



# Syracuse City Newsletter



October 2007

## Mayor's Message

Construction has finally begun on the trail underpass going beneath Antelope. This will be a challenging project that will require some road closures and detours. I know we have all come to dislike the color orange, but this underpass is vital for the safe passage of kids going to school and residents using the trail.

I keep getting questions about the alcohol referendum. The Ordinance would allow restaurants like Applebees or Mimi's, not bars or strip clubs, and would not change the status of Wal-Mart (they cannot sell beer).

Our requests for STAG money (\$500,000) to help with water line construction and \$300,000 towards our city center are now on the short list. We should get the final word some time in October. Syracuse has aggressively pursued federally-earmarked funds over the last five years. It is a lot of work going after federal assistance. The competition is fierce, but many projects in our community would not have been possible without federal help. Most federal grants require matching funds. In the case of the STAG grant, we will be able to do \$1,000,000 of water line improvements and use only \$500,000 of City funds. This allows us to really stretch our dollars. I thank Senator Bennett, Senator Hatch, and Congressman Bishop for their help in securing these funds for our City. Keep your fingers crossed for the final vote from Congress.

We completed the final drain line leading into Jensen Park (with federal funds). Jensen Pond will now capture over 5,000,000 gallons of drain water per week. This will be cycled into the pond for use in our secondary water system. The recovery of this valuable resource will save millions of dollars over the years.

For the first time in the history of Syracuse, there was a high school football game played within our borders, and our City couldn't lose. Clearfield High hosted Syracuse High for their homecoming game. This was the start of a fun rivalry that will continue for many years. Since kids from Syracuse City were on both sides of the ball, we could cheer no matter who scored. The high school years are memorable times in our lives, and we are fortunate to have two great schools for our kids to attend.

Have a fun and safe Halloween. I hope to see you at the pumpkin walk and haunted house!

~ Fred ~

## Community Center/Recreation

### Healthy Pregnancy Classes

FREE held every fourth Saturday, 10 a.m.-Noon, at the Community Center. Registration not required. Call Amy Ihrig at 773-2503, for more information.

### Youth Karate Classes

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

### Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration

October 1- November 3 at the Community Center. This program is for youth in grades 1-12

Registration Fees are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders= \$40      7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders= \$45  
(Non-residents are an additional \$15)

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

## Syracuse City Pumpkin Walk

October 25-27, 2007, from 7-10p.m. at Centennial Park (behind City Hall) 1787 South 2000 West  
For more information, call 614-9660 opt.3

### Free For the Whole Family!!!

Dress-up your kids in their costumes!!!  
(No masks, guns, or pets)



Syracuse Police and Fire will provide concessions, and all proceeds will go to the Association.

### HELP!!!

Syracuse City needs volunteers to help carve 1,000 pumpkins for this year's pumpkin walk. Reservations are now being taken for the carving shed. 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 24. For more information, call the Syracuse Community Center at 614-9660 opt. 3

## SYRACUSE CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS



Of the 9,548 registered voters in Syracuse, 1,570 turned out to vote in the Syracuse City Primary Election on September 11, 2007. This is average for a Primary Election, but hopefully we can generate a greater turnout for the General Election.

Congratulations to the six candidates who earned enough votes to advance to the General Election. Those candidates names will appear on the General Election ballot as follows:

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

The ballot will also include two referendum issues using the following language:

Citizens City Referendum No. 1: Shall Ordinance 06-20 of Syracuse City be approved? The Ordinance 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.

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Citizens City Referendum No. 2: Shall Ordinance 06-26 of Syracuse City be approved? The Ordinance 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 to locate a minimum distance 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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The General Election will be **Tuesday, November 6, 2007**, at the **Syracuse Community Center, 1912 W 1900 S**. Residents not currently registered must do so no later than October 6, 2007, in order to vote in the General Election. Mail-in voter registration forms are available at City Hall or by using the following link:

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

Early voting will be an option for the General Election; however, early voting will not be conducted at City Hall. Please visit our website to see the early voting schedule for times and locations, or call the City Recorder at 614-9633.

Direct any additional questions regarding any aspect of Syracuse City Municipal Elections to the City Recorder, Cassie Brown, at 614-9633 or by emailing [cbrown@syracuseut.com](mailto:cbrown@syracuseut.com).

## YOU CAN AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER YOU DRINK

Many people contaminate our public drinking water systems each year with pollutants or contaminants backflowing into the water system through unprotected cross-connections. **Identifying and eliminating or protecting cross-connections is a matter of public health!**

### WHAT IS A CROSS-CONNECTION?

A cross-connection is a physical connection (piping configuration) between the public drinking water system and anything else, including another water supply that allows pollutants or contaminants to backflow into the public drinking water system.

### WHAT IS BACKFLOW?

Backflow is the reversal of flow from a residential or commercial water system back into the public drinking water system. A backflow incident could carry pollutants or contaminants into our public drinking water supply, making it unsafe to use.

The Plumbing Code and Utah Public Drinking Water Rules require elimination of all cross-connections or protection against backflow by installing approved backflow devices or assemblies.

### CAN I PROTECT MY HOME OR BUSINESS FROM THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH CROSS-CONNECTIONS AND BACKFLOW?

Yes! The following paragraphs describe several common cross-connections.

#### Threaded Hose Connections (Hose Bibs)

A large majority of backflow incidents occur through the common garden hose. Modern Plumbing Codes require protection of all threaded potable water outlets (hose bibs or sill cocks), except water heater drains and clothes washer connections, with a non-removable hose bib vacuum breaker or an atmospheric vacuum breaker. The installation of a hose bib vacuum breaker is an inexpensive way to protect against contamination.

#### Kitchen and Bathroom Faucets

Kitchen and bathroom faucets generally have adequate air gaps between the end of the faucet and the flood rim of the sink. Manufacturers design them so a hose cannot attach to the end of the faucet. Slip-on hose connections defeat the protection of the air gap and should not be used!

Hand-held shower sprayers and other similar hose attachments also pose a problem. If submerged in the water, back-siphonage can occur. Installing a special hose vacuum breaker will prevent this possibility.

#### Laundry Rooms

Washing machines have air gaps built in at the factory. Equip your utility sink faucet with a hose bib vacuum breaker or atmospheric vacuum breaker.

#### Special Conditions

Drain lines from water softeners and water conditioners typically connect to sewer lines. An air gap between the end of the drain line and the sewer line is essential to eliminate the possibility of raw sewage back-siphoning into the drinking water system.

Sinks used for special purposes, such as home photography darkrooms, arts and crafts, etc., must have vacuum breakers to ensure that chemicals or other pollutants will not enter the water supply.

#### Ballcock Assemblies in Toilets

Many toilets have ballcock assemblies that do not meet code, because they allow water from the toilet tank to backflow into the drinking water supply. Anti-siphon ballcock assemblies are essential to protect against back-siphonage.

#### Landscape Sprinkling Systems

The Plumbing Code requires all landscape sprinkling systems connected to the public drinking water system to have approved backflow prevention devices or assemblies. Any sprinkling system that can utilize both public drinking water supplies and secondary water supplies must follow specific plumbing regulations to prevent raw water from entering the drinking water system!

### WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION OR ANSWERS ABOUT CROSS-CONNECTIONS?

Call your local public drinking water agency or plumbing inspector regarding cross-connection control and backflow prevention requirements in your area.

#### For further information, call

Syracuse City Public Works	801-825-7235
Utah Chapter – American Backflow Prevention Assoc.	801-949-5512
Utah State Division of Drinking Water	801-536-4200

## Police Department

Police and Fire will be out on Halloween watching for any problems, such as bullies and vandals. They will have candy to hand out to kids and have a presence on the streets.

We ask all drivers to slow down, especially in subdivisions. The speed limit may be too fast for all the little goblins and witches roaming the roads. Hopefully, most children will have an adult with them.

Remember some of the safety tips. Dress kids in bright costumes. Don't use masks that block vision. Carry a light or glow stick after dark. Check your kids' loot (candy) before allowing them to eat it. Look for anything suspicious. Have fun!

There have recently been 20 auto burglaries, and the Police need your help to protect your property. **Lock your vehicles**, especially at night. Watch for suspicious persons walking/driving thru your neighborhood late at night. Call the police immediately.

Thieves are stealing car stereos, CDs, wallets, purses, check-books, and anything of value. **Don't leave valuables in your car!** Keep them locked up and out of sight.

As winter approaches, remember the ordinance regarding parking. Syracuse City Ordinance, Title XI, Section 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.

**Reminder: All Secondary  
Water will be shut of the week of October 15th.**

## Museum Tidbits

The Farmer's market was the best one yet! We hope you were able to visit and take home lots of farm-fresh, local produce and the other available items. 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 the museum, at 825-3633, to volunteer, or provide clothing for our 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 CELEBRATION

Once again, the Syracuse Home and Farm Museum is sponsoring "The Christmas Tree Celebration." We are asking for help from individuals, families, businesses, or organizations to decorate and donate artificial trees or wreaths for this year's Christmas Tree display.

If you are aware of any families in our community who would benefit from receiving one of these beautiful Christmas trees, please call. Last year, we were able to provide trees for families, rest homes, and the Children's Crisis Center.

The trees will be on display in the Farm and Home Museum for 10 days right after Thanksgiving, and the display is free for all to enjoy. If interested in participating this year, please call Kathi Carlson at 825-3716.

**Fire Department**

**FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS**

From October 22-27, the Syracuse Fire Department, in conjunction with Insurance Service Office (ISO), will be testing the Syracuse City fire hydrant system. This testing will consist of inspecting the flowing water from fire hydrants throughout the City.

National fire standards recommend the inspection of fire hydrants twice each year to insure proper operation and adequate water supply to fight fires.

**WHY ARE WE NOTIFYING?**

Water flowing from a fire hydrant, stirs up iron deposits in the water lines. That can cause a brown discoloration to the water in nearby homes. This condition is only temporary and will correct itself in a few hours. **There is no health hazard associated with this process.**

We recommend flowing your cold water before using it to determine if there is any discoloration.

While the water is still safe to drink and use for cooking, **we recommend NOT washing any white clothes on the days we are testing hydrants in your neighborhood;** however, if you do, be sure and check first before starting.

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

If your water looks discolored, it will clear up on its own under normal usage over a period of time. If you prefer not to wait run the cold water until it is clear. (It is also best to limit the use of your hot water until clear to keep the iron deposits from going into your hot water heater.)

**ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD CHECK THEIR WATER BETWEEN OCT. 22-27 PRIOR TO WASHING LAUNDRY**

**Fire Prevention Open House**

It's that time of year again.... No, not deer hunting season.... It's Fire Safety Month! Fire Safety Month means the annual Syracuse Fire Department open house! This year, we will center our theme and activities on the National Fire Protection Association's guidelines: "Practice Your Escape Plan." This open house will benefit both young and old alike!!!

The open house will be held at the Syracuse Fire Station, located at 1751 South 2000 West, on Thursday, October 11 from 6-8pm.

Several activities will be available, with a special appearance from our newest member of the Department, Kodiak, a robot designed to spread the message of fire safety to everyone. More information about the open house and activities will be sent home through your child's school. See you there!!!

**C.E.R.T.**

As part of our process for re-organizing the C.E.R.T. program, our next class will not be held until spring of 2008. However, we will be holding a refresher class on Saturday, October 20, from 9am-noon for those already certified . This refresher class will be a condensed version of the certifying class, covering subjects such as disaster preparedness, medical operations, fire suppression, building searches, and team organization. If interested please call and register with the Public Safety Department at 825-4400.

The staff of Syracuse Jr. High thanks all of its wonderful volunteers. Keeping track of volunteer hours is important. Please help us by signing in at the Main Office and logging your hours in the volunteer book. We appreciate all you do for us. Thank you!

**Conserving Water Tip:**

Put a plastic bottle or weighted plastic bag filled with pebbles and water in your toilet tank. Displacing water in this manner allows it to use less water with each flush.

**SUB FOR SANTA**

The Family Connection Center is hosting the Sub-for-Santa program again this year. In order to accomplish this worthwhile project, we need your help. Your donations will give a helping hand to parents in need who will shop in our "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 and fishing equipment | Board games      |
| Cars/trucks and 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      | North Davis          | South Davis         |
| 875 E HWY 193    | 1360 E 1450 S        | 130 E 100 N         |
| Layton, UT 84040 | Clearfield, UT 84015 | Bountiful, UT 84010 |
| 801-773-0712     | 801-397-2212         | 771-4642            |

To arrange for other drop-off times or questions, call Debbie, Donnette, or Gene at 771-4642

Syracuse Arts Academy and The Missoula Children's Theatre proudly present: "The Little Mermaid." This production is a fresh look at an age old musical favorite that is sure to be filled with fun and laughter. Missoula Children's Theatre has been touring through communities for 30 years and visited all 50 states and Canada. Their mission is to promote "development of life skills in children through participation in the performing arts." We are thrilled to have them come to Syracuse Arts Academy where our students can participate in this unique and educational experience. So come enjoy a night with Syracuse Arts Academy and The Missoula Children's Theatre as 50 students in our community perform "The Little Mermaid." Performances will be held at the Syracuse Arts Academy (2893 W. 1700 So.) on Friday October 26, at 7p.m. and Saturday, October 27, at 3p.m. Tickets are \$3 for children ages 3-12, \$4 for adults, and \$15 for the family (all those living in your household). We hope to see you there!

**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.

If interested in participating, contact Rose Brontmire at 825-1729 or email [rbrontmire@msn.com](mailto:rbrontmire@msn.com)

Free art workshop sponsored by the SGVA (Syracuse Guild for Visual Arts). Artist, Annette Orrock, will be teaching a painting workshop on Saturday, October 20, from 10a.m.-1p.m. at the Community Center. Ms. Orrock will teach the techniques of water color, oil pastels, pencil, color pencil, and dry pastels, and how to catch foliage, water, light, reflections, trees, and mountains.

**Wasatch Peak Physical Therapy** will hold an educational class for the community on treating and preventing shoulder pain on Thursday, October 25, 2007, at 6:00 pm. This class is free to the public.

2019 West 1900 South, Syracuse. Call 773-4737 for more information.

Syracuse Youth Council's Haunted House!

**Date:** Oct. 24, 25, 26, and 27  
**Time:** Dusk to 10:00 PM  
**Cost:** 1 canned food item or .50 cents  
**Place:** Somewhere near the Pumpkin Walk ..... **WE HOPE**

*Syracuse welcomes the following new businesses:*

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| Starbuck's Coffee.....        | Coffee Shop                 |
| Actuation Engineering.....    | Actuation Components        |
| Squirrellbait's Nest LLC..... | Online Auction              |
| HungryBoy LLC.....            | Restaurant Delivery Service |

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**October 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Jr. Jazz Sign-ups Begin	<b>2</b> Planning Commission @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Last Day to Register to vote in General Election ----- SGVA 10:30 a.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> City Council @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Traffic School @ 6:00 p.m. ----- Fire Safety Open House 6-8 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Court @ 2:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Planning Commission @ 6:00 p.m.	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> SGVA Class 10 am - 1 pm ----- C.E.R.T. Refresher Course 9am-noon
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Court @ 2:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> City Council @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Return Pumpkins to the Community Center ----- Fire Hydrant Inspections	<b>25</b> Wasatch Peak Class @ 6pm ----- Utility Payments Due Pumpkin Walk 7-10 p.m. @ Centennial Park ----- Haunted House 6pm-dusk	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Healthy Pregnancy Class @ 10am
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Halloween			