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This issue of Inside St. George is packed with great information that covers a number of interesting and important topics and will give you insight to the progress we are experiencing in Dixie. In case you haven’t noticed, there are a number of road construction projects going on in the area; all contributing to the betterment of our transportation system. The Southern Parkway which will open soon, will provide much needed relief to Brigham Road and better access to the Fort Pierce Industrial Park and eventually, to the replacement airport. Another anticipated project is the modification of the Bloomington Exit on I-15 which will improve the roundabout and give a slip lane onto Pioneer Parkway and easy access to Walmart and area businesses.

The replacement airport is well under way with the terminal building under construction. There are also many other phases to this important project that will proceed simultaneously aiming for an opening in early 2011. That is a moment that we all look forward to with great anticipation. It is a tremendous benefit to our community to have the Federal Aviation Administration covering nearly 70% of the total cost of construction. The balance of the cost being picked up by the sale of the existing airport property and through Washington County transient room tax funding. This project will not only help stimulate the economy now, but for future generations to come.

Not long ago I had the city’s Technology Services Division give a report to the city council on the progress they have made in delivering technical services to city departments and the work that is moving forward on our city web page. It is impressive to say the least. I would encourage all our citizens to bookmark “sgcity.org” as one of the pages they access often to keep up on the latest news, information and events occurring within our city. There, three icons that are new to the page will keep you informed in real time. They are Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. I did not even know what twitter was a few weeks ago but am now a “Twit” and enjoy letting those who choose to follow me know what is on my mind and where and what I am doing. There are twelve different Twitter accounts that you can follow to stay up to date on a daily basis. The Facebook page is one that can do the same for those who prefer Facebooking. The city’s YouTube site will keep you informed on things like the Art Festival, Marathon, or other events that have been video-taped and edited for review now and in the future.

All this and MORE can be found on the City website. I want to thank all of you for the support that is given the city and me. It is a privilege and honor we take seriously.
In his weekly radio address, Mayor McArthur recently announced the City’s launch into the virtual world of social networking over the Internet. “Social networking websites like Twitter and Facebook are a great way for the City to keep citizens and visitors informed about topics ranging from road closures to golf promotions,” said Mayor McArthur. He continued, “Our goal is to keep people up-to-date in particular areas of interest in real time.”

Links to the free-access social network websites can be found on the City of St. George website at www.sgcity.org. The 12 City Twitter accounts are separated by subject matter and include:

- General City News & Info
- Mayor Dan McArthur
- Golf
- City Cache Card
- St. George Marathon
- Races and Running Events
- Recreation
- Junior Association of Golfers (JAG)
- Arts and Leisure
- Public Safety
- Water and Energy Conservation

Additionally, visitors to the City website will be able to click on the YouTube link to view images and videos of St. George events and programs. “Cities throughout the country are beginning to use free Internet based services like Twitter to market city programs and facilities and keep people in the loop on a minute by minute basis when it comes to City business,” said Marc Mortensen, Assistant to the City Manager.

Twitter is a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read other users’ updates known as tweets. Tweets are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length which are displayed on the user’s profile page and delivered to other users who have subscribed to them (known as followers). Senders can restrict delivery to those in their circle of friends or, by default, allow anybody to access them. Users can send and receive tweets via the Twitter website, Short Message Service (SMS) or external applications. The service is free to use over the Internet, but using SMS may incur phone service provider fees.

Facebook is a free-access social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. The website’s name refers to the paper facebooks depicting members of a campus community that some US colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus.

YouTube is a video-sharing website on which users can upload and share video clips, and view them in the MPEG-4 format. Three former PayPal employees created YouTube in February 2005.
Eighteen months on the Planning Commission, an exciting and rewarding assignment. To be candid, this has been an assignment I totally enjoyed, finding great satisfaction in being part of the St. George Arts Commission, St. George Art Museum Board, St. George Public Art Committee, Art Around the Corner, St. George Dinosaur Museum, and Washington County Arts Council.

The arts are alive and thriving in St. George and citizens can be most proud of the accomplishments of some truly great and dedicated people of our community. Observations from folks who visit or who relocate here include comments on the wealth of available cultural arts offerings for a small community; this is very true and a fact in which we can all be proud.

As a citizen of St. George, it fills me with great pride each time the city receives an award for excellence. The Power Department, the Police Department, Planning and Beautification, the Water Department, Parks and Recreation are just a few to receive state and national recognition for achievement. These recognitions serve to shine a spotlight on the dedication and commitment of those who work for the city.

Experiencing completed projects such as the beautification of St. George Boulevard, the parks and trails, and the new Town Square are very rewarding. I look forward in great anticipation to the new replacement airport to be dedicated in early 2011. These visual milestones create a feeling of deep gratitude for those who work so hard to have the projects completed and done with such excellence.

There are projects that would be of great benefit to our city that I would like to continue to pursue. We don't currently have an interactive children's museum which would be a great asset to our community and to families. A city performing arts facility with a concert hall and exhibition space is something that will be needed in the near future. Dixie Care and Share is a board on which I also serve. They are badly in need of a new facility to take care of the needs of many in our community. Those who serve on this large Dixie Care and Share volunteer committee are the cream of our society and I would like to continue working with them in their goals of a new venue. My 'bucket list' of community issues that I believe needs to be further addressed include a comprehensive mass transit study; an Art Master Plan; curbside recycling; greater hillside ordinance restrictions; alternative future water projects; revised downtown master plan project and business revitalization; alternative power sources; and economic development of our current business parks.

A key element in my service is a constant acknowledgement that as a member of the City Council, I represent the citizens of St. George -- as opposed to being an advocate to the citizens for the City. With that philosophy, I try to respond to every letter, email, telephone call or contact from citizens about their concerns or suggestions. Some of the interventions have been successful and some are still in the process. This ideology forms the basis of my actions on the council. Every agenda item is investigated and scrutinized and I try to make informed decisions on everything from the city budget, to land use, ordinances and special permits. There have been disappointments and frustrations along the way when those of us on the council disagree. This is quite disheartening, on decisions of which I feel strongly, when I am out-voted. With that said, I can honestly state that all of my decisions have been based on unbiased and thoroughly investigated issues with a clear opinion of what is best for our community. I do not have a personal agenda and only serve because I love this city.

Through it all, serving on the St. George City Council for the past six years, I have met truly wonderful people -- those who have lived in Dixie for a long time and new citizens. It has honestly been a thrilling and rewarding experience... and it has changed the core of who I am.
Despite declining local sales tax revenues and depreciating property values, the City of St. George has discovered the silver lining in this period of economic downturn with construction material and labor costs on the replacement airport project coming in much lower than original estimates. This summer seven projects will be under construction at the airport site. On average, these projects are coming in 45% below 2007 estimates which means significant savings on construction costs as a whole. In the grading and drainage project just completed in May, 4 million cubic yards of earth were moved at a cost of $11.6 million.

The magnitude of the effort to re-contour the 1,200 acre site is difficult to imagine without seeing it first-hand. The City recently added directional signage and created a visitor’s observation site at the crest of the west access road from Little Valley for interested on-lookers. For those who would rather observe the progress from the convenience of their own homes or offices, the City has provided an up-to-date photo gallery of the construction at www.sguconstruction.org.

The pace of construction is picking up dramatically. A $4.1 million finish grading contract with Quality Excavation is currently underway along with a $1.3 million contract with Desert Hills Construction for an onsite waterline. Construction of the terminal is poised to begin in July under a $6.2 million contract with Westland Construction.
Financially, the City continues to find success in securing grant funding. An additional $5.7 million in economic stimulus funding was recently appropriated by the Federal Aviation Administration for the terminal building, bringing total federal funding for the replacement airport to $126 million! This lowers the local portion to $34 million which will be funded by the sale of the existing airport property and transient room tax.

All of this brings new hope to local job seekers. The airport program is estimated to provide job opportunities for as many as 100 different companies. The terminal construction alone will employ nearly 300 people; most of whom are local residents.

The Replacement Airport is on schedule for an early 2011 opening date.
Because when you land, you’re here.

SGU is your access airport to Zion National Park and more scenic wonders, golf mecca, shopping, and outdoor adventure/leisure. Fly Delta from Salt Lake City or United from Los Angeles, then rent your car or RV and begin your vacation -- right from the SGU full service airport!

"St. George is so easily accessible. It’s so quick to jump on a flight and fly right into the St. George airport. The fact that you can get to this race in a couple of short steps makes a huge difference."

Michael Lovato
Two-time Ironman Champion
The alarm clock sounds at 3:40 am! Your first instinct is to reach over and smack the snooze button but you remember that your plan must be executed perfectly in order to make the flight from Las Vegas to Cincinnati and eventually Boston sometime around 5:00 pm; so you reluctantly climb out of bed. As you throw last minute items in your suitcase you can’t help but think of the rush-hour traffic you’ll be facing and wondering to yourself, “did I really give myself enough time?” Still groggy from a half-night sleep you start up the car and before you know it you’re headed south on I-15 trying to remember if Vegas is one hour ahead or behind while calculating the time it takes to get there. After an hour’s drive you descend into the smog infested valley passing the Las Vegas Motor Speedway and immediately the Craig Road exit and within two miles it happens! Instead of 65 miles per hour you slow to a crawling 30, then 20, then 5! Thousands of southbound vehicles are darting in and out of lanes jockeying to secure a pole position for the morning commute; not one of them worried about you or your tight schedule. Freeway exits, airport signs, long-term parking lots, endless lines at the ticket counter, and getting through the TSA security check point with hopes of catching a tram to the right gate begin to run through your mind. Your heartbeat elevates as your stomach begins to sink thinking about the possibility of missing your flight and beginning your vacation a day later than planned. And then… your alarm clock sounds! It’s 6:15 am and you awake well rested and have plenty of time until your 7:50 am Delta Connection flight leaves from St. George to connect in Salt Lake City and finally arrives in Boston sometime around 4:30 pm. Before you start up your car for the ten minute commute to the St. George Municipal Airport, you pause and pinch yourself just to make sure it isn’t just a dream! The next time you go online to make air travel reservations start your vacation or business trip planning by entering the letters “SGU” in the “leaving from” or “going to” field. In many cases the cost of airfare to/from St. George may not always be the cheapest but the ease and convenience of flying St. George is undoubtedly, second to none! The fact of the matter is there is not a more convenient airport anywhere in the country than St. George Municipal Airport. Here’s why:

- Full service airport
- 10 minute commute from anywhere in town
- Free parking
- Short or no lines at ticket counter or through TSA
- Free Wi-Fi (By InfoWest)
- Four rental car agencies
- Six daily flights to Salt Lake City (SLC) via Delta Connection
- Two daily flights to Los Angeles (LAX) via United Express
- Connect to thousands of destinations via SLC or LAX

For more information on the St. George Municipal Airport visit the city website at www.sgcity.org or call 627-4080. For commercial air service schedules and reservations from St. George go to www.delta.com, www.united.com or your favorite travel website.
Personal & Home Safety Summer Tips

I talk to the news media from northern Utah on a daily basis and the first thing they ask me is “how is the weather down there?” And nine months out of the year I am able to brag about our mild climate as they bundle up and wade through snow. For those of you who don’t have a clue what I’m talking about, that’s that white stuff that falls from the sky once a year and stays on the ground for about three hours, usually in February. Up north it falls several days at a time! And it stays on the ground for months! Can you believe it? And they actually continue to put up with those horrible conditions. Well, I brag nine months out of the year. The other three months are June, July and August. I just fall silent these months and listen to my northern friends brag.

Summer is hot here and it presents its own challenges. The police department takes a few reports that are definitely summer and heat related. We get calls that are water-related. A child investigates a pool, a Jacuzzi or hot-tub, or an outdoor pond. Curiosity takes over, the unthinkable happens and the child drowns. We go to the lake on a “recovery” of a person that was swimming, boating, skiing or diving and didn’t come to the surface. We respond to a shopping center where pets or worse, children with sweat pouring down their faces are waiting in a hot car while mom or dad is taking care of business. We even take reports where garages are left open to let the heat dissipate. Things are left in the car (including the keys), the door is left open a foot or so and the garage or the car is burglarized and items otherwise secure are taken due to an “opportunity” that was extended and accepted. There are precautions that can be taken during the summer to prevent these things from happening to you. And believe it or not, people who don’t take precautions can be sorted into one of two groups: those who have been victims of crime, and those who will be. It’s only a matter of time. The stats are against you if you don’t heed these safety tips:

- Keep the garage door down when you are not around. A thief can drop and roll under the door even if it’s open as little as 6 inches.

- No matter where your car is, don’t leave it unlocked or with property in view. And don’t leave it running with the air conditioning on: It may get stolen, the car may roll away or the kids may get out of the seatbelts or car seat and shift the car into gear.

- If you must leave the sliding glass door or windows open to catch the cool night breeze, block them somehow so as not to allow access by a person from the outside.

- Watch your children at all times, especially if there are nearby water hazards, including pools, ponds and hot tubs. We have even found them in the middle of busy streets in the AM hours.

- When at the lake, watch the kids at all times. Don’t dive into any water without determining the depth first. Always wear life jackets, even when in the boat. Use the buddy system and swim, boat and ski with a friend.

- When riding your motorcycle, go ahead and use the helmet. The law says that everyone under 18 MUST, but everyone over 18 SHOULD. On two occasions I would have not been here if it hadn’t been for my helmet, and I can show you the pictures of many that should have had their helmet on. One was a teenager (who had wrecked and had severe head injuries) that I had given a ticket to the week before at Dixie High School. Wear the helmets when skating, rollerblading or riding your bicycle.

- Play the “What if” game. Think things through before you do them and ask yourself “what if” and then take the precautions that will come to your mind. 95% of the time, if you follow your first hunch, you will be right. We usually make wrong decisions when we rationalize ourselves out of this first good hunch.

- Don’t go hiking or biking at night without taking a flashlight and wearing good footwear.

Summer vacations and reunions can be fun if we take precautions. One moment of neglect can result in the worst memory of a lifetime. Be careful out there.

Craig Harding
Public Information Officer
St. George Police Department

Hawaiian Dance Class

A 4 week class starting Thursday, September 10
4:15 - 5:15 pm
Ages 5-14
Fee: $25.00

This program is designed to teach beginners and intermediate dancers the proper techniques of Polynesian Dancing.

Visit the St. George Recreation Center at 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
For more information call 435/627-4560
River Road and Riverside Drive Turn Lanes
Right turn lanes are being added to the southbound, northbound and eastbound legs of this intersection. By doing this traffic delay will be decreased. Construction began on this intersection on June 1, 2009 and should be completed by August 2009.

Hilton Drive and Blackridge Drive Realignment
In cooperation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and the City of St. George, the intersection of 250 West and Blackridge Drive will be realigned to accommodate more traffic at this intersection. Construction should begin at this intersection in September and be completed near the end of 2009.

Black Ridge Drive Reconstruction
Black Ridge Drive is being reconstructed to repair the dips that were in the pavement caused by underground water and expansive soils beneath the sub-grade. This project will be completed in three phases. Phase I which is between the intersection of 250 West and 1470 South began in mid-May and should be completed by the end of June, Phase II will start in July and reconstruction will occur between 1470 South 1700 South. Phase III will promptly follow the construction of Phase II, the entire reconstruction project should be completed by October 2009.

St. George Area ITS (Intelligent Traffic System)
The City of St. George has been upgrading the ITS system within the City and on I-15, approximately 30 new traffic cameras will be added to the regional system by the end of 2009, the cameras will be located on I-15 between the Arizona State Line and Hurricane. The State of Utah has also installed a Variable Message Board on northbound I-15 at the State Line to warn travelers of traffic conditions such as road closures and accidents. The ITS system is a partnership with UDOT, the ITS system allows UDOT to maintain State owned traffic signals from the Salt Lake City UDOT traffic operations center. City of St. George signals are maintained in the Dixie Traffic Control Center located in St. George City Hall. The City of St. George currently maintains 33 traffic signals and UDOT maintains 34 traffic signals.

Southern Parkway
Phase I of the Southern Parkway from I-15 east to River Road should be completed mid-July. This new route should alleviate some of the heavy truck traffic on Brigham Road and River Road. Phase II of the Southern Parkway will be completed at the same time of the opening of the new airport in the first part of 2011. The Southern Parkway will eventually tie into SR-9 in Hurricane and allow another alternative to I-15.

2450 South River Road Traffic Signal
A new traffic signal is going to be installed at 2450 South and River Road and should be completed in October. With the installation of this signal traffic delay from the Bloomington Hills and Little Valley area into St. George will be decreased.

Bloomington Interchange Roundabout
UDOT is going to begin construction to reconfigure the interchange at Milepost 4 near the Bloomington Wal-Mart. The new “spiral” roundabout will minimize delay and create better traffic flow in and around the separate legs of the roundabout.

120 East Brigham Road Intersection
Just east of the Flying J truck stop on Brigham Road a new entrance is going to be constructed to alleviate some of the traffic congestion at the existing intersection of 60 East. After construction is completed 60 East will become a right in/right out intersection.

Valley View Drive Bridge
After the flood of 2005 a temporary structure was placed across the Santa Clara River. In May 2009 ground was broken to replace the temporary crossing. Construction will begin near the end of June. The new bridge will take about eight months to complete. During construction at least one lane of travel will be permitted at all times.
Infrared photographs are dreamy and evocative because artists are recording not only visible light but invisible infrared radiation. In an outdoor scene which is sunlit, grass and green foliage will take on a white, snowy appearance because the chlorophyll in a healthy plant reflects infrared radiation, but absorbs most of the visible radiation. Buildings will appear very light or white with a glow around them since they also reflect a great deal of infrared rays. The exhibition Through the Infrared Lens will be on view at the St. George Art Museum from June 13th-September 12th, 2009. Participants are David L. Hurst, Pat Hurst, Gary Hurst, Craig Law, Nard Nebeker, Rob Oliver, Barry Parsons and Julie Parsons. David and Pat Hurst are married as are Barry and Julie Parsons. There are 53 photographs in the show, and all of the images were shot with a digital camera and an infrared filter.

For the exhibition, Barry Parsons transformed an image of fallen, burned trees into a vision that is dramatic and mystical due to the marked contrast of the thin, dead tree trunks scattered in the foreground and the glowing, upright trees in the background. Parsons says he likes working with infrared because it imparts an unearthly radiance to a scene. Parsons, who lives in Wellsville, curated the exhibition. He is an adjunct professor at Utah State University, Brigham City campus, where he has taught basic photography for 10 years, and he has been taking pictures for 25 years. When questions about unique experiences he has had, Parsons remembered a visit to Yosemite National Park where he stood alone at the lookout where Ansel Adams made one of his famous images. Parsons noticed there were a lot of tourists in different locations taking photos with their point-and-shoot cameras. He set up his eight-by-ten view camera, and pulled a dark cloth over his head to darken the daylight. When he emerged from the cover, there was a long line of people behind him photographing the scenery. Unlike the tourists, Parsons didn’t take one image at the site. Craig Law, a professor of art at Utah State University for 31 years, states the challenge of infrared is to obtain an image that feels like it is ethereal and a step removed from normal reality, yet not having the technique dominant. Law, who lives in Logan, has been involved with infrared about as long as he has been a professor. He recalls, “My first notable infrared images were done in the late 1970’s, and they are still with me. The images are part of a body of work with the figure as the subject using black-and-white infrared film as the recording material.” His work resides in notable collections, including the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. His photographs have also been published in Smithsonian Magazine.

Nard Nebeker’s image of two Las Vegas palm trees brings out a softness and mood unlike traditional photography. The trees have chalk-like highlights, and the foliage in the background has a feathered appearance. Nebeker loves the look of infrared imagery because it’s so different from black-and-white photography and because he’s utilizing a light spectrum that normally cannot be seen with the naked eye. He says, “Infrared…gives an alien-eye effect which is fun.” He hopes that patrons viewing his compositions say, “I never noticed that before”.

The mountain scene Rob Oliver shot in Paradise has a magical quality in as much as the tree trunks seem to emit white smoke and the swirl of leaves looks like the clouds overhead. Oliver says, “I see myself as an artist, with a camera, who is able to use light, instead of paints, pigments or even words, to create and bring to life my vision of the world.” Oliver, a resident of Brigham City, experiences an adrenal surge from infrared photography because he can’t see exactly what he will get when he looks through the lens. For 15 years,
he has been photographing places, especially Promontory Point. Pat Hurst’s photo of Nancy Holt’s Sun Tunnel in the desert west of the Great Salt Lake seems worlds away with its mysterious shine. The tunnel constructed in 1976 is one of four 18’ cast concrete earthwork tunnels or tubes laid out in an open x configuration by Holt. The alignment of the tunnels corresponds with points at the solstices and constellations. Each tunnel is punctured by holes creating a constellation whose shadows are cast and move about through the tunnel as the sun moves across the sky varying by time and the seasons. Hurst, who lives in West Haven, has an eye for the uncommon. The first photo she produced was of an old, rusty truck with a pine tree growing out of it. The piece was included in the corporate calendar of Autoliv where Hurst worked on the assembly line. Concerning the first infrared piece she created of a grain field and barn roof in Idaho, Hurst says, “I was in awe of what both my eye and camera saw and the resulting print.”

David L. Hurst declares he always has his eyes and ears open to find or hear of a new place to explore and maybe find animals and scenery to photograph. He quest took him to the south fork of Chalk Creek near Coalville where he shot a mountain range that looks like disjointed buildings designed by the famous architect Frank Gehry. The interrelation of the mountains and the infrared lens initiates a surreal look, which is one of the effects Hurst likes most about the medium. He has been energized by photography since the mid 1980’s when his goal was to compose high-quality fine art, which included converting the only bathroom in his home into a weekend darkroom. Julie Parsons took her first photograph at age ten for 25 years since that time. She earned a BFA and gravitated toward infrared because it’s a little odd. It wasn’t a big leap from infrared film to digital for Gary Hurst of Roy because he’s been pushing the limits of infrared for 15 years. What fascinates Hurst about the effect of the invisible radiation wavelengths is the varying sensitivity of the subjects notable in his photograph of towering redwood trees in a large grove in Northern California. He says photography allows him to let go of day-to-day rigors and stresses and tap into his creative self. Information for this exhibit comes from Mary Alice Hobbs, and the exhibit is courtesy of the Brigham City Museum/Gallery where it was on view from 11/7-12/6/2008.

We move from pale in the Main Gallery to brilliant when we enter the Mezzanine Gallery with the work of Steve Mohlenkamp. He is a self taught commercial and fine art photographer based in Denver, Colorado. He also has experience in graphic design, advertising, and as director of photography in magazines. His passion lies in capturing a unique vision of the spirit of the American West. His fine art collection entitled Whispers of the West is an endeavor of over 25 years of exploring the West and 21 years of living in the West, creating images of mountains, canyons, oceans, and deserts.

“Even though I was born and raised on an Illinois farm, I remember going on a family vacation to the American West when I was six. It was mesmerizing for me, and the memory has never faded…not even a little. I spent all of my allowance on photo post cards, never sending any of them to anyone, but rather keeping them for myself, to look at over and over… I still remember the glowing, blazing light on the canyons and mountains in those images, and how captivating it was to me. Looking back now, I realize just how much of an influence that trip and those postcards really were…it beckoned me west, and gave me the spirit. Steve has report cards from school with remarks about his constant hiding behind his books while drawing, so it really all represents a lifetime dedicated to one thing, art.

Local artist, Gina Jrel, is a contemporary, stylized painter. Inspired by Picasso, Modigliani, Klimt, and the Art nouveau movement, Jrel’s unusual painting style is a whimsical, colorful combination of geometric abstraction, and spontaneous gesture painting. A painter for 31 years, Jrel earned her BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute. Her work has been displayed in Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Kansas City, New York City, Salt Lake City and locally. Her murals and paintings adorn walls, floors, and ceilings throughout the southwestern United States. Jrel’s art has been licensed for use by corporations throughout the country and is in private collections worldwide.

Her bohemian warehouse painting studio, The Loft (in Arrow Business Park at 928 N. Westridge Drive), is open to the public in St. George where she shows her work and teaches classes. Gina left the commercial art world with the intent that her efforts and work were used for things that are not always for profit. She generously shares her time and talent with many nonprofit organizations. She works in a variety of 2D and 3D media, the bulk of her work is oil and acrylic on canvas with embellishments. While she began drawing at age 3, she is most inspired and most productive between 3-5am. She has Synesthesia which is where text forms are seen in colors. According to the free online dictionary, “synesthesia, synaesthesia, Is defined medically as a secondary sensation accompanying an actual perception, as the perceiving of sound as a color or the sensation of being touched in a place at some distance from the actual place of touching.

Jrel’s work can also be seen locally in The Loft, and at Juniper Fine Art Gallery in Kayenta in Ivins and Manzanita Trading Company in Springdale, Utah. Her website is www.gina-jrel-art.com. As she believes in going beyond realism into the feelings behind the seen, the Shakespeare plays are a natural subject in which to explore and translate the words and meanings into visual form. Some of the plays depicted include A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Macbeth, Hamlet, and Romeo and Juliet.

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“Visions of Zion Art Competition”

The St. George Art Museum announces Visions of Zion, a competition for local artists. Artists, be part of Zion National Park’s 100th birthday and this exhibit. Details and entry form are available to download from our website: www.sgartmuseum.org or in person at the St. George Art Museum. Artists may submit 1 piece in any media for the juried show, Visions of Zion, that will be on view from September 26th, 2009 through January 16th, 2010. Zion National Park, once an inaccessible place, is now visited by millions of visitors from around the world. Artists have long been drawn to the rugged beauty of the Zion area since 1870. Today there is an active and increasingly vibrant artistic community working in many media. The Century of Sanctuary juried exhibit was open only to painters, we therefore offer this show in order to offer more local artists working in our area (Mesquite to Kanab and Kanab/Fredonia to Ivins) an opportunity to participate in the Zion Centennial and to offer a wider look at Zion through a variety of art being created in our region that centers and depends on Zion National Park.
Making Jewelry at a Lapidary Class

The City of St. George Recreation Center is the meeting place for many talented and creative artists that reside in St. George and the surrounding areas. These people have designed breathtaking jewelry on a regular basis during their time in the Lapidary Class. Some of the work has been shown at several Washington County art galleries.

You might be wondering what lapidary means, in short it means "relating to precious stones or the art of working with them", however that's not what the whole class is about. These skilled artisans not only work with stones, but also use bronze, brass, copper, gold and silver to create elegant works of art. Between the morning and afternoon sessions, there are around 25 members who attend on a regular basis. Some long time members have become familiar faces around the Recreation Center.

The Lapidary Class has been a part of the St. George Recreation Center since the fall of 1995 under the instruction of Bill Given. Bill has dabbled in the art of lapidary for 19 years, and says he does it because he loves it. After several years of providing guidance and assistance, the class was turned over to Jerry Brown while Bill and his wife Mona accepted a mission call in Hawaii. During Bill's sabbatical, Jerry Brown and other students continued to produce some amazing pieces of wearable art. Watching the masters of the class manipulate the metals is a joy and one can become captivated as the precious metals melt under the blue glow of the blow torch, then amazed as they are made into an enchanting bracelet, gorgeous necklace or dazzling ring.

When Bill returned to St. George, he resumed leadership of the class with the help of Brent Reynolds. Brent has 5-6 years of experience in lapidary and is always around to lend a hand or provide advice. Many of the members are masters in their own right. For example, Garry Prisbey has been involved with lapidary for 25 plus years and is known to some as "The Guru". A long time member of the class with a gift for making gorgeous silver jewelry, he is well known for his lifelike silver leaves and amazing scoring effect of metals.

Linda Fletcher started the class around 5 years ago and soon became Garry Prisbey's protégé. After being taken under his wing, she has grown into one of the stars of the class with her stunning jewelry. Ilene Hacker has been with the class for 5-1/2 years. Also one of the stars, she is a natural designer. She loves the class and the lifelong friends she has made there. Her favorite piece is a large 3 piece turquoise necklace and wouldn't miss the class for anything.

The folks in the lapidary class aren't just entertaining themselves with a hobby. They use their lapidary talents to relax and also to find inspiration in everyday life. Yet others claim it's very therapeutic and a labor of love. So next time you notice a unique and eye-catching piece of jewelry, it may have been designed and made by one of the lapidist from the St. George Recreation Center.
The Fields at Little Valley, Phase 2
The Fields at Little Valley Phase 2 opened on April 9, 2009 and is getting rave reviews from the community. It is the second phase of a multi-phase project. This phase combines four full-sized soccer fields with a farm-themed neighborhood park. One of the soccer fields is lighted and the restroom was upsized to accommodate the many spectators for soccer games. Around the central plaza in the neighborhood park are two children’s playgrounds, two shaded picnic pavilions, and an interactive splash pad with tractor and windmill features. The Kompan playground equipment and Goric swing promise to keep children interested and engaged in active play. A walking path connects the central plaza to the remnants of a historic concrete irrigation ditch and a gathering area that mimics a building foundation reminiscent of original farmstead buildings. From this relic area a walkway leads across the street to the Fields Phase 1 softball fields. Future phases of The Fields may include a pavilion for large gatherings, a concession stand, additional soccer fields, sports courts, picnic pavilions and walking paths.

South Bloomington – Sunriver Trail
This spring, the City of St. George finished the construction of a mile and a half portion of the Virgin River trail system between Bloomington Park and the Sunriver community. This link now connects the length of the Virgin River Trail system from St. George’s southwestern most community all the way to the City limits in the northeast quadrant of the City. The first ¾ mile segment runs between Bloomington Park and the future Las Colinas neighborhood park at the bottom of the dike structure that was built in response to the 2005 flood. This portion of the trail is constructed of soil cement, a substance which is resistant to high water levels and flood damage. At the site of the future Las Colinas park, the trail climbs up the dike and continues along the top of the dike to the northeast corner of Sunriver. The segment on top of the dike is a more traditional asphalt trail. The view along this trail is spectacular and there is often a pleasant breeze coming up from the Virgin River Gorge. The City of St. George, in partnership with the Virgin River Program, is excited about the educational and interpretive opportunities along this length of trail to teach the community more about the natural history of the Virgin River. This fall the City will be working with the Virgin River Program to revegetate along the this segment of trail with willow trees and install interpretive, educational signage.

Youth Flag Football
2nd-6th Grades
Youth Iddy Biddy
Flag Football League: K-1st grade

Registration is now open: 627/YOUTH
Registration Deadline is Friday August 28th.
“Blue & Gold jerseys required”

Youth Flag Football begins October 1st
Youth Iddy Biddy begins End of September
Kids in the Iddy Biddy program will participate in 10 practices/games. They will come to the park prepared for a practice clinic on the Fundamentals of Flag Football and will conclude the practice with a scrimmage.

Registration is NOW open!
$27/youth
Registration deadline is Friday August 28th.
*Blue & Gold jerseys Required*
It’s all about the FUNdamentals!
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**CALENDAR of EVENTS**

- Recreation Programs
- Art Museum Programs
- City Programs
- Golf Programs
- Activities for Kids
- Activities for Families

**July Events**

- **Hatching the Past Exhibit**
  - **Date:** On-going (Ends August 31st)
  - **Fee:** Adults 12 & Older: $6.00
    - Children 4-11: $3.00
    - Children under 4: Free
  - **Hours:** 10:00am - 6:00pm Mon-Sat
  - **Location:** St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site
    - 2180 East Riverside
  - **Description:** This exhibit features a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs, through their eggs, nests, and embryos. The exhibit blends sciences with the arts to show an array of authentic dinosaur eggs that have been collected worldwide.
  - **Contact:** 574-3466

- **Forever Fit**
  - **Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)
  - **Time:** 10:30 am
  - **Fee:** $2/visit or premium passes apply
  - **Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.
  - **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

- **Country Line Dancing**
  - **Date:** Thursdays (on-going)
  - **Time:** 7:45-9:45 pm
  - **Fee:** $5/visit
  - **Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.
  - **Description:** Join Sandy Carty as she teaches line dancing favorites such as “The Electric Slide” and “Ko-Ko-Mo Shuﬄe”. Join in on the boot scootin’ fun at the St. George Recreation Center on Thursday nights.
  - **Contact:** 627-4560

- **Youth Flag Football 2nd-6th Grade**
  - **Sign-up:** Registration is NOW open. Registration deadline is Friday, August 28, 2009. After August 28th, there is a $5 late fee.
  - **Fee:** $27/child
  - **Age:** 2nd-6th grade
  - **Location:** Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School
  - **Description:** Games begin the 1st of October. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for $10 each.
  - **Contact:** 627-4560

- **City Programs**
  - **Adult Basketball Fall League Registration**
    - **Sign-up:** Registration is now open for Adult Fall League play. Registration deadline is Aug. 19, 2009 or until full!
    - **Fee:** $150/Senior team; $300/Women’s & Men’s 35 & Older team
    - **Location:** TBA
    - **Description:** Games will begin the week of September 1, 2009. 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 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
    - **Contact:** 627-4560

- **City of St. George Independence Day Celebration**
  - **Date:** Saturday, July 4
  - **Time:** 7:30 am-10:00 pm
  - **Fee:** Breakfast: $5/Adult & $3/Child,
    - Fireworks and 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

- **Thunder Adventure Camp - Session 3**
  - **Date:** July 6-9 (Monday-Thursday)
  - **Time:** 9:00 am-12:00 Noon
  - **Fee:** $40/youth
  - **Age:** Grades 6-8
  - **Location:** Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School
  - **Description:** 3167 South 2350 East
**Sunset on the Square**  
**Date:** Friday, July 10th  
**Time:** Movie begins at Dusk  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Town Square on Main Street  
**Description:** Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie *Casper* at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.

**McGladrey Golf Championship**  
**Date:** July 10th  
**Location:** Sunbrook Golf Course  
**Contact:** 627-4400

**2009 Heat Stroker- Men's and Women's Slow Pitch Tournament**  
**Date:** July 10-11 (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 S  
**Description:** Men's D & E and Women's C & D Slow Pitch team tournament. This is an AFA Men's National qualifying tournament. Registration deadline is July 6, 2009 or until tournament is full.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Virgin River Classic Skimboard Competition**  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11  
**Time:** 9:30 am Check-in & Day-of Registration 10:00 am Competition Begins  
**Fee:** $15/person pre-registered  
**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 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.sgcity.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Thunder Adventure Camp - Session 4**  
**Date:** July 13-16 (Monday-Thursday)  
**Time:** 9:00 am- 12:00 Noon  
**Fee:** $40/youth  
**Age:** Grades 6-8th  
**Location:** Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School  
**Description:** Each session will feature different activities such as hiking, mountain biking, canoeing, and more. When registering, register the grade he/she will be attending in FALL 2009. Camp begins and ends each day at the Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.activityreg.com  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Tweety Birds- Session Two**  
**Date:** July 13-16 (Monday-Thursday)  
**Time:** 9:00 am- 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, 2009 or until full.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Jump To It- Summer Camp for Kids**  
**Date:** July 13-16 (Monday-Thursday)  
**Time:** 9:00 am- 12:00 Noon  
**Fee:** $24/camper  
**Age:** 1st-2nd grade  
**Location:** Little Valley Park, 2350 E 2995 S  
**Description:** Keep your child active this summer with us at Little Valley Park. We will be playing games such as spiders and flies, Frisbee golf, kickball and much more! Registration deadline is Thursday, July 9th.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Summer Learn to Swim Program - Session 4**  
**Date:** July 13-23 (Monday thru Thursday)  
**Times:** 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am, Noon, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions  
**Fee:** $30/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 13-23 (Monday thru Thursday)  
**Times:** 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 11:15 am, Noon  
**Fee:** $30/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

**Advanced Kids’ Pottery Wheel**  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 15  
**Time:** 1:00-3:00 pm  
**Fee:** $85/person  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This 4-week class is designed for those students who have taken basic pottery and want to continue to work on the wheel. Students will learn how to make finish projects look cleaner and more fine tuned.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560
**Dive-In Movie at the St. George City Pool**

*Date:* Wednesday, July 15  
*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 "Iron Giant" for their feature film in July.  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Sunbrooke Amateur**

*Date:* July 19th  
*Location:* Sunbrooke Golf Course  
*Contact:* 627-4400

**Made of Stone: Patio Pavers, Concrete Finishes & Riverbeds**  
*Date:* Saturday, July 18  
*Time:* 10:00-11:00 am  
*Fee:* FREE  
*Location:* Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Dr.  
*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

**Youth Acro-Gymnastics - Session 5**  
*Date:* Saturday, July 18 (4 wks)  
*Time:* 9:00am Beginners; 10:00am Intermediate; 11:00am Advanced  
*Fee:* $25/youth  
*Age:* 5+ yrs- Beginners; 7+ yrs- Intermediate; 9+ yrs- Advanced  
*Location:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
*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.  
*Registration:* St George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S. or on-line at www.activityreg.com  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Busy Bees - Session One**  
*Date:* July 20-22 (Monday-Wednesday)  
*Time:* 9:00 am- 12:00 Noon  
*Fee:* $30/camper  
*Age:* 4 yrs old during camp  
*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 17th or until full.  
*Register:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S. or on-line at www.activityreg.com  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Jump To It - Summer Camp for Kids**  
*Date:* July 20-23 (Monday-Thursday)  
*Time:* 9:00 am- 12:00 Noon  
*Fee:* $30/camper  
*Age:* 3rd grade  
*Location:* Little Valley Park, 2350 E. 2995 S.  
*Description:* Keep your child active this summer with us at Little Valley Park. We will be playing games such as spiders and flies, Frisbee golf, kickball and much more! Registration deadline is Thursday, July 16th.  
*Register:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Pioneer Swim Party at the SHAC**  
*Date:* Thursday, July 23  
*Time:* 1:00-5:00 pm & 6:30-9:00 pm  
*Fee:* 2 for 1 (regular admission fee for one guest) for designated times  
*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 Pioneer Swim Party.  
*Contact:* 627-4565

**Sunset on the Square**  
*Date:* Friday, July 24th  
*Time:* Movie begins at Dusk  
*Fee:* FREE  
*Location:* Town Square on Main Street  
*Description:* Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie The Astronaut Farmer at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.

**Tweety Birds - Session Three**  
*Date:* July 27-30 (Monday-Thursday)  
*Time:* 9:00 am- 12:00 Noon  
*Fee:* $35/camper  
*Age:* K-1st grade  
*Location:* Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Dr.  
*Description:* Nature day camp program filled with nature-themed arts, crafts, games and learning sessions. Registration deadline is July 24th or until full.  
*Register:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcity.org  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Summer Learn to Swim Program - Session 5**  
*Date:* July 27-August 6 (Monday thru Thursday)  
*Time:* 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am, 11:15am, Noon, 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions  
*Fee:* $30/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:* 627-4555

**St. George City Pool Summer Learn to Swim Program**  
*Date:* July 27-August 6 (Monday thru Thursday)  
*Time:* 10:00 am, 10:45 am, 11:15am, Noon  
*Fee:* $30/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:* 627-4564

**2009 Co-Ed Heat Stroker Softball Tournament**  
*Date:* July 31-August 1 (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:* Upper and lower Co-Ed Slow Pitch division tournament. Registration deadline is July 27, 2009 or until tournament is full.  
*Register:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.activityreg.com  
*Contact:* 627-4560

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**August 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:* 627-4568

**Forever Fit**  
*Date:* Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)  
*Time:* 10:30 am  
*Fee:* $2/ visit or premium passes apply  
*Location:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S  
*Description:* This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless of 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

**Country Line Dancing**  
*Date:* Thursdays (on-going)  
*Time:* 7:45-9:45 pm  
*Fee:* $5/ visit  
*Location:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South  
*Description:* Join Sandy Carty as she teaches line dancing favorites such as "The Electric Slide" and "Ko-Ko-Mo Shuffle". Join in on the boot scootin' fun at the St. George Recreation Center on Thursday nights.  
*Contact:* 627-4560

**Curiosity Club Registration**  
*Sign-up:* Registration is NOW open.  
*Time:* Session 1: 10:30-11:30 am OR Session 2: 1:30-2:30 pm  
*Fee:* $20/child/session  
*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 starting Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Day-of registration will be accepted.  
*Register:* St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
*Contact:* 627-4560

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**Start Smart Football Registration**

Fee: $25/youth

(Includes t-shirt and participation award)

**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 September 4, 2009 at 5pm. The 5-week program will begin on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

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

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Adult Flag Football League Registration**

**Sign-up:** Registration is now open for Adult Flag Football League play. Registration deadline is August 19, 2009 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, 2009. 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 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**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 18, 2009 at 5 pm.

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

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**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 18, 2009 at 5:00pm.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**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 25, 2009 at 5pm.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Summer Send-Off Tournament Registration**

**Date:** September 4-5 (Friday and Saturday)

**Time:** Friday 5:00pm tournament start time. Games resume play on Saturday morning.

**Fee:** $350/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 31, 2009 or until tournament is full.

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

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Little Rollers Tumbling Registration**

**Date:** September 15 or 16 (4 wks)

**Session 1:** Tuesday;

**Session 2:** Wednesday

**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 E. 285 S.

**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!

**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Hawaiian Dance Class Registration**

**Date:** September 10 (Thursdays)

**Time:** 4:15-5:15 pm

**Fee:** $25/person

**Age:** 5-14 years

**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.

**Description:** Registration is open for this unique dance class. This 4-week program is designed to teach beginners and intermediate dancers the proper techniques of Polynesian dancing.

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

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Lapidary Class Registration**

**Sign-up:** Registration is now open for individuals interested in lapidary/silver-smithing. Class starts September 8, 2009.

**Time:** Session 1- 9:00am-Noon;

**Session 2- Noon-3:00 pm

**Fee:** $90/person/session

**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.

**Description:** Join fellow silver-smithing enthusiasts for a creative 15-week class. Come share your design ideas while creating new unique pieces of jewelry. Class size is limited so sign-up early.

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

**Contact:** 627-4560

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**Sunset on the Square**

**Date:** Friday, August 14th

**Time:** Movie begins at Dusk

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Town Square on Main Street

**Description:** Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie *Happy Feet* at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.

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**Fall Into Vegetables Gardening**

**Date:** Saturday, August 15

**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

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**Be Healthy Dixie- Walk with Mayor McArthur**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 19

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Fire House Park, 1800 N. Dixie Downs Rd.

**Description:** Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at the new park’s main parking lot. Walkers will trek around the surrounding neighborhoods and trail system.

**Contact:** 627-4560
**Sunset on the Square**

**Date:** Friday, August 28th  
**Time:** Movie begins at Dusk  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Town Square on Main Street  
**Description:** Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie *Matilda* at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.

**Youth Acro-Gymnastics- Session 6**

**Date:** Saturday, August 29 (5 wks)  
**Time:** 9:00 am Beginners; 10:00 am Intermediate; 11:00 Advanced  
**Fee:** $30/youth  
**Age:** 5+ yrs- Beginners; 7+ yrs- Intermediate; 9+ yrs- Advanced  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**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.  
**Registration:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

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### September 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:** 627-4565

**Forever Fit**

**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Fee:** $2/visit or premium passes apply  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S  
**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

**Country Line Dancing**

**Date:** Thursdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 7:45-9:45 pm  
**Fee:** $5/visit  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Join Sandy Carty as she teaches line dancing favorites such as “The Electric Slide” and “Ko-Ko-Mo Shuffle”. Join in on the boot scootin’ fun at the St. George Recreation Center on Thursday nights.  
**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 18, 2009 @ 5 pm.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S 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 18, 2009 @ 5 pm.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S 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 18, 2009 @ 5pm.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S 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 25, 2009 @ 5pm.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Youth Idy Biddy Basketball League:** 🏀 K-2nd Grade  
**Sign-up:** Registration is NOW open. Registration deadline is Friday, October 30, 2009. After October 30th, there is a $5 late fee.  
**Fee:** $27/child  
**Age:** K-2nd grade  
**League Info:** Games begin in December. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for $10 each. Kids will participate in 10 practices/games. At the St. George Recreation Center, kids will participate in practice clinics teaching the fundamentals of basketball and then conclude each practice with a scrimmage game.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S 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, St. George  
**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 13 @ 5 pm. The tournament will be played on Saturday, October 17, 2009.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Be Healthy Dixie - Walk with Mayor McArthur**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 2  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Blake Memorial Park, 626 S. 1360 W  
**Description:** Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at Blake Memorial Park. Walkers will trek around the surrounding neighborhood.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Summer Send-Off Tournament**

**Date:** September 4-5 (Friday and Saturday)  
**Time:** Friday 7:30 pm tournament start time. Games resume play on Saturday morning.  
**Fee:** $350/ team  
**Location:** Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N  
**Description:** Girl’s fast pitch tournament for divisions 10, 12, 14 & Under teams. Registration deadline is August 31, 2009 or until tournament is full.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Lapidary Class Registration**

**Date:** September 8 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)  
**Time:** Session 1: 9:00am-Noon; Session 2: Noon-3:00 pm  
**Fee:** $90/person/session  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S  
**Description:** Join fellow silver-smithing enthusiasts for a creative 15-week class. Come share your design ideas while creating new unique pieces of jewelry. Class size is limited so sign-up early.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Hawaiian Dance Class Registration**

**Date:** September 10 (Thursdays)  
**Time:** 4:15-5:15 pm  
**Fee:** $25/person  
**Age:** 5-14 years  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S.  
**Description:** Registration is open for this unique dance class. This 4-week program is designed to teach beginners and intermediate dancers the proper techniques of Polynesian dancing.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org  
**Contact:** 627-4560

**Sunset on the Square**

**Date:** Friday, September 11th  
**Time:** Movie begins at Dusk  
**Location:** Town Square on Main Street  
**Description:** Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie *Superman* at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.
Start Smart Football Registration
Date: September 12 (Saturdays)
Fee: $25/youth
(includes t-shirt and participation award)
Location: St George Recreation Center (first class) & Vernon 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 September 4, 2009 at 5pm.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

2009 Roadrunner Men’s D & E Slow Pitch Tournament
Date: September 18-19
Time: Friday night- 7:30pm first game. Games resume play on Saturday morning.
Fee: $305
Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N
Description: Men’s D & E slow pitch tournament. Registration deadline is September 14, 2009 or until tournament is full. The tournament is an AFA Men’s National Qualifier.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 E 285 S or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Fall Learn to Swim Program-Session 1
Date: September 14-24 (Monday thru Thursday)
Time: 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm sessions
Fee: $30/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

Getting Your Grass into Gear
Date: Saturday, September 19
Time: 10:00-11:00 am
Fee: FREE
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
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 keeping it healthy. Space is limited! Call Julie to reserve your spot.
Contact: Julie @ 673-3617

Sunset on the Square
Date: Friday, September 25th
Time: Movie begins at Dusk
Fee: FREE
Location: Town Square on Main Street
Description: Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? Come enjoy the movie The Incredible Mr. Limpet at St. George Town Square where it becomes an outdoor movie theatre. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the evening and the movie when it begins at dusk. Outdoor movies complete with snow cones, popcorn and pizza.

Punt, Pass & Kick Competition
Date: Saturday, September 26
Time: 10:00 am
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. Age classification is as of December 31, 2009 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.
Registration for the program will be taken the day of the event on location.
Contact: 627-4560

Be Healthy Dixie-Walk with Mayor McArthur
Date: Wednesday, September 16
Time: 8:00 am
Fee: FREE
Location: Little Valley Park, 2350 East 2995 South

Description: Mayor Dan McArthur is inviting community members to join him on his walks. This week’s walk will begin at Little Valley Park’s main parking lot. Walkers will trek around the surrounding neighborhoods and trail system.
Contact: 627-4560

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 your 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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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.
Early Morning Breakfast
7:30am - 10:00am
“All American Made”
$5 / Adult
$3 / Child (12 & Under)

Fun & Games Extravaganza
Starts at 9:00am
Hot Dog Eating Contest
Golf Chipping Contest
100 ft Slip-n-Slide
Home Run Derby
Face Painting
Food Booths
Great Music
Karaoke
And much, much, more...

28th Annual
Country Showdown
8:00pm
Enjoy the evening by listening to various musical talents at the Country Showdown

Giant Fireworks Display
10:00pm
Spectacular Firework Display for the Whole Family

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