



Syracuse City Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Family gardening plots are now available at Legacy Park (2356 South 1000 West). The City hopes many residents, who do not have space in their yards, will take advantage of this opportunity to grow a garden. Applications for plots are available at City Hall in the Community Development Department. Plots are 20'x20' and cost is \$15 per year or two plots for \$25. These amenities are the resulting efforts of City Forester, Jason VanAusdal, the Public Works Department, headed by Mike Waite, and many volunteers and Scout groups. Thank you to all those who put in countless hours to allow families in our community to learn and enjoy the benefits of gardening.

A big thank you to Recreation Director, Kresta Robinson, and Parks Supervisor, Ben Leigert, for their continuing efforts in helping Tara Bennett with the organization and preparation of the "No Child Left Out" park structure. Project leaders will be holding a fundraising event at the Iceberg Drive Inn on April 14 (see article below). A percentage of the proceeds will help build this park. The City newsletters will advertise future fundraising events as well.

The City is working on the 2010-2011 budget. Citizen input is always welcome and appreciated, as this is your community. Your ideas and support ensure that Syracuse runs smoothly. Interested citizens may direct their communications via letter, email, or by attending City Council meetings. You may find my contact information and the Council's on the City website or, as always, on the last page of these newsletters.

~Jamie

The City Council needs your input!

The City Council is considering an alteration to their current meeting schedule. The Council currently meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, with work sessions beginning at 6pm and regular meetings at 7pm. If approved, the Council would cancel their second regular meeting each month and hold only work sessions on those dates. This would give the Council more time in work sessions to discuss and sort through important issues that affect all citizens of Syracuse. The work sessions are public meetings, and citizens are always welcome to attend. This would still provide the public with two opportunities each month to attend Council meetings. The Council would like to know how residents feel about this change. Please contact the City Recorder, Cassie Brown, at 801-614-9633 or cbrown@syracuseut.com, to share your opinions. You are also welcome to contact the Mayor or any member of City Council.

In order to keep the City's secondary water pressure at an acceptable level for all users of the system, the City water managers and suppliers will be considering an odd/even day watering schedule for the summer of 2010. House addresses with odd numbers would water on odd dates of the month (e.g. house numbers, such as 2243 West, would water on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., of each month). Snow pack totals and sustainable system pressure will be the determining factors for implementing such restrictions. Ideally, homeowners would voluntarily conserve water by exercising prudence in programming their sprinkler timers and use. Frequent (daily) watering promotes waste, shallower roots, and weeds (i.e. crabgrass).

Your efforts will greatly assist all secondary water users by conserving water-system pressure and avoiding the need for potential water restrictions. If you have questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 801-825-7235.

Are you up for the "Take 10" challenge?

During each Decennial Census, the Census Bureau undertakes the challenging task of counting every person residing in the United States, as mandated by Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution. To encourage everyone to take 10 minutes to answer the 10 simple questions on the 2010 Census form, they launched the "Take 10" campaign. Citizens may visit

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> to get updates on the proportion of households that mailed back the 2010 Census forms, look up the 2000 Census participation rates, and differences between our community's participation rates and those of neighboring communities or other areas across the country.

During the 2000 Census, 72 percent of occupied households mailed back their forms. In 2010, they challenge communities to do even better. The stakes are high, since accurate counts of local populations help ensure each community receives its fair share of federal funding. This funding includes resources for health care, education, and roads. Please return your Census forms by April 15.

The 2010 Census: It's in our Hands.



... BECAUSE all CHILDREN DESERVE a place to *play*

The No Child Left Out Project Presents
A COMMUNITY EVENT

- What:** Food, raffle, prizes, and fun, including a police car and fire truck
- Where:** Iceberg Drive Inn, 1792 South 2000 West, Syracuse
- When:** Wednesday, April 14, from 5-10pm
- Why:** A percentage of the proceeds will go towards a fully-accessible playground, because all children deserve a place to play!!!

For more information about this cause, go to:
thenochildleftoutproject.blogspot.com

Community Center (801)614-9660

Aerobic Classes

Aerobic-step and sculpt-and-tone classes are every month, two or three times a week depending on the class. Call for details and pricing.

Healthy Pregnancy Classes

FREE, held the fourth Saturday of each month (except holiday weekends) from 10:00-11:00am. Infant Massage training follows, from 11:15am to 12:15pm. **Registration required.** Call (801)773-2503 for details.

Youth Karate Classes

Call Johnny Aranda, (801) 544-7037, for registration information. Cost is \$30 for the first month, with a second family member for only \$15. The program teaches Manners, Behavior, Respect, and Discipline. Ages 4-Adult.

Spring Tumbling Classes

Safety-certified instructors. Registration runs April 1-12. Classes held Tuesdays or Wednesdays, beginning April 13/14, and will run through May 18/19. Contact the Community Center for times and prices.

Summer Art Classes

All children from grades 2nd through 6th (based on the 2010 school year) are welcome to register for summer art classes, taught three days a week for two weeks. Three sessions will be available to accommodate year-round school schedules. Cost is \$35. Contact the Community Center for more information.

Zumba Classes

Zumba with Angie is the most fun you've ever had working out. Millions of people across the world have been able to stay motivated to exercise through Zumba. It is designed for everyone, every shape, and all ages.

Come see what Zumba can do for you. The next Tuesday/Thursday block will be April 27-June 10 from 8:45-9:45am. **NEW!!!** Saturday Zumba classes will be April 10-July 17 from 10-11am. Cost is \$36.

Senior Citizens

Visit www.syracusecityseniors.com or drop by the Community Center for a copy of the Senior Citizen newsletter to learn more about activities for seniors.

Heritage Days Volunteers:

The Recreation Department needs volunteers to serve on the Heritage Days Committee. Please send letters of interest to: Syracuse Heritage Days Committee
1912 West 1900 South
Syracuse, UT 84075

Heritage Days-Syracuse Idol

Applications are now available at the Community Center. Registration will end April 30. Contestants must be Syracuse residents at least 13 years of age. Auditions will be held in May with the competition taking place the week of June 21, during the Heritage Days Celebration.

Code Enforcement

Please keep weed growth under control

Things to Remember as Spring Weather Approaches

Many trees line the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Please make sure the lowest limbs of your trees are at least 7 feet above the sidewalks and at least 11 feet above the curbs to provide for pedestrian access and allow street sweepers to operate effectively. Also, check to make sure your tree limbs do not obstruct traffic signs.

Syracuse City Ordinance allows for only **one** inoperable or unregistered vehicle on a residential lot. This, however, does not apply to vehicles kept in enclosed buildings, such as garages. Inoperable/unregistered vehicles must be hidden from view of the street and adjoining properties. To review these guidelines, visit the City Website, at www.syracuseut.com, under Title VI, City Nuisance Ordinance, Section 6-1-3 for more information. City Ordinance also requires homeowners to park vehicles, boats, RVs, and trailers off the street and on **HARD SURFACES** in residential zones. However, owners may park them on the street for up to 24 hours.

Please contact the Code Enforcement Officer, at 801-614-9629, to report violations. You may also call 801-499-6143.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Syracuse Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Founder's Park on Saturday, April 3, at 9am **SHARP!** Children 11 years of age and younger are welcome to participate. The Easter Bunny will be there for picture-taking with the children. Bring your own camera. Accommodations will be available for children with special needs.

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Held Saturday nights between June and August. Performances will include everything from Polynesian music and dance to Country Western.

Please email arts@syracuseut.com for more information or to apply to perform.

SYRACUSE ARTS COUNCIL

Auditions for the summer production of **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** will be May 1 from 9am-noon at the Syracuse Community Center. Children 6-12 years of age can audition for the children's chorus (in order of their arrival—no need for an appointment) Cast auditions are for actors 13 years old and up, by appointment. Walk-ins worked in as time is available.

Sign up for an audition time online, or for more information, visit <http://josephcastblog.blogspot.com>, or find a link on the City website home page, under Arts Council Events.

The Arts Council is still participating in the Green Bee Produce co-op as part of their fundraising efforts. If you would enjoy an occasional or even weekly box of fresh produce at a great price, go to www.greenbeeproduce.com, or visit their blog at <http://scachappenings.blogspot.com>.

SYRACUSE QUILT GUILD

The Guild meets every second Tuesday of the month, at 1pm, in the Community Center. For more information on the Guild, visit www.syracuseutahquilters.blogspot.com.

Fire Department

Open Burning Regulations

City, County, and State laws regulate Open Burning in Syracuse City. Davis County limits burning to agricultural purposes or for recreational fires as defined below. Agricultural open burning is limited to organic items that are incidental and essential to the agricultural operation—**"NO TRASH OR YARD WASTE."** Examples of items approved for burning are: fence lines on cultivated property, stubble fields, ditch banks, weeds when clearing land for planting, and trimmings from fruit trees when in conjunction with an orchard.

State law requires farmers who plan to burn such items to first notify the nearest fire department. Syracuse City requires notification to the fire department, at 801-614-9614, of the start and end times, a site address, the name and a phone number of the responsible party, and the purpose (type of materials involved) for these burnings. No one should burn during No-Burn Days, as defined by the clean air and/or clearing index found at <http://www.airquality.utah.gov/> or <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/projects/ifp/html/webSMFnew.php>. (The clearing index indicates the level at which pollutants disperse. It recommends no agricultural burning when the index is less than 500. References for Syracuse City may be found in air shed #5.)

Homeowners may **not** burn anything, including prunings, rubbish, debris, or garbage, in their yards. Homeowners may have fires in devices made for the primary purpose of preparing food, such as outdoor grills, or approved non-combustible BBQ pits, **not located within 10 feet** of combustible walls, roofs, or other combustible material, for recreational fires. Chimeneas fall under this same standard, except **clearances to combustibles increase to 15 feet**. Homeowners must contact the Fire Department **before** lighting any recreational fire.

Burning Allowed with Notification

Camp fires, recreational, or cooking fires must:

- Use clean, dry wood
- Be kept under 3' in diameter and under 2' in pile height
- Be kept a minimum of 25' from all structures and 10' from property lines
- Be constantly attended by a person 18 years of age or older
- Have a garden hose, bucket of water, or a 4A-rated fire extinguisher readily available at all times during burning
- Be for cooking or recreational purposes only
- Be under the control of the property owner or have written permission from same to kindle the fire

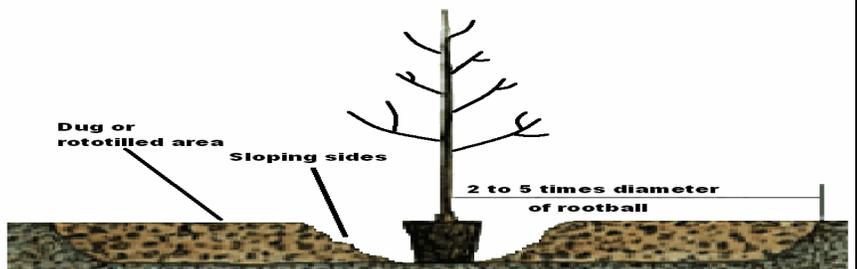
Agricultural burning must:

- Have at least 2 acres of a cultivated single or contiguous parcel or a fruit orchard of 25 or more fruit trees on a continuous 2-acre parcel
- Be incidental to and essential to the agricultural operation
- Be constantly attended
- Be conducted during daylight hours only
- Have means to extinguish or control the fire
- Be kept a minimum of 50' from all structures
- Comply with air-quality index (except for ditch banks, canal banks, or fence lines on cultivated land. Owners are still asked to comply with air-quality index)

When any of the above burnings create a public hazard, the Fire Department may have the fire extinguished. When weather or other conditions make burning a hazard, such as winds, etc., the Fire Department may deny all burning requests.

Arbor Day

Syracuse City will celebrate Arbor Day again this year by planting trees at Bluff Ridge Park (876 West 2700 South) on April 30, at 10am. The public is welcome to attend and help plant trees in the park while getting to know other Syracuse residents. New participants will be able to watch a demonstration on proper tree planting techniques. See you there!



West Davis Corridor EIS Study

UDOT wishes to thank all who attended one of the three West Davis Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) open houses in February to learn about the study and share insights and ideas. If you were not able to attend, you can find the presentation materials online under the "Events" section of the website, at www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis. The comments we received help us define the transportation needs in your community. If you are not already receiving monthly updates on the project by email, please send an email to westdavis@utah.gov. Stay tuned to the study website and City newsletter for the next opportunity to participate in the study. Please call 877-298-1991 with any questions.



**WEST DAVIS
CORRIDOR**

Museum Happenings (801-825-3633)

From May 15-31, the Museum will feature the "COOK FAMILY." Come in and get to know one of the first families to settle in Syracuse, starting with William Simpson Cook whose son, David, plowed the very first furrow here.

Also in May, the Museum will be honoring the men and women who served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces from WWI up through today. This display will feature "War Letters" and other memorabilia from all the wars. Come in and learn what our brothers, sisters, husbands, and other family members went through to protect our freedom. This display will motivate and remind us to express our appreciation to all veterans for their sacrifices on our behalf.

Preparations for the FARMER'S MARKET are underway. The State Agricultural Department implemented a few new rules this year. Those who participated in last year's Farmer's Market will receive information regarding these new regulations. If you have an interest in participating in or have questions regarding the Farmer's Market, please call the Syracuse Museum and Cultural Center at 801-825-3633.

Museum hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 2-5 p.m. Call if you wish to visit during different hours or arrange a special tour.

Families Needed!!!

Compass USA is looking for families to host students from France for a few weeks this summer. The students vary in age from 14-19 years old and generally stay anywhere from 3-6 weeks at different times throughout the summer. All students speak English at some level, but most are here to improve their language skills.

Host families are volunteers (unpaid) who provide:

- a bed (the student can share a room, although not a bed, with a child the same age and gender)
- a loving home
- three meals a day
- an excitement for hosting

For more information, contact a Program Coordinator below or visit Compass USA's website, at www.compass-usa.net, and click on Host Family:

Shelly Thorne
801-773-0124

ssthorne.home@gmail.com

Jayne Snyder
801-779-4298

syrutah@hotmail.com

Police Department

Crime Prevention

Syracuse now has a new link to a crime-prevention bulletin the Police Department will update monthly. For tips and other information to help make you and your property more secure, please visit <http://portal.crimepreventionoutreach.com>.



Clearfield High School Hits 50!

This year, Clearfield High celebrates its 50th anniversary! The School will hold several activities during the year to showcase its history. To kick-off this celebration, they will host an Alumni Assembly on Monday, April 26, in the

Falcon Auditorium for past and present students. At that assembly, the school will honor distinguished graduates inducted into the new CHS Hall of Fame. The School will base its selected nominees according to the Five Areas of Focus: Arts, Business & Marketing, Health & Human Services, Industry, and Letters & Sciences.

Any CHS Alumni who wishes to contribute to these worthy causes may contact Kent Jorgenson, CHS 50th Year Celebration Chair, at kwjorgenson@gmail.com, or Jan Boyington, PR Director at CHS, at jboyington@dsmail.net, or by calling 801-402-8200. Visit the new webpage for more events and up-to-date information as it becomes available, at www.davis.k12.ut.us/chs. The School is very happy to answer questions or take suggestions about this tremendous event.

Now Accepting Youth Court Applications

Interested youth may pick up applications from Officer Call at the Junior High or Officer Nielson at the High School. Return applications to them or City Hall by April 30. Those eligible to apply are youth entering the 9th grade in the 2010-2011 school year and older, up to the age of 18 years, who are willing to serve a full year's term and donate Thursday nights from 5:30 p.m. until the completion of the Court's business (usually between 7:00-9:00pm).

For more information, call Joanne, at 801-589-9140.

Syracuse Guild for the Visual Arts

The SGVA sponsors a series of professionally-taught art classes free to the public. Annette Orrock will teach dry pastels during the next class, on April 17. The Guild also hosts a group painting session on the first Saturday of each month, at 8:30am, in the Community Center arts and crafts room.

To enroll in classes or learn more about the Guild, visit www.sgvarts.blogspot.com.

Family Garden Plots

Don't have enough space in your yard for a garden? Problem solved!!! The City will be providing garden plots for residents at Legacy Park (2356 South 1000 West). These plots are ready for this year's crops thanks to the help of many volunteers.

Participants may apply at the City Community Development Department for a 20'x20' plot at \$15, or \$25 for the maximum of two plots per household, for the year. Water will be available for irrigation.

See application for further information or contact the Parks Department at 801-825-7235.

Syracuse welcomes the Following new businesses:

Brinemere.....Jewelry Sales in Boutiques
Sterling Landscape Services.....Lawn Care
& Maintenance
Heidi Sharp's Massage.....Massage Therapy
Whipped Custom Graffix...Graffix/Car & Boat Wraps
Cujo Overhead Doors.....Garage Doors
Zions Bank.....Bank

For more info on Local Businesses
call 801-614-9627

Utilities Department (801-825-1477, Option 1)

Do Not Overload Garbage Cans: The City and Robinson Waste receive many calls for return trips to residences. This takes extra time and gas for drivers. We ask and remind you, as property owners, to put garbage cans out the night before pick-up day. Please make sure that debris in the cans will not jam, so they may empty completely. For example, bagging grass clippings prevents it from "sticking" to the bottom of the can or above other light-weight trash.

Residents are allowed up to three garbage cans. The first is \$11 per month, and extra cans are \$6.70 per month. Homeowners must keep a can for at least six months or pay a \$35 early return fee. Call or stop in to request an extra can.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping the City and Robinson waste provide you with the best service possible.

Dump Passes: The City does not have dump passes available for residences. Dumpsters in City Parks are for Park use only.

Syracuse no longer provides a spring cleanup

Please haul your yard debris to the landfill or burn plant

Billing: The City charges for utilities from the first to the end of each month; however, bills are due on the 25th of every following month. The Department credits any payments made after the 25th to the applicable account but cannot reflect it on the bill.

The City offers the option for customers to have their utility payments taken directly out of their bank accounts. No more writing checks, mailing payments, or driving to City Hall. Simply fill out the Electronic Funds Transfer Agreement form, attach a voided check, and submit it to City Hall or online at www.syracuseut.com. Contact the Utilities Department for more information.

Meter Reading: City Crews will begin reading residential water meters again each month through October. The City billed each home the minimum monthly charge for culinary water usage between October 2009 and April 2010. This means your utility bill in May for April charges may be higher due to overages in water usages exceeding 8,000 gallons for any month from November 2009 through March 2010.

Please be aware that City Ordinance requires property owners to keep meter lids accessible at all times. Meter lids are an outside access to shut off water to a home in case of a major leak. Property owners must remove all dirt, grass, sod, rocks, or other materials from the meter lids to allow easy access and better facilitate meter readings.

Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District Landfill Facilities

Services include household/hazardous waste drop off and reuse shed, green waste drop off and product pick up area, recycling bins, and regular waste drop off area. Prices are \$5 per small load (pickup or single-axle trailer) or \$28 per ton for larger loads (double-axle trailer, flat bed, etc.). Clean, green waste is \$5 per small load or \$10 per ton for larger loads. The household/hazardous waste drop off is free provided the waste comes from households and quantities do not exceed 20 gallons of any one item. Such waste must be within containers no larger than 5 gallons. Items available in the reuse shed and use of recycle bins are also free.

Landfill hours:

Summer (Daylight Savings Time) 7am-7pm, Mondays-Saturdays

Winter (Mountain Standard Time) 7am-5pm, Mondays-Saturdays

Waste Energy Facility hours:

Year round 7am-5pm, Monday-Saturday

For more information, please visit www.wasatchintegrated.org or call 801-614-5605

Public Works Department (801-825-7235)

Water Superintendent: Ryan Mills

Please do not dump used oil and other automotive fluids down the storm drain or in your garbage can. Recycle these chemicals at participating service stations or automotive locations.

City Ordinance prohibits any connection of culinary water to the secondary water system. This is a serious health risk.

Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

FREE WATER CHECK!

Would you like a customized irrigation schedule for your landscape? Want to know what type of soil you have and how to make your irrigation system more efficient? Get a free water check and learn how to efficiently water your landscaping so you can have an attractive yard and save water and money!

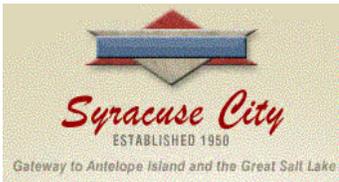
Free Residential Water Checks:

A water check is a series of tests on the irrigation system, performed by Weber Basin Water employees, to determine how much water the irrigation system is putting out (precipitation rate), the infiltration of water into the soil, and the distribution uniformity (evenness of water applied). The Weber Basin Water employee also checks soil type, root depth, and sprinkler pressure. The entire process takes about one hour, and homeowners receive customized irrigation schedules and recommendations to better the system.

Free Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Water Check:

A Weber Basin Water employee will walk through the entire irrigation system with the landscape maintenance staff, turning on each irrigation zone and looking for problems. Once the maintenance staff repairs the problems and tunes the system, the Weber Basin Water employee returns for a follow-up walk through and to perform a catch-cup test on enough zones to represent the entire system. They provide a report with results, suggestions, and scheduling recommendations. The Water Check Program is a FREE service offered from May-August.

To Schedule an appointment, call 801-771-1677 in Davis and Weber Counties



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