



Syracuse City Newsletter



July 2008

Mayor's Message

Congratulations to Ashlee Benard, our new Miss Syracuse, and Haley Busby, our new Miss Outstanding Teen. The judges had their work cut out for them. We had beautiful, talented young women who entered the competition.

Heritage Days was fun as usual. Good food, fun events, and fireworks make for a great time in Syracuse. Each year, our Heritage Days celebration gets bigger and better. It could not be possible without our talented staff, who put in long hours, and the many volunteers who donate many hours to ensure a good time for all. I also must mention our sponsors. I hope you looked through the Miss Syracuse Pageant brochure and noted the sponsors along with the numerous sponsors who helped make other Heritage Days events possible. Let's make sure we return the favor by thinking of them first when we need services they offer.

Many residents are asking if Syracuse will offer a recycling program. We looked into it but have no immediate plans to offer this service. There are a couple of reasons we have not moved in this direction. The first is that most of the refuse collected from our City is already recycled. Most goes to the burn plant and incinerated. The steam generated from the refuse is sold to Hill Air Force Base and the proceeds help to keep our garbage collection fees low. Additionally, if you are interested in recycling on your own, there are companies that will provide you with containers and pick them up at your home. There is a fee associated with the pick up, but there would be one associated with a City program, too. Wasatch Integrated (the burn plant) is researching a countywide recycling program. Hopefully, this program will be implemented in the not-to-distant future.

The theaters are going full tilt and now we can even get a sandwich and a gelato before the show. The services keep coming. We should remember to patronize the retailers coming to our City.

Enjoy a safe 4th of July. ~ Fred

Building Department

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR HERITAGE DAYS SPONSORS!!!

- Wal-Mart of Syracuse
- R.C. Willey
- J-U-B Engineering
- Faye's Laundry and Dry Cleaning
- J&J Nursery
- Quiznos of Syracuse
- Coleman Orthodontics
- IHC Health Care
- Dignity Health and Hospice
- Lindquist Mortuary of Ogden
- Dr. Mike Gailey & Dr. Chris Neeley with Syracuse Family Dental Clinic
- Atlantis Pediatric Dentistry
- The Black Spool
- Black Island Farms

Additional sponsors will be recognized in the August Newsletter!!!

According to the International Code, Section R105.1 (adopted by the State of Utah and Syracuse City), any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this Code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

The Building Department has numerous outstanding, miscellaneous permits that never had the initial, follow-up, or final required inspections. These permits range from basements, garages, sheds, and pools to furnaces, water heaters, air conditioning, and more. Oftentimes, these permits began with a previous owner who forgot or was unable to finish the project and/or have the needed inspection(s).

If you think you may have an outstanding permit with us, please call our Department at 614-9670 or email to bleota@syracuseut.com, and we would be happy to check your address file. In the event you do, we will inform you of the needed steps to continue or close out your permit.

Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

Museum Happenings

The United States Flag display will be up through July 23. The Farmer's Market will begin Saturday, July 26 at 9a.m.

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.

In observance of Independence Day, Robinson Waste will pick up garbage on Saturday, July 5th, rather than Friday, July 4th. Garbage will be picked up Thursday, July 24th. "WHEN IN DOUBT, PUT IT OUT"

Information regarding DTEC will be discussed during the City Council meeting on August 12.

The Big Fix on Tour Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

Wednesday, July 2
1726 Heritage Lane
(Syracuse Museum parking lot)
8 a.m. until full. For more information on prices and pre-operative procedures, call 1-866-PETS FIX or log on to www.utahpets.org

Community Center

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.

Youth Karate Classes

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

Golf Lessons

The City and Glen Eagle Golf Course are teaming up again this year to offer golf lessons for youth ages 8-17. All skill levels are welcome. Youth participants will learn the basic fundamentals, rules, and golf etiquette. Session 2 sign-ups will be June 30-July 31 with lessons held August 11-13. Courses will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost is \$50. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 614-9660.

Syracuse Soccer

Sign-ups for Fall Soccer end July 25. This program is for children pre-Kindergarten (going into Kindergarten in Fall 2009) thru 6th grade age. Cost is \$40 for residents and \$55 for non-residents, this includes a jersey, shorts, and socks. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 614-9660.

Syracuse Storm Tackle Football

This program, part of WFFL (Wasatch Front Football League), is for youth ages 7-15 (participants may not be in High School). Registration ends July 18. Cost is \$75. Registration fee plus \$30 for Jersey. Each player must have a recent physical. A copy of a birth certificate must be provided to Syracuse Recreation (we do not keep them on file), proof of insurance, and proof of Syracuse residency (utility bill) upon registration. For more information, contact the Recreation Department at 614-9660.

Fireworks Safety

The Syracuse Fire Department encourages you to celebrate the 4th of July with family and friends. Please be especially safe and careful. With drought conditions existing in the area, we are at high risk for wild fires. Please be careful around vegetation, particularly next to homes and buildings. Have extinguishers, a hose, or other resources readily available in case of a fire. Fireworks are permitted 3 days before and 3 days after the 4th & 24th of July. Some safety tips to ensure a safe and happy holiday are:

- **Purchase fireworks from a reliable source**
- **Always read & follow the directions**
- **Have an adult present**
- **Only use fireworks outdoors and away from dry grass**
- **Make sure to have water close by**
- **Never experiment or make your own fireworks**
- **Do not re-light a "dud" (wait 10-15 min, then soak in a bucket of water)**
- **Light only one firework at a time**
- **Never give fireworks to small children**
- **Stay away from illegal explosives**
- **Wear eye protection & never have any part of your body over fireworks**
- **Never carry fireworks in your pocket, throw, or point fireworks at others**
- **Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water & then place them in a trash can**

Have a safe & enjoyable 4th of July!

A new City Fee Schedule has been adopted and will go into effect July 1st. Copies will be available at City Hall or on the City Website.

Utilities

Garbage Cans and Service

Do not fill residential garbage cans with dirt, cement, rocks, and/or construction/demolition debris. Please remember, such items are prohibited. If possible, keep your can in a secure place until the night before garbage day.

DO NOT OVERLOAD CANS

City staff and Robinson Waste receive many calls from homeowners requesting workers to return. This takes time and increases costs in gasoline and payroll for these drivers. We ask and remind you to put garbage cans out the night before pick-up day. Please make sure the debris in your can(s) will not jam, so cans will empty completely. For example, bagging grass will prevent the clippings from sticking to the can and retaining other trash underneath.

Robinson Waste drivers are also aware that some homeowners are refilling cans after the initial dumping and then reporting their can as missed. Such actions ultimately cost all the citizens of Syracuse more money in trash-collection fees. The drivers are now keeping notes on addresses that make these claims. If cans were refilled, you may see an additional charge applied to your utility bill.

Residents may not have more than three garbage cans. The first can is \$10.06 per month and extras are \$6.70 per can per month. Please call 825-1477 opt. 1 if you need extra cans.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping the City and Robinson Waste provide you with the best service possible!

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water is supplied by Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (Central). If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Michael Waite at (801) 614-9682. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

From Where Does My Water Come?

The Weber Basin Water Conservancy District's (District) drinking water supply comes from the Weber River and from several creeks along the Wasatch Front. Groundwater, primarily from the Delta Aquifer, is used to supplement surface water sources.

How Do I Get My Drinking Water?

Although a portion of drinking water originates as groundwater and is extracted from deep wells, the majority of the drinking water supply begins as surface water from the headwaters of the Weber River. Water is directed into a canal by a diversion dam. The water then flows through this canal whereupon it enters two large aqueducts. Several creeks along the Wasatch Front can feed into this aqueduct. From there, water is transported to each of the District's water treatment plants. After complete treatment, water is delivered to the cities or water improvement districts for final distribution to individual users.

What Is In My Drinking Water?

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring or are man made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. There are many connections to our water distribution system. When connections are properly installed and maintained, the concerns are very minimal. However, unapproved and improper piping changes or connections can adversely affect not only the availability, but also the quality, of the water. A cross connection may let polluted water or even chemicals mingle into the water supply system when not properly protected. This not only compromises the water quality but can also affect your health. So, what can we do? Do not make or allow improper connections at your homes. Even that unprotected garden hose lying in the puddle next to the driveway is a cross connection. The unprotected lawn sprinkler system after you have fertilized or sprayed is also a cross connection. When the cross connection is allowed to exist at your home it will affect you and your family first. If you'd like to learn more about helping to protect the quality of our water, call us for further information about ways you can help.

Water samples (as shown on the table) taken in July 2007, confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. The presence of these bacteria is usually a result of a problem with water treatment or the pipes which distribute the water, and indicates that the water may have been contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possible jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. When the monthly samples confirmed the presence of total coliform bacteria we took steps to identify and correct the problem. Subsequent monthly sampling has confirmed the absence of total coliforms in the water system.

Water Quality Data Table

The table below lists all drinking water contaminants we detected during the calendar year of this report. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

Bacteriologic Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in 5% of monthly samples	7	NA	2007	Y*	Naturally present in the environment
Radioactive Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	0	15	0.8	0.8	2003-2007	N	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Antimony (ppt)	6,000	6,000	600	NA	2003-2007	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries; fire retardants; ceramics; electronics; solder
Arsenic (ppt)	10,000	10,000	600	ND-600	2003-2007	N	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards; runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
Barium (ppm)	2,000	2,000	900	100-900	2003-2007	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium (ppt)	100,000	100,000	1,340	1,340	2003-2007	N	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (90th percentile result)	1,300	AL=1,300	558	558	2006	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride (ppb)	4,000	4,000	100	100	2003-2007	N	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (ppb)	10,000	10,000	100	100-1,400	2003-2007	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppt)	50,000	50,000	600	NA	2003-2007	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from mines
Sodium (ppb)	No MCL or MCLG has been established by EPA		39	39	2003-2007	N	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills.
Sulfate (ppm)	1,000	1,000	48	43-48	2003-2007	N	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills, runoff from cropland
TDS (ppm)	1000	1000	416	384-416	2003-2007	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbidity (NTU)	0.3	0.3	0.15	0.15	2003-2007	N	Soil runoff
Volatile Organic Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	NA	60	31.6	ND-31.6	2007	N	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories
TTHM (Total Trihalomethanes) (ppb)	NA	80	39.4	ND-39.4	2007	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Unregulated Contaminants							
Contaminant (units)	MCLG	MCL	Your Water	Range	Sample Date	Violation	
Group One							
Chloroform (ppb)			11.6	ND-11.6	2003-2007	N	
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)			5.1	ND-5.1	2003-2007	N	
Dibromochloromethane (ppb)			1.1	ND-1.1	2003-2007	N	

Miss Syracuse/Outstanding Teen Pageant

Thanks to all those involved with the Miss Syracuse/Miss Outstanding Teen Pageants the week of June 21. It was a great success and very entertaining for those who attended. A special thanks to our Master of Ceremonies, and resident of Syracuse, Marti Skold, for her excellence and willingness to be involved. Also, to the Miss Syracuse pageant committee for their volunteered time and many talents that make this such a wonderful event for all young women in our community.

We congratulate the contestants for all of their hard work and know they learned so much about themselves during this experience.

Our newest Miss Syracuse, crowned at the pageant, was Ashlee Benard. Her attendants were Karli Jenkins, Ashley Everett, and Marie Mayer. Our Heart of Syracuse was also awarded to Karli Jenkins. Crowned as Miss Syracuse Outstanding Teen was Haley Busby. Her attendants were Jacee Thornley, Rachel Wagner, and (named Spirit of Syracuse) Rachael Wabel. Congratulations to all of you and good luck with your year of service for your community.

Be sure to show support to our reigning Miss Syracuse, Julie Yamane, as she competes July 7-12 in the Miss Utah Pageant at Capital Theatre in Salt Lake City.

Finally, many thanks to all the sponsors of the pageant and their generous donations. This is a scholarship pageant and could not be funded without our community support.

A DVD of the pageant will be available at the Syracuse Community Center beginning July 12. The cost for these is \$20.00.



Code Enforcement

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds: The summer weed growing season is in full bloom. Weed abatement is a major issue, and the City appreciates the efforts by most of its citizens to comply with the weed abatement Ordinance. Please keep in mind the elderly and handicapped people in your community who may need help with the upkeep of their yards, and lend a hand when you see a need.

SWIMMING POOL SAFETY. While putting up your swimming pool, keep in mind a few safety issues and what the law is concerning them. Any pool capable of containing 24 inches of water **MUST** have a **building permit** and **MUST** have a 6' fence surrounding it. The gate must be self-closing and self-locking. Swimming pools **MUST** have a removable ladder. The swimming pool ordinance is on the City website: www.syracuseut.com.

Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:

Joseph Maurer Insurance Agency, Inc.....	Insurance
BowHunters Only Guides and Outfitters.....	Guide & Scouting Services
Rocky Mountain Property Inspections.....	Property Inspections
Aztec Eagle Express.....	Trucking
Date Night LLC.....	Day Care
Echovue Consulting LLC.....	Computer Consulting
Majestic Realty & Dev.....	Contractor & Realty
Cameo Weddings.....	Wedding Decorator
Syracuse Stadium Cinemas.....	Theater
Hot Shopper Inc.....	Advertisement Door Hangers
Sunrise 'til Sunset Lawncare Service.....	Lawncare
Michelle's School of Home Arts.....	Sewing Classes
Ice 9 Designs.....	Graphic Design
Dollar Tree.....	Retail Sales
Thrive Fitness.....	Fitness Center
JBP Photography.....	Photographer
Ace Hardware.....	Hardware Store
Double Scoop Deli.....	Italian Deli and Ice Cream

Syracuse Business Directories are available to the public in hard copy or online at www.syracuseut.com

SGVA

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

Summer Concert Series at Founder's Park

Mesa Drive in Concert
Saturday, July 19, 7:30PM
www.mesadrive.com

Shaun Barrowes in Concert
Saturday, August 16, 7:30PM
www.shaubarrowes.com

Check out our blog:
scachappenings.blogspot.com



Syracuse High School is in need of a school song and is seeking help from the community. Talented song writers interested in submitting an entry may do so by August 15. Mail entries to Syracuse High at: 665 South 2000 West, Syracuse, Attn. Craig Hansen. The school mascot is a Titan, and the colors are blue and green. Contact Principal Hansen, at 402-7900, or Pat Zaugg, Community Council Chairperson, at 825-9856 with questions.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Conserving Water Tip: Set lawn mower blades one notch higher. Longer grass means less evaporation.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	
	Planning Commission 6p.m.	The Big Fix		Independence Day CITY OFFICES CLOSED		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Court 2pm	City Council 7p.m.				SGVA mtg 10:30am
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Court 2pm	Planning Commission 6p.m.			Football sign-ups end	Mesa Drive in Concert @ 7:30p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Court 2pm	City Council 7p.m.		Pioneer Day CITY OFFICES CLOSED	Soccer sign-ups end Utility Payments Due	
27	28	29	30	31		
	Court 2pm			Golf sign-ups end		