streets and they call out your name — identifying them in the dark is the hard part."

Resident Hannah Sisler, who attended this year's parade, said of the event, "The lights were very beautiful and candy was thrown in my face, so it doesn't get much better." She added, "Bike party at the end was playing awesome holiday tunes, which was a highlight for sure."

The parade features not only floats created by local businesses, but it also features the grassroots monthly Bike Party, an informal gathering of

**Opposite page:** Travis Clark with the Grand Company was the 2018 Light Parade winner for his Rudolph transformation. **This page top two and bottom right, and next page upper right:** A stunning array of diverse floats lit up the 2018 Light Parade. **Bottom left:** Lisa Brown cuts a wave-like design element for Navtec's Light Parade float.





bicyclists who deck out their bikes in lights, dress up in costumes, and pull a sound system blaring tunes. The Facebook event for the bike party invited any and all participants, saying, "Bike Party is a celebration of community, bikes, bike trailers, music, (great) views, and energy independence. A solar-powered sound system is pulled in a bike trailer and everything else is people-powered. It's a great place to meet new folks and get down with the regulars." One of the most impressive displays featured in the Bike Party's contribution to the light parade was a display created by a resident known as Eric Tinkerbot. Tinkerbot, an artist and engineer who lives on a remote piece of desert property outside of Moab, spent months creating his large-scale light display, which he fixed to the front of his bike and rode around during the parade.

Though some consider the Electric Light Parade to be a sort of last hurrah before quieting down for the winter, Moab's arts community is gearing up for a special kind of time, where residents can use the quiet and the space to fuel their creativity. Explaining his relationship with this phenomenon, local artist Cha Tori said, "I think Moab presents a really interesting landscape to work in because it has such a culture of solitude and of being in the middle of nowhere," He continued, "So as artists, this is constantly a struggle and a balance. How do you use this solitude

to make work and hear your own creative voice, but also remain engaged in the community?" One way Tori answered this question is by facilitating a winter event with the MARC. With the MARC, Tori worked to bring a screening of Art21: Berlin to Moab residents on Dec. 7. "I'm excited about the opportunity to talk about the Art21 screening because I think it does such a great job of showing how artists are touching on and working with some many different aspects of life," Tori said.

The Dec. 7 screening is only one of the MARC's many wintertime events. The center kicked off the season with a Holiday Craft fair Dec. 2-3 where local artists could sell their wares. "We had around 40 vendors," said MARC assistant Makeda Barkley. "People return every year, and they sign up as soon as we open registration in September. This year was a lot busier than last year, which was really great."

The MARC will also offer events throughout the winter. "Winter is kind of our class season," explained Barkley, who will be facilitating a figure drawing class every other Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m. This caters to the many artists in town who use this time to hone their skills and focus on projects.

"I used to not consider Moab a place to retreat because I felt like there were too many distractions, but at the same time, not enough going on to be truly engaged," Talbott said of her relation-

ship with Moab in the winter. "Now I think that's all perspective. Maybe that's the challenge that a small isolated town like Moab can present — we can really live in the bubble of our own perceptions tenfold. This year I realized there is nowhere I'd rather be, and I'm hoping to find a balance between both retreating and engaging in this place."

Talbott hopes to use her weekly Open Mic Night to provide a space for musicians, especially in the wintertime. She explained, "I think when our bodies slow down in the winter, we need mental and even spiritual stimulation to keep our gears from freezing in place. I hope to see the open mic continue to evoke new projects out of people. When our lives slow down is when I think we have more time to give face to our creative visions." So far, it seems to be working. "I was worried things were going to die out, but I think people actually associate winter with projects and art and open mic kind of fits into that," Talbott commented. "Maybe people feel better about going to the bar on a weeknight than they would in the summer when the nicest time of day is the evenings!"

As Moab's residents begin a sort of winter artist's retreat, the community comes together to provide events and resources to keep each other engaged. They will use the quiet and the solitude not only to rest and recover, but also to continue creating, so they will be ready to burst into the busy spring. ■

**Top left:** Twisted Jeeps created the Traveling Trophy for the Light Parade. [Photo courtesy Moab Chamber of Commerce] **Bottom left:** Opportunities to hear local music continue throughout the winter months in Moab. Local musician Parker Marlow played at an Open Mic Night at Woody's Tavern in November. [Photo by Jenna Talbott] **Bottom right:** At a craft fair at the Moab Valley Inn in November, a vendor sells colorful, handmade hats.



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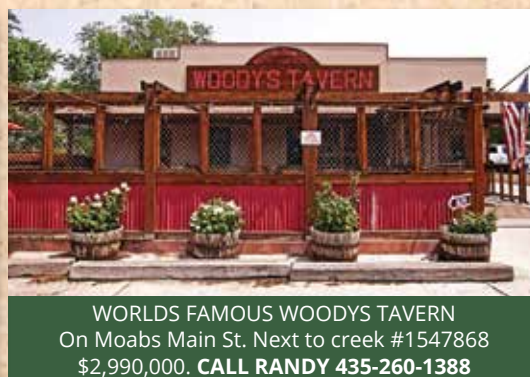


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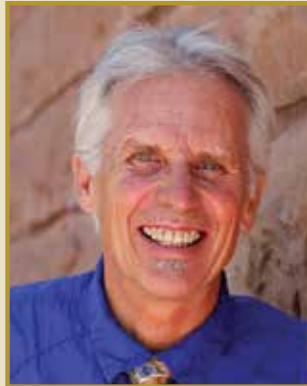


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**25 Christmas Day Holiday**

**31 New Year's Eve**

## January

**1 New Year's Day**

**1 First Day Hike – Dead Horse State Park Visitor Center**

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**18-20 Bluff Balloon Festival** – Bluff, Utah | facebook.com/bluffintballoonfestival

**26 Arches Ultra** – madmooseevents.com/arches-ultra

## February

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**16 Moabs Red Hot 55K/33K** – 385-399-2429 | grassrootsevents.net/moab-red-hot

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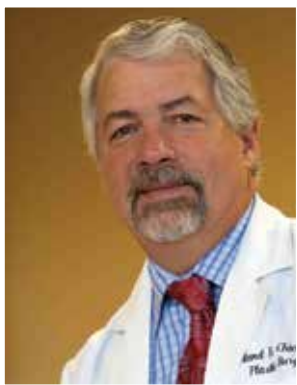
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Post Office: 259-7427  
Library: 259-1111  
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