



Syracuse City Newsletter



April 2008

Mayor's Message

It looks like we are finally getting our first sit-down restaurant. Pizza Factory is coming. They have a number of locations in Utah, including Cedar City and St. George. They will locate across from the America First Credit Union on 1700 South.

Traveling east/west will be a little more difficult this summer. Layton City will be closing Gentile most of the season. It may even run into fall. This will place additional burdens on other east/west corridors, but Gentile really needs the improvement.

On March 14, Clearfield's Mayor, Don Wood, and I made a trip to St. George to make a presentation to the Transportation Commission. We asked them to fund an Environmental Impact Study on the widening and extension of 200 South, also known as State Route 193. This is the road at the northern edge of the field on which Syracuse High School sits. We would like to see that road extend to State Street in Clearfield. This would provide easy access to the interstate at the northern end of our City. It would also intercept much of the traffic from cities north of us, thereby reducing traffic on 1700 South. The improvement of this road is essential to the development of the economic zone we are planning in that area. The Transportation Commission voted unanimously to fund a \$1,000,000 study. This is the first step necessary to make this roadway a reality.

We may have a price increase coming for trash service. The rising cost of fuel is impacting garbage pickup companies, so an increase appears inevitable. The cost of gasoline seems to be impacting everything.

Spring is in the air, and I can't wait to reclaim my yard from old man winter. Remember to check your sprinkler systems. Secondary water will be coming soon!

On May 26, Syracuse will hold a Memorial Day observance at the City cemetery at 8 a.m. We are pleased to welcome Sgt. Jill Stevens, Miss Utah 2007, as our guest speaker. Sgt. Stevens is a member of the Utah National Guard's 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment serving as a medic. Memorial Day provides an important opportunity to teach our children about sacrifices made for our freedom. I appreciate the time we have to honor loved ones and others whose lives contributed much to our country and allowed my family to enjoy so many blessings. I look forward to seeing you there!

~ Fred

Public Hearings

The City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, **April 8**, during its regularly-scheduled meeting, beginning at 7 p.m., to consider an increase in the garbage collection rate.

Code Enforcement

As the Code Enforcement Officer, I appreciate our City residents for their cooperation in helping keep Syracuse beautiful and clean. Your patience and efforts to understand the various ordinances and laws contribute greatly to the benefit of the community as well as a reduction in my workload.

If you have plans to landscape or make other outside improvements on your property this year, please be aware that City, State, and Federal laws prohibit the intentional or careless dumping of any substance on the street that could wash into the storm drains and end up in our lakes and streams. Anyone delivering dirt, gravel, bark, etc. to your home must deposit such materials completely on private property. Although homeowners must maintain sidewalks and park strips, these areas are public rights-of-ways that must remain clear and safe.

No one may place, tape, tack, nail, or attach YARD SALE SIGNS in any way to power poles, stop signs, or park strip areas. City employees will remove and discard any such signs.

Accessory Buildings: City Ordinance allows no more than two accessory uses per lot. Accessory buildings may not encroach into any portion of a front or side yard and may not sit any closer than three feet to property lines. Be sure to check with the Planning & Zoning or Building departments before constructing any accessory building.

Last, but not least, please be mindful of the elderly or physically-challenged residents living in your neighborhood and offer to help where possible. Many struggle with yard maintenance and need just a little assistance now and then rather than a warning citation from the City. Working together builds strong relationships that benefit everyone.

Museum Happenings

The staff at the Cultural Center and Farm & Home Museum is busy with new artifacts and displays. We recently acquired an 1860 baby carriage complete with a 1920s doll! Plan a tour today to see all the historical family heirlooms and interesting artifacts that help tell the story of our community's history. Our volunteer staff is eager to share their knowledge about our museum's contents and the great people who settled this area beginning in 1876 when David Cook plowed the first furrow. Don't forget the other historical buildings that grace our complex: the Wilcox Cabin, the Thurgood Outhouse (out of service), and Max Waite's Barbershop, all restored and ready for your visits.

The Farmer's Market begins July 26 at 9 a.m. We will be taking vendor commitments beginning in May. A family garden is a great activity. Sell your extra produce at the Farmer's Market, and let your children see the "fruits" of their labors in dollars and cents.

Let us help you with your Family Reunion this summer! Please call ahead to schedule your family group tour.

Regular Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2-5 p.m., and Fridays 1-4 p.m.

Call 825-3633 to schedule an appointment for other times or for more information.

SGVA

The Syracuse Guild for Visual Arts meets in the Arts & Crafts room of the Community Center every second Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Those interested in participating, please contact Rose Brontmire at 825-1729.

Public Works

Roads

City Crews have been out surveying our roads for much needed repairs. Crews will begin construction in April and continue throughout the summer. Please be cautious while traveling through any work zones.

The City's street sweeper will be coming soon. Please keep your curbs and gutters clear, and trim any trees overhanging the road in accordance with the City's Land Use Ordinance 10-5-7(J): "Branches shall be pruned so that there shall be a minimum clear space of eleven feet above the surface of the street to allow for street maintenance equipment."

Secondary Water

Crews will begin charging secondary water lines on April 15, and property owners should have pressure by **April 21**. If you do not have full pressure by then, call the Public Works Dept. at 825-7235. To reduce the potential for flooding of your home and property, please ensure you close all valves and spigots tightly.

Illicit Connections

City Crews are locating illicit land drain connections, such as raingutter downspouts connected to the subsurface drainage system. Per the City's Subdivision Ordinance Title VIII Construction Specifications Section 11.3(e): "Roof drainage structures, storm gutters, or other above ground collection points are prohibited from connecting to or discharging storm water into City underground land drains or field drain main service lines."

Please eliminate such connections prior to City crews coming to your area for testing. If you need more information regarding this matter, please contact the Public Works office at 825-7235.

Parks

Thank you to all participants in the Adopt-a-Trail program.

Due to recent tagging and graffiti at the skate park, the City will close that facility for an undetermined amount of time. Please help keep our parks clean and vandalism free, including our skate park, by remaining watchful and alert.

Conserving Water Tip:

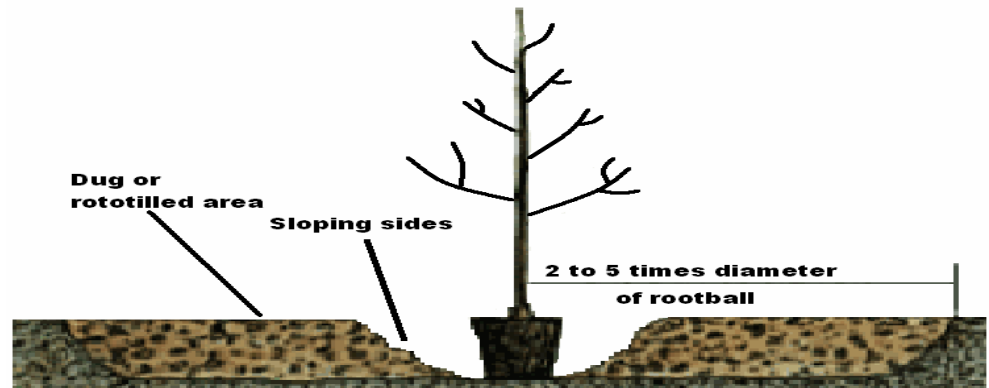
Putting a layer of mulch around trees and plants slows evaporation.

Syracuse no longer provides a spring or fall cleanup since the wood chipper has been out of service for three years now. Please haul your yard debris to the landfill or burn plant.



Syracuse City will be celebrating Arbor Day this year by planting trees at Bluff Ridge Park (876 West 2700 South) on Friday, April 25, at 11 a.m. This is a great opportunity to help as well as learn how to properly plant trees.

Here are some tips on how to plant a containerized tree: Ideally, dig or rototill an area one foot deep and approximately five times the diameter of the root ball. The prepared soil will encourage root growth beyond the root ball and result in a healthier tree. In transplanting, be sure to keep soil around the roots. Always handle a tree by the ball, not by the trunk or branches. Do not let the root ball dry out. Help prevent root girdling by vertically cutting any roots that show tendencies to circle the root ball. After placing the tree, pack soil firmly but



Miss Syracuse and Miss Syracuse Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageant

Local individuals and businesses may advertise in the Miss Syracuse Program by purchasing a full-color ad. Supporters will also receive recognition before and after each pageant and help ensure the scholarships and awards for this pageant are generous and worthy of the contestants' time and efforts. For pricing and sponsorship information, please call Heather Giacalone at 775-0304.

We are pleased to announce that Marti Skold of ABC4 News will be our Master of Ceremonies this year!

Utilities

City crews will begin reading residential water meters each month through October. The City billed each home the minimum monthly charge for culinary water usage between October 2007 and April 2008. This means your utility bill in May for April charges may be higher due to overages in water usages exceeding 10,000 gallons per month from November 2007 through March 2008.

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

Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District Landfill Facilities

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

Landfill hours:

Summer (Daylight Savings Time) 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays
Winter (Mountain Standard Time) 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays

Waste Energy Facility hours:

Year round 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays

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

Building Department

Technology advancements in the computer industry help us in many ways. We can communicate at the touch of a button through cell phones and e-mail. No more waiting for days while a letter or document comes from far away. Advancements in the auto industry keep us safer while driving, such as air bags, anti-lock brakes, G.P.S. systems, hands-free phones, and the list goes on and on. Homes are no exception. Technology provides home security systems, allows shopping and banking on line as well as the ability to conduct business around the world for a fraction of the cost, etc.

A fairly new piece of technology now required in homes for the last few years is a type of breaker, for the panel box, called an Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI for short). It looks similar to a Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) with a test button, much like the GFI, but only comes in breaker form. No outlet styles are available. They are proven to work as designed in helping prevent accidental fires in homes. The National Electrical Code required these for all new construction after 2002. The areas of effect are for all bedrooms.

Prior studies indicated the majority of all residential house fires resulted from arcing by damaged or faulty wiring. Arcing is an effect of damaged conductors (wiring) during installation, such as from staples to secure wiring or from nails and screws for the finish material or while hanging pictures or shelving. Once wiring incurs damage, small arcs form as the power source tries to make it back to the ground or earth. This small arc does not pull enough amperage to actually trip a breaker, set at 15 or 20 amperes, so it continues with no breaker protection. Each arc can produce temperatures in the thousands of degrees, resulting in fires inside walls, attic spaces, or wherever there is wood or other combustible materials in the home. The AFCI is an actual computer inside the breaker. It detects arc signals in the wiring in walls, thus tripping before an actual fire can occur.

For homes built this year, the computer industry improved the AFCI to detect arcing beyond the wall. Now it can detect things such as cords to protect against those that are worn and faulty still stuck behind dressers before they cause a fire. It will also detect minute damage caused to extension cords.

Even if your home was built prior to these amazing advancements required in all new residential construction, you can still acquire this important technology to protect your largest financial asset. Changing out these breakers can provide your existing home with the same protection as newer homes without much effort. If you would like an AFCI installed, please consult a licensed electrician. It only takes one faulty cord or wire to cause a lifetime of heartache.

For additional information, you may also call the Building Department at 614-9670.

The Syracuse Community Choir meets on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the Community Center. Join us and have some fun. For more information, call Shannon Elmer, the Choir Director, at 529-0562.

The choir will be performing at North Davis Junior High on April 17, at 7 p.m., and enjoying a dessert buffet afterwards. Tickets for the concert are \$3 at the door. Come enjoy the entertainment and some great Broadway music .

Community Center

Senior Citizens

Residents 60 years of age or older who would like to receive the Community Center Newsletter for Senior Citizens, call Tiffany, at 614-9658, or email your name, address, and phone number to tvigil@syracuseut.com.

Friday, April 11, will be a trip to the Tulip Festival at Thanksgiving Point. Cost is \$12 per person, which includes admission and lunch at Sweet Tomatoes! We leave at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:00 p.m. Payment is due at the time of reservation and is not refundable if cancelled after Wednesday, April 9.

The Monthly Birthday Celebration will be April 25, Friday, at 12:30 p.m. followed by Bingo with prizes. Make your reservation no later than Wednesday, April 23, by calling 614-9660, option 1. Join us even if it isn't your Birthday!

Saturday, April 12, at 4:00 p.m. will be Movie Night with "August Rush." Cost is \$3 per person, which includes dinner and the movie! Dinner will be at the Community Center and the movie at City Hall. Payment is due at the time of reservation and is not refundable if cancelled after Wednesday, April 9.

Recreation

Aerobic and Yoga Classes

Join the Community Center for aerobic step, sculpt and tone, and yoga classes every month, held two or three times a week depending on the class. For more information and pricing, call 614-9660.

Spring Tumbling Classes

Safety-certified instructors. Registration began April 1 and will run through April 18, with classes starting April 23 and continuing for six weeks. Lessons will be held once a week as follows:

9:30-10:15 a.m., pre-school tumbling 3 years old, \$35
10:15-11:00 a.m., pre-school tumbling 4 years old, \$35
11:00-11:30 a.m., moms and tots 18 months and older, \$35
4:00-5:00 p.m., beginning tumbling, \$40
5:00-6:00 p.m., intermediate tumbling, \$40
6:00-7:00 p.m., advanced tumbling, \$40

Healthy Pregnancy Classes

FREE, held every fourth Saturday from 10 a.m.-Noon. Registration not required. Call 773-2503 for more information.

Youth Karate Classes

Call Johnny Aranda, 544-7037, for registration information. Cost is \$30 for the first month.

Heritage Days- Syracuse Idol

Applications are now available at the Community Center. Registration will end April 30. Contestants must be Syracuse residents at least 13 years of age. Auditions will be held in May with the competition taking place during the Heritage Days Celebration the week of June 23.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Planning Commission 6pm Tumbling sign-ups begin	2	3	4	5
6	7 Court 2pm	8 City Council 7pm Public Hearing	9	10	11 Tulip Festival at Thanksgiving Point, 9:30am for senior citizens	12 Community Choir 8am SGVA mtg 10:30am Senior movie night @4pm
13	14 Court 2pm	15 Planning Commission 6pm _____	16 _____	17 Community Choir Concert @ 7p.m. _____	18 Tumbling sign-ups end	19 Community Choir 8am
20 _____	21 Court 2pm	22 City Council 7pm	23	24	25 Utility Payments Due 	26 Community Choir 8am Healthy Pregnancy Class 10am-Noon
27	28 Court 2pm	29	30 Syracuse Idol registration ends			