



# Syracuse City Newsletter



## Mayor's Message

There are so many exciting things happening in Syracuse right now. The City is working with Tara Bennett to use existing park space to build a "No Child Left Out" park structure. This playground will be the first of its kind west of St. Louis, Missouri. Tara is raising the necessary funds to build this structure, and the City will provide existing park space to help make Tara's dream a reality so that her little girl can also play and enjoy these types of amenities.

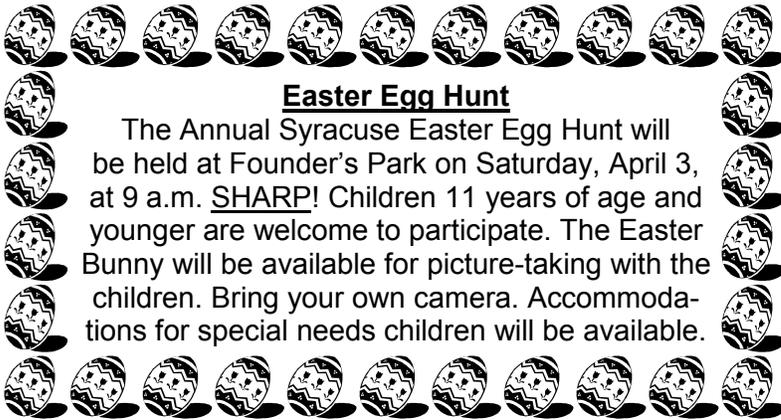
Cindy Gooch, of the Syracuse Museum Board, got the City Council's attention when she pointed out that the road widening improvements included tearing down the Walker home, one of the oldest original structures in Syracuse. Since then, the City has been working mightily with UDOT and Geneva Construction to reach an agreement that would save the home. Thanks to Cindy, we should be able to preserve this home and its part in Syracuse history.

Troy Moyes and Councilman Larry Shingleton have been working with businesses in Syracuse to form a new organization, called the Syracuse Businesses Organization/Strategic Support, or SBOSS. They officially kicked off last month, and the response from the business community was phenomenal. This new organization should help businesses in Syracuse work together to build a more vibrant economic foundation. It will also help the City collaborate with businesses for the good of our citizens. The City received a lot of praise for Mr. Moyes and his efforts with SBOSS. Because of tight budgets, Troy has been doing his job as GIS specialist as well as stepping up voluntarily to take on the role of Planning for the Community Development Department after GJ LaBonty left. He is doing a great job, and we are fortunate to have him.

Last month, the City Recorder was able to report on her results of saving the City \$20,000.00 during the elections in November. Ms. Brown researched required processes by code, by County, and through other entities and determined what tasks could be done in house. She worked long hours and did a lot to save the City a tremendous amount of money. Well done Cassie Brown!

I encourage all Syracuse citizens to attend City Council meetings and make your voices heard. The City Council meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Drop a letter or an email to a councilman or me, and share your concerns, ideas, and issues. You elected us to represent you and your interests. We are so fortunate to have a government "of the people, by the people, for the people." Our government works only when citizens get involved, hold elected officials to their commitments, and exercise their voices in the exchange of ideas.

~Jamie



### Easter Egg Hunt

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

### *Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:*

- Yogurt Stop.....Frozen Yogurt, Smoothies, Boba
- The Door Stop.....Doors, Windows, Shutters, & Cabinets
- Thurgood Excavating.....Excavation Contractor
- JZ Landscapes.....Landscape Architectural Firm
- Fish Tales Unlimited.....River Guide Service
- Syd's Pressed for Time Drycleaning & Laundry.....Dry Cleaning
- Curt Warnick Insurance Agency.....Insurance

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

**"Big Top Fun @ the Library"**  
**Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 am - 8:30 am**

**North Branch**  
**562 South 1000 East,**  
**Clearfield**  
**801-825-6662**

Accommodations for those with special needs may be made by contacting the Branch Librarian.

- \* Create a hat to become a favorite circus animal
  - \* Have your face painted
  - \* Run through an obstacle course
  - \* Listen to a story by a Davis County Commissioner or Board member
  - \* Watch a circus act (possible guest performance to be either a magician, juggler, or clown)
- Join the fun!

## 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.

### Baseball/Softball

This program is for youth ages 5-15 (must be 5 by August 31, 2010). The season will begin around the end of April or first of May, depending on weather. Registration runs March 1-31. Cost varies by age (non-residents add \$15).

T-Ball: \$35; Machine Pitch and 3rd/4th grade girls: \$40; Minors and Majors: \$45; Pony, Ponytail, and High School: \$50; Jr. High and 5th/6th girls: \$50

### Senior Citizens

Visit [www.syracusecityseniors.com](http://www.syracusecityseniors.com) or drop by the Community Center for a copy of the Senior Citizen newsletter to learn more about activities for seniors.

### **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](http://www.syracuseutahquilters.blogspot.com).

The Syracuse Guild for the Visual Arts (SGVA) is sponsoring a series of professionally taught art classes, free to the public. Wendy Dimick will teach the next class, March 13, on abstract art. The Guild is also hosting a group painting session on March 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the arts and crafts room. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

To enroll in classes or learn more about the Guild, visit [www.sgvars.blogspot.com](http://www.sgvars.blogspot.com).

### **Syracuse City Arts Council**

The Arts Council is excited to be a part of a great new fundraiser with *Green Bee Produce!* It's good for us, and it's good for you, too! With Green Bee, you purchase FRESH produce at **significant savings**. The Council is always looking for ways to support its programs. The Green Bee works like this: You save money by purchasing healthy, fresh produce directly from the grower, and the Council gets to keep a small portion of the proceeds from each box purchased, **if you select the Ace Hardware parking lot** in Syracuse as your pick-up spot. Plus, Green Bee guarantees your satisfaction! Get started by visiting <http://www.greenbeeco-op.com/>. To learn more, visit our blog, at <http://scachappenings.blogspot.com>. Join us on Twitter and Facebook, too! Link to our pages from our blog homepage.

Preparations are underway for the Syracuse summer musical! The Arts Council narrowed down the list of possible choices to just a few shows and will have a final decision in the not too distant future! The Council is currently assembling a production team to help backstage. The Council will be accepting applications for a choreographer, costume designer, set, lighting, and sound designer, a stage manager, and box office/financial manager. To apply or receive more information as it becomes available, email Heather Steed, at [arts@syracuseut.com](mailto:arts@syracuseut.com).

### **The Big Fix on Tour Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic**

Tuesday, March 9, from 8 am till full at the Syracuse Museum parking lot, 1726 South Heritage Lane. For information on prices and pre-operative procedures, call 1-866-PETS FIX or log on to [www.utahpets.org](http://www.utahpets.org).

### **Museum Happenings (801-825-3633)**

HELP! HELP! HELP!

The Museum would like to honor all of our military men and women who served in past wars. Museum members are looking for any war memorabilia or letters about famous battles or that share valuable insight into a war, experiences, or anything to do with the censorship of letters sent home, etc. They would even like to display old newspapers with articles about any of the wars.

Museum Board members understand how special these items are to families and would make copies of anything you have. They recognize the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and would like to express appreciation and love for them.

The Museum will display this exhibit in May, to go along with Memorial Day. Please contact the Museum soon, so they can have the exhibit ready on time.

The Museum still needs more volunteers to provide just three hours, once a week. What better way to spend your time than by sharing the knowledge you have of Syracuse with others?

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

### **Syracuse City welcomes Ivory Homes!**

Ivory Homes purchased all the remaining lots by the Glen Eagle Golf Course. Sales consultants will sponsor Open Houses each Saturday in the Glen Eagle Golf Course clubhouse from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by for information, take a tour of the new home sites, and receive a free golf pass and lunch on them at the snack bar!

## Code Enforcement

With the summer growing season rapidly approaching, please be mindful of all properties you own and their weeds. The weather during the past few summers produced an over-abundance of noxious weeds that, when left unattended, caused havoc with bicycle tires and created serious fire hazards.

The Code Enforcement Officer does his best to contact owners of vacant lots growing mountains of weeds that detract from the many well-manicured and carefully-landscaped yards around them. This process is very time consuming and, some days, takes up the entire 8 hours.

Please keep weeds in check on all properties you own in Syracuse City. Do not allow the puncture vines to encroach onto sidewalks, and keep the weeds in your yard to no more than approximately 4-6 inches in height to reduce the threat of fire.

City Ordinance 6-1-3 also prohibits inoperable, unregistered, and abandoned vehicles as follows: *"A motor vehicle shall be deemed **inoperable** if it is not capable of self-propulsion to the extent and for the uses for which the vehicle was intended. A vehicle shall be deemed **abandoned** if it is not currently registered or has been left unattended for a period of fourteen days or more on any **public** or **private property**. No more than one inoperable vehicle shall be stored behind a legally constructed visible barrier (such as a fence), which shall shield the vehicle from view from the street and adjoining property, or otherwise covered in a manner acceptable to the City."*

If you have any vehicles on your property that violate this Ordinance, please make arrangements to comply as soon as possible. Consider donating them to a charitable organization!

Thank you for doing your part to beautify and keep Syracuse a great place in which to live and raise a family.

## Building Department

### **When Do I Need a Building Permit?**

This is the most common question asked of the Building Department. Utah State adopts building laws or 'codes' that govern what requires permits. These laws regulate all types of construction, from plumbing, electrical, heating, AC, and general construction items. Permits are necessary anytime one constructs, demolishes, builds, erects, or moves any structure. A few exceptions would be replacing light fixtures, repairing existing systems, and structures under certain sizes.

The permitting process allows professionals to review the work to ensure it meets a minimum standard geared towards general safety and/or fire prevention. These standards also protect consumers from purchasing unsafe structures and homes. A few examples requiring permits and inspections are: basements finishes, installing pools deeper than 24" or hot tubs, building decks, sheds, garages, or covered patios, or adding central air units.

State and local laws require these permits and exact penalties for work done without them as well as the possibility of requiring the work to be done again. Please contact the Building Department, at 801-614-9670, prior to any home improvement for verification. They are available to help ensure the future of the community, with safety being their first priority.

## Public Works Department (801-825-7235)

**Streets Superintendent:** Mike Mathis

Snow Plowing: City crews thank all those who tried to move their garbage cans in a timely manner and kept vehicles off the streets during snow removal. This was a great help in clearing roads efficiently.

Potholes: During winter, the constant changes in weather cause potholes to appear overnight. City crews work hard to stay on top of them all but would appreciate the help of residents in identifying any new developments.

### Streetlights

Please contact the Department as soon you notice a streetlight out. City staff will try to repair it in a timely manner; however, sometimes the issues are with the power supply. This means Rocky Mountain Power must repair the problems and according to their schedule.

**Water Superintendent:** Ryan Mills

### Secondary Water

Crews will begin charging the secondary water lines the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the system should have full pressure by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you do not have full pressure by that date, call the Public Works Department.

Please ensure your system is ready for water and that you close all valves and spigots tightly to avoid flooding your home or any property.

### Water Pollution Prevention

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants, like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids, off the ground and out of storm water. One simple suggestion would be to wash vehicles on grassy areas to minimize the amount of dirt and soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water source.

**Parks Superintendent:** Ben Liegert

### Leash Law

The trail and parks are popular areas to take pets. Please be mindful, however, of others, and keep your pets on leashes and under control at all times. If you see anyone violating this law, please call the Davis County Animal Control at 801-444-2200.



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**March 2010**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Court 2pm	2 Planning Commission 6pm	3	4	5	6
7	8 Court 2pm	9 City Council 7pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Court 2pm	16 Planning Commission 6pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20
21	22 Court 2pm	23 City Council 7pm	24	25 Utility Payments Due	26	27
28	29 Court 2pm	30	31			