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Mayor Pike’s Message

With 2015 here already, I thought I’d mention a few things that marked the end of 2014 as well as some that will become a focus of this new year.

The St. George City Council passed a long-awaited, diligently forged ambulance provider ordinance. This will enable us to work together with our ambulance providers for the best good of our citizens’ emergency healthcare.

The reworked intersection at Red Hills Parkway/ Snow Canyon Parkway and Bluff Street opened in early December. It allows more vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians to safely move through this major intersection linking different parts of our community to each other. We appreciate the Utah Department of Transportation for taking the time to design this project so that it works well for these different user groups.

A new St. George Active Transportation Committee was formed by the mayor and city council to study and provide input to a new bicycle/pedestrian transportation plan as part of our overall transportation plan in the city. Fourteen representatives from the community have been appointed to make up this committee.

A new Airport Advisory Board Ordinance was approved by the city council in early December and seven community members will serve to help in the planning and development of the airport. On a related note, SkyWest announced that in early March, an additional flight from St. George to Denver will be added on a seasonal basis (through late October). It will mean an early morning flight to Denver and an additional returning flight from Denver to St. George in the evenings. This should help travelers with connecting flights to other destinations!

A request for proposals has been generated by the Washington County Solid Waste District for curbside recycling. It asks for pricing on several different alternatives for providing this service throughout the county or just within the five or so largest cities in the county. I think it works best to do this together with neighboring cities, but I believe St. George can initiate this program in our city if it doesn’t work out to do it on a broader basis.

Work on restoring the Electric Theater and reconstructing and repurposing the adjacent building began in December. I know the community will be pleased as this becomes a new opportunity for performing and visual artists to share their talents in the heart of downtown.

On January 5th, initial work on the new All Abilities Park at Tonaquint began! This is one of the most exciting projects we will ever take on, in my opinion. We will let the community know of ways they can be involved and make this everything it can be for children of all ages and abilities!

Finally, with the election concluded in November and passage of the RAP Tax, the city has begun planning, pricing, and prioritizing related projects and allocations in these areas. We will move quickly over the next few months to work together with recreation, arts and parks enthusiasts to finalize how and what projects and operations we as citizens will support through this tax revenue. No doubt there will be something for everyone to be excited about!

We look forward to another year of listening, planning and working together with our businesses, education partners, community groups and individual citizens to implement changes and complete projects that will be beneficial to all who visit and live in this great community!

Jon Pike
City of St. George Mayor
Happy New Year! May 2015 be a joyous and prosperous year for everyone.

As I reflect on 2014, I really can't believe how quickly the year flew by. It was only a year ago I was being sworn in as a member of the city council, along with the other new council members and a new mayor. We have worked very hard this past year and have accomplished many things.

We still have much more we would like to see accomplished. As the saying goes, “You can please some of the people some of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can never please all of the people all of the time.” After a year on the city council I know how true that statement is.

I have tried my best to return every email and phone call I have received. Each person that contacts me is passionate about the issue they want to see addressed by the mayor and council. Some issues I may be in agreement with and others I may not. But I always try and look at each issue in terms of what is best for the community, as a whole.

A few of the things the mayor, city council and city staff have accomplished in 2014 I feel have been for the betterment of our community:

We have tried to become more accessible by simplifying the way the citizens can contact us and send us messages on the city’s website. We have also implemented an open forum, on the first city council meeting of the month, where citizens of St. George can address the council on any issue they wish to discuss.

We were able to open Switchpoint Resource Center. This was an enormous undertaking that could not have been accomplished without the community coming together with the goal of improving the lives of the homeless and underprivileged. It is truly a model for other communities to duplicate but it could not have been accomplished without so many of you. Thank you!

We also have created an animal shelter board, an airport advisory board, an active transportation committee and a veteran’s advisory committee. The veteran’s committee was instrumental in forming a Veteran’s Judicial Initiative (Veteran’s Court). The Veteran’s Judicial Initiative will benefit our veteran population that suffers from the devastating effects of combat and war. I want to personally thank the Veterans Advisory Committee, Mayor Pike, Judge Walton, County Attorney Brock Belnap, SGPD Chief Marlon Stratton, St. George City Attorney Shawn Guzman, and Sheriff Cory Pulsipher for helping to create guidelines and supporting this program. I am honored to rub shoulders with the veterans in our area and the veterans I get to serve with on the veteran’s advisory committee.

Two new parks are now underway, Seegmiller Park in Little Valley and the all-abilities park in Tonaquint. I am especially excited about the all-abilities park. This is something near and dear to my heart as I have a disabled sister in a wheelchair. This park will be enjoyable for everyone. Children and adults, disabled or able bodied and I look forward to its completion.

The few things I have mentioned are only about half of what we were able to accomplish for 2014. I could have spent time on St. George Musical Theater making their comeback, Little Valley Road, 3000 East, the Mall Drive Bridge or any of the other projects we were able to see get started or finished last year.

Here’s hoping 2015 is successful and we are able to please you more than just “some of the time!”
We live in one of the most scenic places in the country and enjoy almost limitless outdoor recreation opportunities on a year-round basis. Over the last two decades St. George has taken significant steps to enhance active transportation opportunities for visitors and locals alike with an extensive paved trail system, bicycle lane striping on roadways, large scale athletic events that promote the active lifestyle and a wide range of interconnected natural trails to accommodate all ages and abilities.

In the spring of 2010 the first Ironman event was held in Washington County bringing with it and creating considerable interest in road cycling. A number of international pro athletes as well as triathlon clubs from neighboring states have been hosting training camps and weekend rides in the St. George area in anticipation of the annual May event. Roads from Gunlock all the way to Zion National Park that rarely saw bicycle traffic years ago now see hundreds of cyclists on any given day throughout the spring and fall months.

In addition to the increasing number of road cyclists, the number of mountain bike enthusiasts continues to grow exponentially in our area. The fact that St. George is an off road rider’s dream has been a well-kept secret for years. But with the increased popularity of the annual Red Bull Rampage held near the town of Virgin and the viral YouTube videos and talk of epic trails like Gooseberry Mesa spreading like wildfire, the secret is now out. All of this coupled with the numerous running events held here annually including the St. George Marathon has put St. George on the map as a cycling and running mecca.

Since its creation the committee has only met once and has already established a goal of placing 40 bike racks on public property in the downtown area to encourage higher number of cyclists to frequent the shops and restaurants. By establishing a uniform standard for the racks the committee hopes to create racks that tie in to the historic look and feel of Historic Main Street. Up-coming issues to be addressed by the committee include: trail and street signage, standardized way-finding signs, role of mass transit and active transportation, trail connections, bike routes, bicycle boulevards and cycle tracks downtown and incorporating pedestrian and bicycle access and amenities into future development.

What is Active Transportation?
Active transportation refers to any form of human-powered transportation. Active transportation includes many active modes and methods of travel such as:
- walking/jogging/running/hiking
- cycling
- in-line skating
- skateboarding
- non-mechanized wheelchair

Active Transportation Benefits
- Health – Active transportation provides an opportunity to be physically active on a regular basis.
- Social – Accessible active transportation opportunities increases social interactions.
- Transportation – Active transportation reduces road congestion.
- Environmental – Active transportation is environmentally-friendly and can contribute to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- Economic – Active transportation saves money on gas and parking.

For more information go to www.sgcity.org/activetransportation

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The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and City of St. George have been working together for over a decade developing an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) as part of the statewide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). This system is a combination of fiber optics and wireless networks that operate nearly 2,000 traffic signals, over 1,000 closed circuit cameras and 100 variable message signs and road weather information systems throughout the state of Utah. This system is used to gather data on speeds, volumes, weather and signal operations to make road travel safer and more efficient.

Since 2000, the City of St. George and other municipalities across the state have been working with UDOT to develop a centralized traffic signal system. This system is one of the first of its kind in the nation and greatly reduces costs by sharing resources. The UDOT traffic operations center in Salt Lake City is the hub where all data from around the state is sent in real time from a number of facilities and operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The City of St. George operates and maintains 43 of the 75 traffic signals in the southwestern Utah region. The region has over 50 cameras on surface streets including I-15 and two variable message signs as you enter Washington County from I-15 to warn motorists of any hazard on the roadway. With the vast amounts of information and data gathered, the City and UDOT have the ability to improve safety, reduce fuel consumption and environmental impact, increase economic productivity by reducing travel time and maximizing the efficiency of traffic signals and minimizing intersection congestion.

The City uses a variety of hardware and software solutions to operate its traffic signals. This equipment is shared with UDOT over a wide area network (WAN) for maintenance and operations. The City has the ability to monitor and evaluate most signalized intersections to ensure that vehicle detection is working properly and make changes to traffic signal timing from the traffic control center located at city hall.

The City is constantly sending real-time data to the UDOT traffic operations center. An Automatic Traffic Recorder streams the data which determines the speed, volume and length of vehicles. Data from traffic signals is used to analyze the performance of a traffic signal and how it is operating. Information that is gathered from the CCTV cameras, road sensors or weather stations, can be sent to Utah Highway Patrol, UDOT maintenance, UDOT traffic operations, St. George Police Department or St. George Street Division crews to alert them of poor weather conditions, accidents, roadway obstructions or any other situation that may pose a threat. UDOT has a number of tools to share motorist information in real time. You can follow UDOT on twitter @UDOTTRAFFIC for live traffic updates. Also, http://udottraffic.utah.gov is a useful website to get traffic information like road closures, incident information or view traffic cameras.
Do you drive, walk, bike or use public transportation in Washington County? Do you have ideas or need more information regarding current or future road projects? Then the 2015 Dixie Regional Transportation Expo is the place for you. Attend this year's Expo and be better informed on current and future transportation projects and have a voice in regional transportation planning.

This year the Expo will be held February 10, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Dixie Center Ballroom. Representatives from surrounding cities, the county and UDOT will be available to explain transportation projects and studies and take your comments on projects such as: Bluff St./Red Hills Parkway; Sunset/Bluff Interchange; Bluff Street/St. George Blvd. Improvements; I-15 Widening and Mall Drive Underpass; Southern Parkway; Old SR 91 Improvements; 400 South/I-15 Pedestrian Underpass; SR-9 Arch Bridge in LaVerkin; I-15 Interchange at MP11; Washington Fields Road, Phase 4B; St. George Parks and Trails; and much, much more!!

You will be invited to comment on the Regional 2015-2040 Transportation Long-Range Plan, Ivins City Transportation Master Plan, and the future look of transit in the area.

The Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance will have a display of bicycles illustrating the range of cycling opportunities in Washington County.

In addition, golfing, hiking and biking clinics will be presented:

• 11:00 a.m. Golf - Improve Your Swing - (win free golf passes and cart rentals).
• 1:00 p.m. Hiking - Hiking the Trails on BLM Land.
• 3:00 p.m. We Bike Southern Utah! - Cycling Safety and Finding Epic Trails and Bike Routes.

Come and join us! Admission is free to the public. For more information go to www.sgcity.org/transexpo.

Heritage Days Celebration

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Come Celebrate with the Mayor and City Council
Saturday, January 17th from 12pm to 2pm
St. George Social Hall (47 E. 200 N.).

Enjoy free rootbeer floats, cookies and live entertainment
Utah’s economy leads the nation. Yet, we risk our economic vitality as our transportation needs outpace current funding sources. A safe and efficient transportation system creates the foundation for a strong economy.

We face unprecedented growth, declining purchasing power and deteriorating infrastructure. Creation and maintenance of infrastructure is a core responsibility of government. Utah’s elected officials need to exhibit economic leadership and fiscal responsibility to invest in transportation.

Meanwhile Utah’s Unified Transportation Plan has become a national model for planning. Investing in the plan will benefit all Utahns by bolstering our economy, air quality, safety and quality of life. We’ve done the planning; let’s do the implementing.

Population Doubling by 2040
Utah will continue to grow, which could mean more time in traffic and less time with our families unless we prepare for the future now. Investment in transportation will determine whether growth gridlocks us or ensures continued prosperity.

Buying Power Hit By Inflation
While inflation has continued to rise, the gas tax rate has stayed the same. Meanwhile, some maintenance costs have risen as much as 300 percent. Utah’s transportation needs are growing, but inflation is eating away at our purchasing power.

Gas Tax Revenue is Down
Cars are more fuel efficient than ever, so our gas tax revenue doesn’t reach as far as it once did.

Local Government Lacking Funds
Inflation, growth and fuel efficiency are curtailing city and county governments’ ability to maintain and invest in critical infrastructure. Meanwhile, citizens want more options in bike lanes, trails, sidewalks and transit.
MAKING INVESTMENTS FOR CLEANER AIR

Could reduce 344,000 TONS of emissions

Providing Transportation Options
Utah has a great rail backbone, but the transit system lacks connectivity, hours of service and bus integration. Sidewalks, trails and bike paths likewise lack connectivity. Adequate funding could make healthy transportation options more convenient and easy to use.

Fiscal Responsibility is a Two-Way Street
Implementing the Unified Transportation Plan will save Utah’s households and businesses through reduced congestion and vehicle operating costs, and improved reliability, safety and air quality. $1 invested in transportation will yield $1.94 in future value for the taxpayer.

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Ensuring All Our Roads are Well-Maintained
With limited funding, the focus is typically given to major roadways, leaving rural roads and communities without adequate funding.

Bridges Aren’t Holding Up Great Either
Bridges throughout Utah are due for replacement, and many will soon need rehabilitation. Plain and simple, Utah’s bridges need funding.

Now is The Time To Help
To optimize value for the dollar, we need to plan for funding now. Delaying transportation investments will only increase costs in the long run. Every dollar invested in road maintenance today saves $9 in the future.

Transportation in Utah is about so much more than getting from point A to point B. It is about our quality of life, and everything from the air we breathe to the future economic vitality of our state is affected by it. We need your support to ensure that Utahns have smart and sustainable transportation choices available to them and that can only happen through smart and sustainable transportation funding.
St. George will soon be home to Utah's first interactive desert garden showcasing water-efficient landscapes, endangered species and prehistoric tracks in one central location – Red Hills Desert Garden. The nearly 5-acre garden, located at 375 E. Red Hills Parkway, promotes the education and research of conservation as well as serving as an outdoor social and recreational amenity for public enjoyment. Thousands are expected to visit the garden annually. "Red Hills Desert Garden encourages water and endangered species conservation in a picturesque environment," said Ron Thompson, general manager of Washington County Water Conservancy District. "Visitors of all ages can come to the garden and experience firsthand the beauty of a water-efficient landscape while learning about plants and irrigation. In addition, visitors may see some of the rarest fish species on earth; learn about the endangered Mojave Desert Tortoise; and see dinosaur tracks found onsite dating back 200 million years. We're confident the garden will be a popular community amenity visitors will enjoy for years to come."

The garden will feature more than 170 water-efficient plant varieties that thrive in our local climate. In addition, the garden will provide information on landscape design, installation and maintenance. A section of the garden will also highlight different irrigation options and best installation practices to assist home and business owners considering a desert landscape. "Approximately 61 percent of Washington County's residential water is currently used for outdoor irrigation," said Julie Gillins, water conservation manager, Washington County Water Conservancy District. "Converting turf to a desert landscape is one of the biggest steps a home or business owner can take to reduce water use and save money on monthly water costs."

Desert landscapes use an average of 55 gallons of water less than turf per square foot annually. The garden will use five million gallons of water less per year than a similar-sized turf landscape – that's enough water to support 50 average American homes for a year. And it results in an annual savings of $8,000 in water rates.

And it's not just about saving water and money, according to Mark Goble, landscape architect for the City of St. George. "Desert landscapes require significantly less maintenance and boast more color, texture and dimension compared to turf," he said. "We're confident as more home and business owners experience the natural beauty and other benefits of water-efficient landscapes, it will become the look of choice here in Southern Utah."

Central to the garden’s design is a 1,150-foot meandering stream stocked with native and endangered fish, including one of the nation's most rare species – the woundfin. The stream was designed to model the natural watershed of the Virgin River. Water from the Virgin River will be cycled through the stream before being used to water St. George’s public facilities, including parks, schools and cemeteries. "This lets visitors see the fish in a more natural habitat and uses little to no water – it's the best case scenario," said Henry Maddux, program director for the Virgin River Program. To assist with viewing the fish, project developers created a replica slot canyon that leads to a fish viewing area. Virgin River Program will stock and care for the aquatic habitat in the stream. "Partnering with the Virgin River Program allows us to highlight another essential element of conservation – conserving our native and endangered fish," said Thompson. "We manage water for fish habitat in addition to all of our other water users. Many who have never seen these rare species will now have the opportunity to do so at the garden, thanks to the program."

The garden will also feature a variety of unique fossil tracks made by dinosaurs of all sizes as they walked in the mud or swam in shallow streams that existed here approximately 200 million years ago. Tracks for the megapnasaurous, scutellosaurus and dilophosaurs are found throughout the site. Immediately adjacent to the garden is the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, which was established in 1996 for the protection of the Mojave Desert Tortoise and other rare plants and animals. The reserve offers hikers, cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts’ dozens of trails options, which connect to Red Hills Desert Garden allowing for an even greater outdoor experience.

The garden will be programmed with a variety of educational workshops and special events to highlight the many social, recreational and educational amenities of the garden. Information on special events will be announced in 2015. Red Hills Desert Garden is a collaborative project of Washington County Water Conservancy District, City of St. George and Virgin River Program. Visit wcwcd.org for more details.
It is safe to say that most people in the last year or so have requested services from a repairman or utility company. When we set up an appointment for service it's not unusual that we are told that someone will be at our home during a two to four hour window if they have availability that day. During busy times for police, citizens may feel the same way about their local police department. Because of the stigma associated with reporting minor crimes and sometimes a long wait for an officer, some people won't take the time to call the police for minor crime. Something that appears small to you could be much larger than you think. If you had a garden gnome stolen, one of your neighbors has a bird feeder stolen and another neighbor had a planter stolen. If each one of you feels the loss is too insignificant to report, there is a larger picture that may not be visible. The crime could extend to 10 or 20 people. All crime is important to the police department. One little thing can very easily turn into a piece of a huge problem.

In an effort to be more efficient and make it easier for people to report smaller crimes, the St. George Police Department is offering residents a more convenient online alternative to meeting with an officer to file a police report for minor offenses. The St. George Police Department’s Online Citizen Reporting System is improving citizen’s access to report filing. The online reporting system works seamlessly with the police department’s existing report management system. The two solutions reduce data entry for the St. George Police Department, improve incident information accuracy and allow for faster investigations and reporting of minor crimes. The system interfaces and imports the incident/case information entered by a citizen into records management. Without retyping information, the officer can create and send a report back to the resident and begin the investigation immediately.

St. George citizens can use our Web-based reporting system to file reports online for minor incidents such as electronic communication harassment, criminal mischief / vandalism, graffiti, lost property, theft, and vehicle burglary. As this program progresses, we plan to offer more reporting options. After an online report is submitted the citizen will receive a confirmation email. The report will be reviewed by a supervisor at the police department. The citizen will receive a follow up email that the report was reviewed and will either request more information or show the report was approved. When the report is approved the email will provide an incident number associated with the report, along with a printable copy of the report.

Police officers have to prioritize calls which means they respond to in progress calls first. Depending on how busy the officers are on any given day, it could take several hours for them to respond to a call that is not in progress. This is an option for you to report a crime on your terms and when you have the time to complete the report.

We have had citizens concerned when they submit a report online that the report will go into cyberspace and never be followed up on. In this case it couldn’t be further from the truth. After the incident has been approved and an incident number created, the report is submitted into the reporting system just as though an officer filed the report. From there if the report needs follow up or further investigation, it will be assigned to either an officer or a detective to complete the investigation.

This system was implemented to allow the St. George Police Department to better serve the public. If you have any questions, concerns or problems while using the system please contact the St. George Police Department directly by calling 435-627-4300.

To access police online reporting go to www.sgcity.org/police
The Leisure Services Department is excited to be working on the design for the new all-abilities park which will be located in Tonaquint Park. Children with disabilities often cannot play in a standard play area and are unable to enjoy the incredible social, physical, and emotional benefits that play provides. This remarkable play space will offer the universally accessible and sensory-rich equipment that will enchant and delight children with and without disabilities. Individuals in wheelchairs and those with mobility challenges will enjoy freedom of access on the rubberized surfaces, ramps, and transfer stations.

A dinosaur themed playground will include a two to five year old play area, a five to 12 year old play area, a tree house and volcano with slides, sand and water table, ground level water play area, swings, climbers, spinners, rocker apparatus, a 24” scale train with accessible coaches and depot, restrooms, shade shelters, dinosaur climbers, and more; all this in a lush landscaped area of the park.

The City of St. George, St. George Exchange Club and Exchange Club Foundation, St. George Marathon, Intermountain Healthcare, Shane’s Inspiration and many other groups and individuals have joined together to help fund and build this extraordinary park and playground. Money has been committed to allow construction to begin in January on the roads, parking, grading and utilities for the project. There is still a need and opportunity to raise about $1 million in order to build the complete facility. The City has agreed to match community donations. Please “Get on Board” and help give children with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a place where all can play, grow, and learn side-by-side. For more information on how you can help by “getting on board”, visit www.sgcity.org/abilities.

**DATE:** Saturday, Feb. 28th @ 9:00am / **FEE:** $35

Late registration is open until Wednesday, Feb. 25th with a $10 late fee.

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What happens when you take children with physical and emotional handicaps to a swimming pool? They become flying fish with amazing grace. At least that is what happened when the City of Saint George Leisure Services Department and the Dixie Elks got together to form the Flying Fish Swim Team, a program specifically designed for those with special needs. The program just finished its second year at the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center in September and is designed to help each participant become physically active, build self-confidence and self-esteem and develop swimming skills for fun and safety.

“The density of the water, especially for special needs children, provides a buoyant, supportive environment which takes pressure off the joints,” said Kelly Humphries, manager of aquatic services for the Leisure Services Department. “Swimming is not only aerobic in nature, providing health benefits to the participants, but learning to swim provides a measure of safety for these kids should they ever find themselves having to survive in a water accident.”

The participants range in age from the very young at age 5 or 6 up to about 30 to 35, but because of various mental handicaps, still have the developmental age of a child. The participants suffer from a range of disabilities from Down Syndrome to stroke, cerebral palsy, autism, ADHD, etc. and are recruited by word of mouth through special needs groups and group homes which work with the special needs population. Kelly also noted that the program allows these special needs people and outlet for socialization and interaction with others who have restricted abilities as well as interaction with the volunteer staff. That is where the Dixie Elks come in.

“Kelly has done an amazing job of recruiting the participants and we, at the Dixie Elks, felt it was important for the kids to know they have a community behind them, that they have somewhere to turn for activities and support,” said Terry Jones, Chair for the program. “We wanted the program not to be so structured that the participants could not have fun but structured enough so that the sessions did not get out of hand. It was important to have one or two volunteers or instructors for each child because they are at such different levels of ability both physical and mental.”

The Dixie Elks not only provide many of the volunteers, but also much of the extra equipment which is needed for the program to function safely and effectively. They provide extra life jackets, floaties, goggles, swim caps and the barbeque at the end of each session.

“To have the City decide it was worth putting money into this program and then to have the Elks come through by providing money and equipment is an amazing statement on the value that we as a community put on providing services for all our citizens,” said Karen Tobler, special needs teacher at the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center.

“The City also supplements the program with city employees who are lifeguards and swim instructors. It is an amazing group effort and provided at a price point which allows every family to participate.”

Tobler notes that the instructors, volunteers and participants need to come to the program with the mentality that these kids can do and learn what they need to. She says that too often others do not give special needs kids credit for how much they are able to do. “You need to figure out what works for each individual and provide a positive experience. That is it is not about what you can’t do. It is about what you can do. Because all of the participants have some degree of challenge, they feel comfortable with each other. There is no judging or bias from one to the other. They all work together in a joyful environment.”

One City employee, Christian Goldhardt, a high school senior, is a lifeguard volunteer for the program. He is also a special needs student. “I wanted to work with these kids because I felt that I could understand them and see things through their eyes that even their parents and doctors at times cannot understand. I have autism and ADHD and I know that sometimes when you put a label on someone, you restrict them in ways they do not need to be restricted. There are some children who need to be helped with everything and then there are highly functioning special needs kids and I felt that I could understand which was which and help them appropriately.”

All the organizers also expressed the idea that too often young athletes are put into groups by age rather than ability. Indeed, studies are showing that young athletes born later in the year but put into age appropriate teams rather than ability appropriate teams, often do not perform as well as those born earlier in the year because “a few extra months of development can make a big difference in size, strength, and athletic ability.”

“So far, we have not found another special needs swim team of the type we have started here where kids are categorized by ability,” said Karen. So this is still a work in progress and right now is more of a group swimming lesson, which allows kids to develop at their own pace. Some swim laps, some are just getting accustomed to being in the water.”

For the last two years the program has run for ten weeks from July until the beginning of September meeting twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays and has been so successful that the group is considering a year round program.

“Kids have lots of ways to get in trouble and children who are challenged can more easily be used and abused. Providing programs like this helps to keep them engaged and protected. It also provides that sense of self-esteem that gives them the strength to make better choices,” said Jones.
Flying out of St. George, whether on vacation or a business trip, is getting easier than ever thanks to the addition of a second daily United Express flight to Denver. SkyWest Airlines has announced that they will double their flights to Denver in the spring to help accommodate the strong demand they’ve been seeing.

“Traveler demand for Denver service remains strong,” said Chip Childs, SkyWest, Inc. President. “With this second seasonal flight, we intend to continue investing in the ongoing development of reliable air service for SGU.”

The second daily flight will begin on March 5 and will be available through the busy summer and fall seasons until Oct. 24, providing customers with even more seats to choose from during some of the busiest months of the year. This new flight also means that both business and leisure travelers will have access to an extended schedule that allows them to more easily connect to almost any city around the world.

“We’re pleased to bring a morning departure to Denver and an evening arrival to St. George, in addition to the current mid-day trip,” said Mike Thompson, SkyWest Airlines COO. “The new Denver schedule will provide exceptional convenience and flexibility for day trips or for connecting on to United’s global network.”

SkyWest has timed each of the two daily jet flights to ensure passengers can seamlessly connect to hundreds of others cities around the world through United’s global network in Denver. That means someone could realistically fly from St. George in the morning and land in Tokyo after just one stop in Denver. Or, a business traveler could fly to Denver in the morning, spend a full day working and in meetings, and still make it back home to sleep in their own bed that night.

In Denver, United offers more than 375 direct flights to places like Chicago, Houston, New York, Hawaii, Panama and much more. Plus, frequent fliers will continue to enjoy earning MileagePlus™ miles from their flights.

Each of the two daily United Express flights from St. George to Denver will be onboard one of SkyWest’s 50-seat Canadair Regional Jets (CRJ200s). These aircraft are designed to provide a quick, comfortable travel experience for every type of traveler. SkyWest Airlines is a leading CRJ200 operator and has been named the manufacturer’s most reliable operator in North America five times.

To book a seat on one of these convenient flights to Denver, just go to united.com or call United reservations directly at 800.241.6522. Remember, the best fares are always available at united.com.
From December 12, 2014 to May 9, 2015, the St. George Art Museum is organizing a very exciting and special exhibit on a very personal day in many people's lives. Here Comes the Gown: 150 Years of Wedding Dresses is a show with multiple components and events. No other dress takes the extraordinary time to search out in order to find the perfect one than the wedding dress. No other dress requires the resources. Lovingly and specially chosen, these dresses are fabric art. Few rites of passage evoke the strong and visceral response more than weddings do. The St. George Art Museum has solicited dresses from the community and beyond from 1850 to now to attain over 50 garments. Most submitters or brides will record an oral history, so that each gown has a voice, a story. Other items from the wedding will be included if available, especially the wedding photograph, an art in itself. A compilation of words that people have come up with when asked what comes to mind when one envisions or thinks of weddings will be placed on the walls throughout the exhibit. A memory gown will be located for all visitors to pin on their memories, their hopes, and their dreams. Matrimonial trivia will be part of the exhibit so that visitors can learn fun facts about wedding traditions of the world. The Museum will solicit favorite wedding songs and favorite wedding movies in an ongoing quest for the most popular.

The St. George Art Museum will present this magical time when these relics, icons, and forever keepsakes will come out from their hiding places in closets, chests, attics, and basements. Along with the celebrated gown, come the memories that had been tucked away and relegated to some safe hidden place, with the questions, the uncertainties, and the unknown that people can feel at weddings. In addition to the dresses, an installation in the Legacy Gallery by artist, Sara Rockinger, who in conjunction with the videographer, Mark Conkle will create the installation, In/Visible: Weddings & Immigration. This provocative art piece will provide a different layer to the whole exhibit. Immigration is a current concern and active topic in Southern Utah. This will be a time for thought.

Another installation is a work by Nancy B. Frank titled, Bridal Path: A Photographic Installation on the Life of a Wedding Dress. This is photographic exploration of a close mother/daughter relationship, though the daughter remains unmarried. What is it to have never married in a married society? Nancy found a dress that she became attached to and subsequently took self-portraits in the dress in locales around the world over a two-year period. The Museum's monitor will display a rotating compilation of the images. Weddings or joinings are part of everyone's life and are part of the human experience in all cultures. This unusual fabric art exhibit will be the highlight of the social season. Don't miss it!
January 10th  SmART Saturday on Diego Rivera's murals at 10am
January 15th  3rd Thursday Art Conversation at 7pm w/ Rosemary Hargrove on Anatomy of a Wedding Dress pre-performance by the St. George Dance Company performing specially choreographed dances for the exhibit from 6:30 to 7pm
January 16th  Arts to Zion Studio Tour that includes the St. George Art Museum
February 7th  Paper Fashion Show Creations at 10:30 Jr. & Sr. High & 1:30 College
February 14th  SmART Saturday on Alexander Calder's mobiles & stabiles at 10am-for children
February 14th  Come & profess your love or propose to your sweetheart among the wedding gowns pre-performance by the St. George Dance Company performing specially choreographed dances for the exhibit from 6:30 to 7pm
February 19th  3rd Thursday Art Conversation w/ Wedding Photographers, Nick and Signe Adams pre-performance by the St. George Dance Company performing specially choreographed dances for the exhibit from 6:30 to 7pm
March 6th  Ever popular Soup N’ Bowl-tickets $20 for handmade bowl and lunch
March 13th  Free Art on Main Gallery Walk from 6 to 9pm
March 14th  SmART Saturday on Claude Monet’s “Water Lilies” at 10am-for children
March 19th  3rd Thursday Art Conversation on Polynesian Wedding Customs and Culture (Susi Lafaele & friends) pre-performance by the St. George Dance Company performing specially choreographed dances for the exhibit from 6:30 to 7pm
April 1st  Bring in your sweetheart and surprise her w/ a proposal, no fooling
April 11th  SmART Saturday on Henri Matisse's collages at 10am-for children
April 16th  3rd Thursday Art Conversation, Bride’s Speak, where several of the dress lenders talk about the wedding with pre-performance by the St. George Dance Company performing specially choreographed dances for the exhibit from 6:30 to 7pm
May 9th  Wedding Show is over
Recreation Programs & Classes

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JANUARY EVENTS

- Adult Winter Flag Football League Registration
  Sign-Up: Registration is now open for Adult Flag Football league play. Registration deadline is Friday, January 16 or until full!
  Fee: $30/teamm
  Location: TBA
  League Info: Games will be played on Tuesdays evenings starting January 20.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 627-4560

- Adult Ladies 6x6 Indoor Volleyball League Registration
  Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for Adult Ladies Outdoor League play. Registration deadline is Friday, January 23 or until full!
  Fee: $50/teamm
  Location: Worthy Park, 400 E. 300 S.
  League Info: Games will be played on Tuesday evenings starting February 3. League format includes 10 games and a single elimination tournament.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 627-4560

- Adult Spring Futsal League Registration
  Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for Adult Futsal League play. Registration deadline is Friday, February 6 or until full!
  Fee: $150/teamm
  Location: TBA
  League Info: Games will be played on Thursday evenings starting February 19 at 6:00 pm. The league format is 6 games plus single elimination tournament for the A & B leagues.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 627-4560

- Move-It Criterium Bike Race Registration
  Sign-Up: Registration is now open for the Tuff Kids bike race. Pre-registrations will be accepted until Wednesday, February 7. Day-of registration will be accepted at the event.
  Time: 10:00 am
  Fee: $10/youth; $20/youth Day-Of
  Location: Ridge Top Complex, 620 S Airport Rd
  Description: The Tuff Kids will be racing their bikes on the old airport runway. Races will be grouped by age, bike type and gender. All kids receive awards, 1-shirts and finish line refreshments. The event will be held Saturday, February 7, 2015.
  Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 627-4500

- Youth Fundamental Youth Soccer Registration
  Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for girls and boys in K-6th grade. Registration deadline is February 21.
  Fee: $35/child
  League Info: Games begin in March 2015. Grades 3-6th will have separate leagues for girls and boys. K-2 grade will play on co-ed teams. Jerseys will be included in the price of registration and will be distributed by coaches at the first game.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ 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 21.
  Fee: $25/child
  Description: Program begins Saturday, March 21. This is a five-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.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 627-4560

- GET GOLF READY
  Date: Mondays, January 5, 12, 19, 26
  Location: St. George Golf Learning Center
  Cost: $4 Sessions for only $79
  Description: PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play and enjoy golf by combining fun, friends & fitness. What You Need to Bring: Just yourself, a desire to have fun and perhaps a few friends to enjoy the great outdoors. Golf clubs, balls and other equipment will be provided for your use during the lesson.
  Register: Register now at the St. George Golf Center at Southgate
  Contact: Call 627-4441 for times and additional information

- Fitness Sampler
  Date: Monday, January 5
  Time: 9:15-10:15 am Monday & Thursday; 5:30-6:30 pm Tuesday; 6:45-7:45 pm Wednesday
  Fee: FREE
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Description: Need a fitness class for your new year's resolution but not sure what to take? Come to our fitness sampler and try 3 different classes in one hour. Experience something new while working on the new you. You will find something you like, we guarantee it!
  Contact: 627-4560

- Glaze Workshop
  Date: Monday, January 5
  Time: 12:30-2:00 pm
  Fee: FREE
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Description: Lecture and demo on basic glazing techniques. Students will have bisque ware that they can practice with and the class. Intended for those who want to learn more about glazing and finishing products
  Contact: 627-4560

- Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s WINTER Learn to Swim Program-Session 1
  Date: January 5-15 (Monday thru Thursday 2-3pm)
  Time: 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm
  Fee: $30/youth
  Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive
  Description: Level 1 thru 3 will be offered.
  Register: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive
  Contact: 627-4585

- Adult & Kids Pottery Wheel- Monday Night
  Date: Monday, January 5 (4-6weeks)
  Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
  Fee: $95/person
  Age: 9-years-Adult
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Contact: 627-4441 for times and additional information

- Beginner Women’s Self Defense Class
  Date: Tuesday, January 6-27 (4-weeks)
  Time: 6:00-7:00 pm
  Fee: $30
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Description: Don’t be a victim! Come to the women’s self-defense course put on by Practical Women’s Self Defense of Southern Utah. Learn 7 easy techniques to defend yourself. Bring a friend and learn to be safe together.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Contact: 435-627-4560

- Jewelry Making and Lapidary Class
  Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays, January 6-February 26 (8-weeks)
  Time: Session 1: 9:00 am-Noon; Session 2: Noon-3:00 pm
  Fee: $35/session
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Description: This class is designed to teach the boys about pottery and clay. Each student will create several works of pottery that are required for their badge. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook. The material fee is to be paid to the instructor. Even if you do not belong to a troop or the scout program all boys are welcome to take the class.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 435-627-4560

- Boy Scout Merit Badge Class- Pottery
  Date: Tuesday, January 6 (4-weeks)
  Time: 4:00-6:30 pm
  Fee: $12/person; Plus $10 material fee
  Age: 11-18
  Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  Description: This class is designed to teach the boys about pottery and clay. Each student will create several works of pottery that are required for their badge. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook. The material fee is to be paid to the instructor. Even if you do not belong to a troop or the scout program all boys are welcome to take the class.
  Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  Contact: 435-627-4560

- GET GOLF READY
  Date: Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28
  Location: St. George Golf Learning Center
  Cost: 4 Lessons for only $79
  Description: PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play and enjoy golf by combining fun, friends & fitness. What You Need to Bring: Just yourself, a desire to have fun and perhaps a few friends to enjoy the great outdoors. Golf clubs, balls and other equipment will be provided for your use during the lesson.
  Register: Register now at the St. George Golf Center at Southgate
  Contact: Call 627-4441 for times and additional information
**Smart Start Art: Music and Games**
- **Date:** Wednesday, January 7 (4-wks)
- **Time:** 10:00 am-12:00 pm
- **Fee:** $25/couple includes supplies
- **Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
- **Description:** This is a class designed for preschooler and a parent/grandparent to experience together. Class fee includes all needed supplies. Class size is limited so sign-up early.
- **Registration:** St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4560

**Turf Alternations**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 10
- **Time:** 10:00-11:00 am
- **Fee:** FREE
- **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
- **Description:** As an alternative to lawn, learn the different types of groundcovers that are available and work well in this area for your specific site. Groundcovers that need full sun, partial shade or like shade. Groundcovers that do well for heavy, moderate to light traffic. The workshop will go into design, preparing site, planting and maintenance.
- **Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4560

**Conservancy District.**
- **Date:** Monday, January 5
- **Time:** 9:15-10:00 am
- **Fee:** FREE
- **Location:** Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive
- **Description:** Check website for updated location and course map @ www.sgcityrec.org
- **Description:** Distances available: 200 Meter, ½-mile and 1-mile option. Registration deadline is Friday, January 9 @ 6pm; late registration accepted until Wednesday, January 14 @ Noon with an additional $10 fee. All Move-It finishers are chip timed and receive a race shirt and finisher medal.
- **Registration:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line at www.sgcityrec.org or www.getmeregistered.com
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Curiosity Club**
- **Date:** Tuesday, January 13 (4-wks)
- **Time:** Session 1- 10:30 am; Session 2- 1:30 pm
- **Fee:** $20/youth
- **Age:** 3-6 years
- **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
- **Description:** Club members are wanted for a new session of Curiosity Club! Join us for 1-hour of fun and learning each week at the Tonaquint Nature Center.
- **Register:** St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Class- Bird Study**
- **Date:** Tuesday, January 13 (2-wks)
- **Time:** 4:30-6:00 pm
- **Fee:** $12/youth
- **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
- **Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Bird Study merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book, notebook and attend the St. George Winter Bird Festival. Pre-registration is required by Saturday, January 10 at 5 pm.
- **Registration:** St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Art Museum Art Conversation**
- **Date:** Thursday, January 15
- **Time:** 7:00pm
- **Fee:** Free
- **Location:** Art Museum, 47 East 200 North
- **Description:** The St. George Art Museum will present a special guest for Art Conversation.
- **Contact:** 627-4525

**Heritage Days Root Beer Social**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 17
- **Location:** St. George Social Hall
- **Time:** Noon-2:00pm
- **Fee:** FREE
- **Description:** Come celebrate 153rd Anniversary of St. George with the mayor and city council. Enjoy free root beer floats, cookies and live entertainment.

**Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s Heritage Day Free Swim**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 17
- **Time:** 1:00-6:00 pm
- **Fee:** FREE
- **Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Pine Drive
- **Description:** Join the staff at the SHAC for a fun afternoon of free swimming. $1 root beer floats will be available.
- **Contact:** 627-4585

**Move-it Kids’ Run**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 17
- **Time:** 11:00 am
- **Fee:** $10/Youth
- **Age:** 4-12 years old
- **Location:** Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive
- **Description:** Check website for updated location and course map @ www.sgcityrec.org
- **Description:** Distances available: 200 Meter, ½-mile and 1-mile option. Registration deadline is Friday, January 9 @ 6pm; late registration accepted until Wednesday, January 14 @ Noon with an additional $10 fee. All Move-It finishers are chip timed and receive a race shirt and finisher medal.
- **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line at www.sgcityrec.org or www.getmeregistered.com
  - Contact: 627-4500

**St. George ½ Marathon & 5K Presented by Altra Zero Drop Footwear**
- **Date:** Saturday, January 17
- **Time:** Check-in: 7:30 am; Race Start Time: 9:00 am
- **Fee:** $35/person; $30/person; 5K $20/person
- **Location:** Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Drive
- **Description:** Runners will run along the scenic St. George City trail system. Registration deadline is Friday, January 9 @ 6pm; late registration accepted until Wednesday, January 14 @ Noon with an additional $10 fee.
- **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org or www.getmeregistered.com
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Red Cliffs Audubon Winter Bird Festival**
- **Date:** Thursday-Saturday, January 22-24
- **Time:** See daily schedule
- **Fee:** $10/person (3-day pass); Children 17 & Younger are free.
- **Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center & Tonaquint Park, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
- **Description:** Don’t miss the 12th Annual St. George Winter Bird Festival. This exciting three-day event offers an opportunity to explore and learn more about the significant natural areas of Southern Utah’s birding hot spots. There will be field trips, workshops, presentations (for adults and families). A complete schedule of events and times can be viewed and downloaded at www.sgcity.org.
- **Register:** St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Dixie State University’s Ceramics Department & St. George Art Museum’s Community Pot Throw**
- **Date:** Friday, January 30th
- **Time:** 9:00-6:00pm
- **Location:** Art Museum, 47 East 200 North
- **Description:** The finished pots will go to help the Soup N’ Bowl event on March 6th.
- **Contact:** 627-4525

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

**Adult Spring Futsal League Registration**
- **Sign-Up:** Registration is now OPEN for Adult Futsal League play. Registration deadline is Friday, February 6 or until full!
- **Fee:** $185/team
- **Location:** TBA
- **League Info:** Games will be played on Thursday evenings starting February 19 at 6:00 pm. The league format is 8 games plus single elimination tournament for the A & B leagues.
- **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Youth FUNDamental Youth Soccer Registration**
- **Sign-Up:** Registration is now OPEN for girls and boys in K-8th grade. Registration deadline is February 21.
- **Fee:** $32/child
- **League Info:** Games begin in March 2015. Grades 3-6th will have separate leagues for girls and boys. K-2 grade will play on co-ed teams. Jerseys will be included in the price of registration and will be distributed by coaches at the first game.
- **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Adult Softball Spring League Registration**
- **Sign-Up:** Registration is now open for Spring League play. Registration deadline is Sunday, February 15. Late registration will be accepted until Sunday, February 22 with additional $15 late fee.
- **Fee:** $395/Double Headers; $295/Single Headers
- **League Info:** Games start at 6:30 pm each night with the format of 14 game guarantee along with a double elimination end of league tournament.
- **Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.
- **Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500

**Start Smart Soccer Registration**
- **Sign-Up:** Registration is now OPEN for girls and boys ages 3-5 years old. Registration deadline is March 21.
- **Fee:** $25/child
- **Description:** Program begins Saturday, March 21. This is a five-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.
  - On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
  - Contact: 627-4500
ShamROCK Your Socks Off 10K

Sign-Up: Registration is now open until Monday, March 2

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

Contact: 627-4500

Date: Monday, February 2 (4-wks)

Time: 12:30-2:00 pm

Fee: $30/youth

Age: 16 years & Up

Description: Adult students will learn the history of the native American coil pot method through hands-on practice. Students will create a bowl or vase in the traditional style. Finished projects will be glazed and fired. Space is limited sign up early.

Registration: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Ceramic Creations- Native American Coil Pots

Sign-Up: Registration is now open until Monday, March 2

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

Contact: 627-4500

Date: Monday, February 2 (4-wks)

Time: 12:30-2:00 pm

Fee: $30/youth

Age: 16 years & Up

Description: Adult students will learn the history of the native American coil pot method through hands-on practice. Students will create a bowl or vase in the traditional style. Finished projects will be glazed and fired. Space is limited sign up early.

Registration: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Lil Rollers Tumbling Class- February

Date: Monday, February 9 OR Wednesday, February 11 (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 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.

On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Supermarket Science

Date: Tuesday, February 3 (4-wks)

Time: 6:00-7:30 pm

Fee: $30/youth

Age: 6 years & Up

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

Description: Come learn about awesome science projects that you can do at home! Slime, Volcano’s, mold, electricity and other mind expanding experiments will be taught.

Registration: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class-Scultping

Date: Tuesday, February 3 (4-wks)

Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

Fee: $12/person; Plus $6 material fee

Age: 11-18

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

Description: This class is designed to teach the boys the skills of sculpturing. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook.

Registration: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

On-line at or www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class- Sustainability

Date: Tuesday, February 3 (4-wks)

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Fee: $12/youth

Age: 11-18

Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive

Description: Local scouts can earn credit for the Bird Study merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

Pre-registration is required by Saturday, January 31 at 5 pm.

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

On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org

Contact: 627-4560

Get Golf Ready

Date: Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23

Location: St. George Golf Learning Center

Cost: 4 Lessons for only $79

Description: PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play and enjoy golf by combining fun, friends & fitness. What You Need to Bring: ..... Just yourself, a desire to have fun and perhaps a few friends to enjoy the great outdoors. Golf clubs, balls and other equipment will be provided for your use during the lesson.

Registration: Register now at the St George Golf Center at Southgate

Contact: Call 627-4441 for times and additional information

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center’s

WINTER Learn to Swim Program-Session 2

Date: February 2-12 (Monday thru Thursday-2 wks)

Time: 5:00 pm and 5:45 pm

Fee: $30/child

Location: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive

Description: Swim levels 1 thru 3 will be offered.

Register: Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive

Contact: 627-4585

Beginner & Intermediate

Pottery Wheel- Monday

Date: Monday, February 2 (4-wks)

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Fee: $65/person

Age: 9 years-Adult

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

On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org

Registration:

Contact: 627-4500

Pottery Wheel- Wednesdays

Date: Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm; 4:30-6:30 pm; or 7:00-9:00 pm

Fee: $65/person

Age: 9 years-Adult

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

Contact: 627-4500

Ceramic Creations- Native American Coil Pots

Sign-Up: Registration is now open until Monday, March 2

Location: Ives City Park, 55 N Main Street

Check website for updated location and course map www.sgcitrec.org

Description: Run one of the most beautiful 10K courses in Southern Utah. The start line is in Snow Canyon State Park and all runners are required to ride the provided transportation. Race date is Saturday, March 21, 2015

Register: St. George Recreation Center,
Smart Start Art: Crafts for Kids

Contact: 627-4500

Date: Wednesday, February 4 (4-wks)
Time: 1:30-11:30 am
Fee: $25/couple includes supplies
Age: 2-6 years with a parent
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

Description: This is a class designed for little hands and parents. Each couple will get to make unique art project. Each class requires parental participation. Class fee includes art supplies. Class size is limited so sign-up early.

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

Move-It Criterium Bike Race

Contact: 627-4500

Date: Saturday, February 7
Time: 10:00 am
Fee: $10/youth, $20/youth Day-Of
Age: 12 & Under
Location: Ridge Top Complex, 620 S Airport Rd

Description: The Tuff Kids will be racing their bikes on the old airport runway. Races will be grouped by age, bike type and gender. All kids receive awards, t-shirts and finish line refreshments. Pre-registrations will be accepted until Wednesday, February 7. Day-of registration will be accepted at the event.

Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Spring into Veggie Gardening

Date: Saturday, February 7
Time: 10:00-11:00 am
Fee: FREE
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive

Description: Learn how to make this climate work for you and your vegetables. This free is sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District. The free presentation will repeat on Saturday, February 21 from 10:00-11:00 am.

Contact: Julie B. at 673-3617

Utah Jazz Fun Shot Competition

Date: Monday, February 9
Time: 6:00 pm
Fee: FREE
Age: 3rd-12th Grade
Location: TBA

Description: Come show off you hoop shooting skills in a competition sponsored by the Utah Jazz. Compete for a chance to advance to a regional competition and then the final at Energy Solutions Arena!

Register: On-site day of event
Contact: 627-4500

Curiosity Club

Date: Tuesday, February 10 (4-wks)
Time: Session 3- 10:30 am; Session 4- 1:30 pm
Fee: $20/youth
Age: 3-6 years
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive

Description: Club members are wanted for a new session of Curiosity Club! Join us for 1-hour of fun and learning each week at the Tonaquint Nature Center.

Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Art Museum Art Conversation

Date: Thursday, February 19th
Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: Free
Location: Art Museum, 47 East 200 North

Description: The St. George Art Museum will present a special guest for Art Conversation.

Contact: 627-4525

St. George Golf Fair & Demo Day

Date: Saturday, February 21
Location: Southgate Golf Club Driving Range
Time: 11:00-4:00 pm

Cost: FREE
Description: Come try the latest golf equipment by Callaway, Ping Titleist, TaylorMade and Nike. Learn more about: Free Lessons, SNAG Golf for junior golfers, Programs & Association information, Golf Instruction, information, Junior Golf information and more!

Road Rage Duathlon

Date: Saturday, February 28
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: $35/person
Location: Dixie Commons, 1664 S Dixie Drive

Description: Join us for this event that will feature both Sprint and Olympic bike and run distances. Pre-registration will be accepted until Friday, February 13. Late registration is open until Wednesday, February 18 with an additional $10 late fee. NO day-of registration is allowed.

Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Women’s Indoor Volleyball Tournament

Date: Friday-Saturday, February 27-28
Time: 6:00-11:00 pm Friday; 9:00 am-6:00 pm Saturday
Fee: $175/team
Location: TBA

Description: 6v6 women teams will volley for the top place throughout Friday evening and conclude play on Saturday. The tournament format is pool play and with a double elimination. Five match guarantee. Registration deadline is Friday, February 6 or until full.

Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

MARCH EVENTS

Start Smart Soccer Registration

Sign-up: Registration is now OPEN for boys and girls ages 3-5 years old. Registration deadline is March 21.
Fee: $25/child

Description: Program begins Saturday, March 21. This is a five-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.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Youth Rookie Rugby Clinic Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now open for this fun sport clinic for kids! Registration deadline is Monday, March 9. After March 9, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $32/youth

League Info: Rookie rugby is played like high school rugby but with flags. Participants will learn the rules and techniques of this growing sport. The league is for youth ages 7-13 years old. Each participant receives a free rugby ball.

Location: Southgate Park
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Youth T-Ball City League Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for boys & girls in Kindergarten. Registration deadline is Monday, March 9. After March 9, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $32/child

League Info: Games begin week of April 7. Uniform tops and hats will be included in the price of registration and will be distributed by coaches at the first game.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Youth Baseball City League Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for boys & girls in Kindergarten. Registration deadline is Monday, March 9. After March 9, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $32/child

League Info: Games begin week of April 7. Uniform tops and hats will be included in the price of registration and will be distributed by coaches at the first game.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Youth Girls’ Softball City League Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for girls in 1st-8th grade. Registration deadline is Monday, March 9. After March 9, there is a $5 late fee.
Fee: $32/child

League Info: Games begin week of April 7. Uniform tops and hats will be included in the price of registration and will be distributed by coaches at the first game.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

Adult Men’s OR Women’s Outdoor Volleyball League Registration

Sign-Up: Registration is now OPEN for Adult Outdoor 4x4 League play. Registration deadline is Monday, March 30 or until full.
Fee: $90/team
Location: Worthing Park, 400 E. 300 S.

League Info: Games will be played on Thursday evenings starting April 23. Games start at 5:30 pm each night.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

SHAC Beginner, Sprint, Team Relay & Move-It Kids’ Triathlon Registration

Sign-Up: Pre-register now and will be accepted until Friday, April 3. Late registration accepted until Wednesday, April 8 with a $10 late fee or until full.
Time: 9:00 am (Sprint/Team Relay), 12:00 pm (Beginner), 2:00 (Tuff Kids)
Fee: $40-Beginner/Sprint, $65-Team Relay; $15-Move-It Kids
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, 5K run. Kids’ Beginner: 50 yard swim, 1-mile bike, ½ mile run. Kids’ Sprint: 100 yard swim, 2-mile bike, ½ mile run. Triathlon starts and ends at the SHAC. The Triathlon will be held Saturday, April 11.
Register: St George Recreation Center, 285 S 400 E.
On-line @ www.sgcityrec.org or www.getregistered.com
Contact: 627-4560

Adult & Kids Pottery Wheel- Monday

Date: Monday, March 2 (4-wks)
Time: 6:00-8:00 pm
Fee: $65/person
Age: 9 years-Adult
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.

Description: This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student. Beginner students will learn how to center and will make a mug, bowl, plate, and vase. Intermediate students will work on personal projects and learn more advanced techniques such as:
lidded containers, sectionals, and sets. All projects will be trimmed and glazed and ready for use. The class fee includes clay, glazes, and firings. On-going student rates available, please contact instructor. No class on Wednesday, March 11.

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

Smart Start Art- Clay Session 🎨
Date: Wednesday, March 4 (4-wks)
Time: 10:30-11:30 am
Fee: $25/couple includes supplies
Age: 2-6 years with a parent
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This is a class designed for preschoolers and a parent to experience together. Class fee includes all needed supplies. Participants will make a pinch pot, coil pot, slab items and a unique animal! Class size is limited so sign up early. No class on Wednesday, March 11
Registration: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Lake to Lake Team Relay and Ultra
Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 8:00 am
Fee: $325/5-person team; $315/2-person team; $65/ Ultra runner
Location: Gunlock Reservoir/Gunlock State Park Utah
Check website for updated location and course map www.sgcityrec.org
Description: Runners will make their way from Gunlock Reservoir to Sand Hollow Reservoir. Post relay events consist of a full banquet with dinner and an awards ceremony. Registration is now open until Friday, February 27. Late registration is open until Wednesday, March 4 with an additional $25 late fee.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line www.sgcityrec.org or www.getregistered.com
Contact: 627-4500

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class- Nuclear Science
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Date: Monday, March 2
Time: 4:30-6:00 pm
Fee: $12/youth
Age: 12-17 years
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook. No class on Tuesday, March 10
Registration: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

Boy Scout Merit Badge Class- Air
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Date: Tuesday, March 3 (3-wks)
Time: 4:30-6:00 pm
Fee: $12/scout PLUS $3 Material Fee
Age: 11-18 years
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: This class is designed to teach the boys and art and different types of mediums. Each student will create several work of art that are required for their badge. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook. No class on Tuesday, March 10
Registration: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line at www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4560

GET GOLF READY
Date: Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Location: St. George Golf Learning Center
Cost: $4 Lessons for only $79
Description: PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play and enjoy golf by combining fun, friends & fitness. What You Need to Bring......
Just yourself, a desire to have fun and perhaps a few friends to enjoy the great outdoors. Golf clubs, balls and other equipment will be provided for your use during the lesson.
Registration: Register now at the St. George Golf Center at Southgate
Contact: Call 627-4441 for times and additional information

Slow, Spread and Sink: River Friendly Landscapes
Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: FREE
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive
Description: Learn how to create "Sponge Gardens" into aesthetically Connect to your front yard and watershed.
Registration is available. More information is Thursday, March 5
Contact: Julie B. at 673-3617

Ceramic Creations: Bird House & Wind Chime Design
Date: Monday, March 16 (3-wks)
Time: 12:30-2:00 pm
Fee: $30
Age: 16 & older
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Description: For adults, participants will build ceramic bird houses and wind chimes of their own design. Finished products will be glazed and ready to display at home! Materials are included in the class fee, space is limited so sign up early!
Registration: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Contact: On-line at www.sgcityrec.org or www.getregistered.com
Contact: 627-4500

ShamROCK Your Socks Off 10K
Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 9:00 am
Fee: $32/runner
Location: Irvins City Park, 55 N Main Street
Check website for updated location and course map www.sgcityrec.org
Description: Run one of the most beautiful 10K courses in Southern Utah. The start line is in Snow Canyon State Park and all runners are required to ride the provided transportation. Registration is now open until Friday, March 13. Late registration is open until Wednesday, March 18 with an additional $10 late fee. No day-of-registration is available.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line www.sgcityrec.org or www.getregistered.com
Contact: 627-4500

Slow, Spread and Sink: River Friendly Landscapes
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Time: 10:00-11:00 am
Fee: FREE
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Description: Learn how to create "Sponge Gardens" into aesthetically appealing landscapes. Sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.
Contact: Julie B. at 673-3617

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Contact: 627-4500

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Description: Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and notebook. Pre-registration is required by Saturday, March 1 at 5 pm. No class on March 11, 2014.
Register: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
On-line www.sgcityrec.org
Contact: 627-4500

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On-line www.sgcityrec.org or www. getregistered.com
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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 5:00pm 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.
GOLF FAIR & DEMO DAY

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Location: The Golf Center at Southgate

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