



Syracuse City Newsletter



May 2008

Mayor's Message

There are many ongoing projects in our city to update you on:

- The underpass for the trail system is about 90% complete. I've already seen people using it to safely cross Antelope. The City has budgeted the money to attach the trail to the underpass. If the City Council approves that money, construction could start soon.
- The widening of Antelope is progressing..... just not as fast as we would all like. UDOT is in the design phase and has started acquisition of property. If the acquisition of property goes smoothly we hope to see dirt moving in Spring of '09.
- Footings have been poured for the new fire station and construction should move along smoothly. The addition of this station was necessary to house our equipment, provide quality service for our community, and meet requirements to keep our home insurance rates low.
- The addition to the public works building is complete and the remodel of the police station ought to be complete in fall of this year.
- The City has been approved by the U.S. Postal Service to open the much awaited post office in the City Hall. City employees should enter training early June. Hours for our Post Office have yet to be established.

Please check your sprinklers to ensure that you are making the best use of secondary water. We have had one good water year. Let's be conservative with our water usage and see if we can let Mother Nature catch up a little.

Enjoy the Spring. Take the family down to catch dinner at Jensen Park. It will make a great family outing. If you fish as well as I do, I recommend bringing along some hot dogs!

~ Fred

On May 26, Syracuse will hold a Memorial Day observance at the City cemetery at 8 a.m. Sgt. Jill Stevens, Miss Utah 2007, will be the guest speaker. Sgt. Stevens is a member of the Utah National Guard's 1st Battalion, 211th Aviation Regiment serving as a medic.

The City Council desires to create an audit committee. If interested please submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the City Hall.

Notice of a Public Meeting to Discuss the Davis Technology Economic Cooperative (DTEC) Planning Effort

The Communities of Clearfield, Syracuse, and West Point have scheduled a public informational meeting on May 13th from 5 pm to 6 pm for the purpose of introducing land use planning ideas for the area north of 700 South in Syracuse to 300 North in West Point and Clearfield. The meeting will be held at the Syracuse City Municipal building 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse UT. Landowners and residents are invited to attend the meeting.

The meeting will provide information to the public relative to future land use planning to be undertaken for the area. The three Cities have recently entered into an agreement to jointly plan future land uses and development options surrounding the 200 South (SR193) transportation corridor. Future extension of 200 South (SR193) to the west presents a unique opportunity and the need to plan and determine what future land use(s) and development of this area should entail. Furthermore, a major part of this planning effort is to create the opportunity and provision of needed services within the three communities. Landowners and the public will be invited throughout the plan development to provide input and be involved in the planning effort. This is the first step in that direction.

The 200 South area consists of approximately 1050 acres of open land with various land uses such as: agriculture uses, limited residential areas and some light industrial uses. In order to help interested persons understand the location of this property it is situated as surrounding the Syracuse High School to the north and east, with additional land west of 2000 West and north of 700 South. In addition, land east of 1000 West and south of 200 South into Clearfield City is part of the study area. Residents and business owners of all communities are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be used for a presentation of land use planning ideas, scope of planning efforts, and general information. Presentation of planning timelines and public involvement opportunities within the study will also be discussed. For more information call 614-9622.

Museum Happenings

If you are looking for a fun, learning experience for your family, why not come to the Syracuse Museum? We will be open on Memorial Day from 1-4 PM. Admission is free, and you don't have to dress up. (No muddy boots please) We have activities to fit all ages. Our cow moos, and our "Granny" and "The Ol' Farmer" are happy to tell you about what it was like to live here in Syracuse one hundred years ago. We have recently acquired some new, unusual tools. We have many varieties of tools that were used on the farm and around the house. Many have the same look as the modern varieties. Come to the Blacksmith Shop at the Syracuse Farm and Home Museum and see the tools and the beautiful murals on the walls painted by our local artist, Val Chadwick Bagley.

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.

The Syracuse Museum Foundation is accepting applications for additional **Heritage Lane Markers** to be placed adjacent to the sidewalks in the park east of the old City Hall. The purpose of these markers is to honor individuals and/or couples who have contributed to the development of our great community. These individuals may include current as well as prior generations.

We are asking for a tax-deductible contribution of \$500 for each marker. The marker is made of granite and will have the applicants name(s) engraved thereon along with a hand plow logo and will be embedded in a concrete base adjacent to the sidewalk. A flowering tree will also be planted behind each marker.

Anyone interested in a **Heritage Lane Marker** should contact DeLore Thurgood at 825-1752 or the Museum 825-3633, for an application form.

Code Enforcement

The City wishes to address the matter of sidewalk safety. Sidewalks play an important role in keeping everyone safe. Whenever a vehicle, trailer, skateboard ramp, etc. obstructs the sidewalk, people usually go around them by walking in the street. Please be aware of this important issue. Objects obstructing sidewalks are subject to a citation.

Another issue involving sidewalks during the summer months is shrubbery and weeds, especially puncture vines. Shrubby must not encroach upon the sidewalks. Puncture weeds are not to be allowed to grow in the park strips or obstruct the sidewalks. Thanks for doing your part to help keep the city safe and beautiful. If you see an unsafe condition, please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 499-6143.

National Building Safety week is May 5-11. For more information call the Building Department at 614-9670

Youth Court Applications are available at Syracuse Jr. High, Syracuse High, and City Hall. These applications must be turned into City Hall by June 13.

Miss Syracuse/Outstanding Teen Pageant

The Miss Syracuse and Miss Syracuse Outstanding Teen Scholarship Pageants are quickly approaching. We invite the community of Syracuse to attend our pageants. Please come and support the contestants! Both pageants will be held Saturday, June 21 at Syracuse High School Auditorium. The Teen pageant will be from 4 - 6 p.m., the Miss Syracuse pageant will follow from 7 - 9 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or pre-sold by all participating contestants. The cost of tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 years and under. This price includes admission to both pageants.

We are privileged to have ABC 4 news anchor, Marti Skold, as our emcee for the pageants. We know you will enjoy our production and be amazed with the intelligence, talent, and beauty of our pageant contestants. We have 10 Teen contestants vying for the teen crown, they are: Haley Busby, Ryley Mize, Marci Jenkins, Britney Smith, Jacee Thornley, Ryley Vaughn, Rachael Wabel, Rachel Wagner, and Kaila Waite. There are six contestants competing for the Miss Syracuse title. These young ladies are: Ashlee Bernard, Ashley Everett, Karli Jenkins, Elizabeth Mayer, Marie Mayer, and Sadie Taggart. We wish them all the best of luck!

We are in great need of sponsorship money and there is great ad space still available in our pageant program. Those interested in donating monies for scholarship funds or want to purchase an ad, please call Heather Giacalone at 775-0340 or Lynette McKenzie at 773-8957. We appreciate all of the community support, the scholarship pageant can not be successful without your generosity.

The Big Fix on Tour Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

Monday, May 19 at 1726 Heritage Lane (Syracuse Museum parking lot) at 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

SGVA

Come enjoy the second annual Art Gala hosted by the SGVA. It will be held Saturday, May 24th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Several artists will be displaying works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, photography, and more. Artists will be in attendance to answer questions and share ideas. There will be demonstrations, refreshments, and live music to make an enjoyable evening for all who attend. For more information contact Rose Brontmire at rbrontmire@msn.com.

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.

CERT

The Fire Department will be having a mock disaster on May 10th as part of the spring 2008 CERT class. Anyone who is CERT certified is invited to attend to practice their skills or ask questions. The mock disaster will be held at the fire station. Please bring your CERT equipment. Also on May 13th at 9:00 a.m., the second of four refresher classes will be held at the fire station. This class is also for CERT certified citizens who want to practice their skills or ask questions.

Clearfield High School is sponsoring an All Night Graduation Party for the Class of '08. The party will be May 29. This activity provides a fun safe environment for our seniors to celebrate. There are 681 seniors this year. An event like this costs thousands of dollars. Anyone who would like to make a donation for this party, please contact Tracy Muggleston at 776-1075. Lets support this safe Graduation Party and encourage your seniors to attend.

Syracuse City Staff welcomes G.J. LaBonty as the new Community Development Director. He will be a great asset to the City as our Community continues to grow.

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.

Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:

Golden Halo Donuts.....Donut Concessions
7 Heaven Designs.....Graphic Design
North Davis Marketing Corp.....Marketing & Mortgage Processing
ProActive Cleaning.....Janitorial
ThunderHeart Studios.....Fitness Supplies & Offsite Programs
Heritage Counseling.....Mental Health Therapy
Endless Summer.....Tanning
Super Kids Child Care Academy.....Childcare/Preschool
Campus Book Rentals, LLC.....Online Textbook Rentals
Lepore Custom Coatings LLC.....Decorative Concrete Overlays
E-DVD Sales.....Internet Sales
Bad Ass Choppers.....Motorcycle Parts & Modifications
Mike's Home Service.....Handyman
Focal-Point Photography.....Photography
Beverly's Home Daycare.....Daycare
Anya.....Custom Jewelry
Premier Lawn Care & Maintenance.....Lawn Care
Outlaw Powersports.....Motorcycles, scooter, & ATV Sales

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

Building Department

It is time to convert our HVAC systems in our homes from heating to cooling. This transition will require inspection of your air filters and possibly changing them. Be mindful of the type of filter you use. Some filters cause too much friction for air to pass and do not allow your cooling system to operate properly, especially the one inch pleated type. Make sure you pull off any covers that may be on your compressor before turning on your A/C. Inspect your compressor for debris in the unit and clear it by simply hosing it out or cleaning by hand if the material is larger particles. Make sure the compressor is turned off before doing any work on it. Air conditioning is all functional on air movement. If you use a filter that is dirty or too restrictive then you will have freezing problems on your compressor and your A/C will move air through the blower, but will not cool the air. Some options for better filters would be going to a four inch instead of the standard one inch. This will require some work from a contractor to accommodate the larger size. These media type filters are less restrictive and require changing less often. Of course there is a larger cost difference, but the quality of air and amount of air provided to your system make a large difference. There are some types of media filters that will allow for washing and can last up to 5 to 7 years. There are electronic filters that may also be installed that take the efficiency up to 97 percent, where most four inch media filters are only 70-80 percent efficient. So as you start up your A/C unit this year simple things that can be done to improve the function of your systems starts at the filter. Enjoy your spring and upcoming summer. For further questions in regards to this article please call the Building Department at 614-9670.



Safe Kids Davis County invites you to kick off a safe summer with us at our 8th annual Safe Kids Fest. The Safe Kids Fest will be held on May 31 from 10 - 2 p.m. at Ellison Park in Layton (700 North 2200 West). The fest will have over 50 interactive booths that all provide a message on ways to stay safe this summer. In addition to the booths we have 5050BMX.com doing bike stunt shows throughout the day. Radio Disney, Jazz Dancers, Jazz Bear, and Stingers' Bumble will all be at the fest to welcome you as well.

The Safe Kids Fest is held in conjunction with National Safe Kids Week. The theme for Safe Kids Week is Gear up for Safety. In order to help you Gear up for a safe summer, Safe Kids Davis County is providing 250 Free Bicycle Helmets (numbers distributed at 10). In addition to the bicycle helmets you can sign up for free booster seats, a basketball standard and many other prizes. If you have further questions, please call Safe Kids Davis County at 451-3395.

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.

Community Center

Senior Citizens

Friday, May 23 will be a Senior Citizen trip! We will ride the new front runner to salt lake and enjoy lunch at the Gateway. Cost is \$12 for Syracuse Senior Citizens, and \$17 for Non-Resident Senior Citizens. We will leave at 10:30 a.m. and should return around 2:30 p.m. Payment is due at the time of reservation and is not refundable if cancelled after Wednesday, May 21.

The Monthly Birthday Celebration will be Friday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. followed by Bingo with prizes. Make your reservation no later than Wednesday, May 28, by calling 614-9660, option 1. Join us even if it isn't your Birthday!

Saturday, May 31 at 5pm will be Movie Night with "Legend of the Waterhorse". Cost is \$3 per person, which includes dinner and the movie! Dinner will be at the Community Center and the movie will be at City Hall. Payment is due at the time of reservation and is not refundable if cancelled after Wednesday, May 28.

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.

Senior Gala-"Those Were the Days"

All Senior Citizens and supporters of Seniors please come enjoy a night of dancing and big band music (a light meal will be served). Student dance partners will be provided, or bring your favorite one! This fun event will be held at Davis High School, May 21 from 6-9 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Contact the Community Center at 614-9660 or the Davis County Health Department at 451-3377. Please remember this event is "Best Dress".



Syracuse High School proudly presents their Spring Dance Concert, "Imagination". This event will be held in the Syracuse High School Auditorium, May 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, ages 3-12.

Bring the entire family to enjoy performances by the Syracuse High Danceline, Social Dance Class, and Syracuse High Intermediate Dance Class.

WANTED - Host Families for French Home-Stay Students

Would you like to open your home to a student from France for a few weeks this summer? It is a great way to teach your family about other cultures while the student learns about yours. Students are waiting to be placed now. Please contact Shelly Thorne at 801-668-0124 or ssthorne@netutah.net.

Conserving Water Tip:

Water during the cool parts of the day. Early morning is better than dusk because it helps prevent the growth of fungus.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Court 2pm	6 Planning Commission 6p.m.	7	8	9	10 Community Choir 8am SGVA mtg 10:30am
	Nation Building Safety Week					
11	12 Court 2pm	13 City Council 7p.m. DTEC Meeting 5p.m.	14	15	16 Syracuse High Dance Concert @ 7p.m.	17 Community Choir 8am
18	19 Court 2pm The Big Fix 8a.m.	20 Planning Commission 6p.m.	21 Senior Gala 6-9p.m.	22	23 Senior Citizen Trip 10:30 a.m.	24 Community Choir 8am Art Gala 5:30-7:30p.m.
25	26 Memorial Day Observance MEMORIAL DAY	27 City Council 7p.m. Utility Payments Due	28	29 Clearfield High Graduation Party	30 Senior Citizen Birthday Luncheon 12:30 p.m.	31 Senior Citizen Movie Night 5 p.m. Safe Kids Fest 10-2 p.m.