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The Lake View

A Bi-Monthly Insight Into Our Syracuse City Community

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Cover Story

Mayor's Message

Dear residents, it is with great pleasure that I share with you the State of our City report and reflect upon the accomplishments of the past year and our vision for 2012.

2011 included some significant events and accomplishments. One that is fresh on many minds is the Memorial Day flooding that impacted many of our residents. In a 24-hour period the City received record amounts of rainfall and some residents experienced flooding in their homes and farms. City employees were on the job round the clock during this time to ensure that storm drains were clear, water was moving, and pumps were working to full capacity. While several homes did receive damage, City staff supported around the clock operations to ensure optimal services to our community and helped to minimize the wrath of Mother Nature.

This past year the City has worked to create efficiencies in every department. A centralized fueling station was installed at our Public Works Department. The City can now buy our fuel at wholesale prices and fuel our own fleet. This fueling station will pay for itself within 8 months from the saving we are realizing thus generating additional cost savings down the road. One of our biggest expenses in public safety is fuel, to that end, the City is converting the police fleet to alternative fuel vehicles. We were able to switch out 10 police cars for the same price that we had paid in the past to replace three vehicles.

City staff and the City Council have aggressively sought to partner with our businesses; this effort has resulted in a 13% increase in sales tax revenue above the same period last year. The Council voted in 2010 to reduce impact fees in a move to incent responsible growth, as a result of that move, in 2011 we had nearly triple the amount of new home construction permits issued than any other City in Davis County. Our Finance Director implemented a program where all City expenditures are paid for utilizing a cash back credit card that is paid in full each month but the City receives cash back for every dollar we spend. This has resulted in approximately \$1500 a month in increased revenue.

We have reduced our bond debt by nearly \$1 million dollars this past year and for the second year in a row, an independent audit of City finances shows that the City is operating in the black instead of the red. In two years we have taken the city rainy day fund from the lowest allowed by law of 5% to 14.5%. We have reduced overall payroll expenditures from \$6.1 million in 2009 to \$5.7 million in 2011.

Probably our most notable accomplishment was the recognition we received from the Utah Tax Payers Association, an independent "watchdog" organization that ranked Syracuse as the third most efficient city in Utah with a population over 20,000. What is most notable about that ranking is

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City Council Meeting Summary

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The City Council met in work session and business meetings on October 25, November 15, November 21, November 29, and December 13. Detailed Council packets containing further information about the presentations that were made to the Council are available on the City's website, www.syracuseut.com. Following is a summary of the meetings:

October 25 Work Session: Agenda item b. The Council received a brief presentation from the Fire Chief regarding a recent grant award he received to purchase a fire investigation trailer. The Chief also provided information regarding the Guns and Hoses fundraising event for resident Maddie Cook. **Agenda item c.** The Council received a briefing from the Recreation Director regarding the upcoming Pumpkin Festival and Turkey Trot events. **Agenda item d.** The Council discussed the creation of a rules and procedures document to govern public meetings of the body.

October 25 Special Business Meeting:

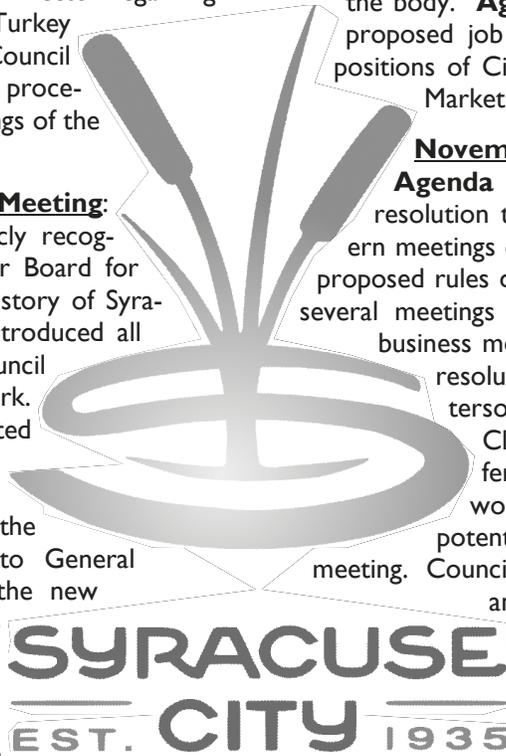
Agenda item 4. The Council publicly recognized the Museum and Cultural Center Board for their contributions to preserving the history of Syracuse City. Board Chair Phil Gooch introduced all the members of the Board to the Council and thanked them for their hard work. **Agenda item 5.** The Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance to rezone property located at approximately 1752 W. 1700 S. The zoning of the property changed from Agricultural to General Commercial. The property will be the new home of Rentmeister Total Home Service. **Agenda item 6.** The Council held a public hearing to consider a resolution to adjust the budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. The adjustments being made included categorical changes to identify lease payments for a recently purchased 10-wheeler vehicle; the net change to the budget for this item was zero. The budget was also adjusted to identify a transfer from the fund balance to the Information Technologies (IT) budget to allow for the purchase of laptop computers for police vehicles. The Council voted unanimously to approve the budget adjustments. **Agenda item 7.** Staff briefed the Council on a proposal to execute an agreement with Siemens Industry Inc. to perform an investment grade audit relative to a street light conversion or upgrade in the City. The Council voted unanimously to authorize the execution of the agreement. **Agenda item 8.** The Council considered a resolution to adopt rules and procedures governing

public meetings of the City Council. A motion was made to table the resolution so that staff and the Council could further research the issue and have more in-depth discussion regarding the proposed document. The Council voted unanimously to table the item to a future meeting. **Agenda item 9a.** The City Council voted unanimously to appoint poll workers selected by the City Recorder for the Municipal General Election scheduled for November 8. **Agenda item 9b.** The Council voted unanimously to accept the proposed rewrite of Title Four of the City Code for a first reading.

November 15 Work Session: Agenda item b. The Council continued to review the proposed document including rules and procedures to govern a public meeting of the body. **Agenda item c.** The Council reviewed proposed job descriptions and wage scales for the positions of City Attorney, City Engineer, Bailiff, and Marketing and Communications Specialist.

November 15 Special Business Meeting:

Agenda item 4. The Council considered a resolution to adopt rules and procedures to govern meetings of the body. Discussions regarding the proposed rules document had taken place over the last several meetings and the discussion continued in this business meeting as well. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Councilmember Peterson and seconded by Councilmember Clark. Councilmember Shingleton offered a substitute motion to amend the wording in the document relative to the potential removal of a resident from a public meeting. Councilmember Kimmel seconded the motion and the Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution with the suggested changes. **Agenda item 5.** The Council considered a resolution to create the positions of City Attorney, City Engineer, Bailiff, and Marketing and Communications Specialist as well as amend the wage scale to reduce the wage assigned to the City Building Official. After much discussion regarding the need of the new positions the Council voted to table consideration of the creation of the City Attorney, City Engineer, and Marketing and Communications Specialist positions. The Council did vote to create the positions of Bailiff and to amend the wage assigned to the Building Official. **Agenda item 6.** The Council held a public hearing to consider a resolution to adjust the budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. The adjustments being made include accepting a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant of \$95,000 for the study of the SR193 expansion project; the City is allowed to retain 10% of the grant in the form of salaries



and wages so the expense budget will increase by \$85,000 and the fund balance will be increased by \$9,500. The second adjustment is to include the total revenue and cost for the Fire Investigation Trailer that is being purchased via a grant; the net change to the budget is zero. Councilmember Kimmel inquired as to the strings attached to the HUD grant. Staff explained the grant is provided to study the potential SR 193 expansion project. Councilmember Kimmel asked if there are any stipulations attached to the money. Staff explained that they do not know of any stipulations. Mayor Nagle added that the grant was sought years ago when three cities were considering partnering to develop an area bordering all three cities. Now the City will use the grant to study a potential project area and plan the infrastructure for the area. Mayor Nagle explained that the grant does not need to be repaid, there are no strings attached, and the City is not required to provide any matching funds. The Council voted unanimously to approve the budget adjustments. **Agenda item 7.** The Council voted unanimously to certify the results of the Municipal General Election held November 8, 2011. **Agenda item 8.** The Council considered a resolution appointing representatives to serve as Syracuse City representatives on the Taxing Entity Committee (TEC) for the Redevelopment Agency of Syracuse City. Staff recommended ap-

pointing the City Finance Director and City Manager as the representatives. Several members of the Council as well as the Mayor expressed their concern about appointing staff rather than elected officials to serve in this capacity. After much discussion the Council considered a motion to appoint Mayor Nagle and the City Manager to the TEC. The motion failed. A substitute motion was made to table the resolution so that the Council can give more consideration to appointing elected officials as well as setting up a time line for the actions of the TEC. That motion failed as well. Councilmember Ocana made a motion to appoint Councilmember Kimmel and Mayor Nagle as the TEC members. The Council voted unanimously to approve the motion. **Agenda item 9.** Staff asked for approval to execute an agreement to lease the east wing of City Hall to ReMax Corporation. Councilmember Kimmel pointed out some error or inconsistencies in the agreement and he expressed his concern about the City Governing competing with the private business market. The Council voted to approve the execution of the agreement with Councilmembers Kimmel and Shingleton voting in opposition.

November 15 RDA Business Meeting: Agenda item 2. The Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution RDA11-02 authorizing the preparation of a draft community development project area plan and related matters. **Agenda item 3.** The Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution RDA11-03 authorizing the preparation of a draft economic development project area plan and related matters.

November 21 Special Business Meeting (Councilmember Clark was absent): Agenda item 2. Candidate Daniel Schuler requested a recount of the General Election results due to the fact that there was a one vote difference between himself and Councilmember Doug Peterson. After the recount was completed it was necessary to canvass the results of the recount. The Council voted unanimously to certify the results of the recount.

November 29 Work Session: Agenda item b. Woods, Richards, & Associates issued an unqualified audit report on Syracuse City's financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This is considered a clean and favorable audit report. The audit showed that unreserved fund balance increased to 14.2% as compared to 9% the

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We would appreciate your feedback. If you have any comments or concerns about the newsletter, please email them to tmoyes@syracuseut.com

Thank you Councilmen!

Syracuse City sends a huge thank you to Alan Clark and Matt Ocana for their years and many hours of service to Syracuse City and the residents of Syracuse, as members of the City Council. These men and their many contributions have been a great asset to the City and they will be truly missed.

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previous year. Overall, the city's financial position continues to improve compared to prior years. **Agenda item c.** The Council reviewed the proposed Planning Commission bylaws and rules of procedure. The Council discussed any concerns regarding the document with Commission Chair Greg Day who was present at the meeting. He stated that he would accept the suggestions of the Council and adjust the rules document accordingly. **Agenda item d.** The Council discussed the potential creation of the City Attorney and City Engineer positions and amending the wage scale accordingly.

November 29 special Business Meeting: Agenda item 4. The Council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution that would implement the proposed Planning Commission bylaws and rules of procedure with the changes and recommendations discussed during the Council work session meeting. **Agenda item 5.** The Council considered a resolution to create the positions of City Attorney and City Engineer and amend the wage scale accordingly. Councilmember Kimmel asked that the Council considering tabling the item to allow for the recently elected Councilmembers to be sworn into office so that they could make the decision regarding this item. He also expressed his concern regarding the wage scales for the positions and he commented that he felt the wage scale for the City Attorney was too low and it would be difficult for the City to hire a qualified employee for the wage being offered. Councilmembers Clark stated that he was elected to the Council with his term ending December 31, 2011 and he intends on completing his term and making decisions that need to be made now. After additional discussion the Council voted to adopt the resolution creating the positions with Councilmembers Kimmel and Shingleton voted in opposition.

December 13 Work Session (Councilmember Clark was absent): Agenda item b. The Council received a presentation from staff regarding digitizing City utility bills. Staff explained that the City is trying to entice residents to sign up to receive their utility bill via email in order to save the City money in printing and mailing costs. Staff explained that if 40% of the City's residents sign up to receive their utility bill via email the City will save approximately \$14,424 per year. Staff stated that those that sign up will receive their first utility bill via email in February of 2012. It was also explained that it does not cost the City any money to accept an electronic funds transfer (EFT) for a bill payment, but it does cost the City to accept credit card payments. Staff asked for the Council's help in talking to their constituents about signing up to receive their utility bill via email and also to sign up to pay their bill via EFT. **Agenda item c.** The Council received information from staff regarding recent property sales as well as the

proposal to consider disposing of 60 acres of property at Jensen Park. Staff explained that once the Council authorizes the disposition of the property, any detailed information regarding negotiations to sale the property will be discussed with the Council during closed meetings. **Agenda item d.** The Council discussed the proposal to amend the City Manager's employment contract to provide him with additional vacation leave time in lieu of providing him with increased compensation.

December 13 Business Meeting (Councilmember Clark was absent): Agenda item 3. Councilmembers Clark and Ocana were recognized for their service to the City via their positions on the City Council. Councilmember Clark was absent and the Mayor stated that he would be further recognized during the December 27 Council meeting. However, all Councilmembers and the Mayor expressed their gratitude to Councilmember Ocana for the service he has provided to the City since being appointed to his position in December of 2010. **Agenda item 4.** The Council held a public hearing to consider disposing of a parcel of real property. One resident, TJ Jensen, spoke during the public hearing and he talked about the importance of considering the location of the West Davis Corridor relative to the disposition of the property. The Council voted unanimously to authorize the disposal of the parcel of real property. **Agenda item 5.** The Council held a public hearing to consider adopting an ordinance amending Titles Two and Eight of the Syracuse City Code regarding the appointment of the Building Official. No residents spoke regarding the item and the Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance. **Agenda item 6.** The Council voted unanimously to appoint Robert Whiteley to serve as the City's new Public Works Director. **Agenda item 7.** The Council considered a resolution to amend the City Manager's contract by increasing the amount of vacation leave that the City Manager could accrue in each pay period. The Council voted to approve the amendment with Councilmembers Kimmel and Shingleton voting in opposition. ♣



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ARTS COUNCIL

The Syracuse City Arts Council is looking for volunteers for the following:

- Members of the theater committee to serve in a variety of ongoing positions, from helping with community education courses to assisting with future shows
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Publicity/Sponsorship committee members
- Secretary/Assistant

If you are interested, please contact Darren Maxfield, theater committee chair, at darren@syracuseutaharts.org

check out our new website www.SyracuseUtahArts.org



Syracuse City



Business Summit

Theme: Shop Local – Shop Syracuse

Sponsored by:

Syracuse Business Organization for Strategic Synergy
(SBOSS)

&

Syracuse City

Speakers Include:

Michelle Thompson, Local First Utah Executive Director

Jim Smith, Davis Chamber of Commerce President/CEO

Jamie Nagle, Syracuse City Mayor

Craig Henderson, Syracuse City RC Willey General Manager

Thursday, January 19, 2012

5:30 pm – Doors open

6:00 pm – Speakers

7:30 pm – Refreshments

Located at:

Syracuse City Hall Council Chambers
1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse UT

All are welcome!

For more information contact Kent Andersen kandersen@syracuseut.com or 801-614-9632

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the number one and two Cities do not provide both their own full time fire and police department. We fully expect that when the new rankings come out Syracuse will be the number one most efficient city in Utah.

Those are wonderful and significant advancements but we are not done yet. In 2012 we will be installing electronic water meters in our culinary water system in an effort to reward people who use less culinary water than the current maximum the system allows. Secondary water is not being metered and will continue as it is. Adding remote readers will allow us to eliminate the need for an employee to go out and physically read each meter which will further reduce payroll expenditures. Last year we were only able to devote \$78,000 to road maintenance. Due to efficiencies that City staff have found we will be able to put approximately \$996,000.00 into road maintenance and repair this year. When I took office in 2010 nearly all of our B&C road funds were being diverted to wages for public works employees. While this is legal, it isn't a best practice and therefore, I committed to correcting this within the next four years. In 2012 we are on track to be able to eliminate the use of B&C road funds for salaries and using all of that money for road

repair and maintenance. This will not solve all our road problems but it is a great step in the right direction.

The most exciting development for 2012 will be the beginning of construction of a Job Center on the Northeast side of our City. Construction will begin in the spring and when completed, will bring approximately 1200 high quality jobs to our City. These jobs will give our residents who are looking for work an opportunity to work in their own community. It will also provide a daytime population for our businesses who are struggling in the absence of a lunch crowd that is critical to their success.

Thanks to great City Staff, there are many wonderful and innovative things happening and it is an exciting time for Syracuse. However, I think the most wonderful thing about our City is our residents who have shown that in times of need they come together to help their own. After a divisive campaign season, our community focused on what really is important, closed ranks, and threw their arms around Maddie Cook and Brandon Winger—two heroic kids who are battling for their life. The “Guns and Hoses” game and “Anything for a Friend” event were tremendously successful events that helped raise over \$60,000.00 for these two heroes but also helped bring our community closer together.

I feel fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. I look forward to a great new year and appreciate your support and your feedback as we continue to be the best City in Utah.

~ Jamie

Public Works

Frozen Water Pipe Prevention

The winter months mean freezing outdoor temperatures which can cause water lines to freeze. Frozen pipes can burst and cause extensive water damage. An eighth-inch (three millimeter) crack in a pipe can emit up to 250 gallons (946 liters) of water a day. Both plastic (PVC) and copper pipes can burst. By taking a few simple precautions, you can save yourself the mess, money and aggravation frozen pipes cause.



Before the cold hits

- **Insulate** pipes in your home's crawl spaces, garage, unfinished basement and attic. These exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. Remember - the more insulation you use, the better protected your pipes will be.
- **Disconnect** garden hoses and, insulate all outdoor faucets (hosebibs). This reduces the chance of freezing in the short span of pipe just inside the house.
- **Heat tape** or thermostatically-controlled heat cables can be used to wrap pipes. Be sure to use products approved only for the use intended (exterior or interior). Closely follow all manufacturers' installation and operation instructions.
- **Seal** leaks that allow cold air inside near where pipes are located. Look for air leaks around electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes. Use caulk or insulation to keep the cold out and the heat in. With severe cold, even a tiny opening can let in enough cold air to cause a pipe to freeze.

When the temperature drops

- **A trickle** of hot and cold water might be all it takes to keep your pipes from freezing. Let warm water drip overnight, preferably from a faucet on an outside wall.
- **Open** cabinet doors to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks and appliances near exterior walls.

Before you go away

- **Set** the thermostat in your house no lower than 55°F (12°C).
- **Ask** a friend or neighbor to check your house daily to make sure it's warm enough to prevent freezing or
- **Shut off** and drain the water system. Be aware that if you have a fire protection sprinkler system in your house, it will be deactivated when you shut off the water.

If your pipes freeze

Don't take chances. If you turn on your faucets and nothing comes out, leave a faucet turned on for water to drain from and so you can see when the water starts to flow again. You may be able to thaw a frozen pipe with a hair dryer, heater or heat tape. Apply heat for up to 45 minutes if there is still no water contact the Water Division at 801-825-7235 or after hours at 801-643-5775.

If your water pipes have frozen and burst, turn off the water at the main shut-off valve in the house (usually in the basement); leave the water faucets turned on. (Make sure everyone in your family knows where the water shut-off valve is and how to open and close it.)

****Never try to thaw a pipe with a torch or other open flame. Do not use electrical appliances in areas of standing water because you could be electrocuted.****

VITA

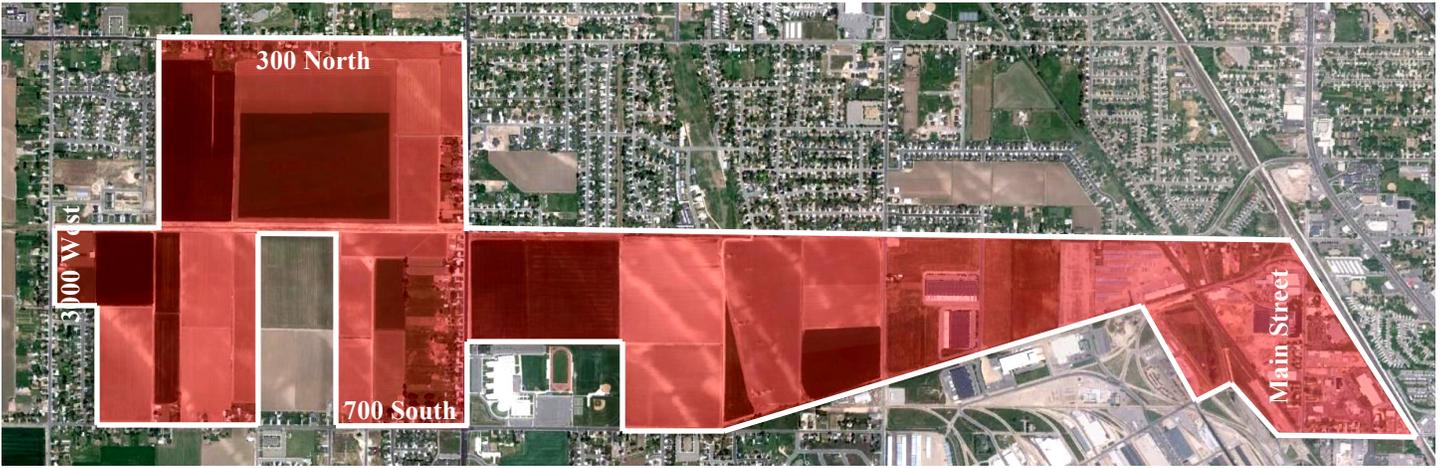
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Free Tax Return Preparation for You by Volunteers:

Puzzled by the tax law or which credits and deductions to take? Need assistance with your tax return? The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax help if you qualify.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance VITA Program offers free tax help to people with low-to-moderate incomes (\$49,000 and below) and for those in this income bracket who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers receive training to prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. Utah State taxes are also prepared at the VITA sites. To locate the closest VITA site to you, please call 2-1-1. Or visit www.utahtaxhelp.org for more information.





SR-193 Corridor Study

Public Input Workshop

Discussion:

Land use along the future expansion of SR-193
(i.e., employment, commercial, residential, parks, trails,
etc.)

Thursday, January 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Syracuse High School
665 South 2000 West

For updates including meeting agendas and minutes, visit
the blog: www.sr193corridorstudy.wordpress.com

Topsoil For Sale

Syracuse City currently has topsoil available for purchase. Interested parties may contact the Public Works Department at 801-825-7235 to schedule pick-up or delivery of soil. 20 mile delivery limit, minimum purchase of 6 yards for delivery. The City will load topsoil onto each recipient's truck when picked-up. Prices are as follows:

	<u>You haul</u>	<u>Delivery</u>
Resident:	\$20/yard	\$20/yard +\$30 delivery fee
Non-resident:	\$25/yard	\$25/yard +\$40 delivery fee



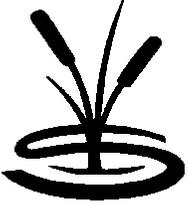
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RECEIVE YOUR BILL VIA E-MAIL

In our continuing effort to improve efficiencies, save money, and preserve the environment, Syracuse City is providing the opportunity for residents to receive their utility bill each month via email. By participating in this program we could potentially save thousands of valuable tax dollars currently spent on printing and mailing.

If you are interested in receiving your bill via e-mail, please fill in the information below.

CUSTOMER NAME: _____ ACCOUNT #: _____

SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print clearly): _____

I understand that this agreement shall remain in effect until I, as the customer or Syracuse City, terminate the agreement. I also understand that it is my responsibility to inform Syracuse City of any changes in e-mail address within at least five (5) business days of the change.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Please contact the Utility Department at 801-825-1477 Opt. 1 for more information or questions.

Late Fee Implemented

In an effort to improve efficiencies within our utility department, we will be implementing a \$10.00 late fee on all accounts that are past due. As the utility bill is due by the 25th of each month, residents will receive a 10-day grace period to allow for payment. The late fee will not be added until the 5th of the following month. Fees will begin on February 5, 2012 on all accounts past due at that time. We believe that this will help to reduce the amount of past due accounts thus reducing time and money spent on collection of these accounts.

For those seeking an easier, stress free way of paying your utility bill there are many options. The most secure, cost effective way for both residents and Syracuse City is to sign up for the Electronic Funds Transfer. This option is provided at no cost to the resident or the city. All that is needed to participate is the EFT form and a voided check. Forms can be obtained on the city website or at the city offices. Bills can also be paid by cash, check, or money order. We also accept Visa or Mastercard which can be paid online by visiting our website at www.syracuseut.com or over the phone at 801-825-1477. A drop box can be found in front of the city office next to the blue mail boxes.

We truly appreciate our residents and the efforts made to pay in a timely manner.



Green Waste Can

During the winter months from December 1st to March 30th, your green waste can may be used for regular garbage.

Contact Information

Mayor & Council

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Councilmember Matt Kimmel

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Email: dpeterson@syracuseut.com

Councilmember Larry Shingleton

Phone: 801-776-8746
Email: lshingleton@syracuseut.com

Councilmember Karianne Lisonbee

Phone: 801-589-2934
Email: klisonbee@syracuseut.com

Volunteer

Are you looking for a way to volunteer or help our community become a better place in which to live? Below is a list of City contacts who offer volunteer opportunities.

Syracuse City Museum

Phone: 801-825-3633
Hours: 2 pm - 5 pm

Syracuse Arts Council

Email: utahyankees@gmail.com

Syracuse Youth Council

Phone: 801-719-9179

Syracuse Lions Club

Phone: 801-825-7311

Syracuse Eagle Scout Projects

Phone: 801-825-7235

Services

Syracuse City Hall is officially open Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, but closed on certain holidays. Community Center hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 6 am - 9 pm, Fridays, 6 am - 8 pm, and Saturdays, 8 am - 4 pm.

Syracuse City Hall

Phone: 801-825-1477
Address: 1979 W. 1900 S.

Syracuse Police Station

Phone: 801-825-4400
Address: 1751 S. 2000 W.

Syracuse Fire Station

Phone: 801-614-9614
Address: 1869 S. 3000 W.

Syracuse Community Center

(Recreation)

Phone: 801-614-9660
Address: 1912 W. 1900 S.

Syracuse Public Works Facility

Phone: 801-825-7235
Address: 3061 S. 2400 W.



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Syracuse CERT Class

(Community Emergency
Response Team)

Winter, 2012 classes are scheduled for January 21, 28 and February 4th. These classes are on Saturday all day from 8am-5pm at the Syracuse Fire Station located at 1869 S 3000 W. A final class mock disaster will be included in this time. We must have 10 participants to hold the class. The cost of the class is \$25, for safety equipment.

To sign up for the class call the Fire station at 801-614-9614 or send an e-mail to cert@syracuseut.com.



West Davis Corridor

As part of the recent refinements to the WDC alternatives, the study team has recently updated the Farmington interchange concept designs at both Shepard Lane and Glovers Lane. The map of alternatives for the Farmington/Kaysville area has also been updated to reflect these interchanges. These maps can be found on the project website, www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis.

In the coming months, the study team will continue analyzing and refining the alternatives in greater detail. The results of this analysis will be reported in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which will be available for public comment and at public hearings in summer 2012. A final decision on a preferred alternative is expected summer 2013.

For more information or to comment on the study:

Web: www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis

Phone: 877-298-1991

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

Mail: 466 North 900 West, Kaysville UT 84037



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CORRIDOR

Recreation and Community Center



SENIOR CITIZENS

To learn more about activities for seniors, drop by the Community Center for a Senior Citizen Newsletter or visit www.syracusecityseniors.com

SENIOR YOGA IS HERE!

Class runs Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 8:45am at the Community Center. The class teaches movements to strengthen muscles and help increase mobility for people who are challenged by arthritis or the stiffness that comes with age or injury. The class costs \$8/month (ages 50+), or \$4/month (ages 60+). Join us!

SYRACUSE QUILT GUILD

The Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Community Center. For more Guild info, visit syracuseutahquilters.blogspot.com.

YOUTH KARATE CLASSES

This program teaches Manners, Behavior, Respect, and Discipline. Cost is \$30 for the first month. For ages 4-Adult. For registration info, call Johnny Aranda, at 801-544-7037. Now offering Muay Thai Kickboxing.

AEROBIC CLASSES

Step-aerobics and sculpt and tone classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8:45am (step) and 9:45am (sculpt & tone) at the Community Center. The cost is \$8 per month or \$1/day. Come get fit with us!

ZUMBA WITH ANGIE!

FREE ZUMBA WEEK JANUARY 9-13 (all classes free!)

The most fun you've ever had working out! Stay motivated to exercise through Zumba! It is designed for everyone, every shape and age. Come see what Zumba can do for you. Classes are Tuesdays/Thursdays at 8:50am, Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Saturdays at 10:30am.

Location-Syracuse Community Center. Cost-\$36 for 12 Class punch card or \$5 to drop in.

First class is free - what are you waiting for?

YOUTH TUMBLING

Intermediate and Beginning Tumbling starts Tuesday January 24, 2012 and will run for 6 weeks. Sign up by Friday, January 20th.

Intermediate Tumbling

Time.....4pm

Cost.....\$45

Beginning Tumbling

Time.....5pm

Preschool Tumbling begins Wednesday, January 25, 2012, and will run for 6 weeks.

Cost.....\$40

- 4 yr old class is at 9:30am
- 3 year old class, 10:00am

SPRING SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration will begin Monday, January 23, and end Saturday, February 18, 2012. This program is for pre-kindergarteners (going into Kindergarten in the fall of 2012) thru 6th grade. All leagues are co-ed. Cost is \$46 for residents and \$61 for non-residents. Registration fee includes a jersey, shorts, and socks. Online registration is available for this program.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Registration will begin Thursday, March 1, and end Saturday, March 31, 2012. This program is for youth ages 5-15 (must turn 5 by August 31, 2012). The season will begin at the end of April, or first of May, depending on the weather. Cost varies by age: T-Ball and Coach Pitch \$36, Machine Pitch and 3rd/4th girls \$41, Minor and Majors \$46, Pony and Ponytail \$51, Jr. High and 5th/6th girls \$51 (non-resident fee is an additional \$15). Online registration is available for this program.

WE NOW OFFER ONLINE REGISTRATION!

Online registration is available at www.syracuserecreation.com

ADULT BASKETBALL (MEN'S OPEN LEAGUE)

Registration will begin Wednesday, January 3, and will end when league is full. Fee is \$350 per team, which includes: 8 game season, Post Season single elimination tournament, and League finalist prizes. Games will be played on Wednesday nights. Teams must register at the Community Center.

LITTLE DANCERS

This is a fun introduction to dance for ages 3-5. Children will explore their movement potential as they learn a variety of dance with an introduction to ballet. Registration runs from January 19 through February 23 and is \$30. The class will be held on Thursdays from 10:00 to 10:45am for 6 weeks.

Ordinance Enforcement *Winter Parking*

11-4-1: **OFF-STREET PARKING DURING WINTER MONTHS.** In order to allow 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. Violation of this ordinance shall be a Class C misdemeanor, punishable in accordance with all the provisions of law. (1999) (Ord. 06-08) (Ord. 10-01)

Welcome New Businesses

LittleBee, LLC
Smart Little Monkeys Daycare
Tealicious, LLC
Endigit, Inc.
Friends & Family Mobile Dentistry
ASB Office Services
Joe Billman
Gold's Gym
JaNae Humphrey CPA LLC
Moonlight Ventures, LLC
Kleen Slate
Fast Track Services of Utah LLC
Royalty Services Group
B&B Oasis

For more information about businesses or opening a new business please call 801-614-9627

Syracuse Post Office *January 22—Mail Prices Will Increase*

FIRST-CLASS MAIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Letters (1 oz.): 1 cent increase to 45 cents
- Single-piece letters additional ounce rate: unchanged at 20 cents
- Postcards: 3 cent increase to 32 cents
- Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz): 5 cent increase to 85 cents
- Letters to other international destinations: 7 cent increase to \$1.05

PRIORITY MAIL FLAT RATE PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

- Small box: \$5.35
- Medium box: \$11.35
- Large box: \$15.45
- Large APO/FPO/DPO box: \$13.45
- Regular Flat Rate Envelope: \$5.15
- Legal-size and Padded Flat Rate Envelope: \$5.30

Welcome New Council Members!

We welcome Craig Johnson and Karianne Lisonbee as our new City Council members. We look forward to working with them.

Advertise Your Business Here!!!

Prices are as follows:

- Full page ad (8 ½ x 11): **\$400** per issue
- Half page ad: **\$225** per issue
- Quarter page ad: **\$125** per issue
- Eighth page ad: **\$60** per issue

If you wish to advertise in the newsletter please contact Marqae Martinson at mmartinson@syracuseut.com or 801-614-9627

Davis County Health Department

Living Well with Chronic Conditions

Want help keeping your New Year's resolution?

Davis County Health Department is promoting an evidenced based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program called *Living Well with Chronic Conditions*.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions is a fun, interactive six week workshop to help you:

- Manage pain & fatigue
- Lessen depression & frustration
- Increase fitness & self-confidence

Other subjects covered include:

- Techniques for frustration & isolation
- Appropriate exercise to maintain & improve strength
- Appropriate use of medications & proper nutrition
- Communicating effectively with family, friends & health professionals
- How to evaluate new treatments



Who Should Come?

- Anyone with an ongoing condition such as asthma, arthritis, chronic joint pain, fibromyalgia, cancer, diabetes, kidney disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart failure, COPD or emphysema, depression, chronic pain or others.
- Family and friends of those with chronic conditions are also encouraged to attend.

Healthy snacks are provided, along with an incentive gift which is given at the last class for completing 4 out of 6 classes of the workshop.

Workshops are being held throughout Davis County. For more information call Jessica at 801-525-5087. Registration is required. Call today. Workshops fill up fast.

Discover you can control your health & your life!

Building Department

The Building Department welcomes Riley Jones as the new Building Official. Riley started with the City on December 5th and is learning his way around as he inspects ongoing projects. He has been a building inspector since 2004 and has worked for Price, South Weber and most recently, Logan City. Riley is very excited to be a part of Syracuse City and looks forward to many years to come.

WELCOME RILEY!

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Christmas Tree Pick-up

Christmas trees will be picked up on December 31 and January 7. Please place the trees on the curb for pick up (no lights, or ornaments). Contact Public Works at 801-825-7235 for more information.



Police Beat

Did You See That?

If you saw someone commit a crime do you think you could accurately describe what they looked like or the vehicle they were driving? Crimes can happen almost in the blink of an eye and sometimes what a witness or victim sees and remembers can be crucial in helping us solve the crime.

When you call 9-1-1 they will ask all the pertinent questions, but having an idea ahead of time of what to look for will help us when we help you!

Describing a Person

- **Basic description** – gender, ethnicity, approximate age, height, weight and build.
- **Additional personal description** – hair style and color, eye color, facial hair, jewelry, tattoos, glasses and anything else that would assist us in separating this person from everyone else.
- **Clothing** – head to toe, inside out, type and color, hat, tie, shirts, jackets, pants/shorts, belt, socks and shoes.

Describing a Vehicle

- **License plate**
- **Make** (Chevrolet, Toyota, Ford, etc.)
- **Model** (F150, Civic, etc.)
- **Style of the vehicle** (2 door, pickup truck, etc.)
- **Color**
- **Year** (or year range)
- **Description of person(s) in the vehicle** (anything that stands out about the vehicle such as a bumper sticker, damage, variation in vehicle color, etc.)

Monthly To Do List – Who Would Want to Steal My Car?

The word “thief” may conjure up ideas of a person with a mask on, secretly and without detection, entering a home to steal a collection of jewelry or a thief who grabs a handful of merchandise from a store and runs out before the shopkeeper can stop them. However, thieves do not always target the small items that can be stuffed in pockets or thrown in a backpack. Sometimes the object of their crime has four wheels and provides them the means of getting away. We’re talking about the theft of cars.

Thieves going for these “big ticket” items may have many different reasons for taking something that doesn’t fit in their back pocket. They may use the stolen vehicle to hide their identity and commit other crimes from the vehicle. They may strip down the vehicle by removing certain components to be sold to private persons or they may simply steal the vehicle to sell to an unsuspecting person.

Regardless, whether you have insurance or not, losing a vehicle can create a real hardship and in some cases, a financial catastrophe.

While there is no foolproof method for protecting your vehicle, there are many no-cost or inexpensive steps that can be taken.

- Lock it Up
- Protect your keys
- Park in safe areas

Police Department 2011 awards:

Officer of the Year – Officer Preston Benoit
Detective of the Year – Detective Zeke Swander
Chief’s Award – Officer Brent Baggs
Medal of Valor – Officer David Skinner
Medal of Valor – Officer Casey Johnson
Life Saving Medal – Officer Corey Rowley
Life Saving Medal – Officer Josh Steele
Letter of Commendation – Officer Erin Behm
Letter of Commendation – Sergeant Philip Rogich
Congratulations!



THREE EXCELLENT PHYSICIANS. AT ONE EXCELLENT LOCATION.



Family Medicine



Dr. Frank Sharf earned his medical degree at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Pennsylvania and completed his Residency in Family Practice in Johnson City, NY. He was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2008 to January 2009. Special interests include Preventative Health Care, Sports Medicine, and Diabetic Care.



Dr. Kenneth Kooser, a family medicine-trained physician. Now practicing at the Syracuse Clinic. Board certified in family practice, Dr. Kooser provides comprehensive primary care and minor surgical procedures including vasectomy. He is the recipient of many military awards and enjoys many sports including snowboarding, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, and scuba diving.



Dr. Benjamin LaRose attended medical school at Midwestern University in Glendale, AZ, and earned his Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in 2008. His personal interests include basketball, golf, wake boarding, sports, camping, singing, writing music, playing his guitar and humor. His medical interests include general family medicine, sports medicine, pediatrics and Osteopathic manipulation.



Family Medicine & InstaCare
745 S. 2000 W., Syracuse, UT 84075
801-525-2400 | SyracuseClinic.org
Open Seven Days a Week
Late night appointments available

A Message from the Fire Department



It's that time of year again. At the time of this writing we have dodged most of the snow but winter weather is surely on its way! As we get snow and cold weather we will be dealing with the annual buildup of snow around some of our Fire Hydrants. This presents a serious problem and we need your help! It is critical that fire hydrants be readily visible and rapidly accessible when we are fighting a fire.

In past years our fire crews have encountered some hydrants obstructed by snow. Firefighters must frequently find these hydrants in poor weather conditions and in the dark of night.

This message is a reminder to take a look at the hydrants in your yard or neighborhood. Are they clearly visible or are they hidden by snow, ice, vehicles, or other debris?

Citizens can help prevent the obstruction of fire hydrants by not piling snow near or around hydrants and by cutting back or removing any dead vegetation that blocks access to the hydrants. Also, please do not put your garbage can directly in front of the fire hydrant on garbage pickup days. A minimum of 3 feet clear space should be maintained around each hydrant. Doing so will allow firefighters to rapidly locate and access fire hydrants under emergency conditions.

The Fire Department encourages all residents to help keep hydrants as visible and accessible as possible. If you do spot a hydrant that is becoming obscured with snow please let us know so we can get it cleared. Thank you for helping us keep our citizens safe. If you have any questions, please call the Fire Department at 801-614-9614.

2011 Fire Department awards:

Officer of the Year – Captain Jo Hamblin

Firefighter of the Year – Engineer/Advanced EMT Corey Bybee

Congratulations!



THANKS TO THOSE THAT VOTED IN THE SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION



The Syracuse City General Election was held November 8, 2011 and of the 10,735 registered voters in Syracuse, 2,369 of you turned out to vote. That means we had a 22.07 percent voter turnout. Thank you for taking an interest in your community and letting your voice be heard!

Congratulations to the three candidates that were elected to office in Syracuse City. The newly elected officials that will be sworn into office on January 3, 2012 are:

Councilmember-Elect Craig Johnson
Councilmember-Elect Karianne Lisonbee
Councilmember-Elect Douglas Peterson

There was one other issues on the ballot; a bond question that asked voters to decide if the City should bond to pay for needed road repairs. The results are below:

Syracuse City Bond Election
Votes for – 772 (32.98%)
Votes against – 1569 (67.02%)

Any questions regarding the information contained in this article or any aspect of Syracuse City Municipal Elections can be directed to the City Recorder, Cassie Brown, at 614-9633 or by emailing cassieb@syracuseut.com.

January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2 City Offices Closed	3 Planning Commission @ 6pm Adult Basketball Sign-ups Begin	4	5	6	7 Christmas Tree Pick-up
8	9 Court	10 City Council @ 7pm	11	12 SR-193 Input Workshop 7pm @ Syracuse High	13	14
-----Free ZUMBA week at the Community Center-----						
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed	17 Planning Commission @ 6pm	18	19 Business Summit 5:30pm @ City Hall Little Dancers sign-ups begin	20 Youth Tumbling Sign-ups end	21 CERT 8am-5pm @ Fire Station
22	23 Court Soccer Sign-ups Begin	24 City Council @ 7pm	25 Utility Payments Due	26	27	28 CERT 8am-5pm @ Fire Station
29	30 Court	31				

February



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 CERT 8am-5pm @ Fire Station
5	6 Court	7 Planning Commission @ 6pm	8	9	10	11
12	13 Court	14 City Council @ 7pm Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18 Soccer Sign-ups End
19	20 President's Day City Offices Closed	21 Planning Commission @ 6pm	22	23 Little Dancers sign-ups end	24	25 Utility Payments Due
26	27 Court	28 City Council @ 6pm	29			