



Syracuse City Newsletter



Mayor's Message

Congratulations to the citizens of Syracuse on having the highest voter turnout in the State. Almost 51% of the registered voters cast their ballots in the recent election. This shows how much we all care about this great City in which we live. I look forward to working with our three new councilmembers, Alan Clark, Doug Hammond, and Doug Peterson, and am confident these fine men will be terrific representatives for our City. Also, I thank outgoing Councilmen Wally Peterson, Daniel Hammon, and Dean Steel for their service to Syracuse. Much has been accomplished during their time on the Council.

In this election, we also decided on two municipal referendums. Referendum #1 allowed citizens to determine the city's form of government. Referendum #2 gave us all a voice in deciding whether restaurants should be allowed to sell alcohol in Syracuse. Thank you to the sponsors of both referendums for bringing these issues before the citizens. With a 51% turnout, we now know the direction that residents prefer.

The Antelope closure for the underpass construction has been painful, to say the least. The timing could not have been worse. The sewer district had 2700 South closed for their construction (they were suppose to have been beyond 3000 West by now) and we had to start construction to avoid losing over \$1,000,000 in grant money. The residents on the west side of our City had to go through a maze to go shopping or get to work. As ugly as it has been, I can assure you the end product will be worth it. Our kids will have a safe way to cross Antelope on the way to school and those using the trail will not have to sprint across a 50 mph road. Thanks to all of you for your patience as we work to make our community better.

I received a number of complaints recently about dogs running loose in neighborhoods. It is not pleasant to pick up after dogs in your front yard when you don't even own one or to be bitten by a dog running loose. Davis County handles animal control in Syracuse, but lets remember to be responsible pet owners.

Congratulations to Officer Stan Penrod for being voted the Utah State D.A.R.E.

Officer of the Year. We are fortunate to have this fine officer serving our community and teaching our children. Take a minute to read the article about Stan in this month's newsletter. If you see Officer Penrod in the schools, please remember to thank him for the great job he is doing.

The holidays are rapidly approaching. We are thankful for the many places to shop in Syracuse this year. I hope you enjoy the holidays, and I wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2008.

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Guns -n- Hoses Charity Basketball Game

The 4th Annual Guns -n- Hoses will be held Friday, December 14, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the Syracuse High School.

Entrance into the game is \$2 per adult, \$1 per child, or \$10 per family.

This year, the Syracuse Police and Fire will be playing for Annalynn Olson, a seven year old girl diagnosed in August with Leukemia.

The Utah Jazz dancers will perform and concessions will be available as well as a silent auction that night.

Auction items will consist of gift certificates from local merchants and autographed memorabilia from the sports and entertainment industries.

We encourage everyone to come out and support this great cause.

If there are any businesses that would like to donate items for the Auction, please contact Syracuse Police and Fire at 825-4400.

Christmas Sing-Along

Saturday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center gym

Free

- Performances by the Syracuse and Clearfield High Schools and Syracuse Arts Academy choirs, the Syracuse Community Choir, and YOU!
- Special Guests: Santa and Mrs. Claus!!
- Children may bring their letters to Santa (free!) or purchase a form letter to mail to the North Pole for \$5.

Don't miss this fun holiday event for the whole family!!

SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS THANKS FOR VOTING!!!!

The Syracuse City General Election was held November 6, 2007. Of the 9,700 registered voters in Syracuse, 4,906 turned out to vote, equaling 50.58 percent. That is currently the highest in Davis County and the entire State of Utah. Thank you for taking an interest in your community and letting your voice be heard!

Congratulations to the three candidates elected to the Syracuse City Council by you, the voters. The Councilmembers-Elect who will be sworn into office on January 7, 2008, are:

Alan L. Clark
Doug Hammond
Douglas Peterson

There were also several other issues on the ballot. Below are the results, including how Syracuse City voted on the State-wide school voucher issue and the County-wide opinion question.

State Referendum (school voucher issue)

Votes for – 2040 (41.91%)
Votes against – 2828 (58.09%)

County Opinion Question (non-food items sales tax increase)

Votes for – 2045 (42.43%)
Votes against – 2775 (57.57%)

Syracuse Referendum #1 (Government)

Votes for – 2245 (46.19%)
Votes against – 2615 (53.81%)

Syracuse Referendum #2 (Beer Licensing)

Votes for – 3198 (65.65%)
Votes against – 1673 (34.35%)

The Presidential Election will be conducted in 2008, and the first opportunity to vote is not far away. The Western States Presidential Primary Election will be held February 5, 2008, with early voting available January 22 through February 1, 2008. Those residents not currently registered must do so no later than January 5, 2008, in order to vote in this election. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at City Hall or online at:

<http://www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerk/auditor/elections/registration.cfm>

For additional questions regarding any aspect of Syracuse City Municipal Elections, call the City Recorder, Cassie Brown, at 614-9633 or by emailing cbrown@syracuseut.com.

Conserving Water Tip:

Teach your children to turn off the faucets tightly after each use

Building Department

Winterizing Your Home

With the colder season upon us, there are several things homeowners can do to make winter time more secure and less expensive. The following ideas will hopefully be informative or even a reminder of things to do before the frost sets in.

- Exterior Hose Bibs:** Protect with an insulation cover to prevent the line on the back side from freezing on the interior of the wall.
- Conditioning Equipment:** Cover all swamp coolers and condenser units. Swamp coolers need an insulation pillow on the interior at the vent cover. Covering the unit on the exterior will prevent excess damage from snow and ice, thus prolonging the life of the equipment.
- Exterior Doors:** Replace any damaged or missing weather stripping on exterior doors to prevent heat from escaping the home.
- Furnace:** Change filters in furnace equipment at least every month, or more if necessary. If a furnace cannot breathe, it loses efficiency. This will also reduce dust throughout the home.
- Windows:** Cover basement windows. Even simply using blinds or curtains will make a big difference. Adding additional layers helps eliminate the transference of cold air through the glass. This will also help in upstairs windows as well.
- Exposed Duct Work:** Insulate exposed duct work in unfinished basements. The exposed duct work can lose between 15-20% of the heat generated by the furnace if not covered and joints sealed.

For a little cost now, the energy savings is well worth it in the end.

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The Syracuse Community Choir meets at 8 a.m. on Saturdays in the Community Center. We are preparing for the Christmas Concert at the Syracuse City Sing-Along on December 8, 2007. We still need more tenors and bass, and always need women singers. Come join us and have some fun. For more information, contact Shannon Elmer, Choir Director, at 529-0562.

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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Santa will be making his annual ride through town on the Syracuse Fire truck on Saturday, December 8, 2007, at 9:20 a.m. Santa is very excited to pass out candy to all the good boys and girls but is unable to visit dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs.

Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:

- Healing Connections LLC.....Aromatherapy and Life Coaching
- Moss Construction and Real Estate....Tractor Work and Real Estate
- Dandy Vending.....Vending Machines
- Julie's Jewelry Box.....Jewelry Sales
- L.L.P. Services.....Process Server
- Pat's Quality Cuts.....Beauty/Barber Shop
- Nalder Electric LLC.....Electrical
- KM&P Healthcare Staffing Solutions LLC.....Healthcare Staffing

SUB FOR SANTA

The Family Connection Center is hosting the Sub-for-Santa program again this year. In order to accomplish this worthwhile project, they need community support. Your donations will give a helping hand to parents in need who will shop in the "Christmas Store" so their children can have gifts for Christmas. Donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts will benefit 1,500 children ages 0-17.

Items most needed include:

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| Infant toys and blankets | Hand-held electronic games | Backpacks |
| Baby and Barbie dolls | Lego and building block sets | MP3 players |
| Art/craft supplies or sets | Children's videos and books | Shoes/clothing |
| Sports equipment | Camping/fishing equipment | Board games |
| Cars/trucks/accessories | Remote-control toys | Perfume/cologne |
| Makeup/nail-polish kits | Wallets/purses | Hair accessories |

Drop off donations at any of the following locations

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm:

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| East Layton
875 E Hwy 193
Layton
773-0712 | North Davis
1360 E 1450 S
Clearfield
397-2212 | South Davis
130 E 100 N
Bountiful
771-4642 |
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Museum Tidbits

The up-and-coming exhibit will be "Clothing Styles—Then and Now." We are looking for clean, vintage clothing in good condition that shows the styles in years past, from the early 1900's to the present. If you are willing to share them with the museum for a couple of months, starting in January, we would be most grateful. We are also in need of volunteers. If you like history and are looking for a way to serve our community, the museum is the place for you! Please call 825-3633 to volunteer or provide clothing for this exhibit.

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.

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

Bring your family and friends to see the museum with beautifully-decorated Christmas trees mixed throughout the building, and it's all FREE!

The display will run through December 4, open 5 to 8 nightly (except Sunday), after which the trees will be given to families facing difficulties this time of year. If anyone knows a family who could benefit from receiving a tree, please contact Kathi Carlson at 825-3716

Please remove all basketball standards from the streets so the snow plows can effectively do their job.

Syracuse City congratulates and welcomes TJ Peace as the City's IT Director. As we move into the new Civic Center, having him will help the move run smoothly.

SGVA

The Syracuse Guild for Visual Arts meets at the Community Center (Arts/Crafts Room) the first Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Those interested in participating, please contact Rose Brontmire at 825-1729

Merry Christmas from your Police Department

Here are a few tips to help you and your property stay safe during the holidays:

- Don't leave valuables in plain sight while shopping - use the trunk
- Watch each other's homes for vandalism to Christmas decorations
- With icy roads and sidewalks, drive and walk cautiously
- Use only clean, safe heating sources
- Do not let children take expensive Ipods, cell phones, or electronics to school

Fire Department

As the temperature outside starts to drop and attentions turn to the holidays, we hope everyone can enjoy time with their families. Please be conscientious about a few hazards that can sneak up on anyone this time of year.

Use candles with care. "When you go out, blow it out." Place candles a safe distance from anything flammable, and extinguish them before leaving the room.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), candle fires tripled over the last decade. Even worse, children between the ages of 5 and 9 were twice as likely to die in a home due to a candle fire. An NFPA candle survey showed that approximately 81% of adults inadvertently fell asleep while a candle was burning, and 41% of home candle fires started in the bedroom, resulting in 25% of associated fire deaths with 11% of home candle fires starting after someone fell asleep.

Tips for safe use in the home:

- Never leave candles unattended
- Keep lit candles at least 1 foot away from curtains, mattresses, and other flammable materials
- Use sturdy candle holders that won't tip over or burn and are large enough to hold dripping wax
- Burn candles on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces and trim candle wicks to 1/4 inch before lighting
- Keep candles, matches, and lighters away from children
- When lighting candles, keep hair and clothing away from flame
- Extinguish candles, when they burn to within 2 inches of the holder, using a snuffer or soft direct breath to avoid splattering wax
- For emergencies, use flashlights instead of candles
- Never use a candle when checking pilot lights or fueling equipment such as kerosene heaters or lanterns.

Public Works

You may have noticed the drilling rig moved from the well site on Antelope Drive. The development process is now complete, and the water samples are in the lab for analysis. The performance of this well showed enormous potential during the pumping test, and we believe this will be a great asset to Syracuse. Updates will come as the project moves forward.

When temperatures drop into the teens, water lines can freeze very easily. If you have experienced these problems in the past, please leave a small trickle of water running through your tap to prevent freezing this year.

The Public Works Department thanks you for your patience during the road closures for the underpass on Antelope Drive and the necessary sewer line upgrade on 2700 South and 3000 West. Construction on the underpass will cease by December 14th due to the weather. Development will resume as the weather breaks in spring. The underpass sections are in place, and the retaining wall sections are under construction. In the spring, the paving of the trail will commence, and the underpass will open for use.

The Public Works Department will be picking up trees from December 26 to January 4. Decorations must be removed prior to placing the tree curbside for pick up.

Utah D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year!

Stan Penrod was honored on November 8, 2007, at a Utah State luncheon, hosted by Frank Layden, as the D.A.R.E. Officer of the year. He was selected from hundreds of D.A.R.E. officers throughout the state who were nominated for this honor. He will also be honored at the annual Chief's/Sheriff's Conference in March of 2008.

Chief Wallace said, "He is the most recognized and appreciated officer of the Syracuse Police Department." Dozens of teachers and four principals from four schools wrote letters of support. One principal wrote, "Students saw law enforcement as an agency that supports and nurtures friendships and is fun to be around." Another principal wrote, "He makes himself available for any law-enforcement related issue we have, from a lost child to simple thefts." A teacher wrote, "I have never met someone more perfect for the job. He is Amazing! He is frequently listed by students as their favorite part of the 6th grade." Another teacher wrote, "Officer Penrod not only is a catalyst in the classroom, but in the community."

We are proud of Stan Penrod and the great job he is doing with our youth. If you haven't met him, ask your kids who he is. They love him.

Community Center

Senior Citizens

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

Christmas Lights Bus Tour Tuesday, December 4, at 5pm. If interested, call 614-9658 and leave a message.

Christmas Celebration Dinner Friday, December 21, at 5 pm in the Community Center. Cost is \$5 per person. Make a reservation at the Community Center by Tuesday, December 18.

Recreation

Youth Karate Classes

Cost is \$30, call Johnny Aranda, at 544-7037, for registration information.

Aerobic and Yoga Classes!

Come join us at the Community Center for aerobic step, sculpt and tone, and yoga classes. Our fun and energetic instructors are Cathy Moon and Laurie Taylor. Classes run every month, held two or three times a week depending on the class. For more information and pricing, call the Community Center at 614-9660

As winter approaches, remember the ordinance regarding parking. Syracuse City Ordinance, 11-14-9, states: *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. (1999)*

It is also unlawful to blow, shovel, or plow snow from private property onto public streets or rights of way, causing a hazard to vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

Snow Removal Priorities:

Main Roads: 1000 W, 2000 W (south of 1700 S), 2500 W, 3000 W, 4000 W, 700 S, 2700 S, Gentile, and Bluff Rd. Main subdivision arteries, municipality parking areas, cul-de-sacs, stub streets, park sidewalks, and parking lots.

Christmas/New Year's Day

Garbage Pick-up:

If your regular pick-up day falls on Christmas or New Year's Day, your garbage will be picked up the following business day.

"When in Doubt - Put it Out"

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SGVA 10:30 a.m. Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
2	3 Court @ 2 p.m.	4 Planning Commission @ 6 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Santa on Fire Truck Sing-Along @ 7 p.m. Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
9	10 Court @ 2 p.m.	11 City Council @ 7 p.m.	12	13 Traffic School @ 6 p.m.	14 Guns & Hoses @ 7 p.m.	15 Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
16	17 Court @ 2 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22 Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
23	24	25 City Offices Closed Christmas	26 Utility Payments Due	27	28	29
30	31					