I hope that more and more we will enjoy the many outdoor activities St. George and Washington County have to offer! It’s one of the reasons many of us choose to live here. It’s also one of the many reasons others choose to visit St. George.

On April 5th I enjoyed leading a large group of people on a short bike ride from Confluence Trailhead near the Dixie Center to the Thunder Junction All Abilities Park, on to Cottonwood Cove Park, and back to the Confluence Trailhead. This group included mayors, city council members, and their families who were in St. George for the Utah League of Cities and Towns annual spring conference. It was so fun to show them just a little bit about our parks and trails. It was also enjoyable to see some who hadn’t ridden a bike in years come and experience it again and to have them ask for suggestions about how to create something like what we have in their cities or towns.

While a few of our trails have been closed recently to make repairs and due to I-15 bridge construction between exits 4 and 5, I hope during this beautiful time of year many of us will spend time on our paved and unpaved trails.

May is Bike Month in St. George, and we plan to make a big deal of it!

• On May 8th at 6:00 PM we’ll do another one of our “Bike with Pike” events at the Confluence Trailhead. It’ll be fun, good exercise, and we’ll have food for the whole family as well!
• May 10th is Bike to School Day. This year we’ll bike with Sunset Elementary School students and Principal Horrocks.
• May 12th will be the Bike Film Festival where we’ll show bike film shorts and provide giveaways for those in attendance. Watch for details about location and time on Facebook and at sgcity.org.
• May 15th-19th is Bike to Work Week. I plan to ride my bike to work every day that week and challenge others to do the same or as many days as they can!

Whether you can participate in any of these events or not, I hope everyone will do something to get out and enjoy our trails and the beautiful St. George spring weather. Bring a family member or a friend and it’ll be even more fun! Have a wonderful spring!
Managing the City’s finances is a tall order these days but one that Trevor Coombs is excited about. Having moved to American Fork last fall to take a position as that city’s Finance director, he is glad to be back in St. George, the place he calls “home.” “This opportunity is just awesome! I’m so fortunate to be able to continue to raise my family in a place we all love,” said Coombs. A resident of Washington County, having grown up in St. George and graduated from Dixie High and Dixie College. He went on to Brigham Young University and graduated in 1998 earning an “Employee of the Year” for his work in audit process each year with the County.

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While driving downtown recently, I had the window cracked in my car and the scent of freshly mowed grass immediately caught my attention. Instantly, it brought back springtime childhood memories and the hope, happiness and possibility that came with that recognizable smell. I had a few minutes before my lunch break ended so I parked and decided to walk around a bit and figuratively speaking, “smell the roses,” before returning to work. During my brief jaunt, I passed a park, boutique shops, religious and government buildings and several restaurants where people were huddled and chatting around small tables and I couldn’t help but feel an emotional connection to that space and the sights, smells and sounds that went with it. I didn’t want to leave. In fact, it was all I could do to haul myself back to the office where the responsibilities of the day were waiting.

That experience reminded me of a book that I read last summer by Peter Kageyama titled, “For the Love of Cities.” In the book, Kageyama offers insightful stories of citizens and their cities engaging each other to not only create livable communities but more importantly, lovable places. In a sense, deepening the relationships that we have with our city and that our city has with us. For many of us, that relationship begins in the heart of a city, its downtown.

Downtown St. George has been evolving for decades and that evolution is about to get a big boost from two new mixed-use developments underway on Tabernacle Street and St. George Boulevard. Both projects will provide commercial retail and restaurant space on the ground level with apartment housing and a hotel above. This is important because it means that instead of locking up doors at 6:00 pm and everyone leaving for home, it will create an environment with people coming and going at all hours of the day and night. We often think of downtown as buildings and amenities but forget that the vibrancy of any place is created by the number of people that occupy, inhabit and utilize a space. More than great architecture and beautiful landscaping, it’s people and social interaction that create an emotional attachment to a place.

Aside from the many things people love about the area, they also frequently tell me what they wish we had in St. George. The list typically includes: more coffee shops, outdoor patio seating, brew-pubs, more tech start-ups, corner markets, collaborative spaces, unique eateries, more galleries and performing arts venues. These, and other trendy amenities like them, tend to be focused around the idea or act of social engagement. It’s obvious that what people want are more opportunities to interact with each other in social settings, particularly downtown. The success of the Georgefest is proof of this. Much like the street festival concept, these amenities will not be conceived by architects, planners, city officials or politicians but by empowered citizens who have an emotional tie or a connection to St. George and want to bring value to it.

These citizens or community co-creators, who, in their roles as entrepreneurs, activists, artists, performers, students and organizers will do more to transform the downtown, and our city as-a-whole as they create the experiences that most of us consume daily. Their vision, efforts, and risks could mean the difference between a city that we love, or one we merely live in.
Twenty Years of Supporting Nature and Tonaquint Park

Twenty years ago St. George had 46,456 residents and Kent Perkins, Director of the St. George Leisure Services Department, had a vision for the future of Tonaquint Park. This vision has seen many changes throughout the years but the Tonaquint Nature Center can be compared to a small child maturing into a beautiful being. When the Nature Center was dedicated in 1997 it was a chilly January morning, the landscape was still bare, open meadowland was the existing habitat for rabbits, birds and critters exploring the area west of the Santa Clara River.

Fast forward 20 years. Tonaquint Park and Nature Center has gone through major changes. The park received a minor facelift in 2005, when the Santa Clara River overflowed its banks. The once natural trails that intertwined in the tamarisk along with riverbank were swept downstream. The waters even crept close to the border of the Nature Center’s rustic amphitheater. The park has even earned scars from flames that threatened the growing animal habitat surrounding the Nature Center. Despite the natural disasters, the park itself has adapted and embraced the opportunity to provide more unique outdoor adventures for the public.

One on-going community program that is a demonstration of community pride and dedication to preserving open space in our amazing little city is Arbor Day. The Leisure Services Department has been celebrating Arbor Day for 24 years. During the past 22 years, the community service Arbor Day has seen thousands of folks spend hundreds of hours planting trees and shrubs, trimming, collecting trash and building projects all for the love of the Nature Center. “Each year, we create another chapter for this park’s potential of providing a place for everyone to feel, smell, and have a sense of nature within an urban setting” says Dawn Albrecht, Nature Center facility manager.

Arbor Day is co-hosted by the Parks Division, the Shade Tree Board and Star Nursery each year. Each entity encourages the public to come out on Saturday, April 29th from 9:00-11:00 am to help plant more than 200 trees at this year’s celebration. Along with the plantings and various projects, there will be activities for children and a light lunch provided for all volunteers at the amphitheater. “Arbor Day is a strong component in our long standing tradition of being recognized as a Tree City USA recipient. St. George City has received this honor for 24 straight years.” Shane Moore, Parks Division Manager.

The Value of Trees to a Community
The following are some statistics on just how important trees are in a community setting:

• The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. U.S. Department of Agriculture

• If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%. Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research

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Kentucky Lucky Chicken Anyone?

By: Lukas Brinkerhoff, Dixie Mountain Bike Trails Association

The Kentucky Lucky Chicken (KLC) Trail is a 3.8-mile loop, purpose built mountain bike trail located on Webb Hill (also known as the hill with all the communications towers). The Dixie Mountain Bike Trails Association (DMBTA) came up with the concept a couple of years ago as a way to use the land within city limits for recreational purposes. The original concept was to create a beginner trail that could be used by the public and provide a training ground for new mountain bikers. After spending a couple of months on Webb Hill analyzing the terrain, the plan was modified to be a more technically advanced trail due to the amount of rock outcroppings and steepness of the terrain. Instead of altering those characteristics, the design was altered to take advantage of the grades and rocks to create a single track that can give more advanced mountain bikers a quick and challenging workout close to town.

The partnership between the City of St. George and DMBTA is the first of its kind in Southern Utah. The City provided the land and signage for the new trail while the DMBTA hammered out the design and trail construction. And the KLC was not an easy build. The rocks and steep terrain, while provided interesting texture for the trail, also slowed trail construction. As a completely volunteer ran non-profit, the DMBTA used local volunteers to build the trail. Construction took about 16 months to complete.

The response to the Kentucky Lucky Chicken Trail has been positive with heavy local use and many riders traveling to St. George from northern Utah and Nevada to ride the new trails in the area. The DMBTA will continue to work with the City to find more opportunities to provide recreational opportunities within the urban landscape.

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This year began with above normal snowfall in the mountains surrounding St. George. Still, we had some beautiful days with wonderful temperatures starting in late January and through much of February. As result, our natural and paved trails have already been busy with walkers, runners and cyclists! Rain here and there has complicated tournaments and outdoor recreation, but we can count on the desert being full of color for months to come as a result.

One of our promised Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) Tax revenue projects was a bicycle skills park. I’m excited to say that we’ve identified a site that the City already owns for this new venue. It will be located at the Sand Hollow Wash, just adjacent to our Sand Hollow Aquatics Center.

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On January 10 we held a public input session at the Dixie Center to get ideas for the bicycle skills park. We also discussed the parameters that we’re working within. Taking into account that public input we developed a vision for what our bicycle skills park should include. Now we have several experienced bike park planning firms competing to present us an initial design for the park. The City will choose the one that best meets our vision and fits within the budget we’ll have available through the RAP Tax revenues. We anticipate the project then going to bid and being constructed this year!

In the meantime, enjoy the beautiful outdoors of St. George this spring in whatever activities you’re pursuing!
St. George WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

He is not exactly a native son, but Shane McAfee, who has been appointed as the new Director of Leisure Services for the City of St. George to replace retiring Director, Kent Perkins, has pretty deep roots in the City and the area. Many years ago, Shane worked as a coordinator in the Recreation Division before going on to become Director of Parks and Recreation for the Uintah Recreation District in Vernal, Utah. Recreation Superintendent for the City of Stockton, CA and, most recently, General Manager and CEO for the Greater Vallejo Recreation District in California. Both Shane and his wife, Beth, are natives of the American West. Shane was raised in rural Idaho, Beth in Wyoming and both love the land and outdoor activities.

"Both of us are small town folks and, although St. George has grown a lot in the intervening years, it still has that small town feel of community, where folks either know each other or approach everyone as a friend," said Shane. "When I was looking around town during my interview process, I stopped by the spectacular Sand Hollow Aquatic Center. A patron walked up, asked if I was new to the neighborhood and immediately regaled me with stories of how great St. George is, how so many people like her came from elsewhere but were immediately accepted and helped to settle in.

Indeed, St. George has grown dramatically in the last two decades and, today, St. George is the largest city in Washington County and the eighth-largest city in Utah. Its metropolitan area is home to over 150,000 residents. New residents are attracted to St. George by its scenic beauty, mild climate, active lifestyle and its close proximity to unparalleled outdoor recreation. It is that reputation of the City to provide each and every resident with access near where they live and work to parks and activities, which enhance their quality of life and afford a healthy lifestyle.

My wife and I had discussed returning to Utah, not just to Utah, but specifically to St. George for several years because we love the environment and the outdoor life. When this job opportunity presented itself, the stars aligned to both work and live here again," remarked Shane. "What is particularly attractive about the City in general and the Leisure Services Department specifically is that its leaders and employees have high expectations. Good is not good enough and it shows in the dedication of Leisure Services to be innovative and consistently strive for excellence.

Divisions managed under Leisure Services include Parks, Recreation facilities and programs, Arts (including museums and theaters), and maintenance of landscaping on City streets. The department employs about 80 full-time workers, supplemented with part-time workers and volunteers. Shane mentioned that it is impressive that St. George Leisure Services was awarded the National Gold Medal Grand Maque Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) in two consecutive years; an unprecedented achievement. "It definitely helped shape my decision to apply for the Director job."

The Gold Medal Awards program honors communities throughout 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. Agencies are judged on their ability to address the needs of those they serve through the collective energies of citizens, staff and elected officials.

Shane received a B.S. in Business Management, Marketing, as well as an M.A. in Recreation Administration from BYU. "I did not realize there was such a thing as a recreation administration major, but majoring in business, then it seemed that I could continue my career in an interesting direction and did the Master degree in Recreation. It has certainly served me well."

When asked about how he approaches new challenges, Shane said that it was important that anyone coming into a new situation not do something contrary to what the City has already been building and working toward. "That is, you must first understand the current vision and then take that knowledge into meetings with community groups to understand how to tweak goals and programs so they align with community needs and wishes. It is important to appreciate the existing culture and history and understand what achievements have received recognition."

"During my interview, I asked Mayor Pike what would be his goal in the first year for the person who was hired. He told me it would be important to quickly become part of what is here and assure we do not slip backwards. Everywhere I’ve been I have tried to make sure that we are reaching out in appreciation for community to help create a cohesive vision of what the community wants."

Shane said it is his practice to ask city leaders and every employee in each Department he manages to tell him three things the city and the specific departments are doing well and three areas that could use help. He tries to meet one on one with as many employees as possible, get to know them somewhat and to understand the career goals are for each of those individuals. By doing so, he feels he can take what the City Council goals are and make sure department plans mesh with those goals so that “we are in sync on what we want to achieve. This also allows me to understand how an employee’s career goals relate to their current responsibilities so that we can guide their ambition so to help achieve those goals."

"Shane has a very even-keeled, balanced personality with a good sense of humor which makes him approachable and easy to talk to," remarked Kent Perkins, and said he confidently turns over his director’s hat to the new Director after 15 years on the job. Shane recognizes the value of his professional staff and will enhance their abilities to succeed by listening and drawing on their unique experiences and will bring much to the table as he helps the work move along and the City continue its commitment to the active lifestyle of our citizens.

Shane and Beth have never lost their love of small towns and communities. They enjoy rural outdoor activities with Beth focusing on swimming and biking and Shane pursuing his love of hiking and fishing. There is certainly plenty of opportunity for that in Washington County, although Shane’s schedule will be pretty busy at first not only with his new position but also managing the move from California with his wife and the dog. "Unfortunately, for this country boy, we do have to leave the chickens and the bees behind, said Shane.

Shane and Beth have four children and five grandchildren. He served a mission for his church in Peru and three of his four children have served church missions to Brazil, Tennessee and Rome respectively.
PARKS & TRAILS

The Park Planning Division within the City’s Leisure Services Department has been very busy over the past few months working through the construction period on several new and exciting park projects. These new facilities have been funded by RAP Tax dollars, Park Impact Funds, and the Capital budget and include Little Valley Phase 5 multi-use sports fields, Millcreek Park, St. James Park Improvements, and Bloomington Little League Baseball Field. These projects are now completed and open to the public with the exception of the multi-use sports fields at Little Valley tentatively scheduled to open in May. These exciting additions further add to the high quality amenities that have been developed by the City of St. George over the past few years.

Construction of Phase 5 of the Little Valley Sports Complex was completed early this spring. The project scope included construction of two sand based multi-use sports fields, field lighting, a large restroom and storage building, 159 additional parking stalls, landscaping & irrigation for the site. There was also a section of trail that was completed connecting the recently completed pickleball courts to the new sports fields and greater sport complex amenities. The two sand based fields are still off limits to play until May because of the required turf establishment period.

Millcreek Park is a new neighborhood park located just off Riverside Drive at 2883 East 110 North Circle. It is just over five acres in size and includes a public restroom, small parking area, shade pavilion, expansive multi-level playground, walking pathways, a basketball court, and a large open grass play area. The park also has a large area that serves as detention for runoff during major storm water events.

The St. James Park Improvement project included the construction of a restroom facility, a large pavilion, and some minor landscape improvements. This park includes a large un-programmed turf area, a looped trail section and parking. This park site also serves as a formal trailhead location for those accessing the Virgin River South Trail and is located at 620 East St. James Lane. The new Bloomington Baseball Field has been developed within the northern end of the existing Bloomington Park located at 650 West Man O’ War Road. This project included development of one baseball field with associated lights, fencing, dugouts, score board, landscaping and automated irrigation system. The Bloomington Park site originally included two lighted softball fields, a lighted baseball field, 4 lighted pickleball courts, a restroom building, parking, a children’s playground, equestrian facilities, and other existing infrastructure.

For more information on upcoming park and trail projects and their progress, please refer to the City’s website sgcity.org. For park pavilion reservation information or other inquiries contact the Park Division at (435) 627-4530 or drop into their offices at 390 North 1050 East, St. George, Utah.

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY ST. GEORGE ART MUSEUM

In 2007, the Museum celebrated 10 years in our building. For 2017, we now celebrate 20 years. As in 2007, the Museum will feature the 4 major art groups in southern Utah. The Dixie Watercolor Society, the Color Country Camera Club, the Fiber Artists of Washington County, and the Southern Utah Art Guild will share the Museum from April 26th, a free 20/20 day, through August 16th.

On May 18th at 7pm, The Dixie Watercolor Society is presenting a free Art Conversation, and on June 17th at 7pm, it is the Color Country Camera Club. For the 20 years, we are offering 20 special events 20/20. At each of these 20 events you have an opportunity to enter to win a year end prize. Each of the events will also be special and many are free. Five of the 20 events have taken place but 15 events remain.

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Come back to the Museum. Join. Rejoin. Support. Donate. Contribute. Volunteer. Visit with family. Visit with friends. Visit YOUR ART MUSEUM. The Museum is not about experience. Both the Adult Study Center and Family Discovery Center are designed for relaxation, creation, and continuous learning. There are places to leave memories or comments. Visit the Museum Store. Visit our expanding repertoire of events and evening hours. For 20 years, the Museum has presented fine art and art events. Get to know us better.

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E-Mail: museum@sgcity.org
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Adults ........................................ $3
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Under 3 ........................................ Free
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Museum will be open on game nights from 6pm to 8pm.

GAME NIGHT
St. George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N., St. George
April 3rd * Twenty 20 event
May 8th
June 5th
6pm to 8pm

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by
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Saturday, June 17th
2:00 pm
Free
Donations always welcomed.

CITY ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL EVENTS, RECREATION PROGRAMS & CLASSES

2017 SUMMER CULTURE CLASSES/ART CAMPS FOR CHILDREN
at the St. George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N., St. George
Explore the roots of Western Culture through Ancient Greek sculpture, painting, and architecture. Ancient Greece is where the Olympia and democracy grew and flourished, along with flourishing Greek mythology. Learn and create at the St. George Art Museum.
Chap 1: June 14-15 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 2: June 16-17 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 3: June 20-21 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 4: June 27-28 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 5: July 12-13 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 6: July 14-15 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 7: July 19-20 9:30-11 1-4 students
Chap 8: July 21-22 9:30-11 1-4 students

Registration: St. George Recreation Center, 627-4400
www.sgrtc.org
in person: Recreation Center, 391 S. 1000 E.

$20 student

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APRIL EVENTS

Art Museum Game Night
Date: 1st Monday of the Month
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Free: Drop In Fee: $2.50
Location: St. George Art Museum
27 N 200 S
Contact: 435-627-4252

Art Museum smART
Date: 2nd Saturday of the Month
Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Free: More Info: On-line @ www.sgtc.org or call 435-627-4252
Self Defense
Description: Learn practical self defense for real-life scenarios!
Time/Date: Ongoing
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S.
Price: $15

Art Museum Book Club
Date: 3rd Thursday of the Month
Time: 4:00pm
Free: Location: St. George Art Museum
Contact: 435-627-4252

Karate
Description: Students will learn selected techniques from Shotokan, Shorin-Ryu, Judoh, Ju-Jitsu, Akido, Nipponk, and Chinese Kung Fu.
Date/Time: Ongoing Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30-7:30PM
Free: White Belt:
Monday & Wednesdays: 7:30-8:30PM
Orange Belt and Above: Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
Price: Ages: 5 years & older
Drop In Fee: $5

Polynesian Dance
Description: Learn the songs, dances, and culture of the islands!
Date/Time: Ongoing Saturdays 11:15AM-12:10PM (ages 5-14)
Free: Saturdays: 12:15-1:00PM (ages 15+)
Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S.
Price: Ages 15+
Age: Drop In Fee: $5

Tumbling
Description: Focus on basic skills: coordination, flexibility, and strength!
Time/Date: Mondays: Ongoing 9:15-10:00am Ages 3-4 (Li Rollers)
In addition to ages 6-9 (6-12 Li Rollers) 4:00-5:00pm April 5-8 Beginner Location: St. George Recreation Center, 285 S.
Price: Ages: 3-11 years old
Drop In Fee: $6.50/month

Lawn Bowling
Description: Indoor Lawn Bowling
Time/Date: Ongoing

Ongoing Events

City Activities, Special Events, Recreation Programs & Classes

St. George City Leisure Services
435-627-4252

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Free: Fishing Derby for youth 12 and under only.
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Swim levels 1-6 (including Parent-Tot level)
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Fish and Wildlife Conservation
Location: Tonaquint Nature Center
Date: April 15
Fee: $7/adult
Description: Learn how to identify birds in the spring. On this guided bird walk, students will work on personal projects and learn more advanced techniques such as: lists, containers and work with clay to make wonderful projects. All volunteers will be offered a ticket for a chance to win a unique textures and designs. Projects will be glazed and ready for use. The class includes clay, glazes and firing. Space is limited so sign up early.

Vases and Bowls of their own design using Clay Creations Slab Vases & Bowls. This class is designed for the 2-8 year old. Projects will be trimmed and glazed. On the tradition of offering the award for 2 weeks. This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student. Intermediate students will work on personal projects and learn more advanced techniques such as: lists, containers and design. The students will be grouped together according to age and there will be all-2-participant email. Class runs Monday-Thursday, 2-5 pm. This event fee includes a swim pass for the entire day. The event fee includes a swim pass for the entire day. Includes free lesson, Elks Skills challenge, and refreshments. Pottery Wheel - Beginner: 11:00 am Check-In; 12:00-2:00 pm, 4:30-6:30 pm. The class fee includes clay, glazes and firing.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification Session
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Location: St. George Recreation Center.
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Open Sesame Summer Kick-Off Party
Location: Southgate Driving Range.
Date: Friday, June 24
Fee: FREE
Description: JAG (Junior Association of Golfers) is a youth group for golfers involved in golf and you can learn more at the St. George Elks Lodge. Kick-Off Party. The morning will include a youth golf event at the St. George Elks Clubhouse and a driving range. Pottery Wheel - Beginner: 11:00 am Check-In; 12:00-2:00 pm, 4:30-6:30 pm. The class fee includes clay, glazes and firing.

Arts Museum Poetry Jam
Location: St. George Art Museum.
Date: May 12
Fee: FREE
Description: Have a unique textures and designs. Projects will be glazed and ready for use. The class includes clay, glazes and firing.

Arts Museum Singles Night
Location: St. George Art Museum.
Date: May 26
Fee: $20/person
Description: This class is designed for the beginner and intermediate pottery student. Intermediate students will work on personal projects and learn more advanced techniques such as: lists, containers and work with clay to make wonderful projects. All volunteers will be offered a ticket for a chance to win a unique textures and designs. Projects will be glazed and ready for use. The class includes clay, glazes and firing.

Arts Museum Art Conversation
Location: St. George Art Museum.
Date: May 18th
Fee: FREE
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**City of St. George Police Department Summer Camp**
**Location:** 2nd-3rd grade for FALL 2017
**Session 1:** June 5-9; 8:00am-12:30pm
**Description:** This exciting camp will simulate the mind and encourage creativity and imagination. The camp is designed to teach kids the fundamentals of water safety, along with the duties and responsibilities of a lifeguard. Each participant will gain a solid foundation of knowledge and skills for future lifeguard certification.

**Pottery Wheel Intermediate**
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E., 6-9th grade for FALL 2017
**Session 4:** July 25-28
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Insect merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Clay Hand Building**
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E., 6-9th grade for FALL 2017
**Session 5:** August 1-4, 1:30-3:00 pm
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Gardening merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Tigua Tennis Club for Kids**
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E., 6-9th grade for FALL 2017
**Session 6:** August 1-4, 1:30-3:00 pm
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Gardening merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Lego Mindstorms Robotic Beginner**
**Date:** Monday-Wednesday. June 5-7

**Adventure Camp for Teens**
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
**Session 1:** June 12-15
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Environmental Science merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Camping**
**Date:** Tuesday & Thursday, June 6-22
**Time:** 1:00-4:00 pm
**Description:** The camp features the 1,000 for children with mild to moderate special needs. The camp is designed for children with special needs who may require additional assistance to participate in regular activities. The camp provides a supportive environment for children to engage in outdoor activities and develop new skills.

**Tonaquint Nature Center**
**Time:** 9:30-11:00 am
**Fee:** $12 / person plus a $3 Material fee
**Description:** Explore the roles of wildlife through Ancient Greek sculpture, play shadow puppets behind paper, paint, and sculpt clay figures. Watch for birds and flowers! For ages 5-9.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Class - Art**
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E.
**Session 1:** June 7-13 (1st-3rd grade)
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Art merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Clay Hand Building**
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E., 6-9th grade for FALL 2017
**Session 2:** June 6-9, 9:30-11:00 am
**Description:** Each day, students will be making one or more projects in clay. Students will be engaged in different topics such as sculpting, drilling, living dolls, shadow puppetry, and paper maché. Each session runs 6 weeks even into the school year.

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Class - Science**
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive
**Session 2:** July 3-27
**Description:** Local scouts can earn credit for the Science merit badge while attending this class. Each scout is required to bring his merit badge book and a notebook.

**Advanced Tennis Program (ATP)**
**Location:** Tonaquint Tennis Complex, 1851 South Dixie Dr.
**Description:** This program is designed to teach basic to intermediate tennis skills through modern teaching techniques. Players will learn the fundamentals of the game, including shots, footwork, and strategy. Each week the level of instruction will increase with an emphasis on match play.

**Summary: In)**

**Summary:** This summer club is being held at the St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E. Participants will engage in different activities such as sculpting, drilling, living dolls, shadow puppetry, and paper maché. Each session runs 6 weeks even into the school year.

**Package A - $50 / visit week**
**Package B - $75 / visit.**

**Description:** For children with mild to moderate special needs. The camp provides a supportive environment for children to engage in outdoor activities and develop new skills.
**St. George Art Museum Poetry Jam**
- **Date:** June 28th
- **Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Contact:** 627-4525

**Art Museum Teens Take SGAM**
- **Date:** June 17th
- **Time:** 2:00-4:00 pm
- **Contact:** 627-4525

**Youth Pickleball Class-The Paddlers**
- **Date:** June 15th
- **Time:** 9:30-11:00 am, 1:00-2:30 pm
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $30

**Youth Pickleball Class-Lil Picklers**
- **Date:** June 26th
- **Time:** 9:30-11:00 am, 1:00-2:30 pm
- **Location:** Little Valley Pickleball Complex
- **Fee:** $55

**Pottery Wheel Beginner**
- **Date:** June 8th
- **Time:** 9:30-11:00 am, 1:00-3:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Recreation Center
- **Fee:** $70

**Art Museum Ancient Greece**
- **Session 1:** June 12-15
- **Session 2:** June 19-22
- **Session 3:** June 26-29
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $70

**Art Museum Art Conversation**
- **Date:** Thursday, June 13th
- **Time:** 7:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $10

**Art Museum Arts Teens Take SGAM**
- **Date:** June 28th
- **Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $25

**Art Museum Timpanogas Choir**
- **Date:** June 29th
- **Time:** 2:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $25

**Art Museum Poetry Jam**
- **Date:** June 30th
- **Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Location:** St. George Art Museum
- **Fee:** $25

**Youth Pickleball Class-The Paddlers**
- **Session 1:** June 19th
- **Time:** 9:30-11:00 am, 1:00-2:30 pm
- **Location:** Little Valley Pickleball Complex
- **Fee:** $55

For more information on city services, contact information, and events please visit the city website at www.sgcity.org.
1) **ON-LINE:**
   www.sgcity.org/golf

2) **IN PERSON:**
   St. George Recreation Center
   285 South 400 East, St. George UT
   Leisure Services: 220 North 200 East, St. George UT

**WHEN:**
Saturday, May 13th 2017

**WHERE:**
St. George Golf Center at Southgate

**TIME:**
9am to 11:30am

Contests, Prizes, Elks Skills Challenge,
FREE 5 Minute Lessons and Refreshments for all JAG
Participants and their Parents!

$3 May-September Green Fee at Dixie Red Hills, Sunbrook,
Southgate and St. George Golf Club.

$6 October-April Green Fee at Dixie Red Hills, Sunbrook,
Southgate and St. George Golf Club.

JAG T-Shirt

1 FREE Two-Day Golf Instruction Clinic

FREE Rules School Classes

Range Ball Discount

Mid-Year JAG Pool Party - Wednesday, July 5th 2017
8:30pm to 10pm @ The City Pool

Elks Skills Challenge (optional)

*JAG Tournaments (optional)

*Adult/Junior Tournaments (optional)

*JAG Teaching Clinics throughout the Summer (optional)

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**

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