



Syracuse City Newsletter



Mayor's Message

You may have noticed a drilling rig on the south side of Antelope Drive right near the border of Syracuse and Clearfield. We are re-drilling a water well that was about 600 feet and tapped into a shallow aquifer. It provided Syracuse with water for many years but eventually filled with sand. We drilled in the same place but went down 1,000 feet to the larger, deeper aquifer. It will cost Syracuse over a million dollars to complete, but the well should be a good source of culinary water our City requires and will greatly reduce our dependency on the Weber Basin Water District. Water is blue gold. This well will insure our water needs now and into the foreseeable future. We must continue to look ahead five, ten, and even twenty years in our planning. I'll keep you posted on the number of gallons the well will produce.

I received a number of complaints about dog waste left on the trail. The City provides bags on the trail for owners to clean up after their dogs, or you may bring your own bag. Please do not force us to ban dogs from the trail. My dog Mickey will be very upset.

I expect to hear from Washington this month whether Congress passed the funding for the two earmarked grants we are pursuing (\$300,000 for our new civic center and \$500,000 for water line improvements). Syracuse has been very successful in acquiring federal money. Let's hope we are successful again this year.

Don't forget to vote on November 6th to help decide many important State, County, and Municipal issues. Remember, when you vote on a local issue, you are exercising your most powerful and important right. There have been a number of races in Davis and Weber Counties decided by a mere handful of votes. Make sure your voice is heard.

This year, as you celebrate Thanksgiving with your loved ones, take a moment to remember those serving in our armed forces. Pray for their safety and speedy return.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Fred

Turkey Trot Fun Run

Bring the whole family to this year's 7th annual Turkey Trot Fun Run on November 17. Registration will take place the day of the run, from 7:30-8:30 a.m., at City Hall. Choose between a 5K run or 1-mile walk. A 1-mile run is also available for youth 10 years and younger. First-place winners will receive turkeys, and second-place winners will receive pies. This event is FREE, but please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Utah Food Bank!!! The 1-mile walk will begin at 8:45 a.m., and the 5K will begin at 9:00 a.m.



SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



The General Election will be held November 6, 2007. All registered voters will vote at the Syracuse Community Center, 1912 West 1900 South. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. *Please enter through the south doors*****

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET OUT AND VOTE!! If you recently moved to Syracuse from any other city in the state and have not updated your voter registration information, please do not let that keep you from voting. You may still go to the polls on November 6, present a valid picture ID as well as proof of Syracuse residency (utility bill, personal check, etc. with your name and address on it) and vote a provisional ballot.

In addition to the statewide ballot issues, Syracuse residents will vote for three candidates as well as two referendum issues. The list of candidates and the language for the two referenda will appear on the ballot as follows:

Alan L. Clark
Doug Hammond
Byron Hellewell
Douglas Peterson
Larry Shingleton
Dean Steel

Citizens City Referendum No. 1: Shall Ordinance 06-20 of Syracuse City be approved? The Ordinance was passed in October 2006. Ordinance 06-20 provides language specifying City's form of government. It removes the Mayor's title of Chief Executive Officer. It changes the title of the office of City Administrator to City Manager who reports to the Governing Body as a whole rather than the Mayor only and designates the Manager as the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The Ordinance provides that the City Manager shall review and recommend contracts to the City Council and shall sign the contracts on behalf of the City.

FOR
AGAINST

To vote for the Ordinance, place a cross (X) in the square after the word "For." To vote against the Ordinance, place a cross (X) in the square after the word "Against."

Citizens City Referendum No. 2: Shall Ordinance 06-26 of Syracuse City be approved? The Ordinance was passed in February 2007. Ordinance 06-26 amends the City's beer licensing regulations by creating a license classification to allow beer consumption on licensed premises. The Ordinance requires licensed restaurants be located minimum distances from: public buildings, parks, playgrounds, libraries, schools, and churches. The Ordinance also provides regulations for the issuance of such licenses regarding hours of service, permitted activities, and applicant qualifications.

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Two voter information pamphlets regarding the two referenda issues were mailed to each resident of the City. Please take the time to review these pamphlets to better educate yourself regarding the issues on which you are being asked to vote.

Please direct additional questions regarding any aspect of Syracuse City municipal elections to the City Recorder, Cassie Brown, at 614-9633 or email cbrown@syracuseut.com.

THANK YOU!!!

This year's Pumpkin Walk was a huge success! Syracuse City thanks all those who helped make it such a fun event: Melinda Allred, the Chester and Beverly Montgomery family and friends, city employees, and the many youth groups who helped pick pumpkins and the many volunteers who did an amazing job carving the pumpkins. Also, thank you to the Youth Council and their leaders for a great Haunted House!

A huge Thank You to Charlie Black of Black Island Farms for donating all of the pumpkins and to Wal-Mart for their large financial contribution.

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 our exhibit.

Be sure to come visit the Museum November 7-16 for the Veteran's Day display.

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 from November 23 to December 4, opened 5 to 8 nightly (except Sundays). Christmas trees will be given to families having difficulties this time of year. If anyone knows a family who could benefit from receiving a tree, please contact Kathi Carlson at 825-3716

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.

Our Syracuse Community Choir needs more people who love to sing. We will be starting our Christmas music soon and are already working on some great Broadway tunes for our concert in January. We meet every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. in the Syracuse Community Center to practice. Please join us, and have an even more meaningful Christmas Season by learning this beautiful Christmas music. Call our Director, Shannon Elmer, at 529-0562, for more information. We could really use a few more tenors and bass.

Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:

- Christensen Endodontics.....Dental
- Stall Line Painting.....Parking Lot Striping
- Van Duker Real Estate Appraisal LLC.....Real Estate Appraisal
- Twin Pine Homes Corp.....Home Building
- Amazing Janitorial Supplies LLC.....Janitorial Supplies
- Quickpro.....Tax Services
- Textures by Design.....Crafts
- Bryan's PowerVac.....Air Duct Cleaning
- JJ Creek Landscaping and Maintenance.....Landscaping & Maintenance
- Chadd Watson, State Farm.....Insurance—State Farm
- Ignite Photo & Sound.....DJ and Photography
- Hairs to Deb.....Hair Salon

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:

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

Drop off donations at any of the following locations

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm:

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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Conserving Water Tip:

Keep a bottle of drinking water in the refrigerator. This beats the wasteful habit of running tap water to cool it for drinking.

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

Youth Council Corner

First, a BIG THANKS goes to the City for providing the Youth Council with a tent to use for the Haunted House. We had a great time and hope the children enjoyed their "little scare." We collected over 500 cans of food!

You may also want to come see our decorated Christmas tree on display at the 3rd Annual Christmas Tree in the Home and Farm Museum the day after Thanksgiving. You've never seen a tree like this!

Now is the time to get your beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season. Please stop by City Hall to place an order. Look for the order form on the table in the lobby. We will deliver them on November 30. Thank you in advance! All the funds raised will go towards our Sub-for-Santa project for our community. We love serving our generous City; it is a joy to live and go to school in Syracuse!

Youth Council Public Relations Committee

Miss Syracuse Outstanding Teen to compete at State Teen Pageant

Syracuse and the Miss Syracuse Pageant Committee extend a warm and applauding congratulations to Shawnee Haycock, crowned our Miss Syracuse Outstanding Teen in June. We wish her the best of luck as she journeys on to the State level of Miss Utah's Outstanding Teen Pageant held on November 9, 2007. We know Shawnee will represent our City honorably and make us very proud. We love you Shawnee!

As an escort to Shawnee, we introduce our "Little Princess of Syracuse," Keyera Taylor. She is 8 years old, the daughter of Corey and Denise Taylor, has an older sister and a younger brother and enjoys dancing, singing, tumbling, and school.

We invite anyone who can attend to support these beautiful young ladies on their special night this November at the Covey Centre for Arts in Provo, Utah.

Building Department

When Do I Need a Building Permit?

City staff hears this question on a regular basis. Often-times, homeowners may not even think about improvements needing a permit or other involvement from the City. However, the building codes and zoning laws are in place to help us have a safer community. Most building codes resulted from experiences of loss of life or serious injury, while others derived from escalating insurance costs due to loss from fire, and still others were enacted for the general health of residents within a dwelling or community.

A portion of the International Residential Code is quoted below to help clarify what requires a permit.

"Anyone who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, 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."

This means the completion of any basement, addition of a hot tub, deck, pool, or air conditioner, changing of a water-heater, furnace, and/or the addition of any electrical wiring, plumbing, or heating requires a permit.

The following are exemptions:

Building:

- One story detached accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet.
- Fences not exceeding 6 feet. high
- Retaining walls up to 4 feet. in height, measured from footing to top of wall, unless supporting a surcharge (surcharge includes bearing loads of structures and/or vehicles).
- Water tanks (not pools) supported directly upon the grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter does not exceed 2 to 1.
- Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over a basement or story below
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finish work
- Prefabricated swimming pools **less than 24 inches deep**
- Swings and other playground equipment accessory to a one- or two-family dwelling
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall

Electrical:

- Repairs and maintenance

Gas:

- Portable heating, cooking, or clothes dryer appliances
- Replacement of minor parts of equipment

Mechanical:

- Portable heating, ventilating, cooling, or evaporative cooler units
- Self contained refrigerant systems
- Replacement of minor parts

Plumbing:

- Stoppage of leaks or clearing of stoppages

The City can prevent "accidents waiting to happen" if we are aware of the work. Help us make Syracuse a safer place by contacting the Building Department before starting a project. It may save you time and money since corrections can be costly!

A word of advice, always check on the home you are about to purchase to verify the builder acquired all legal permits and the City performed all required inspections and granted occupancy for any basement, shed, garage, or additions. Most cities have a record of the amenities authorized on any property.

Utilities

The following are the newly adjusted residential utility billing rates:

Culinary water	(WAT) now \$11.95, before \$15.80
Sewer	(SEW) now \$10.00, before \$8.05
Garbage	(GAR) 1st can now \$9.50, before \$13.00 (no change on extra cans)
Storm Sewer	(St S) now \$3.00, before \$2.00
Secondary Water	(2W) now \$14.50 on ¾", before \$12.10; \$20.50 on 1", before \$18.10

The rates were decreased by \$2.00 overall.

The Big Fix on Tour Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic

Wednesday, November 28
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

SGVA

The Syracuse Guild for Visual Arts is looking for artists in the area to become participating members. The SGVA 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

Signs, signs, there are a lot—even in places where they should not! Yard and garage sale signs, real estate signs, day care signs, etc. etc. etc. may not be staked, taped, tacked, glued, or nailed to any utility pole, light pole, stop sign, speed limit sign, or posted in the park strip area of Syracuse City. Signage placed in or on any of these areas is illegal, and the Code Enforcement Officer will confiscate and dispose of them. Citizens may also be subject to a citation for this violation.

The Code Enforcement Officer will now be working Saturdays to enforce this law.

If you own or have control over any property in Syracuse, you must control the weed growth. Current law requires property owners to abate all noxious weeds. Puncture weeds must not encroach upon sidewalks.

Trailers, RV's, and unregistered vehicles are not to be left on the street for over 24 hours and will be subject to towing and a citation.

Community Center/Recreation

Senior Citizens

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

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Birthday Celebration Lunch November 30, at 12:30 p.m.
Call 614-9658 and leave a message to make your reservation.

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

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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.

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pricing, call the Community Center at 614-9660.

Youth Karate Classes

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

Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration

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Registration ends November 3 at the Community Center. This program is for youth in grades 1-12. Fees are:
1st-6th graders= \$40 7th-12th graders= \$45
(Non-residents are an additional \$15)

Aerobic and Yoga Classes!

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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 for four-weeks, held two or three times a week depending on the class. For more information and pricing, call the Community Center at 614-9660.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Jr. Jazz Sign-ups End SGVA 10:30 a.m. Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
4	5 Court @ 2 p.m.	6 ELECTION DAY! Vote at Community Center Planning Commission @ 6 p.m.	7 Veteran's Day Display @ Museum Begins	8 Traffic School @ 6 p.m.	9	10 Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
11	12 Veteran's Day City Offices Closed	13 City Council @ 7 p.m.	14	15	16 Veteran's Day Display @ Museum Ends	17 Turkey Trot Fun Run @ 7:30 a.m. Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
18	19 Court @ 2 p.m.	20 Planning Commission @ 6 p.m.	21	22 City Offices Closed Thanksgiving	23 City Offices Closed Christmas Tree Display Begins	24 Community Choir @ 8 a.m.
25	26 Court @ 2 p.m. Utility Payments Due	27 City Council @ 7 p.m.	28 The Big Fix @ 8 a.m.	28	30 Senior Citizen Birthday Celebration @ 12:30 p.m.	