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## Mayor's Message

As we approach the end of 2010 I would like to take this opportunity to thank the good people of Syracuse for their support and dedication in making Syracuse a wonderful place for all of us to call home.

I am continually amazed by the efforts of so many of our residents who donate countless hours of their precious time for the benefit of others. Some of you commit your time to helping our youth grow through their involvement in sports and the arts. Others serve in our schools, our museum, our planning and historic preservation commissions, and other service boards and organizations that meet the needs of our community. Many of you simply go about, in a quiet way, offering service to friends and neighbors, and blessing the lives of others in your own individual way.

I would like to recognize the employees of Syracuse City, many of whom are also your friends and neighbors. I am humbled, amazed and overwhelmed by their resilience and dedication, even in the face of the sharpest economic downturn our city has known. Like so many of us, our employees have made significant sacrifices in the past few years. They have repeatedly been asked to do more with less; each time they have been asked they have responded with a firm commitment to provide our residents with superior service. Our City is stronger, safer and better managed because of them and I am sincerely grateful for their efforts.

As I reflect upon the service that so many in our community provide I can't help but recognize how richly blessed so many of us are. We have the basic necessities of life as well as many luxuries. As we go into this



holiday season, let's all be a little more vigilant in remembering those who are not as fortunate and who are struggling to meet their needs. Let's all give of our time or our resources where we can.

It is my sincere hope that each and every one of you has a wonderful holiday season and a pleasant and prosperous new year.

~ Jamie

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## City Council Meeting Summary

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The City Council met in work session and business meetings on Tuesday, October 26 and Tuesday, November 9. Following is a summary of the meetings:

**October 26 Work Session:** Councilmember Peterson reported and efforts to raise funds for the “No Child Left Out” Park. He explained that the proceeds from the upcoming “Turkey Trot” 5K race will be donated to the cause, as will the proceeds from a silent auction that will be held in conjunction with the event. He added that Energy Solutions has made a generous donation to benefit the Park and they are hopeful they will be able to make additional donations in the future. The Council then reviewed the proposed rewrite of Title One of the Syracuse City Code. Several chapters of the title were reviewed with clarifications and recommendations made throughout. The Council committed to continue to review the document at their next extended work session meeting and they set a goal to complete the review process by the end of 2010.

**November 9 Work Session:** The Council discussed a proposal from Mayor Nagle to amend the City’s Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual by amending the policy regarding time keeping in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Mayor Nagle explained that the updated policy will require exempt employees to account for their actual hours worked and in a day when they do not work a full eight hours they will be required to use leave. She added that when exempt employees work more than 45 hours in a work week they will begin accruing compensatory time that must be used by the end of each calendar year. Councilmember Clark inquired as to the financial implications of the policy. Mayor Nagle reported there are no financial implications. Councilmember Kimmel stated that exempt employees are paid a salary and expected to work as much time as is necessary to complete their tasks. He stated he is opposed to providing compensatory time to exempt employees when they work more than 45 hours in a week. The Council then discussed the proposal included on the regular meeting agenda to award a contract to a new insurance brokerage. Finance Manager Fowles reported a committee was assembled to interview three brokerages that responded to a request for proposals (RFP) that she assembled. She highlighted the positive attributes of the brokerage that she would like for the City to enter an agreement with. She explained they have in-house legal and hu-

man resource services that could be utilized by the City. Mayor Nagle stated her only concern would be whether the human resource professionals are familiar with laws that govern government entities. Ms. Fowles stated that she is confident that is the case.

**November 9 Business Meeting: Agenda item 3:** The Council recognized former Planning Commissioner Nathan Miller for his service to the City. Mayor Nagle explained that Mr. Miller had to resign from the Commission due to other commitments and that his expertise on the Commission will be greatly missed. **Agenda Item 4:** The Council and audience received a presentation from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) regarding the status of the ongoing West Davis Corridor study and project. All information provided during the presentation can be found on UDOT’s website. **Agenda Item 5:** The Council considered an application from the Thai Jasmine Restaurant for a Class B beer license. The restaurant is far enough from all public facilities and therefore met the provisions of the City’s alcohol regulations ordinance. The Council voted in favor of granting Thai Jasmine with a license, though CM Kimmel voted in opposition stating that he does not support the sale of alcohol. **Agenda Item 6:** The Council held a public hearing to consider an ordinance that would amend the section of the City Code dealing with land drain connections. Acting City Administrator/Public Works Director Waite explained that an ordinance was adopted in 2008 that prohibited the connection of down spouts to land drains and the ordinance was to be applied retroactively to properties throughout the City. The new ordinance would repeal the retroactive clause of the 2008 ordinance and instead all cases of land drain/down spout connections would be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Council ultimately voted in favor of adopting the ordinance. **Agenda Item 7:** The Council held a public hearing to consider an ordinance that would prohibit the sale of the chemical compound commonly known as “spice” in Syracuse City. Police Chief Wallace explained that the proposed ordinance is patterned after an ordinance that was adopted in Ogden City for the same purpose. The Council voted in favor of adopting the ordinance. CM Kimmel stated that he would not typically vote in favor of an ordinance that restricts the rights of business owners or citizens because he believes in maximizing personal liberty in ones private live, but he explained that he has high moral standards that he is not ashamed of and he believes it is his responsibility to establish high moral standards for the City and

its citizens. **Agenda Item 8:** The Council considered a recommendation from the Administration to execute an agreement with an insurance brokerage firm. Mayor Nagle explained that the Council reviewed the details of the agreement during the work session meeting. The Council voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the administration to execute the agreement and they thanked Ms. Fowles for being proactive in pursuing the agreement. **Agenda Item 9:** The Council considered a resolution that would amend the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual relative to FLSA guidelines. Mayor Nagle explained that the Council reviewed the implications of the resolution during the work session meeting and the Council voted to adopt the resolution. CM Kimmel voted in opposition and stated that though he feels that the City has great employees, he does not feel that exempt employees should be eligible to receive compensatory time when they work more than 45 hours in a week. **Agenda Item 10:** The Council considered an ordinance that would allow the Council to continue with their current meeting schedule. Mayor Nagle explained that the Council adopted an ordinance in May 2010 that amended their meeting schedule and that at that time they indicated that they wanted to review the schedule after 90 days to ensure that it was working in its intended fashion. She stated that the Council discussed this issue during a recent work session and determined that the schedule is functional and they would like to continue it. The Council ultimately voted to adopt the ordinance. **\*\*During the Councilmember reports portion of the meeting Councilmember Hammond reported that it has become necessary for him to submit his resignation due to a significant illness in his family. All Councilmembers and the Mayor expressed their gratitude to Councilmember Hammond for his service to the City and they wished him and his family well.**

## Thank You!!!

Due to family health issues Doug Hammond has resigned from his position of City Councilman. The City expresses great appreciation to Doug for his years of dedication and service. We wish him and his family well.



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Syracuse Fire would like to issue a few safety warnings to ensure that everyone has a safe & happy holiday during this Christmas season. For many folks, it's hard to let go of the holiday spirit, and taking down the Christmas tree isn't nearly as much fun as putting it up. But the longer a tree stays up, the greater a fire hazard it becomes. It's best to discard trees within one month after purchase.

Never burn Christmas trees (branches or needles) in a fireplace or wood stove. Firs and pines have lots of sap, which can explode. The needles burn like tinder, quickly and fiercely. Flames can flare up out of control and send sparks flying across a room. They can also ignite creosote deposits in the chimney and cause a fire in the chimney.

Set up the tree away from fireplaces, portable heaters, heater vents, and television sets. Place it out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy wires to secure tall trees to walls or ceiling; the wires will be almost invisible. Because heated rooms dry out natural trees rapidly, keep the stand filled with water; check the water level daily. A six-foot tree will absorb one gallon of water every two days.

After gifts are opened, quickly discard the wrapping paper and packaging in a safe manner. Wrapping paper is very flammable. Never burn gift wrapping in the fireplace or wood stove. It can ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire. Some gift wrapping contains material that can throw off dangerous sparks and/or cause a dangerous chemical buildup in the air of your house. Gift wrapping burns very hot, causing large flames.

Remove outdoor lights as soon as the season is over; they are not designed for prolonged exposure to the elements, especially in winter weather. Careful handling of lights when you are taking them down and repacking them will reduce the chances of damaging a good set of lights.

## Weber C&D Landfill

An agreement between the Wasatch Integrated Landfill and Weber County regarding the new Weber C&D Landfill has been approved. Residents, businesses and the City, may now use this landfill. For hours of operation and pricing, the landfill can be reached directly at 801-627-2770.

## Code Enforcement

During winter months, all vehicles must be parked off the street during snow storms to aid the Public Works Department in snow removal. City Ordinance 11-4-1 states, in order for the orderly and timely removal of snow during winter months, it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle within the public right-of-way of any street within the corporate limits of Syracuse City at any time during the accumulation or removal of snow unless special permission is granted by the Syracuse Police Department.

It is unlawful to blow, shovel, or plow snow from private property onto a public street or right of way causing a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Ensuring City plows are able to clear the roads in a timely and efficient manner, will help to make the winter season safer. We appreciate your help in this matter, and look forward to a safe winter season.

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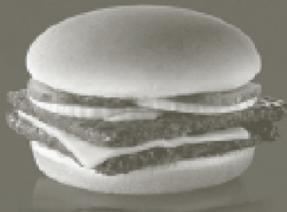


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**Winter Driving Challenges**

The weather is changing. As the winter season approaches driving becomes a little more of a challenge and certainly creates conditions that can be hazardous to other motorists and pedestrians.

Check out your vehicle now to be sure you are ready for winter driving conditions. Make sure that your vehicle is in good operating order and that you have the equipment necessary to change a tire, make a minor repair or worse-case scenario; have to wait in your vehicle in cold weather for help to arrive.

It's also time to check your speed. While it's never a good time to push a little too hard on the accelerator, winter is the worst time to push your speed beyond what's safe and legal. Your stopping distance increases with wet or slippery road conditions and while you may feel you have good control over your vehicle, your tires, brakes and the roadway may have a different idea.

Slow down and keep the distance between you and the vehicle in front far enough to not only allow for a slow, smooth, stopping or slowing motion, but still have enough room for those emergency fast stops. A little extra room and a little less speed go a long way.

Please watch those school zones! Keep a sharp lookout for little pedestrians, crossing guards and traffic signs as conditions this time of year may make visibility more difficult.

**911 Abuse**

As much as it's important for everyone to know how to get help fast by calling 9-1-1, it can also be the perfect invitation for young kids to "see what happens." Take some time today to talk about dialing 9-1-1, when it's appropriate and when it's not.

Imagine someone calling in with a life threatening emergency only to find that all the phone lines to emergency services are clogged with false alarms and calls that aren't emergencies. It can happen, so it's important to educate our young users that for every call they make to emergency services, it's a call that takes away their time from helping someone really in need.

If you feel your child is old enough to make a 9-1-1 call in an emergency, begin talking about what they will do when an emergency occurs:

- Know your address! Although emergency services can in most cases tell where the call is coming from it's important to be able to verify that help is being sent to the right location.
- Be a good listener! Listen to the questions of the emergency service dispatcher and answer them quickly and accurately.
- Can't talk? If you're unable to talk but need emergency help, dial 9-1-1 and leave the phone off the hook so emergency services can hear what is going on.

Make sure to discuss the most important part of safety...their safety! If there is a fire or other emergency in the house that is putting them at risk they need to get out and go to a safe place.



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**Green Waste Recycling**

The City currently has a contract with Robinson Waste Services for garbage collection. The contract will be amended to include green waste collection services as well. The program is a voluntary program and those interested in participating must complete an enrollment form, which can be found at City Hall or on the City's Website, [www.syracuseut.com](http://www.syracuseut.com). Cans must be kept for a minimum of 6 months and there is a maximum of 3 garbage and/or Green Waste cans per household.

Green waste will be collected between April 1 and November 30 each year. Green waste containers may be used for solid waste collection and disposal from December 1 through March 31 each year. Pick-up Day for Green waste will be the same day as your regular garbage day, however, between April 1 and November 30 a different truck will pick up the green waste.

Green waste materials include lawn cuttings, clippings from bushes or shrubs, leaves, garden waste and produce, and other similar green yard waste. Residents may not place dirt, rocks, sod, food waste, or paper in their green waste recycling containers. Using a separate container for green waste will help to divert these materials from the main refuse stream at the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District facility. This will help to extend the life of the landfill up to as much as 20 years. The Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District has committed to provide one free scoop (1.5 yards) of mulch to each household that signs up for the program as an incentive.

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## Tourism in Davis County and Syracuse

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Based on a survey conducted by Utah State Parks in 2007, it was estimated that 71.6% of visitors to Antelope Island are from outside of the State of Utah (7.7% Northeast; 20% Midwest; 14.8% South; 16.8% West (except Utah); 12.3% International; 28.4% Utah). It has been estimated that the total Economic Impact of Antelope Island State Park to Davis County and the State of Utah is \$11,713,699.

Syracuse sits in an enviable position as the gateway to Antelope Island State Park, the second largest attraction in our county offering a unique opportunity where driving seven miles over a causeway across the Great Salt Lake "America's Dead Sea" leads to a whole new world. A world within minutes from many locations along the Wasatch Front including the Salt Lake International Airport. This island provides an experience from the old wild west with 28,000 acres of open land offering wildlife viewing and bird watching in a natural habitat, over 36 miles of hiking/biking/horseback riding trails, historic Fielding Garr Ranch, kayaking, Great Salt Lake beach amenities, and so much more. The views are breathtaking whether looking out across the western horizon at the inland sea and its other islands or across the expanse to the east with the view of the Majestic Wasatch Mountains.

The Davis Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-profit 501(c) 6 organization contracted with Davis County to package, market and sell the entire county for tourism and meetings/conventions. Our budget is funded through tourism taxes paid by visitors through lodging, rental car taxes and in part with restaurant taxes.

The Davis Area CVB does much to promote Antelope Island and its many attractions and activities. With Cooperative Marketing Dollars available by grant through the Utah Office of Tourism and a separate partnership with Utah State Parks, we produce and distribute brochures throughout the western United States and along the Wasatch Front a brochure that is also produced in Chinese, Japanese, French, German and Spanish and distributed internationally through the Utah Office of Tourism. We produce print ads in publications distributed throughout the United States and internationally. Antelope Island is being discovered by both our domestic and international friends as we have hosted, in partnership with the Utah Office of Tourism, many travel writers/tour operators resulting in international media and additional tour visits. Year to date we estimate that we have received over \$283,000 in free publicity based on articles written about Antelope Island.

In 2008, we hosted in partnership with Utah State Parks a gentleman from the LA Times for the Annual

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Antelope Island Bison Roundup and Range Ride. He wrote a story that ended up as a full page story with pictures on the front cover of the LA Times Travel Section that was then picked up by the Associated Press and printed in papers all over the world. People still call us from throughout the county to book reservations for the roundup because of that story. That story most likely influenced interest in other stories for our continued benefit.

This island and our inland sea are incredible tourism amenities for Syracuse City, Davis County and the State of Utah. Join us in enjoying and promoting these great tourism assets!

Visit our website: [www.davis.travel](http://www.davis.travel)

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## Syracuse City Arts Council

There's more to the Syracuse City Arts Council than you may think. Beyond the musicians at a concert or the actors in the play, there is a group of volunteers filling a wide variety of positions and using different skill sets. In addition to the seasonal work of the performers, directors and designers, there is the ongoing planning and operations of the arts council, including a need for a tax and accounting advisor. Not only can you be involved, but unlike the performers, you can sit in the audience and watch the show! Help us manage our budgets, raise donations, manage our calendar of events, interface with local businesses or participants, coordinate seasonal volunteers or publicize our efforts. It's a great way to meet new people and contribute to the community, plus, it's a lot of fun! Contact us to see how you can contribute to the performing arts in Syracuse. [arts@syracuseut.com](mailto:arts@syracuseut.com)



## Holiday Gift Donations Sought For Senior Citizens

Davis County Health Department's Senior Services is holding a gift drive to help make the holidays a little brighter for senior citizens who may be isolated or not have the financial resources to celebrate this year.

The deadline to turn in gifts is Friday, Dec. 17, by 5 p.m. to the Davis County Health Department or at one of the county's three senior activity centers.

**Heritage  
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140 E. Center Street  
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**Autumn Glow  
Senior Activity Center:**  
81 E. Center Street  
Kaysville, UT 84037

**Golden Years  
Senior Activity Center:**  
726 S 100 E.  
Bountiful, UT 84010

For more details or to receive your gift request contact Jessica Hardcastle at 801-525-5087 or email her at [jhardcastle@daviscountyutah.gov](mailto:jhardcastle@daviscountyutah.gov). Gift request will not exceed \$50.



## The Syracuse Guild for Visual Arts

Call For Artists...

The Syracuse Guild for the Visual Arts provides an outlet for encouraging and supporting those who wish to learn and share their creative talents. Please check out the bog for the latest happenings at [SGVAarts.blogspot.com](http://SGVAarts.blogspot.com). The classes are fun and educational and you can meet the nicest people there.

### Volunteer Corner

Below is a list of contacts in the City who offer Volunteer opportunities.

**Syracuse Museum** (1726 Heritage Lane): 801-825-3633

**Syracuse Arts Council:**  
[arts@syracuseut.com](mailto:arts@syracuseut.com)

**Syracuse Lions Club:**  
801-825-7311

**Syracuse Community Center** (1912 W 1900 S):  
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The results of the West Davis Corridor Level One Screening Process are now available! The screening process evaluated 46 alternatives for their potential to reduce congestion and delay and narrowed the possibilities from 46 to 14. See the map of the results at <http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis/maps>.

These 14 alternatives are now being evaluated to assess their potential community and environmental impacts. The results of this screening process will be shared online and at a series of public open houses in February, 2011. Your participation in the open houses and your comments on the results will be most welcome.

For more information or to comment on the study:

Web: [www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis](http://www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis)

Phone: 877-298-1991

E-mail: [westdavis@utah.gov](mailto:westdavis@utah.gov) (send us an email to sign up for monthly e-mail updates)

Mail: 466 North 900 West, Kaysville UT 84037

# December 2010

Upcoming  
Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Upcoming Events for January</b> • City Offices closed Jan 17 for Civil Rights Day			1	2	3	4
5	6 Court @ 2pm	7 <b>Pearl Harbor Day</b> Planning Commission @ 6pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 Court @ 2pm	14 City Council @ 7pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 Court @ 2pm	21 Planning Commission @ 6pm	22	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> City Offices Closed	25 <b>Christmas</b>  Utility Payments Due
26	27 Court @ 2pm	28 City Council @ 7pm	29	30	31  <b>New Year's Eve</b> City Offices Closed	

### \*Building Department Notice\*

As of October 1, Syracuse City requires that all Building Permit Application submittals be accompanied by a **plan check deposit**. This deposit will be **applied** to the permit total at time of payment. Payment can be made by check, cash, money order or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). (Credit cards incur a 1% fee charge for recouping the cost of credit card transactions.)

Plan Check fees:

- Single family dwellings- \$500
- Commercial- 60% of the building fees (based on project valuation)
- Other- \$50 (basements, sheds, additions, in-ground pools)

Exceptions: Over the counter permit issuance with a one-time inspection charge. (Water heaters, furnace, air conditioner, power meter change-outs...)

### New Name for Newsletter

You may have notice that we have given a title to the City Newsletter. The Lake View is Short for The Lake "Viewpoint". We felt it important for the newsletter to have a name representative of perspectives from our Syracuse Community.

### Building Department Open Houses

Syracuse City Building Department offers a series of informative open-house meetings for the public. These meetings are held every other month. The Building Department receives many phone calls about why and when a permit is needed and what determines the prices. We also get many questions dealing with finishing basements, decks, hot tubs, etc. Because of these phone calls our first meetings will address these concerns and how state statutes affect you locally. For future meetings we ask for your input. If there is any topic you would like to have addressed please feel free to call or email the Building Department at 801-614-9670 or [bleota@syracuseut.com](mailto:bleota@syracuseut.com).

All meetings will be held at the Building Department Conference room in City Hall at 1979 W. 1900 S.

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: Wednesday, January 19, at 6p.m. - *FINISHING A BASEMENT*

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: Wednesday, March 16, at 6p.m. - *DECKS, HOT TUBS, ABOVE GROUND POOLS*