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I am sure that all of us remember our birthday each year. I know as I was growing up I could hardly wait for it to come, especially when I was getting close to driving age and then next getting my hunting license. I remember how I thought that my father would be too old and would not be able to take me hunting. Boy I was wrong. I could not keep up with him for many years and now I realize that I am a few years older than he was when I was of hunting age.

Well, I bet you are wondering what this has to do with the Mayor’s message for this issue of Inside St. George. Well, I’ll tell you. I am sure that many of you did not know that St George is getting close to celebrating its 150th birthday. It comes in the middle of January on the 17th of the month and we will be having a big celebration. Many did not know, including me when our birthday really was. When I was elected Mayor of St. George the Director of the Temple Visitors Center, Dixie Leavitt, came to me and said that many people were drawn to the area and their most common response was that “there was just a feeling here” that they had not felt in other places. I call that the Dixie Spirit and I have felt it many times in my life. Thus, St. George Heritage Days came about to celebrate our founding. And why shouldn’t it be in the middle of January when everyone wants to be here in Utah’s Dixie?

Did you know that we were the 13th city to be chartered in the Utah territory? Oh others were settled before us but most were not granted a charter until later. It was in the October General Conference of 1861 that then President of the LDS Church, Brigham Young, stood at the pulpit and called out the names of 309 heads of families calling them to settle a new community in southwestern Utah which would be called St. George. Our early pioneer families started to arrive here in November and December of that year and set up camp on the Encampment Mall which is located on the Dixie State College campus. On that Mall there is a monument naming the 900 plus individuals involved in the early settlement.

The town was laid out, lots selected, and then the families moved onto those lots and started to build their homes, mostly in the Sand Town area (near Diagonal Street) of our valley and it wasn’t long before St George started to take shape. It grew very slowly at first. Many came and many left for better areas but those who stayed have left us a great place to live and raise a family.

It is in celebration of that event that the St George Wagon Company was organized to celebrate the settling of St George. We will travel the last 100 miles of that historic journey and invite everyone to participate in the event. Erastus Snow was the head of that early journey and so we are going to have his great grandson, Elder Steven E. Snow of the Presidency of the Seventy of the LDS Church, speak to us at a fireside in our Enoch camp during the journey. The event starts in Parowan City on October 8th and culminates on Saturday, October 15th with a pioneer parade down Tabernacle Street at noon followed by the Dixie Legacy Celebration at Vernon Worthen Park until 7:00 pm. It is my hope that everyone will join in as we embark on a year-long sesquicentennial celebration in honor of the place we call home, St. George!

Daniel D. McArthur
City of St. George Mayor
I Was Called to Dixie

Shortly after visiting the little village of Tonaquint in May of 1861, Brigham Young, the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, stopped his party, gazed north toward the peaceful valley and proclaimed: “There will yet be built, between those volcanic ridges, a city, with spires, towers and steeples, with homes containing many inhabitants.”

During the next church conference, in October, Brigham Young read the names of 309 families that were officially “called” to settle Dixie.

However, they were not the first L.D.S. explorers to the region. In 1849, Brigham Young had authorized an expedition under the command of Parley P. Pratt to investigate southern Utah; John D. Lee led a similar scouting force in 1852. Shortly thereafter, L.D.S. missionaries were sent to establish relationships with, and improve the conditions of the natives in the area. Their success as a missionary force among the Paiute and the Shivwit Indians made possible the further settling of the St. George area.

Then in January of 1858, a group of men headed by Joseph Horne were outfitted and sent to test the practicality of producing cotton in the Virgin River Basin. The following November they delivered 575 pounds of cotton to Salt Lake City. Horne’s second group in April of 1859 had even better results. The experimental cotton site had served its purpose.

On December 1, 1861, the main party of newly called families arrived and camped where Dixie State College is located. Other pioneers arrived later. The first orders of business were getting water to the land, laying out the city and providing for the education of more than 150 who wanted to attend school. These tasks were begun immediately.

Rains began on Christmas night and the downpour continued for 40 days. Although the rains brought green to the land, the floods also brought swarms of flies and mosquitoes from which the settlers had no protection. These insects were not only irritating, but also spread disease. Food was scarce; malnutrition was common and unsanitary conditions caused disease. Typhoid, diphtheria, malaria, whooping cough, measles and scarlet fever brought death and sorrow. Within the first four years, there were 134 deaths; of these, 99 were children under the age of eight. Three of five births ended in early death, sometimes including the death of the mother.

Sickness, misery, death and sorrow were only some of the problems challenging those early pioneers. The hot Dixie sun, the fierce desert winds, the rain that didn’t fall for months and then came in torrents plagued the settlers. The great distances from family and friends left behind caused depression and loneliness. All of these hardships were faced by men, women and children who were living out of wagon boxes or in cave-like dugouts as they toiled in the fields and labored at other grueling tasks.

Buoyed by their personal commitment and belief in God, they remained dedicated to their mission. They survived. They established and built the City of St. George between the volcanic ridges, as Brigham Young had envisioned.* As we approach the sesquicentennial anniversary of the City of St. George, we pay tribute to these courageous Dixie Pioneers.

In Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the original “Cotton Mission” and establishment of St. George, the City of St. George is organizing an eight-day, 100-mile covered wagon expedition commencing in the City of Parowan and ending in St. George. This company will be organized into wagon teamsters, outriders and handcart walkers. The 200-person company will camp in six locations as it winds its way through cedar, sage brush and red canyon cliffs October 8-15, 2011.

Come celebrate the arrival of the wagon company on Saturday, October 15 at the St. George Pioneer Parade. The Parade route begins at 300 West and proceeds east on Tabernacle Street to Vernon Worthen Park in downtown St. George. The parade features living descendants of the original Dixie pioneers and their families will be in the parade representing their family name while leading the wagon company to its final destination at the Dixie Legacy Celebration. The parade begins at 12:00 pm.

The Dixie Legacy Celebration will be held at Vernon Worthen Park on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and showcases pioneer era games, clothing, dancing, trades, skills, poetry, food and artifacts. Come watch performances on two stages throughout the day and gain a new appreciation for the way life was lived by early settlers in Utah’s Dixie.

Researched by Roberta Blake Barnum
Excerpt taken from the book, “Erastus Snow” written by Andrew Karl Larson

Brigham Young himself made a tour of the Dixie outposts in the latter part of May 1861 to assure himself of the wisdom of reinforcement and further colonization. He saw the country’s possibilities and determined to take action. As he traveled the road from Fort Clara down the creek to its confluence with the Virgin, he noted the favorable site for a town in what is now St. George Valley. He had, on an earlier visit to Santa Clara (1859), predicted that “there will yet be built, between those volcanic ridges, a city with spires, towers and steeple, with homes containing many inhabitants.” He determined that the time was now ripe to fulfill his own prediction. Cotton would grow in the Virgin River Valley; the source of supply from the South was cut off, for how long no one could know. The Saints would produce their own cotton and so lessen their dependence on the outside world. Erastus Snow stated the problem succinctly: The war was then raging between the northern and southern states with the prospect of general distress through the destruction of the cotton industry of the South, so the question of shirts or no shirts loomed up before the people of Utah. At our October Conference it was decided to send colonies down to the southern part of Utah, on the Rio Virgin, . . . for the essential purpose of opening up cotton farms to provide for possible contingencies.

Excerpts from Jacob Hamlin, His Life in His Own Words:

At the April conference of 1854 I was called with a number of others on a mission to the Indians in Southern Utah. Taking a horse, cow, garden seeds and some farming tools, I joined in with Brother Robert Ritchie and was soon on my way. We commenced operations at a place we called Harmony, twenty miles South of Cedar City in Iron County. I made it my principal business to learn the Indian language and become familiar with their character.

About the end of May of that year President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Parley P. Pratt and others to the number of twenty persons came to visit us. President Young gave much instructions about conducting the mission and building up the settlement we had commenced. He said if the Elders wanted influence with the Indians they must associate with them in their expeditions. Brother Kimball prophesied that if the brethren were united they would be prospered and blessed, but if they permitted the spirit of strife and contention to come into their midst the place would come to an end in a scene of bloodshed.

Excerpts of James G. Bleak’s Annals of the Southern Utah Mission, Book A; James G. Bleak was The Clerk of the Southern Utah Mission for many years during the period of the colonization of Utah’s Dixie:

The company had become quite large and on the following morning set out from Cedar and journeyed to Ash creek, which they crossed, and climbed the very steep road over the black volcanic ridge, on the right bank of Ash Creek. After descending, they arrived at the forks of the road, one of which led to Toquerville, and up the Rio Virgin, the other towards Washington.

A general halt took place. Two questions were debated: “Shall we go on South and be subjected to the chills and fever said to infect Washington and vicinity, or shall we go up the Rio Virgin to greater altitude, and be, consequently, more free from chills.”

Quite a number were inclined to take the latter course, and this inclination became stronger when it was found that Apostle Orson Pratt and family had gone to the upper Virgin. The result was that quite a number followed that course. Those more decided on going to establish a new city, to be named “St. George,” took the road toward Washington.
Excerpts from Diary of Charles Lowell Walker:

Arrived in St. George on the afternoon of the 9th of December 1862. All well; my wife in good health. Cattle in good order. Got me a city Lot and 2 1/2 acres of land. St. George is a barren looking place. The soil is red and sandy. On the north ranges a long high red rocky bluff. On the East is a long black ridge of volcanic production. On the west the same. On the south runs the Virgin River, a shallow, rapid stream from which a great portion of the land is irrigated. To look on the country it is a dry, parched, barren waste with here and there a green spot on the margin of the streams. Very windy, dusty, blowing nearly all the time. The water is not good and far from being palatable. And this is the country we have to live in and make it blossom as the Rose. Well it’s all right, we shall know how to appreciate a good country when we get to it, when the Lord has prepared the way for his People to return and build up the waste places of Zion. Sunday June 21st 1863- Hot, windy and dusty. Brother Snow and James G Bleak gave us some good exhortations pertaining to our duties in the Gospel and to one another. This summer I was appointed Teacher over the Seventies in the 1st and part of the 2nd ward by W. P McIntire. I also carried on a Blacksmith shop thro the heat of summer without being sick one day. Our crops this Season have been light; very light, in fact I might say a failure owing to the want of water. There has a good many houses been erected this year in this place considering the adverse circumstances that the People have had to cope with. And St. George begins to look like a city of some importance.

Excerpts from the diaries of Robert Gardner:

Among the other yarns we heard was one about the climate. They said that in St. George, water left in the sun got warmed enough to wash dishes in, while 30 miles away the people had to wrap up in bed quilts or blankets to keep from freezing. The night we camped at Grape Vine Springs, which was near St. George my wife, Mary Ann decided to test the truth of this yarn. She put a cup of water on a wagon wheel to see if it would be warm enough by morning to use for washing the dishes. When she got up in the morning, she found a thick coat of ice on the cup, and declared she would believe no more yarns. I explained to her that the reason the water had not gotten hot was because the sun had not shined that night. When we reached the top of the last ridge we found the town nearly under us on a nice flat between two ridges. Here we found some of our old neighbors who received us very kindly. We found Robert D. Covington, The Mangums, and Adams Rickey, and others who had been sent on that mission, some years before. The appearance of these brethren and their wives and children was rather discouraging. Nearly all of them had fever and ague or chills as they are called (Malaria). They had worked hard in the country and had worn out their clothes, and had replaced them from the cotton they had raised on their own lots and farms. Their clothes and their faces were all of a color, being blue with chills. This tried me harder than anything I had seen in all my Mormon experiences. Thinking my wives and children from the nature of the climate would have to look as sickly as those now surrounding me, but I said, “We will trust in God and go ahead.” I think this was the first day of December, we arrived in Washington Town. We camped there that night. And the next day Brother William Lang and I went west about four miles to the top of the Black Ridge east of where St. George now stands, we looked over into there and said, “If that suits our leader, it will suit us.” We went back to where we had left our families and wagons, and teams.

Excerpts from the autobiography of Erastus Snow, Leader of the Dixie Cotton Mission:

Speaking of earlier colonizing pioneers to Washington County he wrote:

They were a long way from stores, shops, and other facilities, in a broken country forbidding in all its aspects, which was rocky, sandy, and barren, without roads and where a vast amount of labor and means were necessary to make roads and overcome the natural obstacles of developing the country. All the pioneers were greatly rejoiced at the prospects of help and were ready to throw themselves and all they had at our feet to be used or directed in any way necessary for the good of the communities. Many of those who had previously penetrated this country had abandoned it in disgust, and many of my own little party looked “chop fallen” in the extreme, but Elder George A. Smith and I inspired them with faith and hope for the future of this country, trusting in God and the strong arms and stout hearts of the colonists to grapple manfully with, and overcome the difficulties we had to encounter.
Daily, the City receives calls from residents complaining about concerns they have with various problems in their neighborhood. They want and expect those problems to be corrected by the City. The City, through a public hearing process, adopts ordinances to establish the community standards which are expressed by the residents in their many calls. Code Enforcement has the responsibility to educate and work with the residents in obtaining compliance with those ordinances. Cleaning the yard is not always the first priority for a busy home owner. Unfortunately, when the neighbors have to look at unkempt property for months, it has become a problem that is now affecting the community.

St. George has two Code Enforcement Officers for the entire city. Some typical types of cases Code Enforcement deals with are: illegal signs; agricultural animals in a residential zone; junk such as junk cars, discarded appliances, and items that have been thrown out; trash and debris; tall weeds; illegal dumping of oil and other material; zoning violations such as building your shed too close to the property line, converting your garage into living space, and illegally dividing your home into a duplex; a fence that is over 6 feet in height; and an illegal business in a residential zone. Code Enforcement also inspects rental properties for occupancy fitness. The pictures shown here are just a bare sampling of what is found at properties in our city. Both cases were initiated because of neighbors calling in to complain about what they had to look at every day and their concern about how it affected their property values. Junk, debris and weeds can lead to smells, creates harbors for vermin including rats, and can create health and fire hazards. In both of these cases the property owners worked with the officers to bring their properties into compliance.

Most Code Enforcement cases start with someone calling in a complaint. Generally they ask to remain anonymous because they do not want to have problems with their neighbors. Once a complaint is received, the officer goes to the property to see if it violates any city ordinance. While in that neighborhood, the officer will usually look at the entire neighborhood for code violations, be it a residential neighborhood or business area. This helps insure more equality in enforcement. If a violation is found on a property, the officer sends a courtesy letter to the property owner seeking their cooperation to resolve the issue on their property. If the owner has questions or needs extra time to take care of the issue, he may call the officer. The goal is always compliance. Code Enforcement seeks to work in conjunction with the property owner to solve the problem. Compliance schedules are often extended as property owners work to solve the problem. The officers attempt to find church and civic groups that are willing to assist those who state they need help in cleaning up their property. If an owner says they have family coming to help but it will be a few weeks, the officer works with them. The most important thing is for the owner to call and talk to the officer so they can find a way to work together. Approximately 90% of the Code Enforcement cases are resolved without fines or court action. This happens because of the cooperation of the owners and the officers working with them. Only if the owner fails to correct the violation or call the officer and work with the officer on getting the property into compliance are fines imposed.

Even though times are harder right now, everyone wants to maintain the maximum value of their property. Real estate agents confirm that compliance with the city codes helps to maintain those values. Keeping your yards clean of debris and maintaining your landscape are key. If you receive a letter from Code Enforcement and have questions or need more time, please call right away and explain your situation to the officer. The community standards are necessary to help keep our city a clean and inviting place to live.
By: Gil Almquist, St. George City Council

St. George: History in the Making

I love history. I learned at a young age that looking back is often one of the best ways to look forward. Therefore, wherever I go, the history and history-makers of the area intrigue me. The unique history of Dixie, with all of its natural challenges and dedicated pioneers, was one of the strong draws I felt in coming here. Recently, I traveled to the ghost town of Bodie with a close friend. We were impressed with the remaining buildings, history museum and original millworks. The tour book and live guides made the area come alive. We both expressed a desire to be transported back in time just for a day to relive the wild and crazy life of this bustling western mining town. I have often felt the same as I read or hear stories about those who settled St. George and the surrounding areas. I would love to have worked on the Tabernacle, Temple, Courthouse or any of our historic homes. I know it wouldn’t have been easy since materials had to be transported great distances, food was scarce, and mother nature was always exacting her toll through heat, cold, floods, and generally unpredictable conditions. However, the history is still fascinating and I would have loved to live through it. I am hoping the St. George Wagon Train reenactment in October will yield a few more stories and give me a better taste of what it meant to travel to St. George and carve out a settlement.

But history is being made every day. While many students cringe at the thought of taking a history class, they may somehow come to realize that their actions and accomplishments are making history that future generations may study. So, we ask ourselves, “What legacy will I leave? What will historians write about my generation?”

I can only submit a few guidelines to consider as we contribute to the history of Dixie. 1.) Will I have made life better for others through my own hard work and service? 2.) Will I have protected the natural, social and economic attractions that cause people to love Dixie? 3.) Will I have preserved the legacy of the past so future generations will appreciate the sacrifices of others? I once read the quote, “Those who don’t learn from the mistakes of the past, are bound to repeat them.” I submit a personal twist to that statement that reflects the positive outlook I have for St. George and Dixie. “Those who have seen the successes of the past are obligated to repeat them.” I hope that ten or even a hundred years from now, when visitors walk our tree lined streets, cool off in our parks, admire our buildings, shop in our stores, and read our history, that there will be no doubt of our determined effort to make the desert blossom as a rose.

The fate of Bodie was tied to gold and silver. When they played out, the town withered away. That cannot happen here. Our wealth is in our families, our businesses, our schools, our parks, our natural beauty and our welcoming citizens. This is more valuable than gold and silver and cannot wither away.
Healthy Dixie is a collaborative council that works to improve the quality of life for residents in Washington County. Local cities, health organizations, the school district, and other health conscious members participate. Presently, the council is working to increase the availability of walkable neighborhoods, improve worksite health and safety programs, and encourage community gardens.

The Washington County area is well known for its many historical and scenic attractions. Because of its temperate winters, the area is a great place for recreational activities. People biking, running, and walking have become a frequent sight along our roadways and trails. Each year, many visitors come to our community not only to see the sights in the area, but to also participate in events such as the St. George Marathon, the newly established IRONMAN triathlon, the Huntsman World Senior Games, and other recreational races. As such, it has become a goal of our community to provide recreational facilities throughout the area. Of these, there is a great need for not only new trails, but also interconnection of existing trails and recreational sites. It is proposed that existing facilities become connected and expanded while new developments incorporate additional sidewalks, shared-use paths, and bike lanes.

The worksite can promote healthy lifestyles through the implementation of healthy options to their associates and creating an environment supporting those choices. The results of these endeavors have proven effective in employee engagement and satisfaction, reduction in work related injuries, customer satisfaction, reduced sick leave and additional benefits. Healthy Dixie can help provide the resources needed to effectively develop policies and to enhance the environment to encourage a healthy place to work. “Our goal for 2011 is to provide information to local businesses in Washington County on how to implement a worksite wellness program,” says Locke Ettinger, Worksite Health & Safety Lead. “We will be using 7 key strategies from the Wellness Councils of America. Look for these quarterly lectures in 2012.” Healthy Dixie will be hosting quarterly meetings for worksites interested in improving their wellness programs. Please contact us for more information.
The Healthy Dixie Council is focused on supporting community gardens and helping to supply information to start a garden. A list of local community gardens can be found on the Healthy Dixie website. There you will also find information about starting your own garden.

School gardens are becoming more popular. Healthy Dixie supports this effort and encourages schools to work with their local gardens to extend the classroom outdoors. The California School Garden Network reports that school gardens can increase academic performance as well as fruit and vegetable consumption. “We are really excited about the opportunity to give some funding to local community gardens who are working in schools,” explains Stef Bassett, Community Garden Team Lead. “This is a unique opportunity to get schools into the gardens and working with the community members.” Healthy Dixie wants to encourage any community garden or school to apply. For more information visit our website.

The health of a community is its greatest asset and any effort to enhance and protect that asset should not go unrecognized. Healthy Dixie seeks to honor individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that are taking initiative to work to create healthier communities. In an effort to better recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations in our community we are asking for nominations. We want to hear from you about the outstanding things that are going on throughout Dixie to increase the health and well being of its residents. “The Healthy Dixie Award is an opportunity to recognize people or organizations who are taking action to improve the health of our community”, explains Jane Lambert, the Council president. “The Healthy Dixie Council wants to thank them for their contribution.” Nomination forms can be found on the Healthy Dixie website. For organizations or individuals interested in getting involved in these efforts please contact us at healthydixie@gmail.com. Visit us online at www.healthydixie.org and find us on Facebook.
The Huntsman World Senior Games is celebrating 25 years of fostering worldwide peace, health and friendship. In October, more than 10,000 athletes will converge on St. George, filling up hotels, restaurants and main thoroughfares throughout the city as they enjoy the competition and camaraderie of what has become an annual tradition for many. All 50 of the United States will be represented as well as athletes from a variety of countries. Part of the success of the Games is attributed to the philosophy founded in the early years of providing much more than just a sporting event. “The Games is a total experience for the athletes,” says Kyle Case. “And many of the social and entertainment events the athletes love are open to the public.”

Case encourages the community to come out and celebrate the 25th year of the Games at any or all of these various events. Following the pattern of the Olympics, the Games kicks off with a grand Opening Ceremonies, produced by Diamond Talent, where admission is free and the public is invited. The Ceremonies include a parade of athletes, entertainment, fireworks and the traditional lighting of the Huntsman World Senior Games Cauldron. The Opening Ceremonies takes place on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Hansen Stadium on the campus of Dixie State College. Attendees should bring blankets and lawn chairs. “The Opening Ceremonies is a chance for the athletes and the local residents to come together and celebrate,” Case says. The show will feature professional entertainers, special guests and local school children presenting a Flag Extravaganza, highlighting each of the 63 countries that have participated in the Games.

Shannon Miller, the most decorated American Gymnast, male or female, in history will be on hand to inspire and encourage the community and the athletes to be the best they can be. Miller is the only American to rank among the Top 10 All-Time gymnasts and is the only female athlete to be inducted into the US Olympics Hall of Fame – Twice! (Individual in 2006 and Team in 2008). Over her career she has won an astounding 59 international and 49 national competition medals. Over half of these have been gold. She is the only US gymnast to win 2 World All-Around Titles. Her tally of five medals (2 silver, 3 bronze) at the 1992 Olympics was the most medals won by a US athlete. At the ’96 Games, she led the “Magnificent Seven” to the US Women’s first ever Team Gold and for the first time for any American gymnast, she captured Gold on the Balance Beam.

Not to be outdone by the first week’s Opening Ceremonies, the second week of the Games kicks off with the Huntsman World Senior Games Concert & Celebration which takes place on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm at Burns Arena, Dixie State College. Headlining act at the Concert & Celebration this year is the Bellamy Brothers. For more than 35 years, the Bellamy Brothers have been an unassuming picture of consistency in country music, crafting honest, heartfelt songs that connect with millions of listeners around the world including their mega-hit “Let Your Love Flow.” Admission to the Concert & Celebration for Games’ participants and a guest is free of charge. The community is encouraged to attend. The ticket price for non-athletes is only $12.00 in advance and $15.00 the day of the show. Tickets can be purchased at the Dixie State College Ticket Office or by calling 435-652-7800.

Anyone wanting to attend a World Championship event will be impressed with the Global Cup – World Senior Volleyball Championship. The Global Cup is an invitation only tournament that features the best 50 and over players on the planet. “The Global Cup is really unique,” says Merrill Barney, Sports Director for the Games. “There really isn’t anything like it in the world. Teams come and are playing for national pride.” The teams alternate each year between men and women. This year, women’s teams from Brazil, Canada, Germany, Russia, USA and Venezuela will take the court. International Volleyball Rules govern play throughout the tournament, which will begin on Monday, October 10 and will culminate in the medal matches being played on Thursday, October 13.

Billiards play is free to watch and will take place in the Dixie Center. The finals will be held at the Desert Hills High School Main Gym with the Bronze Medal games starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the finals are available for just $7.00. Huntsman World Senior Games athletes and volunteers will be able to attend the finals free of charge with their athlete identification.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the public is invited to attend any of the regular sporting events free of charge. Schedules are available on the Games web site at www.seniorgames.net. “These athletes come from all over the world to participate in the sporting events they love,” said Case. “I’ve never met anyone who attended these events who did not leave inspired.”

For additional info on the Games or any of its events, visit the web at www.seniorgames.net or call the office at 800-562-1268.
Tuesday, October 4
7:00 PM
Hansen Stadium,
Dixie State College
FREE TO EVERYONE

Parade of Athletes
Singing and Dancing
Flag Extravaganza
Cauldron Lighting
Fireworks

Don’t miss special guest, 7-time Olympic Medalist, Shannon Miller who will share her Olympic experience.
This October marks the 35th year of the St. George Marathon! To celebrate, the St. George Leisure Services Department has added a few wrinkles to call attention to the exciting history of this outstanding event.

One can only imagine the response of the 39 finishers in the inaugural St. George Pioneer Marathon in 1977 if they were told that one day the race would attract over 7400 runners from the world over. The race has experienced extraordinary growth, provided significant economic impact to the area and has changed the lives of many. This year, organizers decided to focus the milestone celebration on outstanding individual performances throughout the years. Marathon historian and long-time race participant, Michael Schramm, has completed an extensive study of all individual marathon performances for the past 34 years. He created a list of the 1000 fastest male and 1000 fastest female times to date. From this list, Michael identified the 100 males and 100 females whose performances deserve special recognition. These runners were selected to be St. George Marathon Legends, and represent the first class of inductees into the new St. George Marathon “Road of Fame.” Each week a new group of four legends is unveiled on the St. George Marathon website - www.stgeorgemarathon.com.

For the 23rd year, a delegation of marathon runners and officials from the Ibigawa Japan Marathon will spend marathon week in St. George and the surrounding areas. The 20-member delegation dates back to 1989 which began as an exchange program and eventually expanded to include both marathons. Local residents serve as host families for the members of the delegation and participate with them in a variety of unique southern Utah activities during their five-day stay. On race day, four members of the delegation will run in the marathon. In November, the St. George Marathon will send a delegation of 28 members to Ibigawa for their annual marathon. This group will include 12 junior high school students who will receive a return visit to St. George from their Japanese counterparts in January of 2012. The delegation will also include this year’s St. George Marathon overall and masters division winners. An exciting feature at this year’s race will be identifying the 100,000th finisher in the history of the marathon. This lucky runner will receive a lifetime entry into the race. Organizers have planned a special celebration when the runner crosses the finish line.

The public is invited to the Nordic Track Health and Fitness Expo which will be held on Friday, September 30 at the Dixie Center from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. This event will be the largest expo in the race’s history with 115 booths and will include a special historical exhibit highlighting the history of the race. There will also be a special exhibit highlighting the history of our Ibigawa Marathon exchange. This year’s race clinics include a first-timers session, a presentation by the Clif Bar pacing group, and a presentation by Michael Schramm regarding the history of the race. At the conclusion of Michael’s presentation, the induction ceremony for the “Road of Fame” will commence. Please look on the marathon website for specific clinic times. Residents who are not able to watch the marathon in person can follow the race this year via live streaming video at www.stgeorgemarathon.com. Thanks to the Community Education Channel, Center for Media Innovation and Visual Technologies Department from Dixie College, viewers will be able to see every finisher along with the awards ceremony.
FOR THE LOVE OF ART—Home Tour 2011 is scheduled to take place on October 21st and October 22nd, 2011. The St. George Art Museum and the St. George Art Museum Advisory Board (D.L. Ashliman, Eunice Borg-Hydeman, Shar Heitkotter, Joan Hickman, Allen Jacobi Jr., Carol Lakin, Joe Viers, and Barbara Watson) are undertaking the fifth annual “For the Love of Art” home tour showcasing art in the St. George.

Annually we choose three art collector’s home in the St. George area. Some of the homes, that display art collections to their best advantage, are architectural gems themselves. This tour is different in that we travel together in small groups on one of two buses that hold only 14 passengers each. The buses take different routes so only 14 people are in a home at a time. The participants have the opportunity to meet, hear about, and speak personally with the home owners (often absent in most home tours) about collecting, artists, and art. The small group setting allows for a more intimate and participatory experience for both the ticket holders and the home owners. We expect the tour to be as successful this year, as it has been for the past four years. This fundraising event debuted in 2007, when we celebrated the Museum’s first decade in the beautiful Pioneer Center for the Arts complex. The initial opening of the art museum was titled Legacy. Activities that began during our 10th anniversary were titled 2007: Legacy II for the Next Ten Years. As one of our goals, we purposely began to work to grow the permanent collection of especially national park art. The proceeds from “For the Love of Art” home tour fundraiser go into the acquisition fund.

Tickets are $65 per person are available at the St. George Art Museum and include transportation, the tour, and lunch at the Painted Pony restaurant. Tickets include Museum admission to the current exhibit that is the most complete, historic, qualitative exhibit of artists painting the Grand Canyon that has been offered to date. It is a rare offering to you, and the community. The exhibit will be on view from August 27th through December 31st, 2011. Visit soon and visit often, the Grand Canyon Grandeur & the Colorado Plateau: from the Hays Collection! Travel through the eyes of famed artists to the grandest of canyons with this grandest of exhibits.

The Home Tour is a marvelous and friendly event. Many of our attendees make a point of attending year after year. Don’t miss this year’s “For the Love of Art” home fundraising tour.
The rainbows of rugged rocks on the rim of the Grand Canyon have been trod on for millennia. The Canyon has never ceased to astound people in all of that time whether they thought it an obstacle or a wonder. When Anglo artists, encouraged and facilitated by the railroads, came to the Canyon, following in the footsteps of early Spanish explorers, they were pleased to find something to equal or even surpass sights in the old world. Thomas Cole said that thousands of pencils have worn thin places like Tivoli. The rugged West, especially the Colorado Plateau, on the other hand, was something entirely fresh and different. The West was the subject of tales of exploration, exaggeration, operas, and finally exploitation. This exhibit covers the pivotal time span in Grand Canyon art from the c.1854 to 1950 by twenty six artists plus several unknown works. Many of the artists are well known such as Frederic Remington and Thomas Moran, the latter known for his work in the burgeoning national park system. Gunnar Widforss, who is prominently featured is certainly associated with the Grand Canyon where he lived and died. Among other artists are: Louis Akin, Carl Oscar Borg, George Elbert Burr, Eanger Irving Couse, William Robinson Leigh, Heinrich Balduin Möllhausen, Edgar Alwin Payne, and Hiroshi Yoshida.

These particularly fine art pieces, in an amazing variety of styles, fill all of the galleries of the St. George Art Museum and are grouped into units, which enables the viewer to think about the Canyon categorically. The exhibit is the collection and courtesy of Mr. Abram Hays. Our sincere thanks to collectors Abe & Lalla Hays, founders in 1976 of Arizona West Galleries in Scottsdale.

Another of his collections The Legendary Prints of Lon Megargee (1883-1960) was shown at the St. George Art Museum in 2005. Abe was also instrumental in obtaining loans and lending art for the extraordinary exhibit, A Century of Sanctuary: The Art of Zion National Park in 2008. Museum hours are 10-5, Monday-Saturday, with 3rd Thursdays that feature Art Conversations at 7pm and open until 9pm with nominal admission fees. Family and Adult Study Centers and Care For Your Art available with Museum fee. Art on Main Gallery Walks, from 6 to 9pm, begin at the St. George Art Museum, are free, and will take place on Fridays on October 7th and December 9th. “For the Love of Art” fundraising Home Tour is October 21st & 22nd. Don’t miss any of these events and exhibits. Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day is September 24th. A Museum Day Tickets will provide Free Admission to one person and a guest. Tickets must be downloaded from the Smithsonian Magazine website, printed out and presented at the front desk. One ticket per household: www.smithsonianmag.com to download your ticket.

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

Snow Canyon ½ Marathon, 5K and Tuff Kids’ Run Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now open for the Snow Canyon ½ Marathon, 5K and Tuff Kids Run. Pre-register accepted until Friday, October 28th. Late registration accepted until Wednesday, November 2 with a $10 late fee. Race date is Saturday, November 5, 2011.
Time: 8:30 am (½ Marathon); 9:00 am (5K); 10:15 am (Tuff Kids Run)
Fee: ½ Marathon: $40/person; 5K: $25/person; Tuff Kids’ Run: $10/youth
Location: Snow Canyon High School, 1385 N. Lava Flow Drive
Description: Runners will run through Snow Canyon State Park and end at Snow Canyon High School on Saturday, November 5, 2011. All ½ marathon runners will be required to ride the provided transportation to the start line.
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Turkey Triathlon & Tuff Kids’ Triathlon Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now open for the Turkey Triathlon. Pre-register accepted until Friday, November 4. Late registration accepted until Tuesday, November 8 with a $10 late fee. Race date is Saturday, November 12, 2011.
Time: 9:00 am (Start); Noon (Beginner) and 2:00 pm (Tuff Kids)
Fee: $35 (Start/Beginner), $65 (Team) and $15 (Tuff Kid)
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive
Description: Beginner: 200 yard swim, 5-mile bike, 1.5 mile run. Sprint/Team: 400 yard swim, 10-mile bike, 3-mile run. Kids’ Beginner (14 & Under): 50 yard swim, 1-mile bike, ½ mile run. Kids’ Sprint (14 & Under): 100 yard swim, 2-mile bike, ¼ mile run. Triathlon starts and ends at the SHAC.
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Brownie Scout Class- Love Water Award
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (3-wks)
Time: 4:30-6:00 pm
Fee: $12/youth
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student age 9 and older. Students will learn how to center and will make various items such as mugs, bowls, plates and a vase. All projects will be glazed and ready to enjoy at home. Class size is limited so sign-up early.
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Huntsman World Senior Games Opening Ceremonies
Date: Tuesday, October 4
Location: Hansen Stadium/ DSC
Time: 7:00 pm

Acrylic Painting Class
Date: Tuesday, October 4 (5-wks)
Time: 3:30-5:00 pm
Fee: $35/youth (includes all supplies)
Age: 12 & Older
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: This new after-school program will introduce students to acrylic medium, tools and techniques of painting. Students will mix colors, apply layers and explore different techniques.
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K ids’ & Adult Hand-Building Class- Session 1
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (4-wks)
Time: 2:30-4:30 pm
Fee: $50/person
Age: 9 years and older
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed to learn how to build pottery items with your hands. Students will make a pinch pot, a coil bowl, a slab box and an animal. All projects will be glazed and ready to enjoy at home. Class size is limited so sign-up early.
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Start Smart Basketball Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for girls and boys ages 3-5 years old. Registration deadline is Friday, October 28. After October 28 there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $25/child
Age: 3-5 yrs.

St. George Wagon Co. Expedition/Trek
Date: Start: Parowan, October 8
Finish: St. George, October 15
www.sgcity.org/wagontrain

St. George Pottery Wheel- Session 2
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (4-wks)
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Fee: $100/student
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Date: Tuesday, October 4 (5-wks)
Time: 3:30-5:00 pm
Fee: $35/youth (includes all supplies)
Age: 12 & Older
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: This new after-school program will introduce students to acrylic medium, tools and techniques of painting. Students will mix colors, apply layers and explore different techniques.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

K ids’ & Adult Hand-Building Class- Session 1
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (4-wks)
Time: 2:30-4:30 pm
Fee: $50/person
Age: 9 years and older
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed to learn how to build pottery items with your hands. Students will make a pinch pot, a coil bowl, a slab box and an animal. All projects will be glazed and ready to enjoy at home. Class size is limited so sign-up early.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Adult Pottery Wheel- Session 2
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (4-wks)
Time: 2:30-4:30 pm
Fee: $70/student
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student age 9 and older. Students will learn how to center and will make various items such as mugs, bowls, plates and a vase. All projects will be trimmed and glazed and ready for use. The class fee includes one bag of clay, glazes, and firings.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Brownie Scout Class- Love Water Award
Date: Wednesday, October 5 (3-wks)
Time: 4:30-6:00 pm
Fee: $12/youth
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student age 9 and older. Students will learn how to center and will make various items such as mugs, bowls, plates and a vase. All projects will be trimmed and glazed and ready for use. The class fee includes one bag of clay, glazes, and firings.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

St. George Wagon Co. Expedition/Trek
Date: Start: Parowan, October 8
Finish: St. George, October 15
www.sgcity.org/wagontrain
Acro Gymnastics Tumbling
Date: Saturday, October 8 (5-wks)
Time: 10:00 AM Beginner (5 yrs+) and Intermediate (7yrs+)
11:00 AM Intermediate (7 yrs+) and Advanced (9 yrs+)
Fee: $36/Student
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: Teresa Hill-Putnam will be teaching students how to develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength, and tumbling skills. Some skills taught include rolls, cartwheels, walkovers, handsprings and much more! Space is limited to 30 students per session. Students must be able to do cartwheels and a backbend to enroll for the Intermediate/Advanced class.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or online at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class - Soil & Water Conservation
Date: Monday, October 10 (4-wks)
Time: 5:00-6:30 pm
Fee: $12/youth
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: Local scouts can earn credit for the Soil & Water Conservation merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book, notebook and blue card. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, October 6 by 6 pm. No class on Monday, October 24.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

SHAC's Fall Learn to Swim Program - Sessions 3
Date: October 10-20 (Monday thru Thursday-2 wks);
Time: 5:00 pm or 5:45 pm
Fee: $30/youth
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive
Description: Swim levels 1 thru 4 will be taught along with a Special Needs class.
Register: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4585

Enoch Train in Concert
Date: October 14-15
Location: Cox Auditorium/DSC
Time: 7:30 pm
dwww.dixie.edu/concerts

Dixie Pioneer Parade
Date: Saturday, October 15
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Tabernacle Street to Worthington Park
www.sgcity.org/wagontrain
call: 801-718-0244

Dixie Legacy Celebration
Date: Saturday, October 15
Time: 10:00 am - 7:30 pm
Fireworks from Red Hill at 7:30 pm

Halloween Tye-Dye T-Shirt Workshop
Date: Saturday, October 15
Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fee: $22/person
Age: 9 & Older

Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: Come and learn how to make your very own tye-dye t-shirts. Add paints and other personal touches to make the finish product your own creation. All ages are welcomed; however children 8 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Additional shirts can be purchased for $5 each. Pre-registration deadline is Thursday, October 13
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Late Skate Competition
Date: Saturday, October 15
Time: 6:00 pm
Fee: $15/person- Pre-registered;
$25/person Day-of event
Location: St. George Skate Park, 171 E. 1160 S.
Description: Each competitor will run twice for 45 seconds. The five highest scores will go to the final round. Competition includes drawings for prizes, food and music. Four competition levels are offered: Novice (8 & under), Beginner, Intermediate and Open. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, October 14 at 6pm.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Contact: 627-4560 or 628-2396

St. George Outdoor Volleyball Fall Finale- UOVA Sanctioned
Date: Saturday, October 15
Time: 9:00 am Pool Play Begins
Fee: $70/team (includes t-shirt and lunch); $50/ UOVA team
Location: Vernon Worthen City Park
Description: Competitive 2-on-2 outdoor volleyball tournament for Junior, Co-Ed, Novice, B, A, AA and Open divisions. Open divisions will be played on the sand courts. All other divisions will be played on grass. Registration deadline is Friday, October 14 at Noon.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class - Mammal Study
Date: Thursday, October 20 (3-wks)
Time: 5:00-6:30 pm
Fee: $12/youth
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: Local scouts can earn credit for the Mammal Study merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book, notebook and blue card. Pre-registration is required by Monday, October 17 by 6 pm.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Halloween Tournament:
Men's & Women's Softball Tournament
Date: October 21-22 (Friday-Saturday)
Time: Friday 5:00 pm start time. Play resumes on Saturday morning and runs to completion.
Fee: $275/team
Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N
Description: Double Elimination/Drop Down tournament play. Registration deadline is October 9, 2011. Late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from October 10-16 or until tournament is full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Save A Sister Run
Date: Saturday, October 22
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: 1-Mile: $10/person; 5K or 10K: $15/person
Location: Desert Hills High School,
828 Desert Hills Drive
Description: Help us raise $10,000 for breast cancer services at the Dixie Regional Medical Center in St. George. Race registration deadline is Friday, October 14 at 6 pm. Late registration accepted until Wednesday, October 19 with a $10 late fee or until full. Packet pick-up will be Friday, October 21 from 5:00-9:00 pm at the St. George Recreation Center.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.activityreg.com
Contact: 627-4560

Tonaquint Fall Festival & Pumpkin Alley
Date: Monday, October 24
Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Fee: FREE General Admission; $1.00/craft
Age: All
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: All ghouls and goblins are welcome to participate in Halloween games, crafts and the pumpkin decorating contest. Everyone is invited to enter their Halloween creation in the annual pumpkin alley event! All decorated, carved and non-carved, pumpkins must be at the Nature Center by 6:15 pm and must be created by the individual entering the contest. You must be present to win. Winners and prizes will be announced at 6:30 pm.
Contact: 627-4560

10 & Under Tennis Levels I, II, III (formerly QuickStart Tennis)
Date: Tuesday, October 25 and/or Thursday, October 27 (6-wks)
Time: 4:00-5:00 pm
Fee: $40/player once a week; $60/player twice a week; $8/player drop-in
Age: 4-10 years
Location: Tonaquint Tennis Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: 10 & Under is a USTA tennis class with an exciting new play format for learning tennis and bringing kids into the game by utilizing specialized equipment, short court dimensions and low compressed ball.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
On-Site @ Tonaquint Tennis Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Contact: 627-4560 or 435/703-1146

Lil Rollers Tumbling Class - Session 5 & 6
Date: Tuesday, October 25 and/or Thursday, October 27 (4-wks)
Time: 9:15-10:00 am
Fee: $20/youth
Age: 3-6 years
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: A basic tumbling class for boys and girls ages 3 years to 6 years old. Includes handsprings and much more! Space is limited to 30 children per session. Children must be able to do cartwheels and a backbend to enroll for the intermediate/advanced class.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or online at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560
girls focusing on basic skills, coordination, flexibility and strength. Each child is encouraged to reach their own physical potential in a nurturing safe environment.

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

■ Boo-Nanza at the SHAC
Date: Friday, October 28
Time: 6:00-9:00 pm
Fee: General Admission and passes apply
Age: All
Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive
Description: Join the spooky fun at the SHAC for a haunted locker room, canoe rides and other Halloween games. At 7:00 pm, the lights are dimmed for a dive-in Halloween movie. This year’s featured movie is Soul Surfer so don’t forget your floaties and innertubes.
Contact: 627-4585

■ Halloween Tournament: Co-Ed Softball Tournament
Date: October 28-29 (Friday-Saturday)
Time: Friday 6:00 pm start time. Play resumes on Saturday morning and runs to completion.
Fee: $275/team
Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N.
Description: Double Elimination/Double Elimination drop down tournament play. Registration deadline is October 16, 2011. Late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from October 17-23 or until tournament is full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Halloween Carnival
Date: Saturday, October 29
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Fee: $3/ person (3 yrs & younger FREE)
Age: All
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: Attention kids!!! Get your costumes and start your trick or treating at the St. George Recreation Center! There will be Halloween games, treats, Halloween Bingo and crafts, plus a costume contest for scariest, funniest, and best costume for kids ages 5 and under! Come on out for a scary good time!
Contact: 627-4560

November Events

■ Expedition St George 50-Mile Team Relay Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now open for the Expedition St George 50-Mile Team. Pre-registration accepted until Friday, November 25. Late registration accepted until Wednesday, November 30 with a $25 late fee. Race date is Saturday, December 3, 2011.
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: $200/5-person team; $150/2-person team; $100 Ultra
Location: St George Leisure Services Building, 86 N Main Street
Description: A 50-mile team relay that loops all the way through and around the stunning St. George. Teams will see St. George like they never have before as there is tons of incredible scenery and challenging runs, as long as some easy fun ones in this relay! Teams will consist of up to 5 people (Open Men, Open Women, and Mixed) with each individual completing a minimum of two legs (roughly 5 miles each). Post relay events will consist of a full banquet with dinner and an awards ceremony! The Expedition Relay will be on Saturday, December 3.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.active.com or www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Toys 4 Kids Co-Ed Softball Tournament Registration
Sign-Up: Registration is now open. Registration deadline is November 20th. Late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from November 21-27 or until tournament is full.
Time: Friday 6:00 pm start time. Play resumes on Saturday morning and runs to completion.
Fee: $150/team PLUS $10 unwrapped gift per player
Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N Description: Double Elimination/Double Elimination drop down tournament play. The tournament will be played on December 2-3.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Adult Flag Football Winter League Registration
Sign-Up: Registration opens November 30. Registration deadline is Friday, December 16 or until full.
Fee: $300/team
League Info: Men’s Classification of play: A, B, C and D divisions. There will be 16 teams per division. League runs from January through March.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Adult Men’s Basketball Winter League Registration
Sign-Up: Registration opens November 30. Registration deadline is Friday, December 16 or until full.
Fee: $350/team
League Info: Men’s Classification of play: A, B, C and D divisions. League runs from January through March.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Adult Ladies Indoor Volleyball League Registration
Sign-Up: Registration opens November 30. Registration deadline is Friday, December 16 or until full.
Fee: $200/5-person team; $150/2-person team; $100 Ultra
Location: St George Leisure Services Building, 86 N Main Street
Description: A 50-mile team relay that loops all the way through and around the stunning St. George. Teams will see St. George like they never have before as there is tons of incredible scenery

League Info: League runs from January through March.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Curiosity Club for Kids  
Date: Tuesday, November 1 (4-wks)
Time: 10:30 am OR 1:30 pm
Fee: $20/youth
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 South Dixie Drive
Description: Kids ages 3-6 years old can become members of this fun club held at the Tonaquint Nature Center! During each of the 1-hour long club meetings, kids will be introduced to new topics and lots of fun!
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Daisy Scout Class- Clover Award  
Date: Wednesday, November 2 (3-wks)
Time: 4:30-6:00pm
Fee: $12/youth
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
Description: Local Brownies (2nd-3rd grade) scouts can earn credit for the Clover Award while attending this class. Pre-registration is required by Saturday, October 1 by 6 pm.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Kids & Adult Pottery Wheel- Session 3  
Date: Wednesday, November 2 (4-wks)
Time: 6:00-7:00 pm
Fee: $65/person
Age: 9 & Older
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: Students will learn how to center and will make a mug, bowl, plate and vase. All projects will be trimmed and glazed and ready for use. The class fee includes one bag of clay, glazes, and firings. No class on Wednesday, November 23.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Desert Fall Championships-10, 14 & 18 & Under
Date: November 4-5 (Friday-Saturday)
Time: Friday 6:00 pm start time. Play resumes on Saturday morning and runs to completion.
Fee: $50/team
Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N.
Description: 4-game guarantee for each team. Registration deadline is October 23; late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from October 24-30 or until tournament is full.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

■ Snow Canyon ½ Marathon, 5K and Tuff Kids’ Run
Date: Saturday, November 5
Time: 7:30 am (½ Marathon); 9:00 am (5K); 10:15 am (Tuff Kids Race)
Fee: ½ Marathon: $40/person; 5K: $25/person; Tuff Kids’ Run: $10/youth
Location: Snow Canyon High School, 1385 N. Lava Flow Drive
description: runners will run through snow canyon state park and end at snow canyon high school on saturday, november 5, 2011. all ½ marathon runners will be required to ride the provided transportation to the start line. pre-register accepted until friday, october 28th. late registration accepted until wednesday, november 2 with a $10 late fee.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org or www.active.com

contact: 627-4560

start smart basketball

date: saturday, november 5 (5-wks)
fee: $25/child
age: 3-5 yrs.
location: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e.
description: this is a 5-week program in which the basic skills of basketball will be taught so the kids have a foundation upon which to build. parental participation is required. registration is now open for girls and boys ages 3-5 yrs.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.activityreg.com

contact: 627-4560

kids slip casting ceramics

class - session 1

date: monday, november 7 (5-wks)
time: 5:00-6:30 pm
fee: $55/person
location: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e.
description: this class is designed for the beginner who is interested in ceramic molds and slip casting. students will learn how to pour slip into a mold and create ceramic projects from start to finish. all projects will be poured, trimmed and glazed and ready for use. class fee includes slip clay, molds, glazes and firings. class size is limited so sign-up early.

registration: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4560

adult slip casting ceramics

class - session 1

date: wednesday, november 7 (4-wks)
time: 2:30-4:30 pm
fee: $65/person
location: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e.
description: this class is designed for the beginner who is interested in ceramic molds and slip casting. students will learn how to pour slip into a mold and create ceramic projects from start to finish. all projects will be poured, trimmed and glazed and ready for use. class fee includes slip clay, molds, glazes and firings. class size is limited so sign-up early. no class on wednesday, november 23.

registration: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4560

st. george general election

date: november 8, 2011

go to www.sgcity.org for poll locations

shac's fall learn to swim program - session 3

date: november 7-17 (monday thru thursday-2 wks);
time: 5:00 pm or 5:45 pm
fee: $30/youth
location: sand hollow aquatic center, 1144 n. lava flow drive

description: swim levels 1 thru 4 will be taught along with a special needs class.

register: sand hollow aquatic center, 1144 n. lava flow drive or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4585

boy scout merit badge class - weather

date: thursday, november 10 (3-wks)
time: 5:00-6:30 pm
fee: $12/youth
location: tonaquint nature center, 1851 s. dixie drive
description: local scouts can earn credit for the weather merit badge while attending this class. each scout is required to bring his merit badge book, notebook and blue card. pre-registration is required by monday, november 7 by 6 pm. no class on thursday, november 24.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4560

desert fall championships - 12, 16 & under

date: november 11-12 (friday-saturday)
time: friday 6:00 pm start time. play resumes on saturday morning and runs to completion.
fee: $350/team
location: canyons softball complex, 285 s. 400 e.
description: 4-game guarantee for each team. registration deadline is october 30; late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from october 31-november 6 or until tournament is full.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.activityreg.com

contact: 627-4560

turkey triathlon & tuff kids' triathlon

date: saturday, november 12

time: 9:00 am (sprint/team); noon (beginner) & 2:00 pm (tuff kids')
fee: $35 (sprint/beginner), $65 (team) and $15 (tuff kid)
location: sand hollow aquatic center, 1144 n. lava flow drive

description: beginner: 200 yard swim, 5-mile bike, 1.5 mile run. sprint/team: 400 yard swim, 10-mile bike, 3-mile run. kids' beginner (14 & under): 50 yard swim, 1-mile bike, ¼ mile run. kids' sprint (14 & under): 100 yard swim, 2-mile bike, ¾ mile run. triathlon starts and ends at the shac. pre-register accepted until friday, november 4. late registration accepted until wednesday, november 8 with a $10 late fee.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. sand hollow aquatic center, 1144 n. lava flow drive or on-line at www.activityreg.com or www.active.com

contact: 627-4560

boy scout merit badge class - nature

date: monday, november 14 (3-wks)
time: 5:00-6:30 pm
fee: $12/youth
location: tonaquint nature center, 1851 s. dixie drive
description: local scouts can earn credit for the weather merit badge while attending this class. each scout is required to bring his merit badge book, notebook and blue card. pre-registration is required by thursday, november 10 by 6 pm.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4560

youth level 1

date: december 1

description: this class is designed for the beginner who is interested in swimming. students will learn the four basic strokes and the proper techniques and techniques of swimming. class fee includes swim cap, goggles and fins. class size is limited to sign-up early. no class on thursday, december 1.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.activityreg.com

contact: 627-4560

turkey trot

date: saturday, november 19

time: 9:30 am
fee: $5/runner and 3 cans of food/participant
location: seegmiller farm, 2450 south 3000 east

description: continue to make it a family tradition by joining the fun at the annual turkey trot.

families can participate in a 1-mile walk and/or an untimed 5k run. drawings for prizes will be held immediately following the run. all food donations go to the dixie care and share.

register: on-site registration at 8:15 am on the day of the event

contact: 627-4560

brownie scout class - save water award

date: wednesday, november 30 (3-wks)
time: 4:30-6:00 pm
fee: $12/youth
location: tonaquint nature center, 1851 s. dixie drive
description: local brownies (2nd-3rd grade) scouts can earn credit for the love water award while attending this class. pre-registration is required by saturday, november 26 by 6 pm.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org

contact: 627-4560

december events

sand hollow aquatic center's stocking stuffer

date: on-going throughout december

location: sand hollow aquatic center, 1144 n. lava flow drive

description: do you want to get your loved one a healthy yet unique gift for the holiday? why not purchase a shac stocking stuffer? you get 10 visits for only $25 plus a free swim cap.

contact: 627-4585

st. george recreation division stocking stuffer

date: on-going throughout december

location: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e.
description: do you want to get your loved one a healthy yet unique gift for the holiday? ten premium passes for only $25 and all other passes are 15% off.

contact: 627-4560

st. george ½ marathon

5k & tuff kids' run registration

sign-up: registration is now open for the st. george ½ marathon, 5k and tuff kids' run

time: check-in: 7:30 am; race start time: 9:00 am & noon for the tuff kids
fee: ½ marathon: $40/person; 5k: $25/person; tuff kid: $10/youth

location: the dixie convention center, 1835 convention center drive

description: runners will run along the scenic st. george city trail system. check website for updated course map @ www.sgcityrec.org. the race will be held saturday, january 21 starting at 9:00 am. registration deadline is friday, january 13 @ 6 pm; late registration accepted until wednesday, january 18 @ noon with an additional $10 fee.

register: st. george recreation center, 285 s. 400 e. or on-line www.sgcityrec.org or www.active.com

contact: 627-4560
League Info: Men’s Classification of play: A, B, C and D divisions. League runs from January through March. Register: St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org Contact: 627-4560

Start Smart Soccer Registration ✨
Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for girls and boys ages 3-5 years old. Registration deadline is March 3, 2012. After March 3, there is a $5 late fee. Fee: $25/child Description: Program begins Saturday, March 3rd. This is a six week program in which the basic skills of soccer will be taught so the kids have a foundation upon which to build. Parental participation is required. Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.activityreg.com Contact: 627-4560

Toys 4 Kids Co-Ed Softball Tournament
Date: December 2-3 (Friday-Saturday)
Time: Friday 6:00 pm start time. Play resumes on Saturday morning and runs to completion. Fee: $150/team PLUS $10 unwrapped gift per player Location: Canyons Softball Complex, 1890 W 2000 N Description: Double Elimination/Drop down tournament play. Registration is now open. Registration deadline is November 20th. Late registration accepted with a $25 late fee from November 21-27 or until tournament is full. Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcityrec.org Contact: 627-4560

Expedition St George 50-Mile Team Relay
Date: Saturday, December 3
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: $290/5-person team; $150/2-person team; $100/Ultra runner Location: St George Leisure Services Building, 86 N Main Street Description: A 50-mile team relay that loops all the way through and around the stunning St. George. Teams will see St. George like they never have before as there is tons of incredible scenery and challenging runs, as long as some easy fun ones in this relay! Teams will consist of up to 5 people (Open Men, Open Women, and Mixed) with each individual completing a minimum of two legs (roughly 5 miles each). Post relay events will consist of a full banquet with dinner and an awards ceremony! Registration is now open for the Expedition St George 50-Mile Team. Pre-registration accepted until Friday, November 25. Late registration accepted until Wednesday, November 30 with a $25 late fee. Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.activityreg.com or www.active.com Contact: 627-4560

Ho-Ho-Ho. The Tonaquint Nature Center is celebrating the holidays early with Santa. Kids and families are invited to join us for games, holiday crafts and treats and visit with Santa. Contact: 627-4560

Holiday Social at the Tonaquint Nature Center
Date: Saturday, December 10
Time: 10:30 am-12:30 pm
Fee: General Admission FREE; $1/craft; $1.50/photo with Santa
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Description: Plan to join us for a unique family fun activity at the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center. Kids are invited to meet and get their picture taken with Santa. All cans of food donated at the event will be given to the Dove Center in St George. Contact: 627-4560

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
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Business Licenses ........................................................................ 627-4740
City Pool (700 So.) ..................................................................... 627-4584
Community Arts .......................................................................... 627-4525
Community Development .......................................................... 627-4206
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
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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.
Covered Wagon & Handcart Expedition
October 7-15, 2011

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the original “Cotton Mission” and establishment of St. George, the City of St. George is organizing an eight-day, 100-mile covered wagon expedition commencing in the City of Parowan and ending in St. George. This company will be organized into wagon teamsters, outriders and handcart walkers. Participant registration is available. Call 435-627-4766.

Enoch Train in Concert
October 14-15, 2011 • 7:30 PM

Celebrity concert series performances are held in the Cox Auditorium at Dixie State College. For tickets and information call 435-652-7994 or visit www.dixie.edu/concerts.

Dixie Pioneer Parade
Saturday, October 15, 2011 • 12:00 PM

Come celebrate the arrival of the wagon company on Saturday, October 15 at the St. George Pioneer Parade. The parade route begins at 300 West and proceeds east on Tabernacle Street to Vernon Worthen Park in downtown St. George. The parade features living descendants of the original Dixie pioneers. For information call 801-718-0244.

Dixie Legacy Celebration
Saturday, October 15, 2011 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

The Dixie Legacy Celebration will be held at Vernon Worthen Park on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM and showcase pioneer era activities, displays and performances.

Firework Finale
Saturday, October 15, 2011 • 7:30 PM

Fireworks display on the Red Hill in St. George.

For more information please visit www.sgcity.org/wagontrain

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