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We are definitely living in a much different world than we were just a few short years ago at the turn of the century. Nearly everything we purchase today from gas to food seems to be rising with no end in sight. Despite a widespread, fiscally challenging year, St. George continues to weather the economic storm of uncertainty with full fervor. Yes, times are much different than they were just two short years ago but there are still so many positive things happening in our community. I recently attended a number of grand openings and ground breakings for valued added businesses that have either started, relocated, or expanded their current operation in Southern Utah. These are businesses that provide good paying wages and benefits to their employees and in turn, benefit us as an entire county.

In June I was invited to speak to the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce about the economic condition of the City. Instead of adding to the dooms day reports that we are constantly inundated with on television, talk radio, the newspaper and over the Internet, I decided to focus on the successes we are having without understating the challenges. I believe we tend to create our own realities based on the information, good or bad, that the world feeds us. To illustrate my point I related the following story:

There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers. But he sold good hot dogs. He put up his signs on the highway telling how good they were. He stood on the side of the road and cried: “Buy a hot dog, Mister?” And people bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him out. But then something happened.

His son said, “Father, haven’t you been listening to the radio? Haven’t you been reading the newspapers? There’s a big depression. The European situation is horrible. The domestic situation is worse.” Whereupon his father thought, “Well, my son’s been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know.” So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and he no longer bothered to stand out on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight. “You’re right, son,” the father said to the boy. “We certainly are in the middle of a great depression.”

Nothing is so bad, so ominous that can’t be managed if we face it together. St. George is and will continue to be a great place to live, work and recreate. I wish the very best for every business and resident in our community as we tackle life’s challenges as individuals, neighborhoods, industries and as a community.
The City’s Annual Budget

Have you wondered how much the City of St. George receives in annual revenue and where those dollars go? The fact is, very few people preoccupy their time with the City’s annual budget because they are busy trying to manage their own finances. In contrast, almost every citizen wants to know that their tax dollars and other public funds are being spent responsibly and that they are getting their money’s worth.

In January 2006, Dan Jones & Associates released a survey commissioned by the Utah League of Cities & Towns which revealed some interesting perceptions:

Survey: 24% believe cities/towns receive revenue from Income Taxes
Fact: Cities/towns receive $0 from Income Tax revenues

Survey: Only 39% believe that cities/towns receive Sales Tax revenue
Fact: All cities/towns receive a portion of Sales Tax paid both locally and across the State of Utah
St. George: Of the 6.2% sales tax rate in Washington County, St. George receives 1% which makes up 34% of General Fund revenues, and an additional .30% dedicated to transportation projects

Survey: Respondents believe that 64% of the total property taxes paid goes to their city/town
Fact: Utah municipalities receive an average of only 15% of personal property taxes paid
St. George: For each $1 paid in property taxes, the City of St. George receives 13.75¢ (see Property Tax Distribution chart), which makes up only 14.6% of General Fund revenues

The City operates on a fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The Fiscal Year 2009 budget was adopted on June 19, 2008 and became effective July 1, 2008.

From protecting our community to putting out fires to maintaining roads and parks, the City of St. George provides virtually every essential service that contributes to your quality of life. So how does the City pay for the services it provides and how are the dollars being spent?

GENERAL FUND

The City’s General Fund accounts for services provided for the general health, welfare, and safety of our citizens. Based upon the nature of these services, citizens are generally not charged a “user fee” for these services. These services include Public Safety, Public Works, Leisure Services, Development Services, Community Development, and General Government functions. Other City funds, such as Power, Water, Garbage, Sewer, Golf, and Impact Fees are independent of the General Fund and accounted for separately.

Due to the current condition of the federal, state, and local economy, City departments were given the goal of achieving a 10% decrease from the previous year’s budget. Many departments were able to meet the 10% cut. As such, this year’s General Fund budget is $45.2 million and reflects a decrease of approximately 4% from last year’s approved budget.

The “General Fund, Operating Statement – 2008-2009” chart shows the budgeted revenues and expenditures. The City did not increase its property tax rate as City departments strived to implement expenditure cuts before proposing any fee increases; however, some minor fee increases were needed.

Public Safety, Public Works, and Leisure Services are the three largest departments in the General Fund. Public Safety includes police, emergency dispatch, and fire. Together they comprise over one third of the General Fund budget with Police & Dispatch at 29.5% and Fire at 7%.

Public Works includes streets, fleet management, engineering, airport, and administration. The Streets Division accounts for 10.5% of the General Fund 2009 budget.

Leisure Services provides various recreational services and facilities to our citizens. These services include parks, trails, recreation center, Pioneer Center for the Arts, adult and youth sports programs, two aquatic facilities, cemetery, and various other recreational activities and events such as the Marathon and Arts Festival. The Parks Division budget alone is about 7.5% of the General Fund budget.

Some of the major General Fund Projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2009 are:
- Continued upgrade of technology services infrastructure
- Police Dept. new K-9 unit and new and replacement patrol vehicles
- Final payment and delivery of a new Fire Dept. pumper truck approved in 2008
- A new grader in the Streets Division to replace the current 1978 model
ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The City’s major enterprise funds include energy (power), water, wastewater collection and treatment, and golf courses.

Energy Services is responsible for the installation, maintenance, purchase, and generation of power for approximately 27,000 residential and commercial customers in St. George. It is currently the second largest municipal system in Utah. Energy Services’ 2009 budget is over $100 million and did not include a rate increase. Water Services is responsible for the maintenance, storage, and distribution of water resources to approximately 20,000 residential and commercial accounts in St. George. The Water Department’s 2009 budget is $25.6 million and included a 10% rate increase to cover increased costs of purchasing water from the Washington County Water Conservancy District and increased costs for system materials.

Some of the major Enterprise Fund Projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2009 are:
• A project to allow the City to mix regional water from Quail Lake with Gunlock Well water in order to meet federal arsenic level mandates
• A water line and storage tank in the Sun River area
• Water, sewer, and irrigation lines on the new Mall Drive bridge

• A second power generation turbine at the Millcreek Generation Facility
• Completion of the Green Valley power substation and distribution project
• Wastewater collection system upgrades in the Dixie Downs area
• A new clubhouse for Dixie Red Hills Golf Course

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

Capital Project Funds are utilized for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and equipment other than those financed by enterprise funds. Some major capital projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2009 are:
• Completion of improvements at the Canyons Softball Complex
• Completion of the addition to the fleet building and the Sun Tran bus facility
• Completion of improvements to the 3rd floor of the Community Arts Center
• Mall Drive bridge over the Virgin River
• Sun River fire station
• Southern Corridor phase I and II (Atkinville Interchange and new airport road)
• Improvements to Hilton Drive, Brigham Road, Snow Canyon Parkway, and 120 East (behind Flying J)
• Storm drain from I-15 to the Virgin River (extension of the Main Street storm drain project)
• Red Hills Parkway expansion and widening

OTHER FUNDS

Other Funds are used for debt service or special revenues which are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The transit system, otherwise known as SunTran, is an example of a special revenue fund.

ECONOMIC AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Economic and Redevelopment Agency funds account for the accumulation of assets to attract industry, purchase property, and provide a source of funds for City participation in economic development.

OVERALL

City management takes the budgeting process very seriously as the budget is a significant planning, forecasting, performance measurement, and communication tool as to the City’s anticipated financial condition for the upcoming year. Every public service comes with a cost and must be carefully weighted with other competing services to ensure that we achieve the proper balance that you come to expect as a citizen.

Becoming more familiar with the City budget helps us to recognize and better understand the public process and why certain projects and other expenditures are approved.

For further information, this year’s budget can be viewed on the City’s website at www.sgcity.org. Questions regarding the budget may be answered by calling Deanna Brklacich, Budget & Financial Planning Manager, at 435-627-4000 or by e-mail at deanna.brklacich@sgcity.org.
Be Water Smart

It is no surprise that water use increases with the heat of the summer months. Plants as well as people are hot and thirsty. What may be a surprise is that with proper training a lawn can do with less water than many realize. A well “trained” lawn has a deep root system that allows for infrequent but deep watering. Even in the heat of the summer a lawn can go two to three days without irrigation. Although this is not a good time of year to make a drastic change in your watering habits, it may be possible to begin to slowly lengthen the time between watering.

There is information on the web that will help you in determining how much water is needed each week to maintain plant health based on weather conditions. Three weather stations located in the City are monitored to determine temperature, humidity, precipitation and to calculate the evapotranspiration (ET) rate. An ET rate is a measurement of the amount of water lost based on weather conditions. This information is available at http://www.wcwcd.org/weatherdata/.

If you are unsure how long you need to water your lawn or how much water your system applies in a given amount of time, you may want to take advantage of the Free Lawn Water Audit Program. This program is offered by the City of St. George and Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) and is free to all residents in the County. The audit will provide information on the precipitation rate and distribution uniformity of your irrigation system. It will also give you an idea of the type of soil and a suggested irrigation schedule that will keep the lawn healthy while using less water. To schedule an appointment, contact Julie Breckenridge at 435-673-3617.

Outdoor water use accounts for the majority of water use during the summer months, but there are also plenty of ways to reduce water used inside the home. The following are simple tips that can help lower water use, which will lower the water bill. Keep in mind anything that lowers hot water use will also lower your energy bill.

• Wash full loads of laundry using cold or warm water rather than the hot water cycle.
• Run the dishwasher when it is full - if you let the dishes air dry rather than using the dry feature, it will also save more energy.
• Turn the water off when brushing your teeth; this can save 3 gallons of water a day per person in your household.
• Check for leaking toilets which can waste up to 100 gallons a day. Put a couple of drops of food coloring into the toilet tank, wait for 15-20 minutes, and if the color shows up in the bowl, the toilet is leaking.
• Check for and repair dripping faucets and spigots.
• If you have a pool, keep it covered when it is not in use to reduce the amount of water lost to evaporation.
• Irrigate during the hours of 8:00 PM and 8:00 AM to reduce water loss to evaporation. If it is windy, wait until tomorrow to irrigate.

If you are considering rehabilitating your lawn or designing a new landscape, contact René Fleming, Conservation Coordinator at rene.fleming@sgcity.org or call 627-4800, to see if your plan is eligible for the Outdoor Landscape Rebate program.

VIRGIN RIVER SKIMBOARD COMPETITION

Grab your skimboard and get ready to compete for awesome prizes at the 2008 Virgin River Skimboard Competition on Saturday, July 12th at the Waterfall, located off of Water Front Drive and Riverside Drive. The competition is co-sponsored by St. George Leisure Services Department and Adventure Plus. The contest is divided into 6 divisions and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division.

$15 pre-registration guarantees a free T-shirt;
$15 Day-of-registration starts at 9:30 am
Registration deadline July 11, 2008
Competition starts at 10:00 am

Divisions:
Men’s Open
Women’s Open
16-18 yr
13-15 yr
9-12 yrs
8 & Younger

Registration available at the Rec Center, online, or Adventure Plus.
One of the things visitors to our area comment on frequently is the urban trail system. St. George has been recognized nationally as one of the pioneers of the urban trail concept. With over 30 miles of paved trails connecting urban centers with neighborhoods, parks and rural areas, St. George has become a model of how trails enhance the quality of life within a community. There are many people who used the trails, parks and other public facilities on a daily basis but few who understand and take advantage of all the amenities that these facilities have to offer.

In order to assist you in planning your recreation activities locally, the City recently updated its urban trails map with new information. A few additions to the new map include: on street bike lanes and routes, an overview of Suntran routes, school locations, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve boundary, inner park trails, relief map background to illustrate elevation changes, natural surface trail routes, trail distinctions and classifications, additional safety instructions referring to on street bike use, and a park address and facilities list.

Trail maps will be available at the following locations: City Office Building, Chamber of Commerce, BLM office, Pioneer Center for the Arts, St. George Recreation Center, Dixie Convention Center, Dinosaur Discovery Site, Parks Division.
Golf-ball Sized Hail at Dixie Sunrise Rotary Fundraiser

Golf balls, like hail, fell in downtown St. George recently. In a rare twist, golf balls, dropped from a hovering helicopter, rained down on St. George last month. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Dixie Sunrise and its First Annual Golf Ball Drop, Southern Utahans were treated to this rare phenomenon.

Excited contestants watched breathlessly as their tiny white orbs streaked toward the bulls-eye target painted on the Elks Field infield on 100 South. The Ball Drop was just one of the activities at Dixie Sunrise Rotary Club’s Annual Fund Raising Event this year. A Pit Roasted Steer Bar-b-Que and activities for the kids rounded out this exciting event.

Funds raised by members of the Rotary Club of Dixie Sunrise through their annual fund raising events are donated to local public safety organizations. Thanks to generous community support, the Dixie Sunrise Club was able to present St. George Police Chief Marlon Stratton with a check in the amount of $12,000 which, he said, will be used to expand the St. George Police Bike Patrol and quite possibly to establish a K-9 presence in St. George.

Dixie Sunrise Rotarians, Greg Walker, Esq. and Dr. Justin Poppe along with Club President Joe Bowcutt and Dr. Paul Gooch, the cow cooker, spear headed the event. Dixie Sunrise Rotary thanks the City of St. George, who provided the grounds; Jeremy Johnson, who provided the helicopter and the generous citizens who donated to the event.

St. George Flag Football
2nd-6th Graders

Registration is NOW open!
Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for $10 each.

- Games begin in September
- $20.00 per child

Registration deadline is Friday, August 22, 2008.
After August 22nd, there is a $5 late fee.

For more information call, click or visit:
435.627.4560
www.sgcityrec.org
St. George Recreation Center,
400 East 285 South

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 5 pm

Pepsi and the San Francisco 49ers co-sponsor this highly popular event for area youth. Ages classification is as of December 31, 2008 and participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate. No cleats are allowed during the competition and the winners will have the chance to compete in San Francisco and receive tickets to a 49ers’ game.

Free for boys and girls ages 8 -15 yrs
Location will be Bluff Street Park, 700 N 600 W

For more information call, click or visit:
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www.sgcityrec.org
St. George Recreation Center,
400 East 285 South
It goes without saying that we live in one of the most beautiful and unique areas anywhere on earth! Visitors to St. George often comment on the cleanliness of our city streets and neighborhoods. Those of us who live here and spend hours driving around town every day can probably identify an area or place that for whatever reason just gets under your skin. It may be the vacant lot next door with weeds growing uncontrollably or the roadside littered with trash or maybe it’s the graffiti on the wall by a park. If we sit back and think about it, despite the beauty, there are numerous areas throughout our community that need some serious attention.

These unwanted “ugly spots” for lack of a better term, need to be addressed immediately in order to prevent more spots from forming. Operation City Pride, a group of individuals recruited from several city departments, was formed to address the issue in May of this year. Captain Lorin Johnson from the St. George Police Department was selected to head up the crew consisting of the following individuals:

- Landon Wittwer, Water Services
- Tony Singleton, Water Services
- Luke Abegglen, Energy Services
- Filipe Nau, Leisure Services
- Brandon Sullivan, Public Works

You’ve probably seen the Operation City Pride crew or “O.C.P.” working in your neighborhood and didn’t even know it. Their sole purpose is to make our community safer and attractive by cleaning up the “ugly spots” primarily on public property. For example, those who use the Halfway Wash trail on a regular basis probably noticed the difference the OCP made by painting a wall and the underpass at Sunset Boulevard that were plagued with graffiti. The OCP does not solicit work orders from the public as they have a long list of projects to accomplish by December, 2008. The next time you’re out say hello to the OCP designated by the bright green t-shirts.
Remember how much fun running through the lawn sprinkler was? Splash pads are the upscale version of the old lawn sprinkler and have recently become very popular in public parks. The complexity of splash pads varies. It can be as simple as a fountain shooting upwards out of a flat concrete surface or it can be loaded with interactive play features and play structures with water shooting out everywhere. To conserve water it is recaptured in a large underground tank for recirculating. To meet public health requirements the recirculated water is chemically treated just as any other public swimming pool. With all their mechanics and the requirement to chemically treat the water, splash pads are a pricey item both in initial installation and on-going maintenance. The public doesn’t see the mechanics of the system; they just have fun in the above ground features!

Two splash pads have been installed within the last year in St. George, one downtown in Town Square at 50 S. Main Street and the other at the Hidden Valley Park in the south east quadrant of the City at 3505 S. Barcelona. These features have been hugely successful prompting citizen requests for more in other parts of the City. In response the City of St. George has developed a plan for other splash pad locations in selected community parks around the City. Citizens were requesting the installation of splash pads at many local parks. To respond to the citizen requests in the most economically efficient manner, the City has prepared a city-wide splash pad plan. The plan designates selected parks throughout the City to provide reasonable access for all citizens throughout the City. Our experience has shown us that the popularity of the splash pads requires significant parking and restroom facilities because they draw visitors from a larger surrounding area. In developing the plan existing parks were evaluated for the features needed to coincide with splash pads such as restrooms and parking. So as not to overwhelm and burden neighborhoods and smaller neighborhood parks with visitors, the splash pad parks were selected because they serve the larger surrounding community and, for the most part, already have water and sewer utilities nearby, adequate space, parking and existing restrooms.

Installation of splash pads at existing parks will be programmed into the long-term capital budget plan. This year two more splash pads will be installed; one in the northwest quadrant of the City at the Canyons Complex off Snow Canyon Parkway and another as part of the phase two construction of the Fields at Little Valley Park at 2995 S. 2350 E. Other parks designated for future splash pads are Mathis Park at 1820 W. Mathis Park Place, 2450 East Park at 130 N 3450 E, Bloomington Park at 650 W. Man O’War, and the St. James Place Trailhead on the south side of the Virgin River.
The Fields at Little Valley, Phase 2

Four soccer fields are being built this summer and fall in Little Valley at 2995 S 2350 E. This is phase two of a long-term community park development known as The Fields at Little Valley. Phase one, constructed in 2006, provided the community with a softball complex. The soccer fields will be ready for play in spring of 2009. Other amenities will be constructed as part of phase two a splash pad, play structures, picnic pavilions, restrooms, and pathway extensions.

Cottonwood Cove

The long-awaited park off of Dixie Drive along the Santa Clara River will be open at the end of June 2008. This park was constructed with Federal Emergency Management Agency funding to compensate the citizens of St. George for portions of parks and trails lost in the 2005 flood. This park promises to be a big hit with the younger generation because of the state-of-the-art play structures connected via a rope bridge to a climbing wall. This is the first park in St. George to have the space-age looking play structure that innocently promotes the use of many muscle groups. It does this by having many moving parts that are irresistible to work the moving parts of the play structure. The features in this park promise to successfully compete with video games, television and the internet for attention from our younger citizens. It will also have a sand volleyball court and picnic pavilions strategically placed to take advantage of grand views of the Santa Clara River.
Firehouse Park

Citizens from the Dixie Downs neighborhood has been working with the Park Planning Division to plan a new four-acre neighborhood park located just south of fire station #5 at 100 N. Dixie Drive. This park will contain features typical to a neighborhood park such as play structures, picnic pavilions and restrooms.

The Park Planning Division held two advertised public open houses at the fire station. Local citizens provided the Park Planning Division with input about additional preferred amenities for their local park. Children from Dixie Downs and Coral Cliffs elementary schools provided their vision of what they like to do in their local park through an artwork project. The children’s most common response was playing on swings, and running in a large open grass area. Another popular feature requested by the local citizens was a fenced area to take their canine family members to run and play off leash. Park plans will be finalized this summer and the park will be constructed in fall and winter of 2008.
Top 5 Ways to Get Wet...

1. Virgin River Skimboard Competition
Are you looking for a unique activity to try? Well, look no farther than the Virgin River Skimboard Competition on Saturday, July 12th. Kids of all ages, including adults, will be showing off their talents at the competition. This annual event will be hosted at the Waterfall starting at 9:30 am. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of the 6 divisions. Join the St. George Recreation Division staff for a day out on the river.

2. Splashing Around Town
The City of St. George is making it easier to cool off from the high temperature this summer. The public is invited to splash around at the new Downtown Plaza located at Main & ____. Kids and adults can enjoy the splash pad and the flowing water walk throughout the plaza. If you are looking for another option, visit Hidden Valley Park located at 3505 South Barcelona Drive. This new park features a splash pad, a large playground structure, grass open area, tennis courts, a basketball court and a sand volleyball court.

3. City Pool: Dive in Movie & Belly Flop Contest
Swimming pools aren’t just for swimming, they are a source of various activities of fun. On Monday, July 14th the St. George City Pool will be hosting a party celebrating 25 years of the Leisure Services Department. If you think you can make the biggest splash, there will be a Belly Flop contest starting at 6:30 pm and prizes will be awarded to the biggest flop. At 8:00 pm, a dive-in movie, A Bee Movie, will be shown. Between the Belly Flop contest and the dive-in movie, root beer floats will be served.

4. Sand Hollow Aquatic Center
If you are looking for a place to get out of the sun but still get wet visit the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center. The SHAC is open Monday thru Saturday all summer long for swimtastic water fun. Guests can enjoy the lap swimming and diving pool and 5,800 s.f. leisure pool with zero depth beach, frog slides, fountains, sprays, geysers and the big Kahuna water slide. Kids and adults can try to make your way through the lily pad obstacle course. The SHAC also has sand volleyball courts, playground structure and a giant sandbox.

5. 4th of July
Gather your family and celebrate America’s birthday at Worthen Park. All the fun and games will begin at 9am at Worthen Park. Two of the highlights during the day are the 100 foot Slip-n-Slide and dunk tank. So wear your swimsuits or clothes to get wet in and make a splash this summer with the St. George Leisure Services.
Zion National Park is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2009. To mark this historic event, the St. George Art Museum has partnered with Zion Natural History Association, Zion National Park, and the St. George Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to launch an exhibit entitled Zion National Park: A Century of Sanctuary. This three-part exhibit will be on display at the St. George Art Museum from August 25, 2008 to January 24, 2009. Visitors will experience Zion Canyon, which in the last 100 years has gone from a barely-accessible hidden treasure to an American icon averaging more than two and a half million visitors annually, through the eyes of artists from across the country and over more than a century.

The first part of the exhibit explores the history of art in Zion National Park, and includes seventy-four paintings and photographs progressing through time decade by decade. The exhibit will open with two paintings by Alfred William Lambourne and three reproduced photographs by Charles Roscoe Savage, the first people known to have sketched and photographed Zion in an 1870 exploratory party, and will commence through changing styles and artistic movements to the present day. Artwork by iconic artists Thomas Moran, Maynard Dixon, Ansel Adams, Frederick Dellenbaugh, and Gunnar Widforss will join the work of many other artists of national renown and local impact to form a panoramic history of art in Zion.

The second part of the exhibit features sixty-eight works of contemporary Zion National Park art. Peter Hassrick, distinguished American art scholar and Director of the Petrie Institute of Western American Art at the Denver Art Museum, selected the exhibit from a pool of more than 500 entries from across the country. Winning entries reflect the grandeur and human experience of Zion National Park and represent a variety of media and styles, from naturalism to abstraction. This sampling of the best of Zion National Park art being created today showcases the landscape, flora, and fauna of the Park, ranging from sweeping panoramas to intimate details.

The exhibit will also feature a contemporary installation of Zion created by Kathy Clement Cieslewicz, Lindsy Stewart Cieslewicz, and Dan Whalen. A dance filmed in the park, choreographed to Olivier Messiaen's Des Canyons aux Etoiles (From the Canyons to the Stars), and projected onto a sheet of gypsum, the installation brings together materials, music, and motion to create a multi-sensual experiential interpretation of the park.

These three elements together form the most comprehensive exhibit of Zion National Park art yet assembled. Zion Natural History Association will publish a catalog of the exhibit, A Century of Sanctuary: The Art of Zion National Park, which will feature a foreword by Robert Redford and essays by Peter Hassrick, Lyman Hafen, Roland Lee, Deborah Reeder, and Leslie Courtright. Each piece of artwork in the exhibit will appear reproduced in stunning color in the book along with the artists’ biographies.

After the exhibit has ushered in Zion's centennial year at the St. George Art Museum, the juried part of the show will travel as the emissary of the Park's centennial to other venues around the country through 2009.
Before the St. George Art Museum presents its Zion exhibit, it will gear up with a taste of all of America’s National Parks in the exhibit Paint the Parks from PaintAmerica, on display from June 7 to July 17. Paint the Parks is an annual national art competition designed to continue the tradition of Arts for the Parks, which was recently discontinued. One hundred paintings illustrating the beauty and significance of America’s National Parks are chosen by nationally recognized jurors, in addition to fifty Mini paintings of smaller size. The competition provides awards and exposure to both young up-and-coming artists and well-known artists from across the country. The artwork explores stunning vistas, wildlife, and human interactions with nature. From the Everglades to Death Valley, Grand Canyon to the Tetons, artists have captured the unique charisma of the 390 treasures under the care of the National Park Service.

**Exhibit & Event Schedule**

**June 7 - 17**  
Paint the Parks

**July 18 - 23**  
Museum closed for Painting & Exhibit Change

**Aug. 25 - Jan 24**  
A Century of Sanctuary: The Art of Zion National Park

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Free Art Conversations Every 3rd Tuesday  
June 17th: Paint the Parks artists Arline Tinus and Don Weller  
July 15th: Paint the Parks artists Les Lull and Richard Lloyd Biddinger

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Beginning August 25, 2008 Admission Fees will be increasing:  
Adults ....................... $3  
Ages 3-11 ..................... $1  
Under 3 ........................ Free  
Become a Museum Member to get free Admission for a Year!
City of St. George Independence Day Celebration
Friday, July 4th

Early Morning Breakfast
7:30 - 10:00 am
☆ Homemade goodness
☆ $5 per adult
☆ $3 per child (12 & under)

Independence Day Fun & Games Extravaganza
 Starts at 9:00 am
☆ Great music
☆ Food booths
☆ Face painting
☆ 100 ft slip-n-slide
☆ And much more...

27th Annual Country Showdown
8:00 pm
Enjoy the evening by listening to various musical talents at the Country Showdown

Giant Fireworks Display
10:00 pm
Spectacular firework display for the whole family

Fireworks and Park Activities are FREE

Vernon Worthen City Park, 300 E 300 S
For more information call or click
435.627.4560
www.sgcityrec.org

Making Life Better
July 2008 Events

■ Water Volleyball Drop-In Play
Date: Wednesday Evenings (on-going)
Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: $4.00 per person and/or passes apply
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: Interested in learning how to play water volleyball or looking for a new and fun activity? If yes, come to the SHAC on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm for drop-in water volleyball night.
Contact: 627-4560

■ Forever Fit
Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)
Time: 10:30 am
Fee: $3.00 per visit or premium passes apply
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South
Description: This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless to his/her fitness ability. This multi-level class is designed to combine cardio and muscle toning into a fun workout while teaching ways to increase muscle strength and flexibility in daily functional skills.
Contact: 627-4560

■ Youth Flag Football 2nd-6th Grade
Sign-Up: Registration is NOW open.
Registration deadline is Friday, August 22, 2008. After August 22nd, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $20.00 per child
Age: 2nd-6th grade
League Info: Games begin in September. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for $10 each.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.com
Contact: 627-4560

■ Kids Summer Clinic
Date: July 1-August 2 (Tues-Thurs)
Time: 8:30-9:30 am
Fee: $100 for 10 clinics
Location: Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts
Description: Kids can learn and play tennis 3 days a week and/or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Start Smart Football Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is NOW open.
Registration deadline is Friday, August 15.
Fee: $20/youth (includes t-shirt, certificate and participation award)
Location: St George Recreation Center (first class) & Worthen Park
Description: Registration is now open for Start Smart Football. Start Smart is a great program for parents to spend time with their children and help them prepare for future participation in youth sports. This is a parent/child program for boys and girls ages 3-5 years old. Parents are required to attend and participate in each class. Registration deadline is August 15, 2008 at 5pm. The 5-week program will begin on Tuesday, August 23, 2008.
Register: St. George Recreation Center or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Adult Basketball Fall League Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now open for Adult Fall League play. Registration deadline is August 18, 2008 or until full!
Fee: $150/Senior team; $300/Women's & Men's 35 & Older team
Location: TBA
League Info: Games will begin the week of September 1, 2008. Games start at 6:30 pm each night. Leagues offered: Women's, Men's 35 & Over and Senior's 3-on-3 ½ court.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Kids Summer Clinic
Date: July 1-August 2 (Tues-Thurs)
Time: 8:30-9:30 am
Fee: $100 for 10 clinics
Location: Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts
Description: Kids can learn and play tennis 3 days a week of just once a week. The summer clinic is designed to meet your busy summer schedule.
Register: Jason Whittington 668-6887
Contact: 627-4560

■ Forever Fit Lecture - Safeguard Your Home & Prevent Falls
Date: Thursday, July 3
Time: Noon
Fee: FREE
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South
Description: Join Teri Koenig, MS-Gerontologist, to learn how to keep your home safe for yourself and loved ones.
Contact: 627-4560

■ City of St. George Independence Day Celebration
Date: Friday, July 4
Time: 7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Fee: Breakfast: $5/Adult & $3/Child,
Fireworks & Park Activities:
Admission is FREE
Location: Vernon Worthen City Park, 300 E 300 S
Description: Start your holiday weekend off with a home cooked breakfast at Vernon Worthen Park from 7:30-10:00 am for only $5.00 per adult and $3.00 per child (12 & Under). Then spend some quality time beginning at 9:00 am with your kids and grandkids at the Park. There will be music, food booths, face painting, a home run derby, watermelon seed spitting and golf chipping contests and so much more to do! Finish off the day by listening to the musical talent at the Country Showdown at 8:00 pm. The spectacular firework display will then begin at approximately 10:00 pm.
Contact: 627-4560

■ Tweety Birds - Session Two
Date: July 7-10 (Monday-Thursday)
Time: 9am - 12:00 Noon
Fee: $35/camper
Age: K-1st grade
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Description: Nature day camp program filled with nature-themed arts, crafts, games and learning sessions. Registration deadline is July...
3. 2008 or until full.  
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
Contact: 627-4560

- **Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Guard Start Program-Session 2 🦜**  
  **Date:** July 7-31 (Mon-Fri)  
  **Time:** 9 am-1pm  
  **Fee:** $65/participant  
  **Age:** 10-15 years old  
  **Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
  **Description:** This aquatic based program will teach youth the importance of water safety, along with the duties and responsibilities of being a certified lifeguard. Each participant will gain a solid foundation of knowledge and skills to prepare them for future lifeguard training. This program is NOT a Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification class.  
  **Register:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Adult USA Tennis 1-2-3**  
  **Date:** Monday, July 7 and/or Wednesday, July 9 (5 weeks)  
  **Time:** Mondays- 8 am Intermediate level; Wednesdays- 8 am Beginner  
  **Fee:** $6/lesson  
  **Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts  
  **Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, these sessions will begin the week of Monday, July 7, 2008 for 5 weeks.  
  **Register:** Sign-up with Instructor first day of class  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Hot Shot Tennis 🦜**  
  **Date:** Tuesday, July 8 and/or Thursday, July 10 (5 weeks)  
  **Time:** 10:00 am  
  **Fee:** Free  
  **Age:** 5-8 yrs old  
  **Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts  
  **Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, this program is for all children ages 5-8 that have never played tennis. The program will be taught at a very introductory level with focus on hand-eye coordination activities as well as basic tennis fundamentals. Tennis racquets will be provided. Children can attend one or both sessions for the week.  
  **Register:** Sign-up with Instructor first day of class  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Junior USA Tennis 1-2-3 🦜**  
  **Date:** Tuesday, July 8 (5 weeks) & Thursday, July 10 (5 weeks)  
  **Time:** Tuesdays- 8:00am Intermediate level; 9:00am Beginner level  
  Thursday- 8:00am Intermediate level; 9:00am Beginner level  
  **Fee:** $22.50 for 5 weeks  
  **Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts  
  **Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, these sessions will begin the week of Tuesday, July 8, 2008 for 5 weeks.  
  **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **2008 Academy Sports Heat Stroke Men’s and Women’s Slow Pitch Tournament**  
  **Date:** July 11-12 (Friday & Saturday)  
  **Time:** Friday 5:00 pm start time and goes throughout the early morning hours of Saturday. Play resumes on Saturday afternoon and runs to completion.  
  **Fee:** $305/team  
  **Location:** Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N  
  **Description:** Men’s C, D & E and Women’s C & D Slow Pitch team tournament. Registration deadline is June 27, 2008 or until tournament is full.  
  **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Virgin River Skimboard Competition 🦜**  
  **Date:** Saturday, July 12  
  **Time:** 9:30am  
  **Fee:** $15/person  
  **Location:** Intersection of Water Front Drive and Riverside Drive  
  **Description:** Join the St. George Leisure Services’ staff for fun in the sun, music, food and day-of registration starting at 9:30 am. The competition will begin at 10:00 am. The competition will offer six divisions including: Open Men’s, Open Women’s, 18-16 yrs, 15-13 yrs, 12-9 yrs, and 8 & Younger. Pre-registered individuals will be guaranteed a t-shirt.  
  **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Summer Learn to Swim Program - Session 4 🦜**  
  **Date:** July 14-24 (Monday thru Thursday)  
  **Time:** 9:00am, 9:45am, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions  
  **Fee:** $25/youth  
  **Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
  **Description:** Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level).  
  **Register:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **St. George City Pool Summer Learn to Swim Program 🦜**  
  **Date:** July 14-24 (Monday thru Thursday)  
  **Time:** 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions  
  **Fee:** $25/youth  
  **Location:** St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S  
  **Description:** Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level).  
  **Register:** St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Dive-In Movie at the St. George City Pool 🦜**  
  **Date:** Monday, July 14  
  **Time:** 8:00 pm  
  **Fee:** Regular pool admission  
  **Location:** St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S  
  **Description:** What a great and unique way to spend time a summer evening with friends or family! The staff at the St. George City Pool will be presenting “The Bee Movie” for their feature film in July.  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Belly Flop Contest at the St. George City Pool 🦜**  
  **Date:** Monday, July 14  
  **Time:** 6:30 pm  
  **Fee:** Regular pool admission  
  **Location:** St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S  
  **Description:** Join in the celebration of 25 years of Leisure Services in St. George by entering the 2008 Summer Belly Flop Contest. All ages are invited to participate and prizes will be given to the biggest flop.  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Tweety Birds- Session Three 🦜**  
  **Date:** July 14-17 (Monday-Thurday)  
  **Time:** 9am-12:00 Noon  
  **Fee:** $35/camper  
  **Age:** K-1st grade  
  **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
  **Description:** Nature day camp program filled with nature-themed arts, crafts, games and learning sessions. Registration deadline is July 10, 2008 or until full.  
  **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
  **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Art Conversation featuring Les Lull and Richard Lloyd Biddinger:</strong>  
  **Date:** Tuesday July 15th  
  **Time:** 7:00pm  
  **Location:** St. George Art Museum  
  **Description:** Come join in our Free Art Conversation Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month with specially selected artists.

- **Made of Stone: Patio Pavers, Concrete Finishes & Riverbeds**  
  **Date:** Saturday, July 19  
  **Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
  **Fee:** FREE  
  **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Description: This workshop will inspire creativity when adding rock to your landscape, either as mulch, patio, pathways or dry river beds. Learn the how to’s for these hardscapes or just learn the possibilities to become an educated consumer. Space is limited! Call Julie to reserve your spot.

Contact: Julie @ 673-3617

Busy Bees- Session One 🌼

Date: July 21-23 (Monday-Wednesday)
Time: 9am- 12:00 Noon
Fee: $30/camper
Age: 4 yrs old
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Description: Nature day camp program filled with nature-themed arts, crafts, games and learning sessions. Registration deadline is July 17, 2008 or until full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Summer Night Time Swim Party 🌈

Date: Friday, July 25
Time: 9:00 pm
Fee: 2 for 1 (regular admission fee for one guest) for ALL DAY
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: The staff at the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center is inviting the public to its Summer Night Time Swim Party. The party will begin at 9pm with FREE root beer floats, hot dogs and cake. The dive-in movie will begin at 9:15pm. Come celebrate 25 years of Leisure Services in St. George.
Contact: 627-4585

August 2008 Events

Water Volleyball Drop-In Play

Date: Wednesday Evenings (on-going)
Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: $4.00 per person and/or passes apply
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: Interested in learning how to play water volleyball or looking for a new and fun activity? If yes, come to the SHAC on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm for drop-in water volleyball night.
Contact: 627-4585

Forever Fit

Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)
Time: 10:30 am
Fee: $3.00 per visit or premium passes apply
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South
Description: This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless to his/her fitness ability. This multi-level class is designed to combine cardio and muscle toning into a fun workout while teaching ways to increase muscle strength and flexibility in daily functional skills.
Contact: 627-4560

Curiosity Club Registration 🌼

Date: July 28-August 7, 2008 (Monday thru Thursday)
Time: 9:00am, 9:45am, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions
Fee: $25/youth
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level).
Register: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Contact: 627-4585

St. George City Pool Summer Learn to Swim Program

Date: July 28-August 7, 2008 (Monday thru Thursday)
Time: 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions
Fee: $25/youth
Location: St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S
Description: Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level).
Register: St. George City Pool, 250 E 700 S
Contact: 627-4584

Start Smart Football Registration 🏆

Sign-Up: Registration is NOW open. Registration deadline is Friday, August 15, 2008.
Fee: $20/youth (includes t-shirt, certificate and participation award)
Age: 3-5 yrs old
Location: St. George Recreation Center (first class) & Worthen Park
Description: Registration is now open for Start Smart Football. Start Smart is a great program for parents to spend time with their children and help them prepare for future participation in youth sports. This is a parent/child program for boys and girls ages 3-5 years old. The 5-week program will begin on Saturday, August 23, 2008.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Adult Basketball Fall League Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now open for Adult Fall League play. Registration deadline is August 18, 2008 or until full!
Fee: $150/Senior team; $300/Women’s & Men’s 35 & Older team
Location: TBA
League Info: Games will begin the week of September 1, 2008. Games start at 6:30 pm each night. Leagues offered: Women’s, Men’s 35 & Over and Seniors 3-on-3 ½ court.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South and/or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Youth Flag Football 2nd-6th Grade 🏈

Sign-Up: Registration is NOW open.
Registration deadline is Friday, August 22, 2008. After August 22nd, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $20.00 per child
Age: 2nd-6th grade
League Info: Games begin in September. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for $10 each.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Nature day camp program filled with nature-themed arts, crafts, games and learning sessions. Registration deadline is July 17, 2008 or until full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560
## Adult Co-Ed Kickball League Registration

**Fee:** $100 /team  
**Description:** Registration is now open for St. George Recreation Division's kickball league play. Games will begin in October. Registration deadline is Friday, September 19, 2008 @ 5 pm.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Adult Futsal League Registration

**Fee:** $195 / team  
**Description:** Registration is now open for St. George Recreation Division's futsal league play. Men's, Women's and Co-Ed division will be offered. Games will begin in October. Registration deadline is Friday, September 19, 2008 @ 5 pm.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Adult Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee League Registration

**Fee:** $100 / team  
**Description:** Registration is now open for St. George Recreation Division's ultimate frisbee league play. Games will begin in October. Registration deadline is Friday, September 19, 2008 @ 5 pm.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Adult Women's Indoor Volleyball League Registration

**Fee:** $140 / team  
**Description:** Registration is now open for Fall Indoor Volleyball league play. Games will begin in September. Registration deadline is September 19, 2008 @ 5pm.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Adult Men's Flag Football League Registration

**Fee:** $300 / team  
**Description:** Registration is now open for St. George Recreation Division's Flag Football league play. Games will begin in October. Registration deadline is September 26, 2008 @ 5pm.  
**Register:** Call the St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## 2008 Co-Ed Heat Stroker Slow Pitch Tournament

**Date:** August 1-2 (Friday & Saturday)  
**Time:** Friday 5:00 pm start time and goes throughout the early morning hours of Saturday. Play resumes on Saturday afternoon and runs to completion.  
**Fee:** $305/team  
**Location:** Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N  
**Description:** Co-Ed upper and lower division Slow Pitch team tournament. Registration deadline is July 18, 2008 or until tournament is full.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Forever Fit Lecture - Safeguard Your Home & Prevent Falls

**Date:** Thursday, August 7  
**Time:** Noon  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South  
**Description:** Intermountain Healthcare and the St. George Recreation Division co-sponsor free presentations on healthy lifestyles. Scott Gillespie and Richard Lukeenga will be co-presenting “Are Your Ears Causing Dizziness & Imbalance?”  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Youth Acro-Gymnastics - Session 5

**Date:** Saturday, August 16 (6 wks)  
**Time:** 9:00 am Beginners; 10:00 am Intermediate; 11:00 Advanced  
**Age:** 5+ yrs- Beginners; 7+ yrs- Intermediate; 9+ yrs- Advanced  
**Fee:** $36.00/youth  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South  
**Description:** This class will help develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength and tumbling skills. Each one-hour class consists of skill training and choreography time to utilize the skills being taught. Class size is limited so sign-up early.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Be Healthy Dixie - Walk with Mayor McArthur

**Date:** Wednesday, August 20  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Springs Park, 2395 E. Springs Dr.  
**Description:** Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at the Springs Park. Walkers will trek around the neighborhoods and trail system. For future scheduled walks visit www.behealthydixie.com  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Fall Into Vegetables Gardening

**Date:** Saturday, August 23  
**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** One of the benefits of living in southern Utah is the long growing season. Learn how to make this climate work for you and your vegetables. Space is limited! Call Julie to reserve your spot.  
**Contact:** Julie @ 673-3617

## September 2008 Events

## Youth Basketball Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is now open for girls and boys in grades 3-9th. Registration deadline is November 7, 2008. After November 8, 2008 there is a $5.00 late fee.  
**Fee:** $20/youth  
**League Info:** Games begin in December. Standard gold & blue reversible jersey must be worn and can be purchased at local merchants or the St George Recreation Center for $10 each. The girls and boys will have separate leagues. To volunteer to coach or to get more information call 627-4560.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## Start Smart Basketball Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is NOW open. Registration deadline is October 17, 2008 at 5pm.  
**Fee:** $20/youth (includes t-shirt, certificate and participation award)  
**Age:** 5-6 years  
**Location:** St George Recreation Center  
**Description:** Registration is now open for Start Smart Basketball. Start Smart is a great program for parents to spend time with their children and help them prepare for future participation in youth sports. This is a
Registration is now open for Adult Men’s Flag Football. Registration deadline is September 26, 2008 @ 5 pm. Games will begin in October.

Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

St. George Outdoor Volleyball Fall Finale

Sign-up: Registration is now open for 2-person teams for the outdoor volleyball tournament.

Time: 9:00 am Pool Play Begins

Fee: $60/team

Location: Vernon Worthen City Park

Description: Competitive outdoor volleyball tournament for Novice, A, B and Open divisions. Open divisions will be played on the sand courts. Novice, A and B divisions will be played on grass. There will be NO day-of-registration. Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 7 @ 5 pm. The tournament will be held Saturday, October 11, 2008.

Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Curiosity Club Registration 🏛️

Date: Tuesday, September 2 (4 wks)

Time: 10:30-11:30 am

Fee: $20/child (4 classes)

Age: 3-5 years old

Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive

Description: This 4-week program is designed to encourage your youngster to ask why, what and how. Each week a new topic will be introduced. The club will meet on Tuesday mornings for 4 weeks.

Register: St George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Hot Shot Tennis 🎟️

Date: Tuesday, September 2 and/or Thursday, September 4 (5 weeks)

Time: 5:30 pm

Fee: Free

Age: 5-8 yrs old

Location: Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts

Description: Sponsored by the USTA, this program is for all children ages 5-8 that have never played tennis. The program will be taught at a very introductory level with focus on hand-eye coordination activities as well as basic tennis fundamentals. Tennis racquets will be provided. Children can attend one or both sessions for the week.

Register: Sign-up with Instructor first day of class

Contact: 627-4560

Be Healthy Dixie - Walk with Mayor McArthur

Date: Wednesday, September 3

Time: 8:00 am

Fee: FREE

Location: Shadow Mountain Park 360 N. 1050 W.

Description: Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at the Shadow Mountain Park. Walkers will trek around the neighborhoods and are encouraged to wear sturdy walking shoes. For future scheduled walks visit www.behealthydixie.com

Contact: 627-4560

Forever Fit Lecture- Maintaining Your Hand Dexterity

Date: Thursday, September 4

Time: Noon

Fee: FREE

Location: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South

Description: Intermountain Healthcare and the St. George Recreation Division co-sponsor free presentations on healthy lifestyles. Gary Gottfredson, a certified hand therapist, will giving tips on keeping your hand flexible.

Contact: 627-4560
Summer Send-Off Tournament
Date: September 5-6
( Friday and Saturday)
Time: Friday 5:00pm tournament start time.
Games resume play on Saturday morning.
Fee: $350.00 per team
Location: Canyons Softball Complex,
1890 W 2000 N
Description: Girl’s fast pitch tournament for divisions 10, 12, 14 and 16 & Under teams.
Registration deadline is August 22, 2008 or until tournament is full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center,
400 E 285 S or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Fall Learn to Swim Program - Session 1
Date: September 8-18
(Monday thru Thursday)
Time: 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions
Fee: $25/youth
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center,
1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level).
Register: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center,
1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Contact: 627-4585

Little Rollers Tumbling
Date: September 9-11 (4 wks)
Session: Session 1: Tuesday; Session 2: Wednesday; Session 3: Thursday
Time: 9:15-10:15 am
Age: 3-5 years
Fee: $20/student/session
Enrollment: 10 max per session
Location: St. George Recreation Center,
400 East 285 South
Description: This class will teach children how to tumble and roll. The class focus will be on flexibility, balance, rolls, leaps, cartwheels and mostly importantly fun! Registration deadline is Friday, September 5, 2008 at 5pm.
Register: St. George Recreation Center,
400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Sk8 Board Competition
Date: Saturday, September 13
Time: 8:00-8:45 am Check-in & Day-of-Registration
9:00 am Competition begins
Fee: $10 pre-registration; $15 day-of-registration
Description: Each skater will have two runs, each run lasting 45 seconds. The five highest scores will advance to the final round. There will be music, drawings for prizes, food and drinks. All participants are required to wear a helmet. The competition is sponsored by the City of St. George Recreation Division and Lip Trix Board Shop. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, September 12 @ 5 pm.

Divisions: Novice, Beginner, Intermediate and Open
Location: Sk8George Skate Park,
400 East 900 South
Register: St. George Recreation Center,
400 E 285 S or Lip Trix, 511 E St George Blvd
or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org.
Contact: 627-4560

St. George Art Museum Art Conversation
Date: Tuesday Sept. 16th
Time: 7:00pm
Location: St. George Art Museum
Description: Come join in our Free Art Conversation Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month with specially selected artists.
Contact: 627-4560

Be Healthy Dixie - Walk with Mayor McArthur
Date: Wednesday, September 17
Time: 8:00 am
Fee: FREE
Location: Webb Hill, 2150 S. Hill Rd.
Description: Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at the trailhead for Webb Hill. Walkers will trek on a paved pathway to the top. Walkers are encouraged to wear sturdy walking shoes. For future scheduled walks visit www.behealthydixie.com
Contact: 627-4560

Fall One-Pitch Tournament
Date: September 19-20
(Friday & Saturday)
Time: Friday 6:00 pm tournament start time.
Games resume play on Saturday morning.
Fee: $250/ team
Location: Canyons Softball Complex,
1890 W 2000 N
Description: Men’s D & E and Women’s C & D Slow Pitch team tournament. Five game guarantee. Games will be scheduled every 30 minutes. Batter receives one pitch per at bat. Registration deadline is September 5, 2008 or until tournament is full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center,
400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Getting Your Grass into Gear
Date: September 20
Time: 10-11am
Fee: FREE
Description: Is your lawn looking ragged and worn-out? Fall is the best time to repair, replant and rejuvenate your lawn. Come learn the best varieties, fertilizers and maintenance techniques to get your grass growing and how to keep it healthy.
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center,
1851 S. Dixie Drive
Contact: Julie 673-3617

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
Date: Thursday, September 25
Time: 5 pm
Fee: FREE
Age: 8-15 years
Location: Bluff Street Park, 700 N 600 W
Description: Pepsi and the San Francisco 49ers co-sponsor this highly popular event for area youth. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 8-15 years old. Ages classification is as of December 31, 2008 and participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate. No cleats are allowed during the competition and the winners will have the chance to compete in San Francisco and get tickets to a 49ers’ game.
Contact: 627-4560

Summer 2008

Community Education

Community Education Offers a Variety of Unique Classes. Community Education is a program designed to provide the community with educational services and learning opportunities by offering unique and exciting non-credit classes. Classes are designed for all ages and emphasis is given to special populations with particular needs. Classes cover a broad spectrum ranging from a wide variety of Art classes, such as Oil Painting and Scrapbooking; to Dance classes, such as Jazz, Ballet, and Ballroom; to Computer Classes such as Basic Microsoft Word and Excel. Interested in learning how to play the Guitar or the Piano, or how to start you own Home Based Medical Transcription Business? Ever wanted to learn a foreign language such as Spanish, French, or Chinese, or trying to find that perfect way to get thin and stay thin? Community Education offers all of these classes and more to the community in an effort to provide Southern Utah with recreational, cultural, and academic services.

For more information please call 652-7675 or go online to http://ce.dixie.edu
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City Services
Administration ........................................................................ 627-4000
Airport .................................................................................. 627-4080
Animal Shelter ....................................................................... 627-4350
Building/Planning ................................................................... 627-4206
Business Licenses ................................................................... 627-4740
City Pool (700 So.) ................................................................ 627-4584
Community Arts ...................................................................... 627-4525
Development Services ............................................................ 627-4120
Engineering ............................................................................ 627-4050
Fire ......................................................................................... 627-4150
Leisure Services ...................................................................... 627-4500
Parks ...................................................................................... 627-4530
Police ..................................................................................... 627-4301
Public Information ................................................................... 627-4005
Public Works ........................................................................... 627-4050
Recorder .................................................................................. 627-4003
Recreation Center/ Programs .................................................. 627-4560
Sand Hollow Aquatic Center ................................................... 627-4585
Streets .................................................................................... 627-4020
Suntran .................................................................................. 673-8726
Utilities ................................................................................... 627-4700
Water/Energy Emergencies ...................................................... 627-4835
Water/Energy Conservation ...................................................... 627-4848

For emergencies please call 911

City Council
Regularly scheduled city council meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays each month starting at 4:00pm at the City Office Building (175 East 200 North) unless otherwise noticed. Work meeting sessions are held on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays at the same location.

Planning Commission
Regularly scheduled planning commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month starting at 4:00pm at the City Office Building unless otherwise noticed.

For more information on city services, contact information, and events please visit the city website at www.sgcity.org.
Looking for something to do with your Friday nights?

St. George Town Square becomes an outdoor movie theatre for the first annual summer movie series on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Classic movies for adults and children will be shown on the big screen under the stars. Attendees bring their blankets, lawn chairs and goodies to enjoy the evening and movie as it begins at dusk.

July 11th • Nim’s Island
August 8th • Cheaper By The Dozen
Sept. 12th • Horton Hears A Who

July 25th • Sandlot
August 22nd • The Day After Tomorrow
Sept. 26th • Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid

FOR DATES, TIMES & MOVIES GO TO WWW.SGCITY.ORG AND CLICK ON SUNSET ON THE SQUARE