



Syracuse City Newsletter



October 2008

Mayor's Message

Finally...we have a Post Office in Syracuse. We have been working on this for years, so I am pleased to announce that our Post Office is now open. Revenues from this postal annex will help offset the labor costs for its operation. The impact to our budget should be minimal while offering a great service to our residents.

City staff also completed the final connection and paving of our trail system. Now, the underpass (beneath Antelope) connects the northern portion of our trail system to the southern portion, so residents can bike, rollerblade, or walk from 700 South to Jensen Park. We did the work on this final leg "in house," saving thousands of tax dollars. I appreciate our Public Works team for a job well done. This is one of the most heavily used amenities in Syracuse, and it just keeps getting better.

Warren's Drive-In was given site plan approval to build a restaurant near Ace Hardware. However, it will probably not open until early next year.

It appears as though we will be losing Starbucks. Their Corporation announced the closure of 200 stores, and ours is one of them. It is unfortunate Starbucks would have internal problems right after our store opened. We will have to expect some turnover as the new retail centers develop.

Larry Shingleton will be filling the vacancy left on the City Council when Phillip Orton resigned. Larry will serve the remaining 15 months of Phil's term.

Secondary water will be shut off this month. Make sure you prep your sprinkler system for winter.

Remember, October is Pumpkin Walk time!!!

~ Fred

Syracuse City Pumpkin Walk

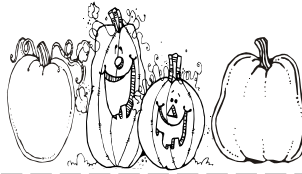


October 23, 24, & 25, 2008

7-10p.m.

Centennial Park
(Behind old City Hall)
1787 South 2000 West
For more information,
call 614-9660 opt. 1

Free!!!
For the whole family!



**SECONDARY WATER WILL BE
TURNED OFF OCTOBER 15,
2008, UNTIL APRIL 15, 2009.**

HELP!!!

Syracuse City needs volunteers to help carve 1,000 pumpkins for this year's Pumpkin Walk. Any group is welcome to help: youth, family, and friends. City staff will call when the pumpkins arrive, so you can pick them up at the Community Center, carve them at home, and return them before October 21. For more info, call the Community Center at 614-9660 opt. 3

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH!

Syracuse will recognize this event by holding a sustainability forum on **October 16, from 6-8 p.m., in the Community Center** for all residents. Please join us and learn about the importance of sustainability, voice your opinions as to the most vital issues facing our community and how growth affects these issues, and provide suggestions on how the City should handle continued growth as it relates to such factors. This is your opportunity to participate in the City's future. Be a part of the solutions! Please RSVP by calling 614-9626 so City staff can plan appropriately to make this a successful, productive evening for everyone.

Public Works

Winterizing Your Sprinkler System

The City will turn off the secondary water system the week of October 15th. Please leave your individual shut-off valve in the "open" position for a few days to allow for proper drainage of each irrigation system to prevent damage to the system's components caused by frozen water inside the pipes, sprinklers, and valves.

Prevent Frozen Water Lines

When temperatures drop excessively, 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 POST OFFICE IS OPEN!

The Syracuse City Post Office officially opened for business Thursday, September 18, 2008. It is located in the lobby of City Hall and has the following postal services available:

- Send Domestic and International Packages
- Send Certified and Insured Mail
- Receive Delivery Confirmation and Return Receipts
- Collect on Delivery Services

Hours of operation are Mondays – Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**A Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 1, at 10 a.m.**

Come join us for cake and to see the new Post Office in operation!

Utilities

Wasatch Integrated

Waste Management District Landfill Facilities

Services include household, hazardous waste drop off and re-use shed, green waste drop off and product pick up area, recycle bins, and regular waste drop off area. Prices are \$5 per small load (pick-up or single-axle trailer) or \$28 per ton for larger loads (double-axle trailer, flat bed, etc.). Clean green 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 re-use shed and use of the recycle bins are also free.

Landfill Hours, Mondays-Saturdays:

Summer (Daylight Savings Time) 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Winter (Mountain Standard Time) 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Waste Energy Facility Hours, Mondays-Saturdays:

Year Round 7 a.m.-5 p.m

For more information, please visit

www.wasatchintegrated.org or call 614-5605.

Residents can now make utility payments by Credit or Debit Cards (Visa or Mastercard only). To make a payment online, go to www.syracuseut.com and click 'Online Bill Pay' at the bottom right of the home page.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

The Fire Department is once again hosting an annual Open House on Thursday, October 9, with plenty of information on how to keep your homes and families safe. Sparky the dog will be there to greet the children. Enjoy photos, balloons, treats, and helpful brochures as well as good prices on bike and multi-sports helmets available for purchase. The building currently housing both Police and Fire departments is under renovation, so please pardon our dust and bring the entire family for an evening with the Syracuse Fire Department!

Remember to "Change your clock, change your batteries" this month!

We will be hosting an Open House in March or April to celebrate the new fire station. We will keep you posted on an exact date.

Buffalo Point Elementary School staff, parents, and students thank the Syracuse Police Officers for helping our kids stay safe as they go to and from school. Syracuse PD put in several hours preparing and working with UDOT regarding 1700 South and Doral Drive. Officers have been in the area everyday monitoring the traffic and helping the kids on the crosswalks.

Recently, I spent time reviewing old minutes from Town Board meetings, held after the close of World War II in the late 1940's, in order to learn about early outdoor activities that formulated the need for the creation of Founder's Park. This research revealed how Syracuse acquired the property and its historical significance to City activities. I learned the history of the Park's development and other recreation information recorded in the book "*The Community of Syracuse 1820 to 1995 Our Heritage*," published by the Syracuse Historical Commission in 1994. Initially, Founder's Park was closely linked to LDS Church use of the land near Syracuse Road 2000 West. Additionally, a major portion of the Park was originally part of the Syracuse Elementary school property, currently situated west of the existing Park. The City Lions Club was instrumental in the early development of the Park's facilities and ball diamond areas.

I used the aforementioned book to research the Syracuse area and learn of the contributions made by families in the early development efforts of the City. I am grateful to the many people who documented and recorded this valuable information for our benefit as well as the Mayor and City Councilmembers who had the foresight and interest to establish a Syracuse Historical Commission in the 1990's for the purpose of writing and preserving the City's heritage. If you have an interest in reading this book, you can find a copy at the Museum during operating hours from 2-5pm, Tuesdays through Fridays. The book includes a history of Syracuse and describes the efforts of the pioneer families who settled here and the surrounding areas.

The current Museum Committee continues preserving the histories and physical artifacts of the City. These members meet monthly to review, plan activities, provide research, and collect historical events, family histories, and artifacts of Syracuse. I appreciate their dedication and volunteer efforts in preserving the past for present and future generations. Everyone should study history. It is essential to our society and harbors the rich beauty of the past. I enjoyed my research of the City's development of recreation and parks programs. It caused me to reflect on earlier events and question why I enjoyed reading and understanding our heritage. I think there were two fundamental reasons:

First, it helps us understand people and offers a storehouse of information about how societies behaved. It teaches how communities functioned and why they developed themselves and their surrounding environments. For me, it was beneficial to know about the experiences of past community members and learn from their experiences, which is the fundamental purpose for preserving such information. The second reason is that it helps us prepare for the future. Sometimes fairly recent history sufficiently explains a major development within our society but often requires a look further back to identify the causes of change. Only through studying history can we understand how and why things changed and begin to comprehend the factors that caused those changes through basically a comparison, if you will.

That said, our recreational programs experienced multiple changes that connected families in the City, new and old. The creation of a simple park within our boundaries was the result of many individuals, organizations, private groups, and funding resources striving to make Syracuse better. Today, we all benefit from their efforts by enjoying the many great programs. Always remember, whatever we do or accomplish today will impact the future. ~ Rodger Worthen

Museum Happenings

Did you know?

On January 14, 1910, a telephone war waged between the locally-owned Davis County Telephone Company and Rocky Mountain Bell Company. The Bell Company reduced its rates from \$2.00 to \$1.50 per month and had a force of men out renewing contracts. Representatives from the local company called on all the businesses and houses in the County, and nearly all of them signed requests asking the Bell Company to remove their phones.

The Syracuse Farmers Market was a wonderful success this year, and we thank all those who participated as well as the patrons supporting them!

The Museum is once again hosting the "Christmas Tree Display." We need individuals, groups, businesses, and anyone willing to donate a decorated artificial tree. They will be on display for nine days starting November 28 to December 6, after which we deliver them to families in need. If you are willing to participate, please call the Museum, at 825-3633, or Kathi Carlson, at 825-3716.

Our New Regular Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays-Fridays, 2-5 p.m.,

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

Seniors

Get your Flu Shot October 21, 4-6 p.m. at City Hall
Most insurance plans accepted!!
No reservation required

Northern Utah Senior Fair

FREE ADMISSION!

October 3, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

at the Davis Conference Center

FREE canvas bag, lunch, and more!!

Senior Citizen Halloween Party

For all grandparents and their grand- and great-grandchildren! Friday, October 31, at 11 a.m.
Come dressed up! Fun and games with prizes.
All those in costume (please, no masks) eat for \$1!
Menu includes brains, blood sauce with hairless spiders, sprinkled webs, frog-eye salad, dusty bones, witches brew, and ghouls dessert.
Make your reservation no later than October 28 by calling 614-9660, option #1.
Lunch will be served at Noon.

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.

Healthy Pregnancy Classes

FREE, held the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. An Infant Massage Training will follow from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Registration not required. Call 773-2503 for more information.

Jr. Jazz Basketball

Sign-ups are October 1-31 at the Community Center. This program is for youth in grades 1st-12th. Call 614-9660 for more information.

Registration fees are \$45 for 1st-6th graders and \$50 for 7th-12th graders (Non-residents are an additional \$15).

Adult Basketball

New!!! Adult Basketball—Men's Open League

Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Teams will play one game a week at the Syracuse Community Center.

Registration runs October 1st until filled.

Cost is \$325 per team.

League Play begins the week of November 3rd, on Wednesdays nights, and the Season includes 7 games with a single-elimination tournament.

For more information, contact the Syracuse Community Center at 614-9660

Tumbling & Dance Classes

Sign-ups are October 1-11 with classes starting October 14 or October 17. Classes will be held once a week for six weeks. Cost is \$40. For more information, contact the Community Center at 614-9660.

West Point Elementary Needs Volunteer Reading Tutors

West Point Elementary needs volunteers willing to make small commitment of their time each week to provide additional reading and guided instructional practice for the children. This will also provide support for classroom instruction. Volunteers will receive training.

If interested in becoming a West Point volunteer reading tutor, please contact the school office, at 402-2750, or call Lily Jacobson, at 402-2790.



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801-774-MAZE www.blackislandfarms.com
September 19-November 1, 2008
Mazes, Farmers Market, and Family Fun!

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Conserving Water Tip: Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks.			1	2	3	4
5	6 Court 2pm	7 Planning Commission 6pm	8	9	10	11 SGVA mtg 10:30am
12	13 Columbus Day City Offices Closed	14 City Council 7 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 Court 2pm	21 Planning Commission 6 pm	22	23	24	25 Healthy Pregnancy Class at 10 am.
26	27 Court 2pm Utility Payments Due	28 City Council 7 pm	29	30	31 Halloween	