



Syracuse City Newsletter



Mayor's Message

The sure signs of spring are all around: flowers on the trees, tulips in the gardens, and orange traffic barrels all around our roads. With both 2700 South and Syracuse Road under construction, residents will need to be creative in their daily commutes. Please be assured that the timing was not an oversight. In an effort to fund the 2700 South project within the City's limited resources and determining that the City could acquire a high return on its investment during this small window of time, the reconstruction needed to move forward. We understand the frustrations this may cause but have confidence that residents will recognize the value in saving tax-payer dollars as much as possible. The good news is, we have word from UDOT that they should have the improvements for Syracuse Road substantially completed by mid summer.

Citizens are not the only ones with construction fatigue. Businesses within our City have been hanging on, waiting for the construction to finish so traffic will increase. I encourage everyone to shop locally. A comprehensive list of all businesses within Syracuse can be found at www.ishopsyracuse.org. This website will help shoppers find just what they desire. Be sure to visit the new business website for great deals and to become a fan of 'I Shop Syracuse!' A recent study of sales tax revenue revealed that for every \$100,000 spent in the State of Utah but outside the City, Syracuse receives \$5. However, by spending those same dollars locally within our municipal boundaries, Syracuse receives \$50. Buying locally contributes to the success of existing businesses which also helps to attract new businesses.

Last month, our Fire Department helped contain a controlled burn brush fire that got out of hand when windy conditions developed. Our Police Officers were also on the front lines protecting the community during a shooting incident within the City's borders. Our Recreation Department organized a spectacularly successful Easter Egg hunt, and our Public Works Department worked tirelessly to prepare and turn on the secondary water and get the parks ready for the upcoming, warm-weather activities. I received numerous compliments from citizens expressing appreciation for our employees and the service they provide. I could not agree more! We really do have spectacular employees devoted to providing top-notch service to the resident of Syracuse, and it is a privilege to associate with them.

I encourage all our citizens to provide feedback or share concerns with me or any of the council members on City issues. I also invite everyone to attend City Council meetings periodically to see just how your government is working. Citizens have a powerful tool to affect change—our voices. We want and need to hear from you!

~Jamie

****Important 2010 Primary Election Information****

Davis County will be conducting the Primary Election this year. More information is available at www.DavisVotes.com

- Some areas in the County may not have Primary Elections, but exact information will not be available until after the State Political Party Conventions on May 8.
- Only registered voters affiliated with the Republican Party may vote for Republican candidates. Davis County will not have a Democrat, Libertarian, or Constitutional party primary in 2010.
- The ballot will have three non-partisan Davis School Board district elections. All voters within a school board district boundary are eligible to vote regardless of political party affiliation.
- Candidate names, positions, and contact information are available at www.DavisVotes.com
- Anyone may vote by mail. The County will accept applications for mail-in ballots to U.S. addresses until the Friday prior to the Election. For ballots mailed outside the U.S., the County must receive applications 20 days prior to the Election. Further information and applications are available on the www.DavisVotes.com website
- Early voting: June 8-18 (see www.DavisVotes.com for locations and times)
- Election Day: June 22 (every registered voter's household will receive a postcard in the mail with an early voting schedule and their Election-Day polling location).



Building Department

With the warmer weather, residents should prepare to make the change from heating to cooling. There are steps homeowners should take before turning on the central air or swamp cooler. For central air, be sure to uncover the compressors and clear the outer shell of all debris. Forgetting this will require a new compressor. It only takes a few minutes of run time before the unit burns up. A simple garden hose will do the trick. Clear it of all grass, leaves, and cotton. With cottonwood trees so common in some areas of the City, regularly cleaning the compressor is important and will extend its life. Arrange for a local HVAC contractor to service the equipment to maintain any warranty requirements as well. Another simple but important step is replacing the filter to the furnace. The cleaner it is, the more efficient it will run. This also helps those who are sensitive to pollens or dust.

There is quite a bit more to do for swamp coolers. First, make sure the pan is in good shape to help prevent damage to roof and or interior areas. Remember to reconnect the cooler, if disconnected to prevent freezing during the winter—a simple, but sometimes forgotten, step. Clean or replace the filters next, and make sure trays above them are clean and operating well. A good way to extend the life of shingles is to connect a hose to the bottom of the pan and run it to the rain gutter to prevent standing water under high-heat conditions, which deteriorate shingles rapidly. Attic ventilation can also greatly affect cooling. More ventilation reduces cooling bills and also extends the life of shingles.

Community Center, (801)614-9660, www.syracuserecreation.com

Aerobic Classes

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

Healthy Pregnancy Classes

FREE, with registration, held the fourth Saturday each month (except holidays) from 10-11am. Infant Massage training follows, from 11:15am to 12:15pm. Call (801)773-2503 for details.

Youth Karate Classes

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

Summer Art Classes

All children, grades 2nd-6th (based on 2010 school year), may 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. Call for details.

Summer Tumbling Classes

Safety-certified instructors. Registration runs May 1-June 4. Classes held Tuesdays or Wednesdays, beginning June 8/9, and run through July 13/14. Call for details.

Zumba Classes

Zumba with Angie is the most fun you've ever had working out. Millions of people have been able to stay motivated to exercise through Zumba. It works for all shapes and 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 began April 10, from 10-11am, and will continue through July 17. Cost is \$36.

Please visit www.syracuserecreation.com for up-to-date information on registration dates, schedules, and current activities.

Youth Tennis

Registration runs May 1-31. Session 1 will be Tuesdays/Thursdays from June 8-July 8. Class times range from 9am-1pm, depending on age. Session 2 (Intermediate) will be Tuesdays/Thursdays, from July 13-August 5. Class times range from 9am-1pm, depending on age. Session 3 will be Tuesdays/Thursdays, from July 13-August 5, beginning at 4pm. Class times vary by age, and cost is \$30/person. Sign up at the Community Center.

Golf Lessons

The City and Glen Eagle Golf Course are teaming up again to offer golf lessons for youth 8-17 years of age. All skill levels welcome. Participants learn the basic fundamentals, rules, and golf etiquette. Session 1 sign ups will be May 4-June 1 with lessons held June 7-9. Session 2 sign-ups will be July 1-29 with lessons held August 2-4. Both sessions will be 9am-noon. Cost is \$55.00

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

A big **Thank You** to all those who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a huge success!

Public Works Department (801-825-7235)

Water Superintendent: Ryan Mills

In order to keep the secondary-water pressure at acceptable levels for all users, the City and water suppliers are still considering odd/even day watering schedules for this summer. House addresses with odd numbers, such as 2243 West, would water on odd, or 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc., days of the month. Snow-pack totals in this area are currently at 74% of normal. With this in mind, please choose to be conservative and not waste this precious resource. Take time to visit the following link (http://www.weberbasin.com/wc_tips.php) for useful tips on water conservation and water-wise landscaping. Frequent (daily) watering promotes waste, shallower roots, and weeds (i.e. crabgrass). Your efforts will help all secondary water users by providing adequate water pressure and avoiding water restrictions.

Parks Superintendent: Ben Liegert

Great effort went into remodeling the restrooms and back stops at Founders Park. The restrooms should be ready for use

within the next few weeks. Please help protect these facilities by reporting suspicious activity or vandalism to Police.

Don't have enough yard space for a garden? Problem solved!!! **Family Garden Plots** are available at Legacy Park (2356 S 1000 W) for residents for this year's crops, thanks to the help of many volunteers. Apply at the Community Development Dept. for 20'x20' plots, at \$15 (or \$25 for a maximum of two/household/year). Irrigation water available. See application for more information or call Parks at the number above.

Streets Superintendent: Mike Mathis

The 2700 S roadway reconstruction and installation of new water lines is currently underway. The City appreciates everyone's patience during these improvements to the infrastructure in Syracuse. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but are confident the new water lines and road will be worth it. Please be courteous to the construction crews as they work to finish this project as soon as possible.

Police Department (801) 825-4400

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>.

Solicitors Must Have and Wear a Syracuse City License!: Anyone knocking on doors to promote/solicit a product or service for profit must acquire a City license **first**. If faced with a solicitor not prominently wearing a **Syracuse** license badge, please call Police to report the company. Solicitor licenses help ensure that those knocking on doors do not have criminal backgrounds.

Museum Happenings (801-825-3633)

VETERANS! VETERANS! VETERANS!

The Syracuse Museum and Cultural Center is honored to present a display entitled "War Letters," which honors all veterans from the Civil War to present day in Afghanistan. It has uniforms, maps, metals, information on wars, pictures, and, of course, War Letters. These letters provide insight into what our veterans were going through as they served us and our country.

Please visit and enjoy the display, beginning May 15, throughout the summer. On May 15, there will be special displays and veterans available with whom to talk and ask questions.

There will also be a special display featuring the Cook family, beginning May 8. The Cook family is one of the original settlers of Syracuse who plowed the first furrow here. Come see their display as well and get acquainted with this great family.

Preparations for the FARMER'S MARKET are underway. The State Agricultural Department implemented a few new rules, and those who participated last year will receive information regarding these new regulations. If you have an interest in participating or just have questions about the Farmer's Market, please call the Museum. Hours of operation are Tuesdays-Fridays from 2-5 p.m. Call if you wish to visit during different hours or arrange a special tour.

The No Child Left Out Project Presents

Golf Tournament

Tues, June 8th & Wed, June 9th

Glen Eagle Golf Course
3176 W 1700 S Syracuse

Skills contests & prizes

\$100 per golfer

Email Tara.tnclop@live.com

or call 801.209.0096 for info

All proceeds go to accessible playground
thenochildleftoutproject.blogspot.com



The **Syracuse Road Widening** project is nearing completion! Crews should finish the major construction activities by mid-summer 2010 with some finish items extending into early fall. Road/concrete paving activities are in full swing again, thanks to warmer temperatures. Concrete is more inconvenient due to the length of time to cure, but they last longer and require less maintenance. The 1000 W/2000 W intersections contain a maze of underground utilities, including power, telecommunication, gas, sewer, and storm-drain lines. As utility crews finish, paving crews can begin final work on those quadrants. The intersections require more time for the decorative crosswalks, lighting, and striping, so they will likely not reopen fully until much later.

Now that crews successfully relocated the school crossing to Marilyn Drive, Allison Way is now a cul-de-sac with the surrounding land planned for hardscaping and use as retention ponds. Sidewalk will line the cul-de-sac and provide pedestrian access from Allison Way to Syracuse Road.

Thanks to all the residents, businesses, and commuters for their patience during this project! Please contact the Public Information Team with questions, at 801-648-8396 or syracuseroadinfo@langdongroupinc.com, with questions.

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.

SYRACUSE ARTS COUNCIL

FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, co-sponsored by the Syracuse Utah Lions Club, held most Saturday evenings, beginning in June, at 7pm in Centennial Park (behind the Police Department at 1800 S 2000 W). Performances will include everything from Polynesian music and dance to Country Western. A Night in Polynesia will even have luau meal tickets for purchase. Please email arts@syracuseut.com for more information or to apply to perform.

"Arts Council Volunteers Wanted" The Arts Council is looking for volunteers to serve as committee members to help with theater and the summer concert series. Please contact Heather Steed for more information by calling (801) 824-7171 or emailing arts@syracuseut.com.

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

The **Syracuse Guild for the Visual Arts (SBVA)** continues to sponsor professionally-taught art classes free to the public. **Donna O. Kearney will teach the next class, on May 22, on watercolor portraits.** 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.sgarts.blogspot.com.



WEST DAVIS
CORRIDOR

The scoping period for the **West Davis Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** concluded, and a draft of the Purpose and Need will be available in May via the Study's website, at www.udot.utah.gov/westdavis. Please check the site and provide comments!

Public Service Announcement

Good Foundation Academy (GFA) will open a new K-6 charter school this fall, at 5101 S 1050 W in Riverdale, currently Christian Heritage elementary. GFA emphasizes character and utilizes the Core Knowledge as part of its education curriculum. Their model for excellence is the award winning charter school, Liberty Commons, in Ft. Collins, CO. GFA will be hosting three public informational meetings, at 7pm, as follows:

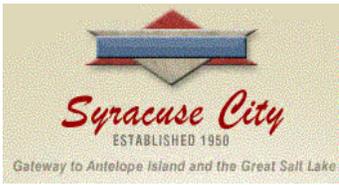
April 28, 375 S State #B, Clearfield;

May 12, Riverdale Community Center, 4360 S Parker Dr.; and

May 14, 375 S State #B, Clearfield.

Please visit www.gfautah.org, for more information and plans for future sites within Davis County.

Bluff Ridge Elementary Carnival: Join the fun on Friday, May 14, 5:30-7:30pm! Choose from 25 carnival games, inflatable toys, train rides, face painting, dinner, and MORE! An unlimited games and inflatables wrist band will be available for \$6. Take the night off from cooking. Buy a meal for \$5 (hamburger or hotdog/chips/drink/cookie). Support the school, and make memories!



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| 23 | 24 Court 2pm | 25 City Council 7pm Utility Payments Due | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 Memorial Day Offices Closed 7am Program at Cemetery | | | | | |