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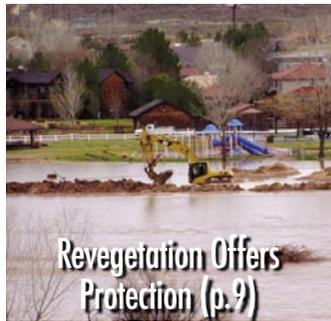
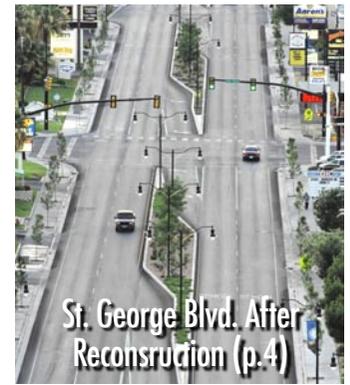
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I feel very fortunate to live here in St George, especially during these cold winter months.

Years ago, our chamber of commerce had for its slogan "Where the Summer Sun Spends the Winter" and later it was "The Other Palm Springs", now days we are plain and simple, "Utah's DIXIE", St George, Utah. Many people come here to spend the winter, golf, and recreate. We welcome them knowing that they will some day call St George their home because of the great health care, open space, clean air and many other things that are available for them to do.

Even though this year has seen some tough times and it appears that we will have to weather even more, we are fortunate to live in this area. Most days, we are able to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. I invite everyone to enjoy our many parks and recreation amenities. We have over 30 miles of paved trails within the city and are planning many more. In the Desert Tortoise habitat there are over 100 miles of unimproved trails on which one is able to enjoy some spectacular scenery. I challenge each of you to get out there and enjoy.

I know that all of us have challenges and have had to cut back because of the economic situation we find ourselves in. The City is no different. Presently the general fund revenues are at fiscal year 2005-2006 levels while operating expenses have increased approximately 20% since then. We have tightened our belts and are not allowing any increases to salaries or merit increases; we are

# Mayor's Column

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down 25 positions by natural attrition and have frozen any hiring for the time being unless absolutely necessary. We started the year with a 10% budget cut that followed a 5% cut from the previous year. Additional cuts are being asked of every department at the present time.

As you can see these are just a few of the things that we as a city are doing to make do in these challenging times, all without cutting service levels. We are asking more of our employees. They are our greatest asset and we are doing all we can to keep from having any layoffs. All things being considered, I know that we shall endure and come out of this tough time and shine even more. It will require more volunteering, more giving of our time in the service of others and life will be better for all.

*Daniel W. Mays*

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# Accidents Down 45% Following Reconstruction

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After nearly two years since the completion of the St. George Boulevard reconstruction project, data from a study released in November 2008 supports the fact that the installation of raised medians was the right decision from a safety standpoint. According to the study conducted by Horrocks Engineers and the St. George Public Works Department, accidents on St. George Boulevard decreased by as much as 45.7% when comparing 2007 accident numbers with preconstruction years. This percentage represents nearly \$3.6 million in medical expenses and property damage savings in 2007 when compared with 2002 numbers.

In late 2004, after a series of public input sessions and several discussions with St. George Boulevard business owners and managers, Mayor McArthur and the St. George City Council made the seemingly unpopular decision to install raised medians on every block of St. George Boulevard from Bluff Street to the I 15 Bridge as part of the reconstruction project. Prior to construction, it was the City's goal to improve safety and reduce accidents along the arterial road by 25% by eliminating left-hand-turn movements from individual business driveways.



“Even though this was a difficult decision to make at the time, the information presented to us indicated that traffic calming measures like the raised medians and others would improve traffic flow and reduce crashes in the long run,” said Mayor McArthur.

The study compares accident numbers in 2001 and 2002 with the number of accidents in 2007 which was the first full year of accident history following the reconstruction project. Only part of the year is included for numbers in 2003 and no numbers were available for 2004. Numbers for 2008 are included through May 30 and are significantly lower on average than accident numbers reported for nearly the same time period in 2003.



## ST. GEORGE BLVD.

According to Horrocks Engineers, each accident on average costs approximately \$25,000 in private and public funds as they translate to costs associated with medical, public safety and property damage. In 2002 the total number of accidents reported was 322 resulting in \$8 million in related costs compared to 175 accidents in 2007 at a cost of \$4.4 million resulting in \$3.6 million in savings.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) began the St. George Boulevard reconstruction project in June, 2005 and completed it in December, 2006. The

cost of the project was approximately \$17 million with the City of St. George contributing \$2.5 million. The project entailed a complete sidewalk to sidewalk reconstruct including water, gas, irrigation, sewer, traffic signals, street lighting, raised medians, asphalt, striping and landscaping.

Since the completion of St. George Boulevard the City of St. George has installed raised medians along sections of Mall Drive and as part of the Brigham Road reconstruction project in an effort to improve traffic efficiency and safety.

# Winter Water & Energy Conservation

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Every resident can lower their impact on the environment and the cost of their utility bills by implementing water and energy efficiency measures. This is a good time of year to give your irrigation system a break. Generally, December, January and February are cool and wet enough that plants don't need supplemental irrigation, so save some water and some money by turning the irrigation system off. If the weather is unseasonably dry, trees and shrubs may benefit from an infrequent but deep watering. If you do need to water, be sure to avoid water runoff. Runoff flows through the storm drain system directly to the Virgin River. As it is not treated, runoff often takes contaminants with it into the river. Additionally, if the runoff collects on sidewalks in the early morning hours, it can create an icy hazard.

Winter weather often brings a reminder that heating requirements add to utility costs. Most things that reduce heating costs have the added benefit of reducing summer cooling costs. Several tips are listed below:

- \* The most energy efficient thermostat setting for winter heating is 68 degrees. Lower it a few degrees when you're gone from home for several hours or overnight to save energy.
- \* Check windows and doors for air leaks and caulk and seal around them as necessary.
- \* Change air filters regularly; this allows for better air circulation and improved indoor air quality.
- \* Use EnergyStar labeled compact fluorescent light bulbs. They use 75% less energy and last longer than incandescent light bulbs.
- \* Take energy consumption into account when determining the affordability of new appliances. EnergyStar labeled appliances will use less energy over the lifetime of the appliance, lowering the cost of operation.
- \* Look for water efficient models when purchasing new clothes washers and dishwashers. Not only will you save money from lower water use, but you'll spend less to heat the water used in these appliances, saving energy dollars as well.
- \* Consider improving the level of attic insulation. The EnergyStar recommendation for our climate is to install attic insulation to the level of R39.

## Curiosity Club

4 Week Program

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# Celebrating 10 Years of First Night in St. George

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This New Year's Eve will be a milestone for Southern Utah's biggest party of the year, First Night St. George. Ten years ago thousands of people flocked to Historic Main Street to celebrate or grieve over what they thought could possibly be the beginning of the end with Y2K. As we all counted down to the year 2000 together many of us held our breath as the clock struck midnight and to the amazement of many, computer systems adapted and life continued virtually uninterrupted.

Despite the trying circumstances we find ourselves in today as global economies weaken and budgets get reduced, city officials felt that it was still important for us to come together as a community to celebrate the fact that we still live in one of the greatest places on earth. "I think it is important that we maintain some normalcy in our community during difficult times and a celebration like First Night is a great way to come together while putting the stresses of daily life aside for an evening," said Mayor Dan McArthur.

Given the fact that city budgets have been reduced this year, First Night organizers decided to create a more intimate location for the downtown event and the clear choice was the highly popular St. George Town Square completed in late 2007. "Town Square is the most suitable gathering place in the heart of our city. I can't think of a better venue for a community celebration of this magnitude!" said Gary Sanders, City Community Arts Administrator and St. George First Night director. Since the Town Square is smaller than the six blocks First Night has historically utilized along Main Street, organizers have consolidated stages and will be taking advantage of every square foot of property on the two-block site including parking lots. "There's going to be something going on everywhere you turn during the event. I think it will be a nice change and bring us closer together, literally and communally," said Marc Mortensen, Assistant to the City Manager and First Night Organizer.

A number of this year's First Night venues will focus on interactive activities designed to get patrons directly involved in the entertainment. For example, Main Street and 100 South will become the stage for aspiring rock stars in this year's Rock Band competition based on the popular video game. Another venue will feature a huge mural that will be completed over the course of the evening by First Night patrons. If dancing is your thing, the recently completed third floor of the Community Arts Building becomes a swing hall featuring music from the Mick Jones Band. These and many more activities will keep attendees of all ages movin', groovin', singin' paintin' and participatin' all night long.



The Main Stage will occupy the Parade Grounds area at the Square and feature local Southern Utah performing artists. Magicians, clowns, and other special visual and performing artists will be scattered throughout the event creating a fun, festival atmosphere as patrons meander from venue to venue. Special performances and shows are scheduled every hour for the LDS Tabernacle, Community Arts Center and School District Administration Building throughout the night. A children's area providing all kinds of arts, crafts and games will keep kids entertained for hours. There will be a firework display for children at 10:00pm followed by the thunderous fireworks at midnight as we ring in 2009 together!



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### How much does it cost to attend?

Instead of tickets, First Night patrons buy buttons or wristbands. The cost of a button or wristband is \$5.00 for adults 12+, \$4.00 for Children 2-11 in advance. At the event the price goes up \$1.00 for both.

#### What do I get for a button or wristband?

The button or wristband gets you into any event at First Night St. George 2008. Whether you want to play in the children's area, have a souvenir photo taken, play in the Rock Band competition or listen to the best music southern Utah has to offer, the button is your passport to a fun-filled evening of entertainment. All indoor venues



and outdoor nonpaying activities including the children's area require the button for admittance. All proceeds collected help fund performing and visual artists.

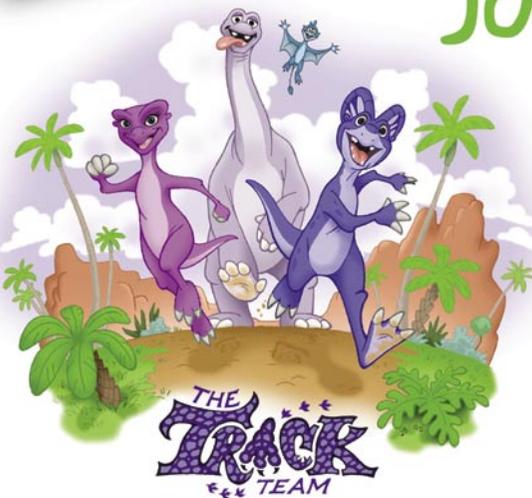
#### Where and when can I purchase a button or wristband?

Buttons can be purchased the day following Christmas (Dec. 26, 2008) at the following locations:  
 Sand Hollow Aquatic Center  
 St. George Recreation Center  
 St. George Art Museum  
 St. George City Office Building  
 Spectrum and Daily News locations  
 Boulevard Home Furnishings  
 Lin's Market locations

For more information on St. George First Night 2008/9 go to [www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org).

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# Sunsmart Energy

The abundant sunshine, mild winters and fabulous outdoor attractions are some of the things that make living in St. George an exceptional lifestyle.

The two utilities that serve St. George recognize the value of the best locally available and renewable energy resource, the sun. St. George Energy and Dixie Escalante up to construct a solar generation facility. "SunSmart," Water Reclamation Facility, will generate two megawatts (MW) when complete. Construction on the first phase began in October of 2008. SunSmart is a community owned photovoltaic (PV) solar facility. The State Legislature recognized the value of providing a facility structured like this by amending the solar tax credit to make residents eligible for the same tax credit to those who install a PV system on their home.



The construction and installation of the PV arrays is being done by line crews from both utilities in 100 kilowatt (kW) phases, with the first phase completed. The first phase has 33 racks, with 14-15 solar panels mounted on each rack for a total of 466 solar panels installed. The inverter, which is sized for the full project, has been installed and the tie-in to the substation completed. SunSmart units are now available for purchase at \$3,000 for a half unit and \$6,000 for full unit. One unit equates to a monthly energy credit based on the metered output of a kW of energy. Participants receive a credit based on the actual to and the actual facility. A State of eligible system maximum of \$2,000 those who subscribe project. The utilities to get legislation federal government participants to take advantage of the federal tax credit which as of January 2009 is 30% of eligible system costs with no cap. Individuals should check with their tax advisor to determine their eligibility with respect to tax credits. More information is available at [www.sgsunsmart.com](http://www.sgsunsmart.com).



If you are interested in lowering your carbon footprint and increasing your use of renewable energy, this is one of the three programs available to St. George residents.

Other programs available to residents are the Clean Green Power Program and the Net Metering Program. More information on both of these programs can be found at [www.sgcity.org/energyservices](http://www.sgcity.org/energyservices).

## Kids Zone

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9:00 AM SESSION I: 1ST & 2ND GRADERS  
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MARCH 16-18, 2009

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# Revegetation Along Streambanks Offer Protection to Residents

Since the floods in January of 2005, a great deal of emphasis has been placed on the condition of the riparian areas along local streams and rivers including the Santa Clara River, Virgin River and Fort Pierce Wash. Some projects have been implemented to improve many of these areas such as:



floodplain, creating dams and ultimately forcing water to find other paths downstream. These other paths may be under someone's home. Willows, with their flexible stems, lay over when water and debris come knocking. Once the flood subsides, they pop back up and continue growing. You may ask why vegetation is needed at all? There are several reasons:

- Construction of rock walls by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to protect homes during flood events;
- Removal of tamarisk by the City of St. George; and
- Planting of native vegetation by NRCS, St. George, Utah Division of Wildlife, the Virgin River Program and numerous volunteers

Willows are native to our area so they are the plant of choice when restoring riparian areas. Despite the willow's flimsy appearance, when planted properly it can play an important role in flood protection. Willows have flexible stems even as they age. Tamarisk, on the other hand, have stiff woody stems. These woody stems trap debris in the

- Vegetation slows (not stops) the water during floods,
- Vegetation reduces erosion,
- Vegetation enhances the beauty of an area, and
- Vegetation benefits wildlife.

The City of St. George, with the help of volunteers and Eagle Scout candidates, has worked diligently to restore native riparian areas through revegetation. These efforts have been extremely successful, but they face a number of challenges. One of the largest challenges has been dealing with ATV and 4 x 4 access. While "four-wheeling" is not condemned by the City, there are areas that cannot withstand the destruction caused by a motorized vehicle. ATVs have run over the growing plants in the riparian areas thereby creating paths behind other vegetation. This is a situation that will invite floodwaters to travel separately from the main flow with the potential to increase erosion and jeopardize safety. Irresponsible use of ATV's has destroyed the hard work of many people.

The improvements made by these organizations help to ensure the safety of the public and assist in restoring local riparian corridors back to their natural state. The riparian areas next to our local rivers are sensitive places that help protect our city, our land, our homes and our families. Let us all work together to protect them. For more information on protecting and preserving our rivers, streams and wetlands please contact Steve Meismer with the Virgin River Program at 673-3617 or visit [www.wcwcd.state.ut.us](http://www.wcwcd.state.ut.us).

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# New Airport Update



With construction of the replacement airport well underway, the City of St. George is pleased to announce a new website dedicated to keeping people informed about its progress from start to finish. "Due to the interest surrounding the replacement airport, the City felt it was necessary to provide a way to keep residents, contractors, the media and those not from the area as informed as possible about the project," said Mayor Dan McArthur.

The new site, [www.sguconstruction.com](http://www.sguconstruction.com) was created for those interested in every aspect of the replacement airport from the ground breaking to its anticipated completion in late 2010. Visitors to the site can access all kinds of information including: status updates on bidding and design processes, information on commercial and general aviation services, construction employment contacts, terminal building renderings, site plans and frequently asked questions. "It is our goal to provide a website that is easy to navigate and extremely functional," said Marc Mortensen, Assistant to the City Manager.

The City is discouraging visitation to the actual construction site and instead encourages anyone interested in monitoring the progress of the airport project to preview the streaming video webcam that can be found on the site's homepage. More webcams will be added to the site as new phases of the project begin. Additionally, visitors have access to a large photo gallery of frequently updated images of the construction provided by photographer David Becker. "We want the community to be with us every step along the way. This airport represents the future economic development of south-western Utah and the single largest capital project in the history of St. George," said Gary Esplin, City Manager.

The airport construction site can also be found on the City's homepage at [www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org).

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**WHEN:** TUESDAY, JANUARY 20  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21  
4:00-5:00 PM

**FEE:** \$25/YOUTH (6 WEEKS)

**AGE:** 1ST/2ND GRADERS: TUESDAYS  
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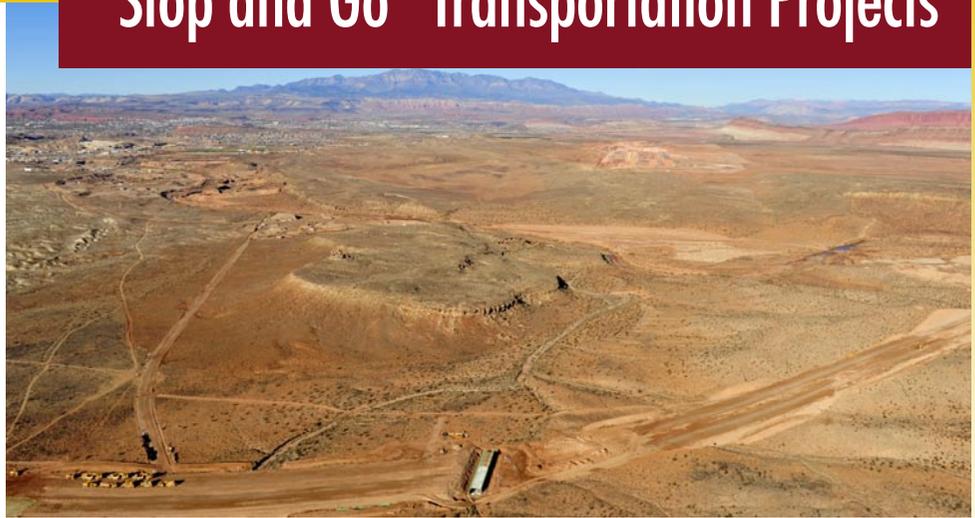
# "Stop and Go" Transportation Projects

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The expression "Stop and Go" is often used to describe traffic, but these days it best describes the progress of many transportation projects. Several projects have recently been put on hold by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) due to revenue shortfalls.

Planning and environmental work on the proposed interchange at the Dixie Center has been suspended until after the 2009 state legislative session. Once a new budget is approved, projects will be re-prioritized. A \$3,000,000 funding commitment on the Valley View Bridge has also been withdrawn by UDOT for the second time. The likelihood of funding for that project has been delayed until 2015 at the soonest. The Mall Drive Bridge and 120 East Street (new Flying J Access Road) are both stuck in the environmental process.

The \$30,000,000 project to widen Red Hills Parkway from Bluff Street to Industrial Road has experienced sluggish progress. The planning and environmental process has been underway for two years. Engineers are hoping to start design work next year



and construction the following year. Improvements will consist of two lanes each direction, a median, turn lanes and a trail. Red Hills Parkway has become a popular regional bypass route for commuters.

Although road projects may be "stop and go", the Replacement Airport project progress is "go" in every sense of the word. The land acquisition hurdle is behind us, including a \$44,000,000 sale contract for the existing airport. Progress of the four million

cubic yard earthwork project is at the halfway mark. Design of the terminal, airfield, and ancillary facilities is 70% complete and bids are scheduled for next spring. The project is slightly ahead of schedule for a January 2011 opening. Up-to-date status of the airport project can be found on the City website at [www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org).

St. George and UDOT are closely coordinating construction of the \$95,000,000 Southern Parkway from I-15 to the airport. Significant progress is being made and the work is on schedule to serve as the primary access to the airport. The MP2 interchange is nearing completion and the first segment of the Southern Parkway to River Road will soon follow. Earthwork from River Road to the airport access road is 50% complete. The Southern Parkway is part of the Dixie Beltway and has been designed as a non-stop expressway to reduce inner city congestion.

Several other projects are ready for construction. The design of a project to improve safety on Indian Hills Drive is complete. A sharp curve near 1240 West in the Southwood Meadows area is being improved. Motorists driving too fast have frequently found themselves sliding into an adjacent irrigation ditch.\*

Another badly needed improvement is ready for construction at River Road and Riverside Drive. Right-turn lanes will be added to improve traffic flow. Construction of these two projects will be done this winter.



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# SGU MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

WHERE THE FUTURE TAKES FLIGHT

Welcome to [SGUconstruction.com](http://www.sguconstruction.com)

Welcome to the City of St. George Replacement Airport Website!

Of all the projects ever pursued by the City of St. George, the Replacement Airport is undoubtedly the most satisfying to see under construction. Having overcome one major obstacle after another for nearly two decades, construction work is finally under way. This web site is designed to allow anyone interested to watch the construction work of the Replacement Airport unfold. The site will be updated weekly with the latest information. It includes a photo gallery showing the progress of construction, the full project schedule, bidding information and details about the financing, design and scope of the project.

The Replacement Airport became necessary when larger commercial service and business aircraft began to operate or were expected to operate in the near future at the existing airport. Due to its constrained mesa top location the airport could not be expanded to safely accommodate them. Studies also revealed that continued use of the existing airport would result in missed economic and transportation benefits. The Replacement Airport also enabled passengers to enjoy direct flights to more distant locations. For these reasons the Mayor and City Council have been firmly committed to see this project through. Start of operations at the Replacement Airport is scheduled for January 1, 2011.

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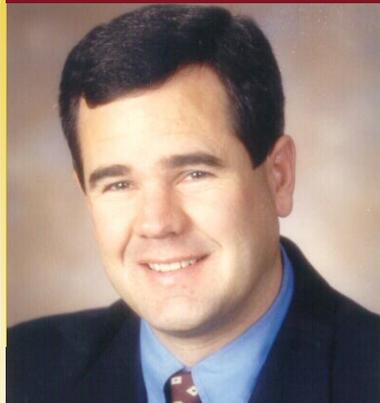
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# 2008 Was Quite a Year!

by: Jon Pike



As a new city councilor there is much to do and more to learn. Amid all of the normal business of the city that requires our time and consideration, I wanted to report on just a few important developments and areas of emphasis from last year as well as ones that we will continue to focus on in 2009.

**Illegal Immigration** Illegal immigration was a big issue in the campaign of 2007. A number of what I think were realistic and sound solutions were presented by then candidates Gil Almquist, Gloria Shakespeare and myself. These solutions and the actions that Mayor McArthur, the City Council, and others have acted upon are as follows:

- 1. Increase the pressure on the federal government to add more Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents (ICE agents) to our local seven-county region.** At that time we had three agents serving this large region. With the help of our state and federal elected officials, and due to lobbying efforts by the city, county, and private citizens and citizen groups, we now have four agents.
- 2. Encourage the state of Utah to pass legislation that would stop illegal immigration.** Senate Bill 81, sponsored in 2008 by Senator Bill Hickman, has received good support and will likely go into law this legislative session after study and public comment this past year. While some features were gutted from this bill, it still contains helpful measures that will likely hold in final passage of the bill. We are grateful to Senator Hickman, Representative Steve Urquhart, Representative David Clark, Representative Brad Last, and Representative Mike Noel for their support of this legislation.
- 3. Work with the city and county to consider training law enforcement officers in the federal 287 (g) program, which is a delegation of authority program that allows local law enforcement to perform some ICE agent duties.** City and County officials determined the best bang for our buck was to train two county deputies in this program. I think this is a good start, especially in these difficult budget times for the cities and county.
- 4. Pass a city ordinance that would require all city contracts to be performed only by businesses who will certify their payroll – showing that they only hire employees eligible to work in the United States.** The council passed this ordinance unanimously in April. We are working to try to enforce this ordinance in a way that will be effective and legally sound.

**5. Change the city business license so that the verbiage indicates that businesses will abide by all US laws, including immigration laws.** This policy was changed unanimously by council vote in November 2008. It doesn't specifically refer to illegal immigration, which troubles some people, but it is purposely broad so that other types of violations can be grounds for revoking a business license.

**6. Evaluate and consider requiring the use of the federal E-Verify system by employers.** This is a database that with reportedly 94-98% accuracy will confirm a potential employee's eligibility to work in the United States. The city is currently evaluating this system as a potential tool. I would like to see it utilized. I know others on the city council would as well.

**Open Communication** One of the things we all hear is that you can't over-communicate. One of Gil Almquist's ideas was to have an Open Forum once a quarter where the public could come and talk with the Mayor and Council about anything. These forums have occurred on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., and have been very civil and productive opportunities for us to hear what is on citizens' minds. In addition to these open forums, I know that the Mayor and Council all work hard to respond quickly to email and phone calls. We have a fantastic city website ([www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org)) where all kinds of information, reports, applications and permits can be obtained. We also have publications (like this one) that are regularly produced to share current information. Marc Mortensen, Assistant to the City Manager, has responsibility for communications and does a wonderful job. He can be reached by email at [marc.mortensen@sgcity.org](mailto:marc.mortensen@sgcity.org) or by phone at 627-4005.

**Support of Dixie State College.** Another area that the Mayor and Council have focused on this year is our support of and relationship with Dixie State College (DSC). DSC is a crucial, integral part of St. George and southwest Utah. We have been pleased with the leadership and the relationship we have with Interim President Stephen Nadauld. The City and DSC have already agreed to work together in the recently remodeled City Arts Building at 100 South Main Street. Since this building was originally home to Dixie College, it is a partnership that is historically appropriate and currently welcome! The City has also pledged to support DSC as they plan and implement their growth initiatives.

**Vision Dixie** The City has long embraced a number of Vision Dixie principles, but we are working hard to learn and implement these expanded principles as we can. Preserving open spaces, utilizing higher density housing, walkable communities, mixed-use housing/commercial, bike lanes/paths, transportation corridors and issues, conserving water and power are all areas that we've seen

before us and acted upon in one way or another during 2008. There are areas of agreement and disagreement with the public and even within the council that will continue to be heard and evolve over time. Neighborhoods are important, and we must be careful that what we approve and create today still works well many years from now. It is clear, though, that especially in larger developments, these principles are being utilized.

**Service** The City of St. George is “owned” by its citizens and we want to provide excellent service in all that we do. We want to provide the best public safety, stable and affordable water and power, recreation and leisure venues and events, support of the arts, and a business-friendly environment. Through the difficult economic times, St. George citizens can be certain that while continuing to control and reduce expenses to match revenues, the City will strive to maintain and increase service levels the public deserves. Gary Esplin, our City Manager, is strong and incredibly knowledgeable as a 32-year veteran in managing the City of St. George. He and the city’s department directors have been prudently directing the city in a way that we have not had to raise taxes, reduce services, or let go staff. Watch the news and you’ll notice other cities and states are not as fortunate.

I personally feel so fortunate to live in Utah’s Dixie! I realize that everything isn’t perfect, and we need to work to preserve what we have – what brought and keeps us all here. We want everyone’s ideas and need everyone’s help. In Dixie we have a can-do and pitch-in kind of attitude that is noticeable to those of us who have lived elsewhere. I hope we always possess these kinds of community attributes and that as Mayor McArthur often says, we’re always “one Dixie”!



# START SMART SOCCER

A GREAT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD AND THEIR PARENTS. SPEND TIME WITH YOUR KIDS AND HELP THEM PREPARE FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH SPORTS.

A 5 week program starting February 7th

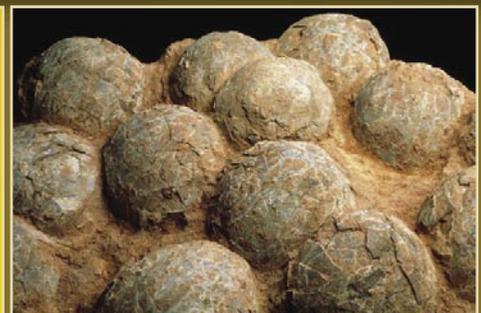
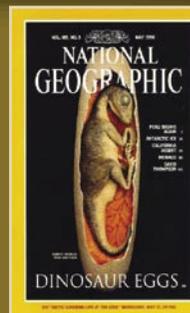
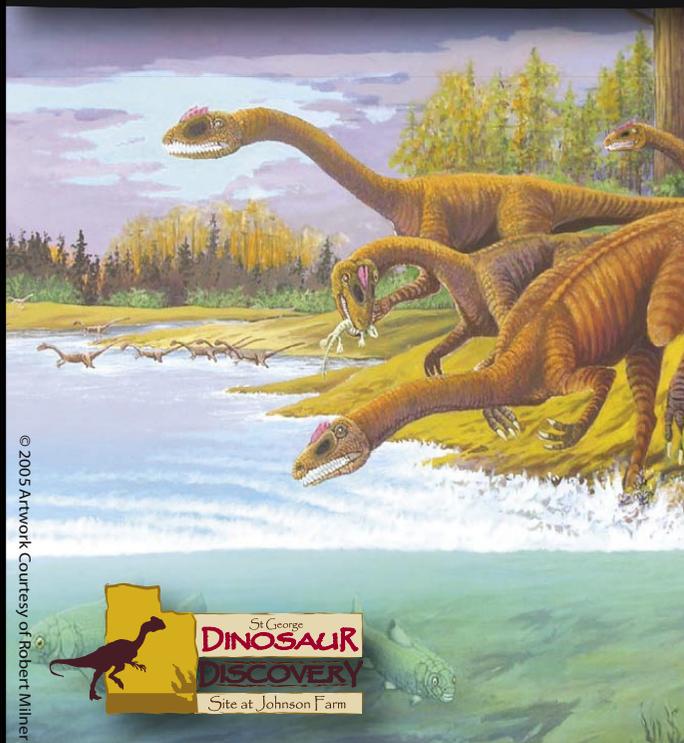
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# To Run or Not to Run?



Running is not just for the “elite” athlete. It is also for the 10-year old girl that just wants to run for the fun of it. It is also for the woman who battled cancer and won one of the biggest battles in her life and it is also for the average Joe that wants the general health benefits that the physical activity provides. It is estimated that over 41 million Americans participate in running events. Due to the high quantity of runners, the demand of hosting and conducting races are increasing.

In order to stay up with the times, the St. George Leisure Services Department has evolved their running events over the years. Twenty-six years ago, runners had about four choices of different running events. According to the Road Running Information Center, half-marathons are the fastest growing type of running event. There has been a 20% increase in the number of half-marathons hosted in the USA since 2005 and St. George Leisure Services has played a part of the increase by adding a new half-marathon, the Snow Canyon, during the month of November. This relatively new race has attracted runners from multiple states and saw a tremendous growth in the first two years of existence with 966 registered participants in 2008. Excluding the marathon, since 2005, the Recreation Division has increased race participation by 338% with much of this increase coming from out of town participants.

Even though the popularity of half-marathon is growing, the 5K is still the king of the races. The St. George Leisure Services has made



a conscious choice of offering six 5K runs throughout the 2009 running year. Many of the 5K runs are in combination with either half-marathons or charity runs. The Midnight 5K was added in June 2008 as a new running option in terms of time of the year and time of the actual run. Over 200 runners participated in the night run. In 2009, the summer night run will take over

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

*Aaron Metler*

1. Has been with the City of St. George since January 2008 serving as the race program coordinator
2. Utah Summer Games 5K (road and track), 4X4 Relay, 1500 Meter Champion-2008
3. Utah Summer Games 5K record holder at 14:34 minutes
4. President and member of the University of Michigan's running club team
5. Has a of running 60+ miles each week
6. Member of the relay team completing the Nike Hood to Coast Relay race in Oregon and finishing in the top 20 out 1,000 teams.
7. Member of USATF since 2006
8. Member of the St. George Running Center club since 2008

## YOUTH T-BALL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009.

FEE: \$27/YOUTH AFTER MARCH 19TH, THERE IS A \$5 LATE FEE.

KINDERGARTEN BOYS AND GIRLS FOR YOUTH T-BALL  
BOYS' 1ST-2ND GRADE FOR YOUTH BOYS BASEBALL  
GIRLS' 1ST-6TH GRADE FOR YOUTH GIRLS SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

GAMES BEGIN THE END OF MAY. STANDARD BLUE & GOLD REVERSIBLE JERSEYS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE RECREATION CENTER FOR \$10.

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the streets of downtown St. George. Race program coordinator, Aaron Metler has high hopes this particular race attracts even more runners this summer.

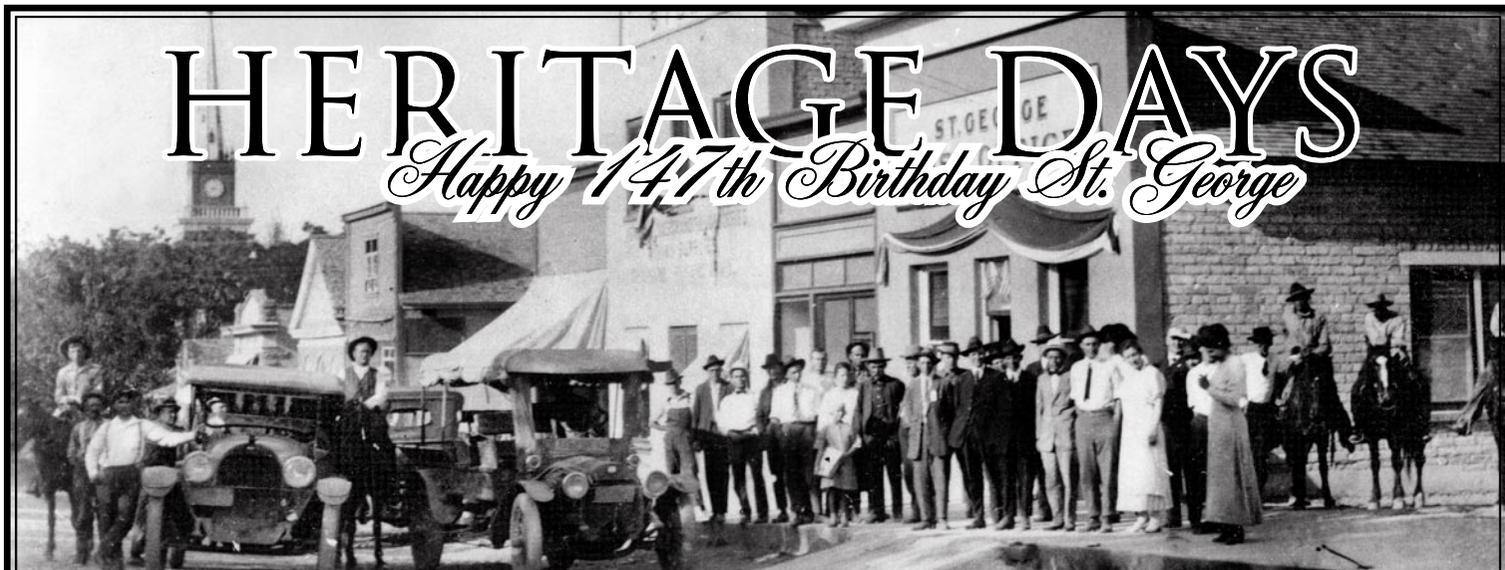
Popular running events also now include the realm of triathlons. The City of St. George Leisure Services Department has added more triathlons, adults and youth, over the past few years. In 2008, the Department hosted a Beginning and Sprint distance triathlon for both adults and kids and then added the Turkey Triathlon in the late Fall. There were more than 660 participants in both triathlons during the 2008 season. One target group that the Department is aiming for this type of running event is the youth. Since first offering a youth triathlon, 593 local and non-local youth have challenged themselves to run,



bike and swim their way to self-fulfillment and high self-esteem. During 2009 the city plans to add a team relay race. The increase numbers of runners who are coming to run in Saint George have

added to spending at hotel, restaurants, stores and gas stations. Since large races like the one's the Recreation Division has been putting on have full cost recovery, it is the objective of the division to continue to grow our races to both provide an economic impact to the community as well as to provide quality competition for local runners to compete with. So when you are ready to take those first strides, you can find a running event hosted by the St. George Leisure Services

Department to fit your level. Remember it is not always how many miles or how fast but the desire to make you feel better about yourself.



## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SUNDAY, JAN. 11TH  
LDS TABERNACLE  
7:30PM

THE "HERITAGE CHOIR". ABE YOUNG AS GUEST SPEAKER

FRI & SAT, JAN. 16-17TH  
OPERA HOUSE & SOCIAL HALL  
"TRADITIONS FAIR"  
10AM-6PM

EXHIBITS WILL BE QUILTS, RAG RUG WEAVING, BREAD MAKING, SCRAPBOOKING, TATTING, & MORE

SAT, JAN. 17TH  
SAND HOLLOW AQUATIC CENTER

"FREE FAMILY SWIM DAY" - 12PM-5PM  
"FAMILY SWIM WATER GAMES" - 5PM-9PM

SAT, JAN. 17TH  
SOCIAL HALL  
12PM-2PM

ROOT BEER FLOATS AND COOKIES WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. JOIN THE PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE 147<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF ST. GEORGE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 673-2701 OR 668-3776

# Zion Plaza in Downtown St. George

parks info



A little known, often overlooked park can be discovered right in the middle of town. In fact, you probably drove by it several times this week. Its Zions Plaza, located on the corner of St. George Blvd. and Main in the center of town. This small but amazing park includes grass, flowers, shrubs, trees, artwork, and waterfalls. Shane Moore and his two of his excellent horticultural staff Juan Silva and Darrell Steinke just

replanted the flower bed at Zions with several varieties of Pansies which is one of the flower varieties that will keep growing and blooming through the mild St. George winter and give a spectacular spring show of color. The Pansies take over the flower beds this time of year for the spreading summer favorite Potato Vine which loves the summer heat.



Flower beds are only the introduction to the flora found on the plaza. While Colorful flowers carpet the ground one of the largest Deodar Cedars in St. George towers above. Its blue-green needles are laced with lights each year during the holidays. The pyramid shape of the tree make it a perfect living Christmas Tree. Other trees around the plaza are bright with yellow, orange and red fall colors. Free flowing pyracantha is also

dressed for the holidays its branches covered with bright red berries. Plumes of ornamental grasses stand next to the two waterfalls. The water falls provide a feeling of tropical serenity only a few feet from Main St.

Zions Plaza is an art gallery as well as a botanical garden; showcasing bronze artworks from professional artists in the community. The latest addition is from L'Deanne Trueblood. This wonderful bronze sculpture depicts children playing on their tricycle. It joins many other pieces which accent the beauty of the natural surroundings. One large piece of artwork is a bench with a statue of Brigham Young seated on the bench. Feel free to sit and ponder the beautiful surrounding or have your picture taken with Brother Brigham.



## Take a walk...

with Mayor McArthur

JANUARY 7

MAIN O'WAR TRAILHEAD,  
800 W. MAIN O'WAR ROAD

JANUARY 21

LARKSPUR CITY PARK  
815 E. FT. PIERCE DR.

FEBRUARY 11

MIDDLETON PARK,  
800 N. 1700 E.

FEBRUARY 18

SUNRIVER COMMUNITY,  
4275 S. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE

MARCH 4

2450 EAST CITY PARK,  
2450 E. 130 N.



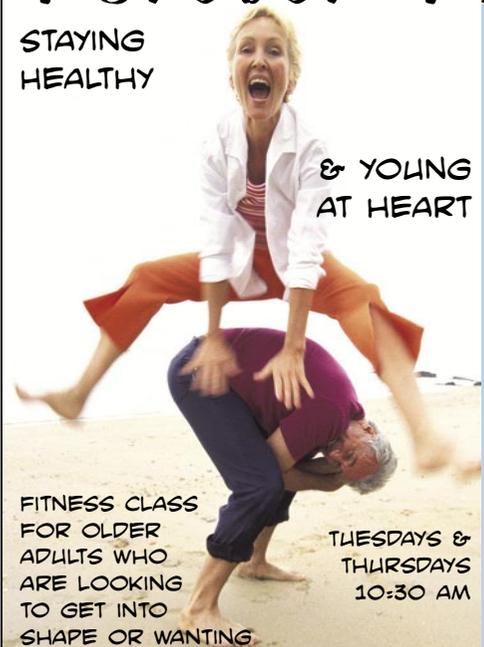
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# CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Recreation Programs
- Art Museum Programs

- City Programs
- Golf Programs

- Activities for Kids
- Activities for Families

## ■ **First Night 2009**

**Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 31st  
**Time:** 7pm to Midnight  
**Fee:** \$5.00 for Adults & \$4 for Kids 2-11. You must have a wristband for most venues and activities at First Night  
**Location:** Downtown St. George  
**Description:** This is Southern Utah's Biggest Party of the Year. Everyone is invited to celebrate! There will be Rock Band competitions, tons of music, food, magic shows, a kids area, children's fireworks, a firework display at midnight & more. Buttons can be purchased at Lin's, St. George Art Museum, The Spectrum and Daily News, St. George Rec Center, Boulevard Home Furnishings, SHAC, and St. George City Offices.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

## *January Events*

### ■ **Create-a-Golfer Instructional Program**

**Date:** Thursdays (on-going)  
**Location:** Southgate Game Improvement Center  
**Contact:** Call 627-4441 or 627-4440 for times

### ■ **Water Volleyball Drop-In Play**

**Date:** Wednesday Evenings (on-going)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.00 per person and/or passes apply  
**Description:** Interested in learning how to play water volleyball or looking for a new and fun activity? If yes, come to the SHAC on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm for drop-in water volleyball night.  
**Contact:** 627-4585

### ■ **Forever Fit**

**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$3.00 per visit or premium passes apply  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless to his/her fitness ability. This multi-level class is designed to combine cardio and muscle toning into a fun workout while teaching ways to increase muscle strength and flexibility in daily functional skills.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Open Pottery Lab**

**Date:** Wednesdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30am-4:30 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$20/visit  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This open pottery lab offers a relaxed atmosphere for the beginner and more advanced pottery artist. The fee includes 2-hours of instruction, access to hand-building and potters wheels, glazes and firings. Bags of clay are available for sale at the lab.

The instructor is Eric Wan-Kier.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Adult Softball Spring League Registration**

**Sign-Up:** Registration is now open for Spring League play. Registration deadline is February 20<sup>th</sup> or until full!  
**Fee:** \$425 per Men & Senior Teams; \$300 per Women & Co-Ed Teams  
**League Info:** Games start at 6:30 pm each night. Games will begin the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teams may receive a \$25 discount if they register on or prior to Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Youth Soccer K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sign-Up:** Registration is now OPEN. Registration deadline is Thursday, January 15, 2009. After January 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27/ child  
**League Info:** Games begin in March 2009. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys are required and can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10 each. Girls and boys will have separate leagues, except for the kindergarten level. To volunteer to coach please contact the St George Recreation Center.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Start Smart Soccer Registration**

**Time:** 3:00 pm  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/youth (includes t-shirt, certificate and participation award)  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center (first class) & Worthen Park  
**Description:** Registration is now open for Start Smart Soccer. Start Smart is a great program for parents to spend time with their children and help them prepare for future participation in youth sports. This is a parent/child program for boys and girls ages 3-5 years old. Parents are required to attend and participate in each class. Registration deadline is Friday, January 30, 2009 at 5pm. The 5-week program will begin Saturday, February 7, 2009.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Tonaquint Adult Tennis Clinic**

**Date:** January 5-March 31 (M, W & F)  
**Time:** 9:00-10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson

**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This adult tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

### ■ **Tonaquint Youth Tennis Clinic**

**Date:** January 5-March 31 (M & W)  
**Time:** 4:00-5:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson  
**Ages:** 7-13 years  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This youth tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

### ■ **Future Champs Tennis**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 6 and/or Thursday, January 8 (7 weeks)  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Fee:** Free  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, this program is for all children ages 5-8 that have never played tennis. The program will be taught at a very introductory level with focus on hand-eye coordination activities as well as basic tennis fundamentals. Tennis racquets will be provided. Children can attend one or both sessions for the week.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or contact the instructor, Clark at 628-4350  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ **Junior USA Tennis 1-2-3**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 6 & Thursday, January 8  
**Time:** Tuesdays- 4:30 pm Beginner level; 6:15 pm Intermediate level  
 Thursdays- 4:30 pm Intermediate level; 6:15 pm Beginner level  
**Fee:** \$31.50 (7 weeks)  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, these sessions will begin the week of Tuesday, January 6, 2009 for 7 weeks.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or contact the instructor, Clark at 628-4350  
**Contact:** 627-4560

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

**Date:** Wednesday, January 7  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Man O'War Trailhead, 800 W. Man O'War Road  
**Description:** Lace up your shoes and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with Mayor McArthur while he leads a morning walk. Participants are to meet in trailhead's main parking lot.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Saturday Morning Exploration

**Date:** Saturday, January 10  
**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Calling all Greenies! This month we are going to explore the surrounding environment and discover ways we can become more "green". Whether you are a first-rate conservationist, or just starting to recycle, come join us and learn new simple ways you can help the environment. Come join the fun and you'll see- it's so easy to go green! The program is free, fun and perfect for the whole family and also scout troops!  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Class

**Date:** Saturdays, January 10- February 14 (6 wks)  
**Time:** 9:00am Beginner (5 yrs+);  
10:00am Intermediate (7 yrs+);  
11:00am Advanced (9yrs+)  
**Fee:** \$36/student  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Teresa Hill-Putman will be teaching students how to develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength, and tumbling skills. Some skills taught include rolls, cartwheels, walkovers, handsprings and much more! Space is limited to 30 students per session.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Heritage Days Program

**Date:** Sunday, January 11, 2009  
**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** LDS Tabernacle  
18 South Main Street  
**Description:** Heritage Days Program featuring the Heritage Choir. Abe Young as guest speaker  
**Contact:** 673-2701 or 668-3776

#### ■ Little Rollers Tumbling

**Date:** Wednesday-Thursday, January 14-15  
**Time:** 9:15-10:15 am  
**Days:** Wednesday- session 1; Thursday- session 2  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/student (4 weeks) per session  
**Enrollment:** 10 max per session  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This class will teach children how to tumble and roll. The class focus will be on flexibility, balance, rolls, leaps, cartwheels and mostly importantly fun!  
**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 E. 285 S.  
or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Adult Lapidary Class

**Date:** January 13-April 23 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)  
**Time:** 9:00am- Noon---Session 1;  
Noon-3:00pm----Session 2  
**Fee:** \$90/person/session  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This adult class is designed around intermediate and advance level students skills and abilities. Students must have previous lapidary and silver-smithing experience. Class is limited to 15

people per session.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Curiosity Club

**Date:** Tuesday, January 13  
**Time:** 10:30-11:30 am  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/youth (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 South Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Kids will love joining Curiosity Club! Each week will feature new topics such as Up, Up & Away, Animal Homes, Five Senses, Nursery Rhyme Time. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, January 9, 2009 at 5pm. Day-of-registration will be accepted at the Tonaquint Nature Center at \$5 per day/child.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 E.285 S. or online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Landscape Design I: Laying out the plan

**Date:** Thursday, January 15  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Find out why Xeriscape is a natural choice in our arid climate as you learn the basics to get started. Learn the steps involved in designing or renovating your landscape. Information and tips are presented for the do-it-yourself types as well as for the homeowner that wants to be more informed and prepared when talking to landscape contractors. Tips on how to hire a contractor will be provided. This hands-on class will give you the opportunity to ask questions and get ideas specific to your property down on paper. It is recommended that you bring a rough sketch of your property along with you. Sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

#### ■ Sand Hollow Aquatic Center's Dive-In Movie

**Date:** Friday, January 16  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Fee:** Regular Admission  
**Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
**Description:** Join the staff at the SHAC for a fun family activity on Friday night. The featured film will be "Original Freaky Friday".  
**Contact:** 627-4585

#### ■ Kids' Zone- January Session

**Date:** Friday, January 16  
**Time:** 10:30-11:30 am  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$10/youth (4 wks)  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This fun and interactive morning program will keep young children moving through games and activities. Pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 5pm. Day-of-registration will be accepted at the St. George Recreation Center at \$2.50 per day/child.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Heritage Days Traditions Fair

**Date:** Fri & Sat, Jan 16-17, 2009  
**Time:** 10am-6pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Opera House and Social Hall  
200 North & Main Street  
**Description:** Do not miss this year's display of talent and skill. Come and be instructed in ways to increase your talents. Some exhibits will be quilts, rag rug weaving, bread making, scrapbooking, tatting, & much more.  
**Contact:** 673-2701 or 668-3776

#### ■ St. George Golf Club Amatuer

**Date:** January 16-17  
**Location:** St. George Golf Club  
**Contact:** Call 627-4404 for information

#### ■ Heritage Days Free Family Swim Day

**Date:** Sat. January 17, 2009  
**Time:** 12pm-9pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center  
1144 N. Lava Flow Drive  
**Description:** The SHAC invites everyone to splish splash the day away for free and from 5pm-9pm enjoy "Family Swim Water Games"  
**Contact:** 634-5938

#### ■ Heritage Days Party

**Date:** Sat. January 17, 2009  
**Time:** 12pm-2pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** St. George Social Hall  
200 N. Main Street  
**Description:** Come join the party and have root beer floats and cookies with the Mayor and City Council to celebrate the 147th Birthday of St. George.  
**Contact:** 673-2701 or 668-377

#### ■ Painter's ½ Marathon & 5K Run

**Date:** Saturday, January 17  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Fee:** \$35/ Runner for Half Marathon; \$20/Runner for 5K  
**Location:** Confluence Trailhead, 1835 Convention Center Drive  
**Description:** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards and Overall Male & Female champions in both divisions along with awards for the Clydesdale Division in the Half Marathon. Registration deadline is Friday, January 9 at 5 pm. Packets for registrants will be ready for pick up on Friday, January 16 from 2:00-9:30 pm at the St. George Registration Center. NO day-of-registration will be taken.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ St. George Golf Club Two Man Scramble

**Date:** January 18  
**Location:** St. George Golf Club  
**Contact:** Call 627-4404 for information

#### ■ Youth Indoor Soccer Clinic

**Date:** Tuesday, January 20th or  
Wednesday, January 21st  
**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$25/youth (6 weeks)  
**Age:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Graders: Tuesdays;  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders: Wednesdays  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Learn the basics of soccer or take advantage of getting some extra training before the Spring leagues start during the new Youth Indoor Soccer clinic! The instructors will focus on ball control, dribbling and age-appropriate skill development.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Be Healthy Dixie- Walk with Mayor McArthur

**Date:** Wednesday, January 21  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Larkspur City Park, 815 E. Ft. Pierce Drive  
**Description:** Lace up your shoes and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with Mayor McArthur while he leads a morning walk. Participants are to meet in main parking lot.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Hawaiian Dance Class

**Date:** Thursday, January 22  
**Time:** 4:30-5:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$25/youth (4 weeks)  
**Age:** 5-12 years  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Learn the basics of Polynesian dance techniques from Ms. Anja Kaonohi.  
**Contact:** 627-4585

### ■ Efficient Irrigation Design I: Designing Lawn Irrigation

**Date:** Thursday, January 22  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** In the first hour you will learn the basics of an irrigation system design. Learn to talk the lingo and recognize potential irrigation problem areas. Attendees will be provided instructions on how to read an irrigation plan, common errors made in designs and what you can do to protect your investment. The remaining time will be spent demonstrating turf varieties and what is best suitable for your needs and how to have a lush lawn without a high water bill. Sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

### ■ Total Tree Care

**Date:** Saturday, January 24  
**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Protect your investments. A professional will teach how to prune and properly care for your trees and shrubs. Sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

### ■ Paint, Paste & Go

**Date:** Monday, January 26  
**Time:** 2:15-3:00 pm  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/student (4 weeks)  
**Enrollment:** 12 max per session  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Paint, Play-doh, glue, glitter and markers are just some of the items to be used to create fun and messy artwork. Children are encouraged to wear clothing that can get dirty. No class on February 16, 2009. Pre-registration is encouraged, however day-of registration is \$5 per child/day.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Sand Hollow Aquatic Center's Learn to Swim Program- Session 1

**Date:** January 26-February 5 (Monday thru Thursday)  
**Time:** 5:00- 5:45 pm and 5:45-6:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$30/youth  
**Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
**Description:** Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level). Registration deadline is Saturday, January 24, 2009.  
**Contact:** 627-4585

### ■ Superbowl Tournament

**Date:** Friday- Saturday, January 23-24  
**Time:** 7:00 pm on Friday  
**Fee:** \$305/team  
**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.  
**Description:** Men's D & E Slow Pitch tournament.

Registration deadline is Friday, January 16, 2009 at 5:00 pm or until full. Register prior to or on January 12<sup>th</sup> and receive \$50 off the entry fee.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ St. George Winter Bird Festival

**Date:** Friday-Sunday, January 30-February 1  
**Time:** Friday, January 30- 8:00 am-8:30 pm; Saturday, January 31- 8:00 am-4:30 pm; & 6:00 pm-9:30 pm Banquet  
Sunday, February 1- 8:00 am- 5:00 pm  
**Fee:** FREE General Admission; \$20.00 per for Saturday night banquet  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center & Tonaquint Park, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Join the 6th 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. This will be field trips, workshops, presentations and bird walks throughout the weekend. On Saturday evening there will be a dinner and keynote speaker, Mr. Bill Fenimore, hosted at the Best Western Abbey Inn. A complete schedule of events and times can be viewed and downloaded at [www.sgcity.org/birdfestival](http://www.sgcity.org/birdfestival). Pre-registration for the banquet is required by Saturday, January 24, 2009. You may register at the St. George Recreation Center or at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com).  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Southgate Two Man Best Ball

**Date:** January 31  
**Location:** Southgate Golf Course  
**Contact:** Call 627-4440 for information

## February Events

### ■ Create-a-Golfer Instructional Program

**Date:** Thursdays (on-going)  
**Location:** Southgate Game Improvement Center  
**Contact:** Call 627-4441 or 627-4440 for times

### ■ Water Volleyball Drop-In Play

**Date:** Wednesday Evenings (on-going)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.00 per person and/or passes apply  
**Description:** Interested in learning how to play water volleyball or looking for a new and fun activity? If yes, come to the SHAC on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm for drop-in water volleyball night.  
**Contact:** 627-4585

### ■ Forever Fit

**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$3.00 per visit or premium passes apply  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless to his/her fitness ability. This multi-level class is designed to combine cardio and muscle toning into a fun workout while teaching ways to increase muscle strength and flexibility in daily functional skills.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Open Pottery Lab

**Date:** Wednesdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30am-4:30 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$20/visit  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This open pottery lab offers a relaxed atmosphere for the beginner and more advanced pottery artist. The fee includes 2-hours of instruction, access to hand-building and potters wheels, glazes

and firings. Bags of clay are available for sale at the lab. The instructor is Eric Wan-Kier.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

### ■ March Madness Tournament

**Sign-Up:** Registration is now open for the 2009 March Madness Tournament. Registration deadline is Friday, February 20, 2009 or until full.  
**Fee:** \$305/ team  
**Description:** Men's D & E division teams. Teams are guaranteed 3 games. Tournament play is Friday-Saturday, March 6-7 2009.  
**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W 2000 N  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Adult Softball Spring League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is now open for Spring League play. Registration deadline is February 20<sup>th</sup> or until full!  
**Fee:** \$425 per Men & Senior Teams; \$300 per Women & Co-Ed Teams  
**League Info:** Games start at 6:30 pm each night. Games will begin the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Teams may receive a \$25 discount if they register on or prior to Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Adult Futsal League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration opens Monday, February 2, 2009 for Spring Futsal League play. Men's, Women's and Co-Ed division will be offered. Games will begin at the end of March. Registration deadline is Friday, March 6, 2009 @ 5 pm.  
**Fee:** \$195/ team  
**League Info:** Games start at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** TBA  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Youth T-Ball League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27/youth  
**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for kindergarten boys and girls. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Youth Girls Slowpitch Softball League

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27/youth  
**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for girls' 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Youth Boys Baseball League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27/youth

**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for boys' 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Lil Detective Camp Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration opens February 2, 2009. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2009.  
**Time:** 9:00 am Session I: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders  
1:00 pm Session II: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Fee:** \$35/child  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Kids will have fun learning skills and solving mock crimes at this 3-day camp. Fee includes all camp materials and a field trip. Camp runs Monday-Wednesday, March 16-18, 2009.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ American Red Cross Lifeguarding Class

**Date:** Monday, February 2 (2 weeks)  
**Fee:** \$130/participant (includes a \$10 non-refundable fee)  
**Description:** The first 2009 session of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding class will begin Monday, February 2 at 5:00 pm. The program will be held for two weeks, Monday through Friday. Class will be held in the evening.  
**Register:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
**Contact:** 627-4585

#### ■ Tonaquint Adult Tennis Clinic

**Date:** February 2-March 31 (M, W & F)  
**Time:** 9:00-10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This adult tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

#### ■ Tonaquint Youth Tennis Clinic

**Date:** February 2-March 31 (M & W)  
**Time:** 4:00-5:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson  
**Ages:** 7-13 years  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This youth tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

#### ■ Be Healthy- Walk with Mayor McArthur

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Middleton Park, 800 N. 1700 E.  
**Description:** Lace up your shoes and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with Mayor McArthur while he leads a morning walk. Participants are to meet in the main parking lot.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Efficient Irrigation Design II: Understanding Drips

**Date:** Thursday, February 12  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 am  
**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Learn about the design, installation, maintenance and scheduling of water-efficient drip systems. Class sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

#### ■ Kids' Zone- February Session

**Date:** Friday, February 13  
**Time:** 10:30-11:30 am  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$10/youth (4 wks)  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This fun and interactive morning program will keep young children moving through games and activities. Pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 5pm. Day-of-registration will be accepted at the St. George Recreation Center at \$2.50 per day/child.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 East 285 South or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Saturday Morning Exploration

**Date:** Saturday, February 14  
**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Join in on this free family event at the Tonaquint Nature Center. The month's feature topic is "Wet and Wild- Learn Wetland Ecology". A staff member will be teaching interesting information on wetland ecology and exploring all the plants and animals living in and around the Nature Center pond and the Santa Clara River. The program is free, fun and perfect for the whole family and also scout troops!  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Curiosity Club

**Date:** Tuesday, February 17  
**Time:** 10:30-11:30 am  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/student (4 weeks)  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Kids will love joining Curiosity Club! Each week will feature a new topic such as Life in the Desert, Moving & Shaking, What's History, and Let's Go Camping. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, February 13, 2009 at 5pm. Day-of registration will be accepted at the Tonaquint Nature Center at \$5 per day/child.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 East 285 South or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Little Rollers Tumbling

**Date:** Wednesday-Thursday, February 18-19  
**Time:** 9:15-10:15 am  
**Days:** Wednesday- session 4; Thursday- session 5  
**Age:** 3-5 years  
**Fee:** \$20/student (4 weeks)/session  
**Enrollment:** 10 max per session  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This class will teach children how to tumble and roll. The class focus will be on flexibility, balance, rolls, leaps, cartwheels and mostly importantly fun! Pre-registration is encouraged due to limited class size.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Be Healthy Dixie- Walk with Mayor McArthur

**Date:** Wednesday, February 18  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** SunRiver Community; 4275 S. Country Club Drive  
**Description:** Lace up your shoes and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with Mayor McArthur while he leads a morning walk. Participants are to meet in front of the Community Center.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Landscape Design II: Developing Your Plant Palette

**Date:** Thursday, February 19  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30 pm  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Design your landscape with color, texture and variety throughout all the seasons. Learn how to choose plants that complement one another within your landscape, guide the eye to a focal point, and learn which plant will work best in the different microclimates of your yard. You've drawn your plan, now select the plants. Class sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

#### ■ Desert Spring Girls Championship

**Date:** Friday-Saturday, February 20-21  
**Fee:** \$350/team  
**Description:** Girls slow pitch tournament for 10, 12, 14, & 16 & Under divisions. Registration deadline is Friday, February 6, 2009 or until full.  
**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Spring Into Vegetable Gardening

**Date:** Saturday, February 21  
**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Place:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Learn how to make this climate work for you and your vegetables. Space is limited so call early! Sponsored by Washington County Water Conservancy District.  
**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

#### ■ Sand Hollow Aquatic Center's Learn to Swim Program - February Session #2

**Date:** February 23-March 3 (Monday thru Thursday)  
**Time:** 5:00- 5:45 pm and 5:45-6:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$30/youth  
**Location:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N Lava Flow Drive  
**Description:** Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level). Registration deadline is Saturday, February 21, 2009.  
**Register:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive  
**Contact:** 627-4585

#### ■ Future Champs Tennis

**Date:** Tuesday, February 24 and/or Thursday, February 26 (6 weeks)  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Fee:** Free  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Courts, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, this program is for all children ages 5-8 that have never played tennis. The program will be taught at a very introductory level with focus on hand-eye coordination activities as well as basic tennis fundamentals. Tennis racquets will be provided. Children can attend one or

both sessions for the week. No lessons will be taught the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> due to Spring Break  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or contact the instructor, Clark at 628-4350  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Junior USA Tennis 1-2-3

**Date:** Tuesday, February 24 and Thursday, February 26  
**Time:** Tuesdays- 4:30 pm Beginner level;  
6:15 pm Intermediate level  
Thursdays- 4:30 pm Intermediate level;  
6:15 pm Beginner level  
**Fee:** \$27/youth (6 weeks)  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** Sponsored by the USTA, these sessions will begin the week of Tuesday, February 24, 2009 for 6 weeks.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or contact the instructor, Clark at 628-4350  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Southgate 1 Man Scramble

**Date:** February 28  
**Location:** Southgate Golf Course  
**Contact:** Call 627-4440 for information

#### ■ Acro Gymnastics/Tumbling Class

**Date:** Saturday, February 28-April 5 (6 wks)  
**Time:** 9:00am Beginner (5 yrs+); 10:00am Intermediate (7 yrs+); 11:00am Advanced (9yrs+)  
**Fee:** \$36/student  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** Teresa Hill-Putman will be teaching students how to develop flexibility, balance, coordination, muscle strength, and tumbling skills. Some skills taught include rolls, cartwheels, walkovers, handsprings and much more! Space is limited to 30 students per session. No classes on March 21, 2009 due to Spring Break.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### March Events

#### ■ Create-a-Golfer Instructional Program

**Date:** Thursdays (on-going)  
**Location:** Southgate Game Improvement Center  
**Contact:** Call 627-4441 or 627-4440 for times

#### ■ Water Volleyball Drop-In Play

**Date:** Wednesday Evenings (on-going)  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.00 per person and/or passes apply  
**Description:** Interested in learning how to play water volleyball or looking for a new and fun activity? If yes, come to the SHAC on Wednesday evenings starting at 7 pm for drop-in water volleyball night.  
**Contact:** 627-4585

#### ■ Forever Fit

**Date:** Tuesdays & Thursdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$3.00 per visit or premium passes apply  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This class is ideal for older adults that are looking to get fit or wanting to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle regardless to his/her fitness ability. This multi-level class is designed to combine cardio and muscle toning into a fun workout while teaching ways to increase muscle strength and flexibility in daily functional skills.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Open Pottery Lab

**Date:** Wednesdays (on-going)  
**Time:** 10:30am-4:30 pm or 6:00-8:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$20/visit  
**Location:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S.  
**Description:** This open pottery lab offers a relaxed atmosphere for the beginner and more advanced pottery artist. The fee includes 2-hours of instruction, access to hand-building and potters wheels, glazes and firings. Bags of clay are available for sale at the lab. The instructor is Eric Wan-Kier.  
**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

#### ■ Adult Futsal League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open now for Spring Futsal League play. Men's, Women's and Co-Ed division will be offered. Games will begin at the end of March. Registration deadline is Friday, March 6, 2009 @ 5 pm.  
**Fee:** \$195 per team  
**League Info:** Games start at 6:30 pm  
**Location:** TBA  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Youth T-Ball League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27.00 per child  
**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for kindergarten boys and girls. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Youth Girls Slowpitch Softball

**League Registration**  
**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27.00 per child  
**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for girls' 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Youth Boys Baseball League Registration

**Sign-Up:** Registration is open NOW. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 19, 2009. After March 19<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$5 late fee.  
**Fee:** \$27.00 per child  
**League Info:** Registration is now being taken for boys' 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Rules will be adapted for each age group. If teams are full, players will be placed on a waiting list. Games begin the end of May. Standard Blue & Gold reversible jerseys can be purchased at the Recreation Center for \$10.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Start Smart Baseball Registration

**Sign-up:** Registration is now open for Start Smart Baseball. Registration deadline is Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Worthen City Park. The 5-week program will begin Saturday, April 18, 2009.  
**Fee:** \$20/youth (includes t-shirt, certificate and participation award)  
**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Age:** 3-5 years

**Location:** St George Recreation Center (first class) & Worthen Park, 400 E. 300 S.  
**Description:** Registration is now open for Start Smart Baseball. Start Smart is a great program for parents to spend time with their children and help them prepare for future participation in youth sports. This is a parent/child program for boys and girls ages 3-5 years old. Parents are required to attend and participate in each class.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ Adult Ladies Outdoor Volleyball League Registration

**Sign-up:** Registration opens Monday, March 2, 2009. Games will begin mid-April. Registration deadline is Friday, April 3, 2009 or until full.  
**Fee:** \$90/ team  
**Location:** Worthen Park, 400 E. 300 S.  
**League Info:** Ladies outdoor 4-on-4 volleyball play. Regular league play and single elimination tournament.  
**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)  
**Contact:** 627-4560

#### ■ American Red Cross Lifeguarding Class

**Date:** Monday, March 2 (2 weeks)  
**Fee:** \$130/participant (includes a \$10 non-refundable fee)  
**Description:** The second 2009 session of the American Red Cross Lifeguarding class will begin Monday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. The program will be held for two weeks, Monday through Friday. Class will be held in the evening.  
**Register:** Sand Hollow Aquatic Center, 1144 N. Lava Flow Drive  
**Contact:** 627-4585

#### ■ Tonaquint Adult Tennis Clinic

**Date:** March 2-March 31 (M, W & F)  
**Time:** 9:00-10:30 am  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This adult tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

#### ■ Tonaquint Youth Tennis Clinic

**Date:** March 2-March 27 (M & W)  
**Time:** 4:00-5:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$10/lesson  
**Ages:** 7-13 years  
**Location:** Tonaquint Park Tennis Complex, 1851 S. Dixie Drive  
**Description:** This youth tennis clinic welcomes all levels at this clinic. Participants will learn to improve serving techniques, volleys, and groundstrokes.  
**Register:** Contact the instructor  
**Contact:** Jason Whittington 668-6887

#### ■ Be Healthy- Walk with Mayor McArthur

**Date:** Wednesday, March 4  
**Time:** 8:00 am  
**Fee:** FREE  
**Location:** 2450 East City Park, 2450 E. 130 N.  
**Description:** Lace up your shoes and take advantage of the opportunity to chat with Mayor McArthur while he leads a morning walk. Participants are to meet in the parking lot by the fire station.  
**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ March Madness Tournament

**Date:** Friday-Saturday, March 6-7

**Fee:** \$305/team

**Description:** Men's D & E division teams. Teams are guaranteed 3 games. Registration deadline is Friday, February 20, 2009 or until full.

**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W. 2000 N.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Lake to Lake Relay Race

**Date:** Saturday, March 7

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Fee:** \$100/team

**Location:** Gunlock Reservoir

**Description:** A 50-mile team relay from Gunlock Reservoir to Sand Hollow Reservoir. Teams will consist of 5 people (Open Men, Open Women and Co-Ed) with each individual completing a minimum of two legs (roughly 5 miles each) of the relay. The running route will take runners through scenic landscapes of Southern Utah along city trail systems and back roads. Post relay events will consist of a full lunch buffet and an award ceremony.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Backyard Conservation

**Date:** Saturday, March 7

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive

**Description:** This class will go over selecting and designing your yard to attract wildlife. Class sponsored by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.

**Contact:** Julie B. at 673-3617

### ■ 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March Warm-Up Tournament-4A/5A Division

**Date:** Friday-Saturday, March 13-14

**Fee:** \$275/team

**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W 2000 N

**Description:** This nationwide high school girls' fast pitch tournament will feature top 4A/5A teams. Teams are guaranteed five games. Registration deadline is Friday, February 27, 2009 or until full.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Saturday Morning Exploration

**Date:** Saturday, March 14

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 am

**Age:** Family

**Fee:** FREE

**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 South Dixie Drive

**Description:** This month's program is titled "It's Still Hot Out Here!" where we will be focusing on our high desert biome and the unique and awesome ecology of Washington County. Come join us as we explore Colorado Basin, The Great Basin and Mojave desert wildlife including local plants and animals! This program will run for approximately one hour. It's free, fun and perfect for the whole family!

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Spectrum 10K Run

**Date:** Saturday, March 14

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Fee:** \$25/runner

**Place:** Ivins City Fire Station, 90 West Center Street, Ivins (Check-in area)

**Description:** A beautiful, scenic run through Snow Canyon State Park lets runners travel three miles of the West Canyon Trail and continuing on into the finish line in Ivins. All runners MUST ride the provided transportation to the start line, no support vehicles will be allowed on the course. There is NO DAY OF REGISTRATION. Registration deadline: Friday, March 6, 2009. Late registration will be accepted up until Tuesday, March 10 at Noon with an additional \$10 late fee.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org) or [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Lil Detective Camp

**Date:** Monday-Wednesday, March 16-18

**Time:** 9:00 am Session I: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

1:00 pm Session II: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Fee:** \$35/child

**Location:** Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Drive

**Description:** Kids will have fun learning skills and solving mock crimes at this 3-day camp. Fee includes all camp materials and a field trip. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 12, 2009.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ 19<sup>th</sup> Annual March Warm-Up Tournament-2A/3A Division

**Date:** Friday-Saturday, March 20-21

**Fee:** \$275/team

**Location:** Canyons Complex, 1890 W 2000 N

**Description:** This nationwide high school girls' fast pitch tournament will feature top 2A/3A teams. Teams are guaranteed five games. Registration deadline is Friday, March 6, 2009 or until full.

**Register:** St. George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.sgcityrec.org](http://www.sgcityrec.org)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Dixie Dashers Youth Track Club

**Date:** March 24-May 21 (9 weeks)

**Time:** 5:00-6:15 pm (Tuesday & Thursday)

**Age:** 8-18 year old

**Fee:** \$40/youth

**Location:** Dixie State College Track

**Description:** It's time to sign-up for our Dixie Dasher Youth Track Club. The 20<sup>th</sup> season is open for boys and girls ages 8-18 years old. Practices will prepare each individual for a full season of track meets including the Hershey and our All-Comers meets. The head coach this year will be Ken Carlson.

**Register:** St George Recreation Center, 400 E. 285 S. or online at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com)

**Contact:** 627-4560

### ■ Dixie Red Hills Amateur

**Date:** March 27-28

**Location:** Dixie Red Hills Golf Course

**Contact:** Call 627-4444 for information

### ■ Dixie Red Hills Two Man Scramble

**Date:** March 29

**Location:** Dixie Red Hills Golf Course

**Contact:** Call 627-4444 for information

### ■ Sand Hollow Aquatic Center's

#### Learn to Swim Program - March Session #3

**Date:** March 30- April 9 (Monday thru Thursday)

**Time:** 5:00- 5:45 pm and 5:45-6:30 pm

**Fee:** \$30/youth

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

**Description:** Swim levels 1 thru 6 will be taught (including Parent-Tot level). Registration deadline is Saturday, March 28, 2009

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

**Contact:** 627-4585



### Community Education

Community Education Offers a Variety of Unique Classes. Community Education is a program designed to provide the community with educational services and learning opportunities by offering unique and exciting non-credit classes. Classes are designed for all ages and emphasis is given to special populations with particular needs. Classes cover a broad spectrum ranging from a wide variety of Art classes, such as Oil Painting and Scrapbooking; to Dance classes, such as Jazz, Ballet, and Ballroom; to Computer Classes such as Basic Microsoft Word and Excel. Interested in learning how to play the Guitar or the Piano, or how to start your own Home Based Medical Transcription Business? Ever wanted to learn a foreign language such as Spanish, French, or Chinese, or trying to find that perfect way to get thin and stay thin? Community Education offers all of these classes and more to the community in an effort to provide Southern Utah with recreational, cultural, and academic services.

For more information please call  
652-7675 or go online to  
<http://ce.dixie.edu>



### Mayor and City Council

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### City Services

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| Administration.....              | 627-4000 |
| Airport.....                     | 627-4080 |
| Animal Shelter .....             | 627-4350 |
| Building/Planning.....           | 627-4206 |
| Business Licenses.....           | 627-4740 |
| City Pool (700 So.) .....        | 627-4584 |
| Community Arts .....             | 627-4525 |
| Development Services.....        | 627-4120 |
| Engineering .....                | 627-4050 |
| Fire .....                       | 627-4150 |
| Leisure Services.....            | 627-4500 |
| Parks .....                      | 627-4530 |
| Police.....                      | 627-4301 |
| Public Information.....          | 627-4005 |
| Public Works.....                | 627-4050 |
| Recorder.....                    | 627-4003 |
| Recreation Center/ Programs..... | 627-4560 |
| Sand Hollow Aquatic Center.....  | 627-4585 |
| Streets .....                    | 627-4020 |
| Suntran .....                    | 673-8726 |
| Utilities.....                   | 627-4700 |
| Water/Energy Emergencies.....    | 627-4835 |
| Water/Energy Conservation .....  | 627-4848 |



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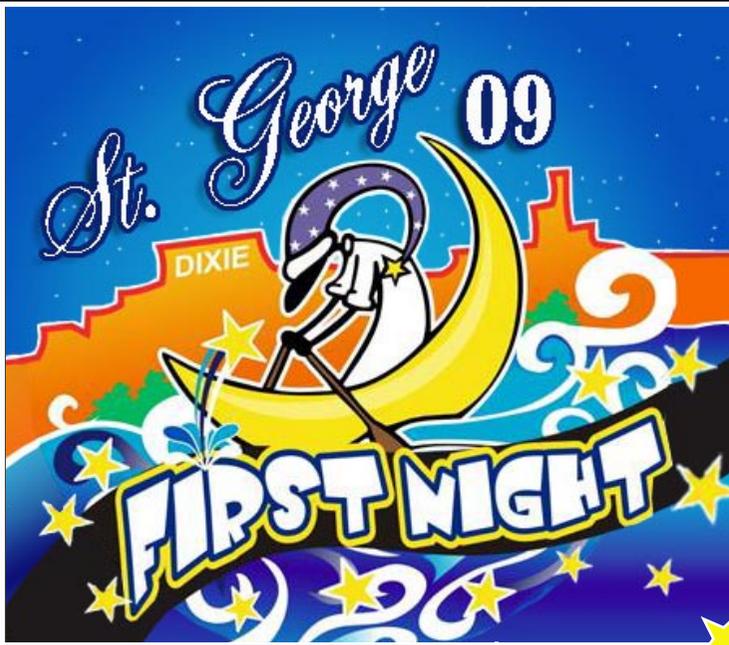
### City Council

Regularly scheduled city council meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays each month starting at 4:00pm at the City Office Building (175 East 200 North) unless otherwise noticed. Work meeting sessions are held on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays at the same location.

### Planning Commission

Regularly scheduled planning commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month starting at 4:00pm at the City Office Building unless otherwise noticed.

**For more information on city services, contact information, and events please visit the city website at [www.sgcity.org](http://www.sgcity.org).**



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