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**Mayor Pike’s Message**
By: Mayor Jon Pike

**It’s hard to believe 2014 is half over. That means it’s budget time for the city. One of the most challenging things at the city is determining how expenditures should be prioritized and how/when to pay for them. Examples abound for infrastructure needs, public safety, personnel, as well as parks, trails, recreation and arts venues. There are needs for new roads, new equipment, new fire engines, police cars, water treatment and delivery infrastructure, new parks, trails and of course ongoing maintenance and repairs of all these things and more. We have, I think successfully, attempted to balance all of these things to stay up with growth, technology, obsolescence and product and building life spans.**

This year, for example, we needed a new roof for city hall, which cost $60,000. In the coming year or so, we need to replace the roof of the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, which will likely cost around $1.6 million. The softball complex is also in need of replacement lights at a cost of $750,000. Neither of these items were able to be funded in the coming fiscal year, but we should be able to get another year out of them. I heard last year and again this year from several groups who would like to see twelve additional pickleball courts built at the Little Valley complex, additional soccer fields that could also be used for rugby and lacrosse, baseball fields and performing and visual arts facilities. We aren’t able to do all of these things and keep taxes at current levels as well as maintain a reasonable financial buffer or rainy day fund. So here’s what the city council and I would propose in a nutshell:

A new county-wide Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) tax is being proposed on the November 4th ballot. This is a fairly common way to raise money for these kinds of facilities and programs to be built and maintained by counties, cities or non-for-profit organizations. It is funded by an additional one tenth of one percent on our sales tax. It is projected to raise approximately $2.3 million per year for 10 years across Washington County. St. George’s share based on an agreed upon formula would be approximately $1.2 million per year for that period. If passed by the voters, this would give citizens a way to express just how important sports, recreation, parks, arts related activities truly are in Washington County. It would also give St. George a way to fund additional sports fields, pickleball courts, arts venues and organizations and provide for the operation and maintenance of these facilities. Even if such a proposed tax is approved by voters, it still won’t provide us with everything everyone would like to see built. But we will work together with city council and I look forward to public input from you during the next few months, culminated by a vote on November 4th. It will help us understand your priorities and plan for the future!
Exciting additions to St. George City’s recreational facilities are outlined in the 2014-15 budget. One of the most exciting is the All Abilities Park planned for the Tonaquint area off Dixie Drive. The nature center, demonstration garden, tennis facilities and park already draw thousands of local citizens and visitors to enjoy this area on a monthly basis. Located near a central hub of the city’s trail system and the new Dixie Drive interchange, the location is easily accessible by a wide variety of transportation options. It’s no wonder then that city-owned property be used for the proposed All Abilities Park.

So, what is it? What makes it different than other parks and who will be served? To answer these questions, one must first recollect when they may have been playing on a slide or swinging high above the sand or hanging on the jungle gym. For myself, I think back to the playground at Lake Arrowhead Elementary. It was pure heaven with a large variety of equipment and lots of room to run and play in the sand. I also remember an older boy in two classes ahead of me that was wheeled out each day to watch all of us play from his chair. I would selfishly think how lucky I was to not be in his condition. Someone more caring must have thought the same thing but actually did something about it. One day, in a specially equipped swing seat, that same boy was lifted into the swing and gently pushed by his classmates to ever-higher levels. I never observed more joy from someone swinging in my life. With that memory still in my mind, I voted enthusiastically with the rest of the city council to award the funds necessary to begin moving forward on this project.

The All Abilities Park has been planned through a collaborative effort. First conceived by Leisure Services Director, Kent Perkins, refined and endorsed by City Manager, Gary Esplin, and further enhanced by planners, parents and those with special needs, the All Abilities Park will likely prove to be the most attended park in the city. Why? Because everyone can participate!

Universal play areas are the key. All youth can enjoy the facility and play together. Think of the family bonding that will occur when all children in the family can play together. Quality traits of patience, compassion and service will develop. Becoming sensitive to those with special needs will set a pattern of helping others regardless of ability for the rest of their lives. Observing and learning how someone cope’s with physical challenges will help anyone who faces difficulties of any type, let alone seeing the joy on the faces of those who can do something for the first time that was previously out of reach.

Around the country, cities and towns are helping meet the needs of those with special needs. Shane’s Inspiration Foundation, a California group designed to consult those interested in similar parks, has agreed to assist St. George in planning and realizing the park. But the foundation and City can’t do it alone. For this reason, local individuals, families, groups and organizations are contributing time and money to make the dream become a reality. The Exchange, Kiwanis, Rotary clubs and others have come forward with impressive donations and a strong desire to motivate the community to adopt this project as a singularly valuable resource.

How can you help? First, contact the City Leisure Services Department at (435) 627-4500. There will be many projects designed for individuals and families. Consider Eagle Scout candidates who need a project. Support fundraising activities sponsored by civic groups and community organizations. Volunteer your time. Spread the word and enlist those with special needs children to get excited about the future. Remember, this is a park for everyone. Therefore, everyone should be involved!

Together, we can end the plight of those who sit on the sidelines.
Many projects are underway with completion dates set for the fall:

**Mall Drive Bridge**
This 650-ft span bridge costs approximately $7.5M to construct and will connect Mall Drive to 3000 East. It will give citizens in the southeast corner of the city easier access to downtown and help reduce traffic on River Road. It has been a long-awaited transportation project. Wadsworth Brothers Construction Company started working on the bridge on February 3, 2014. The contractor has been working hard balancing schedule, budget, and environmental concerns throughout the project. We look forward to seeing this project completed in September 2014!

**Indian Hills Widening**
Indian Hills Drive, a lovely country road turned major collector, has had several roadway sections widened and straightened in previous years. This project will build on that work to improve vehicular, pedestrian and bicycling safety.

**River Road Corridor Study**
River Road is experiencing high traffic volumes and peak hour congestion. To improve traffic flow the City Council has authorized a study to analyze 15 major intersections along the River Road/Red Cliffs Drive corridor from Brigham Road to Green Springs Drive.

**Pavement Management**
The City of St. George annually budgets funds to restore asphalt pavement in the City by means of crack sealing, slurry sealing, and/or fog sealing. City roads are inspected annually and assessed as to the need for one of the above treatments. Chip sealing is done in-house using Streets Division crews and the slurry and fog seals are bid to contractors.

**Mall Drive Underpass**
A traffic study being done on the River Road Corridor has identified several projects. One of the most exciting is an underpass from Mall Drive to Red Hills Parkway under I-15. This project would help to decrease pressure on the Washington City Milepost 10 Interchange. Computerized traffic modeling will be done to evaluate corridor efficiency and identify operational deficiencies. Recommendations for improvements to increase traffic flow will be provided. No construction date has been set.

**Bluff Street/Red Hills Parkway Interchange**
Due to needed safety improvements and large volumes of traffic on Bluff Street at the Red Hills Parkway intersection, UDOT and the City of St. George have partnered to construct a Center-Exit interchange in which vehicles exit to the left to a single signal in the center of the interchange. The project is scheduled to be complete by 2015.

**Little Valley Road Widening**
To keep up with the rapidly growing population in the Little Valley area, it has become necessary to widen the major collector road know as Little Valley Road. The pavement will be widened and curb, gutter and sidewalk added in many places. This will help alleviate safety issues along the roadway corridor.

**Roundabouts**
This project consists of constructing two single lane roundabouts: one at 600 West & Tonaquint Drive and one at 400 East & Tabernacle intersections. The 400 East & Tabernacle roundabout is complete and was opened to traffic on May 30th. The 600 West & Tonaquint Roundabout will include curb, gutter and sidewalk widening along the east side of 600 West adjacent to the Southgate Golf Course and will be complete in July.

**Building a Better Bluff Street**
Support structures for two twin overpasses that will move Bluff Street traffic up and over the Red Hills Parkway / Snow Canyon Parkway intersection are emerging from the ground as construction nears the 25% completion mark on one of St. George City’s key projects aimed at addressing safety and also east-west traffic movement in the city. The new flyovers will feature center exits onto Red Hills Parkway and on-ramps that merge onto Bluff Street. The design takes advantage of existing topography leaving the intersection at its current grade while maintaining an uninterrupted flow of north-south Bluff Street traffic.

By using the existing hillside planners are able to help reduce structural costs and maintain aesthetics in concert with the city’s motifs. Designers have also worked extensively with the city and local cycling representatives to ensure proper trail connections and functionality for alternative transportation as this portion of state Route 18 continues to attract a growing number of both recreational and competitive cyclists.

With the elimination of north-south through traffic, waiting times for intersecting traffic using Red Hills and Snow Canyon Parkways should decrease.

Workers at the construction site are also prepared for extremely slow speeds. Due to the project’s proximity to Desert Tortoise range, site workers have also undergone training to prevent a collision in the event a stray tortoise finds it’s way around special barrier erected to protect the species from entering the work zone.

In addition to capacity and intersection improvements, the project also addresses associated drainage.

The project is valued at $15.2 million with more than half of the funding coming from the state and the remainder from federal funds secured through the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization and St. George City. The Utah Department of Transportation expects the project to be completed before 2015.

In addition to the modifications at Bluff Street and Red Hills Parkway, the first project to emerge from an Environmental Assessment extending from Red Hills Parkway to St. George Boulevard is the Sunset and Bluff intersection which is taking form as engineers seek to improve mobility for this primary connection to I-15 from neighboring cities up stream such as Santa Clara and Ivins. The latest design may further reduce impacts to the Dixie Red Hills Golf Course while still providing long-term free-flow traffic movement from northbound Bluff Street onto Sunset Boulevard. Safer access to the new trail system in the area is also anticipated. The latest design plans will be subject to further review by the Federal Highway Administration before submitting to contractors for bidding. At its current rate, the design process is anticipated to extend toward the end of this year.
Inside St. George

Thank You Sponsors!

6:30 am: Uncle Sam 5K at the Dixie Sunbowl

7:30 - 10:00 am: Morning Breakfast - Everyone is invited to start the day with a complete pancake, eggs, hash browns, and beverage breakfast.

8:00 am: The City of St. George 4th of July Celebration Parade. Line the surrounding streets of Vernon Worthen Park for this patriotic spectacle!! FREE TO ENTER A FLOAT / OR GROUP!!

9:30 am: National Anthem - at the main stage in Vernon Worthen Park

9:40 - 10:30 am: Zumba - at the Recreation Center Main Gym

9:40 am - 2:00 pm: City of St. George Independence Day Fun and Games Extravaganza! Bring the whole family for a fun day in the park. Many activities are free!

9:40 am - 10:00 am: Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest at Vernon Worthen Park

10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Karaoke at the Gazebo at Vernon Worthen Park

10:00 - 11:00 am: Potato Sack Races at Vernon Worthen Park

10:00 am - Noon: Talent Competitions at the Main Stage at Vernon Worthen Park

11:00 am - Noon: Noodle Fencing at the Stage by the Gazebo at Vernon Worthen Park

Noon: National Anthem Competition at the Main Stage at Vernon Worthen Park

Noon - 1:00 pm: Dodgeball Competition at the Recreation center Auxiliary Gym

1:00 - 2:00 pm: Hot Dog Eating Competition at the Stage by the Gazebo at Vernon Worthen Park

1:00 pm: Music by Cowboy Dave at the Main Stage at Vernon Worthen Park

1:30 - 3:00 pm: Kids Craft Corner at the Recreation Center

2:00 pm: Giant Movie at the Recreation Center Auxiliary Gym

8:00 - 10:00 pm: KONY Country Presents FREE CONCERT IN THE SUNBOWL - Dixie Sunbowl (100 S 400 E) Admission is free!

10:00 pm: Giant Fireworks Show - A spectacular fireworks display will begin at approximately 10:00 pm following the free concert. KONY Radio will broadcast live. During the FREE CONCERT at 8:00 pm and will also provide special musical accompaniment throughout the fireworks display.

For more info call the St. George Recreation Center: (435) 627-4560

The St. George City Police Department’s Fraudulent Identity and Security Threat (FIST) Unit was recently recognized by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for their efforts in combating criminal activity perpetrated by gang members, criminal aliens and identity thieves.

In 2011 St. George Police Chief, Marlon Stratton, initiated a new and innovative approach to dealing with these types of crimes. The initiative was born out of mutually beneficial working relationships between the St. George Police Department, spearheaded by Sergeant Johnny Hirsch and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent Jed Hirschi, during Operation Community Shield enforcement and investigative activities. Operation Community Shield was a joint venture between state and federal law enforcement partners to identify transnational gang members and criminal alien gang affiliates and remove them from the United States with criminal, civil and administrative charges. FIST’s success can also be attributed to the committed buy-in and resource allocation of the Washington County Attorney’s Office, Washington County Sheriff and ICE Enforcement Removal Operations.

As a result of the partnerships, dozens of criminal alien gang members have been removed from Southwestern Utah. Operation Community Shield prepared the way for innovation in dealing with gang members and criminal aliens targeting those who committed identity fraud in the St. George area.

The initiative continues to be successful and has had a tremendous impact on gang related crime and activity throughout the community. Over 200 criminal aliens and/or gang members have been arrested, prosecuted and deported as a result of these efforts. Several criminal street gangs have been disrupted or completely dismantled.

At a law enforcement awards ceremony held in Salt Lake City, Assistant Special Agent Jonathan Lines from the Department of Homeland Security Investigations Utah Office presented Stratton, Hirsch and Homeland Security Resident Agent, Mark Cutchen with the HSI Denver Region “Exceptional Teamwork Award.”

In his presentation of the award, Lines said, “This extraordinary, collaborative team effort with our local law enforcement partners has provided a force-multiplier advantage to HSI efforts in Southern Utah, as well as widely publicized the HSI mission to other state and local partners who have also eagerly embraced HSI as a valued and respected partner. Chief Stratton, RAC Cutchen, Sergeant Hirsch and Special Agent Hirsch have greatly enhanced the safety of their community and the part of the nation they serve. To each of you I offer my sincere gratitude and respect. Your excellence in law enforcement and exceptional teamwork is truly worthy of recognition.”

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If it hasn’t already, its quickly becoming the time of year when most of us increase the amount of water applied to the landscape, generally more than is needed for the plants to stay healthy. Generally, even in the heat of the summer, the recommendation is to water every third day. With deep infrequent watering, roots will grow longer and be able withstand the summer heat. The lawns in the demonstration garden showcase that this is an effective way to grow a lush green lawn. Visit The Garden at 1851 S Dixie Dr (Tonaquint Park) and see how well the lawn areas are doing with deep infrequent irrigation.

Another way to save water is to irrigate during the cooler hours of the evening and early morning. The City of St. George has instituted mandatory time of day watering restrictions effective May 15, 2014. This applies to those that irrigate with culinary irrigation such as: City parks and cemeteries, City golf courses, many Washington County School District facilities, Dixie State University, and Agricultural water users.

The irrigation system does not have the storage or production capacity to allow these large users to irrigate in a 12 hour period. It is a University, and Agricultural water users.

Irrigating is allowed between 8:00 pm and 8:00 am. Daytime restrictions effective May 15, 2014. This applies to those that irrigate with culinary drinking water. Irrigating is prohibited between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Daytime watering is prohibited. The restriction does not apply to those customers that use irrigation quality water. Irrigation quality water is a mix of raw river water and treated waste water from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Those using this water are primarily large irrigators such as: City parks and cemeteries, City golf courses, many Washington County School District facilities, Dixie State University, and Agricultural water users.

The irrigation system does not have the storage or production capacity to allow these large users to irrigate in a 12 hour period. It is a better use of resources for these users to irrigate as water is available rather than convert them to high-quality treated drinking water for irrigation.

The Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) is offering rebate programs targeting outdoor water use. Rebates for SMART irrigation controllers that water based on weather and plant needs as well as rebates for irrigation system efficiency improvements are available. For more information visit wcwcd.org.

Summer is also the season power bills go up as air conditioning is needed to keep our homes and businesses cool. This is a good time to have the heating/cooling system serviced to assure it’s functioning at optimal levels. Some maintenance should be done by a qualified service technician. Other things are “do it yourself” items and should be done regularly. Check the air filter monthly. If it looks dirty, replace it. A dirty air filter slows down air flow and makes the system work harder. A clean air filter will also prevent dust and dirt from building up in the system which can lead to expensive maintenance and/or early system failure. Tune up your heating/cooling system. Some things can be done by the homeowner, others need a certified technician. Typically, a tune up includes the following:

- Check the thermostat settings.
- Tighten all electrical connections and measure voltage and current on motors. Faulty electrical connections can cause unsafe operation of the system and reduce the life of major components.
- Lubricate all moving parts. Parts that lack lubrication can cause friction in motors and increase the amount of electricity used.
- Inspect and check the condensation drain in your central air conditioner, furnace and/or heat pump (when in cooling mode). A plugged drain can cause water damage in the house and affect indoor humidity levels.

Below are a few more easy ways to conserve water and energy:

- Wash only full loads of clothes and dishes.
- Take a shorter shower.
- Use fans to move the air around, this will keep you comfortable with the thermostat set a couple of degrees higher, reducing air conditioning costs.
- Consider installing a programmable thermostat. When used properly, they can save money.
- Do a “duct test”, check to see if air ducts are sealed properly, particularly in the attic, crawl space and unheated basement. Use duct sealant or metal backed tape to seal the seams and connections on ducts. After sealing them, wrap them in insulation to keep them from getting hot or cold. For more information visit www.energystar.gov.

- When purchasing new appliances look for the EnergyStar™ and WaterSense™ labels. This will help you buy the most efficient appliances on the market.
City of St. George Annual Budget

Have you wondered how much the City of St. George receives in annual revenue and where those dollars go? The fact is, very few people preoccupy their time with the City’s annual budget because they are busy trying to manage their own finances. Nevertheless, citizens want to know their tax dollars and other public funds are being spent responsibly and that they are getting their money’s worth. But before exploring the budget, some common myths about your common tax dollars need to be dispelled:

A Dan Jones & Associates survey published in 2008 by the Utah League of Cities & Towns revealed some interesting perceptions:
Survey: 24% believe cities/towns receive revenue from State Income Taxes
Fact: $0 of Income Taxes are distributed to cities/towns
Survey: Only 36% believe that cities/towns receive Sales Tax revenue
Fact: All cities/towns receive a portion of Sales Tax paid both locally and across the State of Utah
St. George: Of the 6.25% sales tax rate in Washington County, St. George receives 1%, which makes up 25% of General Fund revenues; and an additional 30% dedicated to transportation projects. If product is purchased over the Internet, unless the business also has a store in St. George, $0 sales tax are received, so it’s important for our citizens to “Shop Local” instead of over the Internet.
Survey: 64% of respondents don’t know what percentage of their total Property Taxes paid goes to their city/town.
Fact: Utah municipalities receive an average of only 15% of property taxes paid
St. George: For each $1 paid in property taxes, the City of St. George receives 14.57% (see Property Tax Distribution chart). Or in other terms, for tax year 2013, for every $100,000 of fair market value for a primary residence, property taxes are $674 but only $98 of that amount is paid to the City of St. George annually. Property taxes make up only 15% of General Fund revenues.

Did you know that St. George is the eighth largest city in Utah and the largest city outside the Wasatch Front? The City is over 64 square miles and is the economic hub of Washington County. Our full-time residential population is estimated around 85,000, and, depending on the time of year, is estimated to expand to around 100,000 with part-time residents and college students. This year’s 2015 General Fund budget, as explained further below, is $55.6 million. In quick comparison to cities in the Wasatch Front that provide fairly equivalent services and amenities with similar demographics, St. George’s square miles would compare to combining the Sandy City and Draper City area (combined area of 52.1 sq. miles). St. George City services slightly fewer citizens but is able to do so at a cost of approximately 73% of that of Sandy City and Draper City’s combined General Fund budgets. As such, the geographic area and number of citizens served by the City of St. George’s employees and budget is remarkable (Sandy City: 22 sq. miles, population 85,000, 2014 General Fund budget $49.4 million; Draper City 30.1 sq. miles, population 44,000, 2015 Tentative General Fund budget $27.0 million). The City operates on a fiscal year that begins July 1st and ends June 30th. The Final Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget was adopted on June 19, 2014 and becomes effective July 1, 2014.


LEISURE SERVICES 21.7% $12,093,727 Parks: 39 Parks, 45 miles of Trail, 3 Splash Pads, and over 150 acres maintenance of public right of way (road medians and roundabouts) Recreation: Outdoor Swimming Pool, Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 40 Tennis and Pickleball Courts, Soccer Fields, Softball Leagues and Tournaments, Canyons Complex and Little Valley Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Recreation Center, over 40 Youth and Adult Sports Programs, over 16 Running Race Events, St. George Marathon, Cemetery: 16.5 acres of cemetery at Downtown and Tonaquint locations Arts: Art Museum and Opera House, Arts Festival

PUBLIC WORKS 14.9% $8,340,169 Streets: Over 1,500-lane miles (asphalt, chip seal, striping), Traffic Signals, Signs, Road Sweeping, Weed Abatement, Storm Drain maintenance, Hazardous Sidewalk repair, ReUse Center Airport: Terminal: (35,000 sq. ft.), General Aviation, 9,300 ft. (1.8 miles) Runway, 1,203 acre property, accommodates 737’s and Airbus 319’s Development Services: Engineering of city roads and bridges, City Surveyor, Building Inspections, Developer Planning & Zoning

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 9.3% $5,208,606 Economic Development, Housing Dev., Business Licensing, Special Event Permits, CDBG, Golf Courses

GENERAL GOVERNMENT 15.1% $8,402,225 Functions which provide internal support to all other City Departments: City Manager City Treasurers City Recorder Human Resources (600 Full-Time and 400 Part-Time Employees) Finance Administration & Budget Legal Code Enforcement Technology Services Facilities Maintenance Fleet Management

GROSS INCOME $55,798,647 GENERAL FUND The City’s General Fund accounts for services provided for the general health, welfare, and safety of our citizens. Based upon the nature of these services, citizens are typically not charged a “user fee” to utilize these services as they are predominantly funded by Sales Tax revenues and Property Tax revenues as shown in the General Fund Operating Statement pie chart below. The bar graph below illustrates the financial percentage each General Fund department costs in relation to the total budget, and also lists examples of the various services provided by your tax dollars.

The “General Fund, Operating Statement – 2014-2015” chart below shows the approved budgeted revenues and expenditures. The City has not increased its property tax rate for several years as City departments strive to implement expenditure cuts before proposing any fee increases; however, each year some minor program-specific increases are needed to cover increasing costs of materials.

GENERAL FUND OPERATING STATEMENT 2014-2015 BUDGET Some of the major General Fund Projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2015 are:
- Continued upgrade of computer network and technology infrastructure to support City departments
- Air monitoring equipment
- Police Dept. replacement vehicles for administrative, patrol, and animal control
- Various replacement vehicles and mowers for Parks maintenance crews
- Replacement dump truck for the Cemetery division and repairs of road, curb, and gutter at the Downtown Cemetery

EXPENDITURES
- General Govt. $8,402,225 15.1%
- Public Safety $18,763,791 33.6%
- Economic Development $5,208,606 9.3%
- Public Works $8,340,169 14.9%
- Leisure Services $12,093,727 21.7%
- Debt Service & Transfer $2,990,129 5.4%

TOTAL $55,798,647 100.0%
Capital Project Funds are utilized for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and equipment other than those financed by the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. These projects also typically span more than one fiscal year. Some major capital projects scheduled for Fiscal Year 2015 are:

- Electric Theater renovations for a central arts resource facility
- All Abilities Park adjacent to the Tonaquint Park and Nature Center
- Millcreek Park
- Complete construction of the Hela Seegmiller Farm Park
- Complete construction of the Mall Drive Bridge over the Virgin River
- Washington Fields Trail and Drainage project
- Indian Hills Drive road and drainage improvement project
- 450 North road connection from 2450 E. to 2720 E.
- St. James Park
- Royal Oaks Park – phase 2
- Road connection between Commerce Dr. and 3000 E. over the Fort Pearce Wash
- Sand Hollow Wash pedestrian crossing and trail

Other Funds

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

Economic and Redevelopment Agency

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

Overall

City management takes the budgeting process very seriously as the budget is a significant planning, forecasting, performance measurement, and communication tool as to the City’s anticipated financial condition for the upcoming year. The process takes approximately 29 weeks beginning in January and ending in July; includes 45 funds; 98 departments; over 2,200 expense accounts; and is about 300 pages.

Every public service comes with a cost and must be carefully weighed with other competing services to ensure that we achieve the proper balance that you come to expect as a citizen. Becoming more familiar with the City budget helps our citizens to recognize and better understand the public process and why certain projects and other expenditures are approved.

For further information, this year’s budget can be viewed on the City’s website at www.sgcity.org. Questions regarding the budget may be answered by calling Deanna Brklacic, Budget & Financial Planning Manager, at 435-627-4000 or by e-mail at deanna.brklacic@sgcity.org.
Visitors to St. George and residents too will meet Brigham Young, Erastus Snow, Orson Pratt, Judge John Menzies Macfarlane and a woman pioneer this summer as part of the Historic St. George LIVE! tours. Beginning June 3 and ending August 30, 2014 (no tours on July 4 or 24), guests will meet the pioneer settlers in historic buildings around town. Five days a week, Tuesdays through Saturdays, at 10 a.m., the tours will begin at the Art Museum at the Pioneer Center for the Arts, 47 East 200 North, across the street from the St. George Post Office.

The first person re-enactment is in its eighteenth year of entertaining and informing guests about early St. George history. In period costumes, the actors, tour guides, bus drivers and clapper boys take visitors back to 1870 with historic facts and artifacts such as a replica odometer which pioneers used to count the miles on the wheels of their wagons. At the Pioneer Courthouse, visitors will witness a trial for someone misusing a water turn, showing the importance of irrigation. The St. George Tabernacle, Pioneer Opera House, Brigham Young’s Winter Home and the DUP Museum are all included on the tour. Buses are provided between sites.

Tickets can be purchased at the St. George Art Museum. They are $3 for ages 12 and up, children are free with an adult. The ticket also admits one person to the Town Square Carousel for one free ride this year. For more information, contact Angie at 435.627.4510 ext. 112 or Carolyn at 435.703.9924. In past years the tours have proven worthwhile for family and class reunions, youth and Scout troops, neighborhoods, churches, civic clubs, businesses, bus tours and others wishing to enjoy the pioneer spirit during the summer. Newcomers and old-timers alike will enjoy stepping back in time 140 years.

The American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), recently announced the St. George Leisure Services Department as a finalist for the 2014 National Gold Medal Awards for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the U.S. that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. St. George Leisure Services Department is a finalist in the 75,001 to 150,000 population category. The department was created by the City in 1982 to enhance the quality of life and aesthetic beauty of the community through outstanding parks, facilities and programs. At present the department has five divisions, including parks, park planning, community arts, recreation and the Dixie Center operations.

Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials. Leisure Services joins three other finalists in the class that will compete for grand honors this year, including agencies from Texas, Georgia and Indiana.

“We are extremely honored and grateful to be selected as a finalist for this prestigious award,” says Kent Perkins, Director of the Leisure Services Department. “This award shines a light on the outstanding efforts of our terrific city employees. This recognition is only possible because of their dedication to providing high quality programs, services, and facilities.”

A panel of five park and recreation professionals reviews and judges all application materials. Judges are chosen for their considerable experience and knowledge in parks and recreation on both the local and national levels.

This year’s finalists will compete for Grand Plaque Award honors, and the six Grand Plaque recipients will be announced live during the 2014 NRPA Congress in Charlotte, NC, in October.

Register is NOW OPEN!
Registration deadline is Friday, August 22nd.

Register at St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcity.org/registration
For more information, contact: (435)627-4560
**RENAISSANCE DISCOVERY CHILDREN’S ART CLASSES**

For many years, the St. George Art Museum has received funding to begin the revamping process to the majority of one of our two permanent art collection storage rooms. This work will be carried out to professional standards by Spacesaver Intermountain. The approved funding allows for the acquisition of a new shelving system and 12 of the 16 needed panels. We will be seeking additional support to finish purchasing all of the panels. A grant is in process to obtain 10 more of the needed panels for the system. The cost for the remaining nine panels is $18,800 to complete the two-dimensional art system of the collection room. This is an agreement that will aid in the preservation and conservation of our art and mission including the collection of art, like most museums. Since 1980 when the first piece came into the City of St. George Art Museum collection, the collection has grown with wonderful pieces. While the construction takes place, we will exhibit more of our permanent collection, much like we have done in the Mezzanine Gallery upstairs with the exhibit, Collection Comes Into the Light. Now for us and you, our visitors, is the hanging of art in the style of salons of the 18th and 19th centuries. This hanging style is exemplified in the two famous pieces, one by Antoine Watteau’s of Gersaint’s Shop Sign (L’Enseigne de Gersaint) dated to 1720 in the Charlottenburg Palace in Berlin, and the other by Giovanni Paolo Panini’s, Interior of the Picture Gallery with the Collection of Cardinal Silvio Valenti Gonzaga of 1767 in the Wadsworth Athenaeum, America’s oldest public art museum in Hartford, Connecticut.

This is a marvelous time to experience what diversity and what wide range of media, styles, stories, histories, artists, and—and media is included. The City of St. George Art Museum’s permanent collection. There really is an extraordinary, exceptional, and immense variety. It is a perfect time for us to share with you, our community, what a fine and growing collection we have proudly acquired. With our museums, we collaborate with our neighbors and encourage them to send their collections. The city-owned and operated facility exists “to educate and engage our community through quality exhibitions from all periods, cultures and media … to create historical and artistic awareness … to contribute to a quality of life … to serve the needs of the community … to provide the opportunity to view the works … to promote our arts and culture.” The city’s cultural facilities include the Art Museum, Blue Star Museums also include science museums, history museums, nature centers and 75 children’s museums across America. In addition to the St. George Art Museum, other participating museums in Utah include the Ogden Treehouse Children's Museum, the Heritage Museum in Orem, the CEU’s Prehistoric Museum in Price, and the Fort Douglas Military Museum and Utah Museum of Fine Arts in Salt Lake City. The entire list may be found at visitarts.gov.

We’re excited to present this new membership level for young people. Register at www.sgcityrec.org under this year is that children who take our classes will become Museum Members in their own right for one year. Join us and enjoy our Adult Study Center, as well as the Family Discovery Center. We await your visit. For active military personnel and family members who may be traveling during this traditional family vacation season, Blue Star Museums also include science museums, history museums, nature centers and 75 children’s museums across America. In addition to the St. George Art Museum, other participating museums in Utah include the Ogden Treehouse Children’s Museum, the Heritage Museum in Orem, the CEU’s Prehistoric Museum in Price, and the Fort Douglas Military Museum and Utah Museum of Fine Arts in Salt Lake City. The entire list may be found at visitarts.gov.

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Adults will receive free admission when accompanied by a child (for ages 18 & under). All events are free to the public. In case of inclement weather, call 435-627-4560 to find out if the event will be held.

Contact: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. or on-line at www.sgcg.org
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**Summer Golf** - Sunbowl Twilight Special
- Dates: Sundays - Thursdays
- Time: 5:00pm - Close
- Location: Sunbowl Golf Course
- Cost: $15 for 18 holes with cart
- Contact: St George Golf Club 627-4400

**Summer Golf** - Sunbowl Couples Night
- Dates: July 21 - August 11
- Time: 5:00pm Shotgun
- Location: Sunbowl Golf Course
- Cost: $25 per couple for 9 holes with cart
- Contact: Sunbowl Golf Club

**Summer Golf** - St. George Wednesday Super Special
- Dates: Every Wednesday
- Time: All Day
- Location: St George Golf Club
- Cost: $25 for 18 holes with cart per person
- Contact: St George Golf Club 627-4430

**Summer Golf** - Southgate F&B & Fast Golf
- Dates: Mondays
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- Location: Southgate Golf Club
- Cost: $16 for 9 holes and cart for non-members
- Contact: Southgate Golf Club

**Summer Golf** - Southgate Girls High School Prep League
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**Summer Golf** - Dixie Red Hills Parent/Child Day
- Dates: Wednesdays
- Time: All Day
- Location: Dixie Red Hills Golf Course
- Cost: Junior Player Free with Paying Adult
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- Dates: Entire Summer
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**Junior Youth Camp - 5th Grade**
- Dates: June 23 - July 11
- Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm
- Location: Dixie Red Hills Golf Course
- Description: The Junior Youth Camp is designed for 5th graders who want to improve their golf skills in a fun and engaging environment. Contact: Dixie Red Hills Golf Club

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**Sunbrook Twilight Special**

- **Days:** Sunday - Thursday
- **Time:** 5:00pm - Close
- **Cost:** $15 for 9 holes with cart

**Couples Night**

- **Day:** Thursdays
- **Time:** 5:00pm Shotgun
- **Cost:** $25 per couple for 9 holes with cart

**For More Information Call (435) 627-4400**

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**St. George Wednesday Super Special**

- **Day:** Wednesday
- **Time:** All Day
- **Cost:** $25 for 18 holes with cart per person

**Family Golf Night**

- **Day:** Thursdays
- **Time:** 4:00pm-Close
- **Cost:** Adults: $6, Juniors: $3

Play 9 holes with family for a fun, time saving event. (Cart Fee Additional)

**For More Information Call (435) 627-4404**

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**Summer Golf 2014**

**Fit & Fast Golf**

- **Day:** Monday Evenings
- **Time:** 4:00pm - Close
- **Cost:** Mini-Round (3 holes) Adults: $4, Juniors: $1
  Small-Round (6 holes) Adults: $8, Juniors $2
  Provide a quicker, less expensive round that promotes physical fitness. (Cart Fee Additional)

**Girls High School Prep League**

- **Day:** Thursday
- **Time:** Call Southgate Proshop for additional details

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**Parent/Child Day**

- **Day:** Wednesdays
- **Time:** All Day
- **Cost:** Juniors play free with paying adult!

**Southgate Dixie Red Hills**

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