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11 Things You Might Not Know About Taylorsville

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1. Taylorsville was incorporated with 5,674 people in favor of the city's creation (70.5 percent) and 2,373 people against it (29.5 percent). The city's incorporation had been up to vote two times before this occasion.
2. Eisenhower Junior High in Taylorsville held 11 previously successful world record attempts, including World's Tallest Ice Cream Cone, World's Largest Post-It Note Mosaic and World's Largest Marshmallow Fight.
3. The area of Taylorsville used to be referred to as "Over Jordan" back in 1848 when pioneers crossed over the Jordan River.
4. Taylorsville has the 12th-largest population within the state.
5. Taylorsville has a thriving baseball community. Taylorsville High School has won more than 7 state championship games, and Taylorsville's Little League was the first in Utah to win state in every age group.
6. Thousands of people from across the valley attend Taylorsville's biggest annual celebration, Taylorsville Dayzz, each year.
7. Taylorsville was Salt Lake County's 13th city at its incorporation.
8. The first Regal Cinemas movie theater within the state is planned to open in Taylorsville around November.
9. Taylorsville's cemetery dates back to 1887.
10. Taylorsville houses the only Salt Lake County regional park that includes disk golf.
11. Taylorsville city's official goals are to improve and enhance customer service, make life better, increase efficiency and effectiveness and assure public safety.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Summer Reading begins June 1, 2016 for toddlers, kids, teens and adults! Stop by the library to sign up and get a reading record. Join us this summer for Wednesday Family Fun out on the grass and Science Thursdays for School Age and Teens. **LIBRARY CLOSED—MONDAY, JULY 4 AND MONDAY JULY 25**				1 Take Home Craft: Sun Spinner—6/27—7/2 *(All ages)*	2
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Summer Reading Challenge
Wednesday, June 1—Wednesday, August 31

All ages. Summer Reading starts on Wednesday, June 1. Stop by the library to sign up and get a reading record.

Senior Book Club @ The Taylorsville Senior Center*
Monday, July 11 at 11:00am
Join us for a lively discussion of a variety of fiction and nonfiction books. Newcomers welcome! The book club will be led by a librarian from the Taylorsville Library.
July's book is **Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography by Laura Ingalls Wilder**

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Monday, July 4—Happy 4th of July!
Monday, July 25—Happy Pioneer Day!

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Take Home Craft: Sun Spinner
Monday, June 27—Saturday July 2
All ages. Celebrate the summer sun. Stop by the Information Desk and pick up a craft to make at home. No registration required.

Animal Brain Contest
Monday, July 11—Saturday, July 16
All ages. Whose brain is it? Complete our animal brain chal-lenge and you might win a Living Planet Aquarium gift card. Stop by the Information Desk to find out more. No reg-istration required.

Happy Birthday E. B. White
Monday, July 11, all day
All ages. Do you like words? Stop by the Information Desk and add your favorite word to Charlotte's Web. No registra-tion required.

Sit and Stitch
Monday, July 11 from 10:30am – 12:00pm
Monday, July 18 from 10:30am – 12:00pm
Adults. Sit and stitch with others at the library. Share ideas and skills while making new friends. Bring along your cro-chet, knitting or other handiwork projects, as we gather to talk about books, crafts, and anything else on our minds. (This is not an instructor-led activity.) No registration required.

Lego Hour
Monday, July 11 at 2:00pm
Ages 5-12. For kids who love to build. We supply the Legos, you supply the imagination. Create a different design each month during Lego Hour at the Library. No registration re-quired.

Movie Matinee
Tuesday, July 12 at 1:00pm
Teens and Families. Join us for a free movie. Bring pillows and get comfortable. Some chair seating for teens and adults. Movie: Ghostbusters (original) Running Time: 107 minutes Rating: PG

Taylor's Traveling Troupe
Wednesday, June 13 from 10:30am—11:30pm
Families. See a variety of farm animals in honor of E.B. White's birthday. Sheep, goats, rabbits and more with Tay-lor's Traveling Troupe. This program will be outside on the grass. No registration required.

Bug Extravaganza
Thursday, July 14 at 10:30am
School age. See the wonders of the natural world with Jean-Michel Arrigona, owner of the store, Natur. Learn about amazing insects, moths and butterflies from exotic places like Indonesia, Madagascar and Peru. See his museum quality collection of insects. No registration required.

Color Your Cares Away
Thursday, July 14 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Thursday, June 28 from 6:00pm—7:00pm
Adults. Are you stressed? If so, come chill with us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. If you can't make it to the library by 6 pm, no worries. This is a drop-in event and we will be coloring until 7:00 pm. This is a time for you to decom-press and let worries fade away. Materials will be provided, or feel free to bring your own supplies. No registration re-quired.

Pokémon League
Saturday, July 16 from 12:00 – 2:00pm
Ages 6 and up. Geek out at the Taylorsville Library. Drop in any time between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. for a Pokémon event facilitated by Charles Sommer. Meet other Pokémon fans and trade cards, play card and video games. This will be a monthly event at the library. No registration required.

National Parks Scavenger Hunt
Monday, July 18 – Saturday, July 23
All ages. Celebrate National Park Month. Complete our scavenger hunt form and return to the Information Desk for a small prize. No registration required.

Teen STEM Camp: Keva Planks Engineering
Monday, July 18 from 1:00pm—4:00pm
7th - 12th grade. Must register. Build amazing things. Learn the principles of engineering, architecture, physics, and de-sign all in a fun environment with the USU Extension summer STEM camp. Register at the Taylorsville Library Information Desk starting Monday, June 13. Please cancel in advance if you are unable to attend. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Movie Matinee
Tuesday, July 19 at 1:00pm
Families. Join us for a free movie. Bring pillows and get com-fortable. Some chair seating for teens and adults. Movie: The Good Dinosaur Running Time: 100 minutes Rating: PG

Kids Life Time Fitness
Wednesday, July 20 at 10:30am
All ages. Get outside and move. Learn and experience a variety of sports with a coach from Life Time Fitness in South Jordan. This program will be outside on the grass. No regis-tration required.

Eww, That's Gross
Thursday, July 21 at 10:30am
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Library Creates Virtual Story Time

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Paula Burgon pretends to be a fairy in Salt Lake County Library Services' Story Space, an online story time series. – Salt Lake County Library Services

Annie Eastmond, playing the part of Miss Annie, watches as Vern Walters, playing the part of General Fiction, plays and sings a song during Salt Lake County Library Services' online story time. – Salt Lake County Library Services

Stephanie Anderson, youth services librarian for Salt Lake County Library Services, plays the part of Little Miss Puppet in the library's virtual story time. – Salt Lake County Library Services

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Usually Vern Waters spends his days managing Salt Lake County Library Services' jail location, but occasionally he said he gets to take a break from that duty and step into the persona of General Fiction, a character in the library's new virtual story time.

"It is a different outlet," Waters said. "I get to be creative. I get to be a character. I get to be silly."

Each Salt Lake County Library location offers story time sessions, which focus on interactive learning, such as talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. The purpose of Story Space, the online story series, is to bring a similar experience to parents and children—wherever they may be.

"We want to reach kids and parents who aren't able to attend story time—whether they can't come in that day because their kid is sick, or they can't ever come in because they have transportation issues," Nyssa Fleig, library program manager, said. "Whatever the barrier is, we wanted to be able to reach them."

The library services held auditions for online storytellers. Waters and three other librarians made the cut: Annie Eastmond, from the Millcreek Library; Paula Burgon, from the West Jordan Library; and Stephanie Anderson, from the South Main Clinic Reading Room. The librarians designed their own costumes and became actors and actresses, instead of merely reciting their lines, Fleig said.

"It's a fairly common concept—the online story time, but I think we have kind of taken it a bit above and beyond what has been done on other systems," Fleig said. "There was just a lot of thought that went in behind the scenes."

In the first episode of the library's online Story Space series released in May, Miss Annie, played by Eastmond, reads "Two Girls Want a Puppy," written by Evie and Ryan Cordell and illustrated by Maple Lam.

The camera shots zoom in and out of the picture book, and Miss Annie appears inside the book and begins interacting with the illustrations. Earnest Bourne, the library's web developer who produced, edited, directed, and filmed the video, created the special effects, because he didn't want Story Space to be just another recording of someone reading a story, Fleig said.

"When we started talking about it, we kind of wanted a feel like 'Mr. Roger's Neighborhood' meets 'Pee-wee's Playhouse' meets 'Reading Rainbow,'" Waters said.

After the story reading, the 12-minute clip continues with a dog-themed craft led by Fiona Fairy, played by Burgon. The Story Space webpage, slcolibrary.org/storyspace, contains printable cut-outs, so viewers can build their own craft while they watch Fiona construct hers. Fiona uses magic to make General Fiction Appear. He plays the banjo while singing a two-minute song about a dog named Banjo to the tune of the traditional children's song "Bingo."

"My favorite part was when we got a good take," Waters said as he laughed. "It took a long time. I was there for most of one whole day for my whole song, so it is time-consuming, but it is so much fun."

Although Waters has read stories to children at libraries numerous times, he said Story Space presented a new challenge because there wasn't an audience. He usually responds to what the kids say during the story time, but he couldn't during Story Space.

"Having only the camera as an audience made it intimidating, but I think I'll get used to it as we continue," Waters said.

At the conclusion of Captain Fiction's scene, Little Miss Puppet, played by Anderson, recites a nursery rhyme with puppets. The nursery rhyme is intended to help children notice repetition of sounds, which builds awareness of how words are formed, according to the website.

"Everything was a deliberate choice to focus on hitting early literacy concepts," Feig said. "The songs, crafts, everything selected and put together was to support those."

Waters, Eastmond, Burgon and Anderson will make guest appearances as their characters at branch story times this summer. Right now the library staff is excited about the initial episode, according to Fleig, and although it might be awhile, she said they look forward to producing more episodes in the future.

Taylorsville Dayzz Regulars Return to the Stage

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Ralph Myles's band and Jenne Whipp and her friends have been performing at Taylorsville Dayzz since the early 2000s, and they came back for another round during this year's celebration.

"It is a hoot, it really is," Myles said about performing at Taylorsville Dayzz. "They get the best crowds. Taylorsville City people are such a joy."

Whipp agreed.

"It's a fun hobby being here," she said. "I think we've just signed the Taylorsville Dayzz performance application so many times that it's become automatic."

Susan Holman, Taylorsville Dayzz entertainment coordinator, said she counts on Myles and Whipp's performances every year. Holman, who's been coordinating for 10 years, said she always schedules Myles's band, The Short Bus Band, for a two-hour set on the festival's Saturday night. The group plays song after song until the carnival and celebration conclude around midnight.

"We cat called out to people who were leaving, and convinced them to spend some time with us because they'd have to wait so long to get out of the parking lot anyway," Myles said. "We usually have about 300 or 400 people watching us, and they respond and we feed off of their energy. It turns into quite a bit of a little party."

The Short Bus Band consists of five members – Dave Harris, keyboards; Effie Harris female vocals; Jon Harris, bass; Tony Mazza, percussion and drums; Pat Guy, lead guitar and Myles on rhythm guitar. The group met at church, and shortly thereafter saw a sign about Taylorsville Dayzz and decided to sign up. Four members of the band are comfortable singing in public.

"That gives us more diversity of what songs we can do because we're not tied down to one person's voice," Myles said. "I love songs when I am screaming, but our female vocalist – she can do 'Amazing Grace' and just melt you, and those are her vocal capabilities. We're all different like that."

"Taylorsville is just one of those really awesome events to participate in."

The band members range in age from mid-20s to mid-60s, and they play songs that any of their band members suggest – focusing on hits from the 50s to now.

One song Myles was excited to play at the 2016 Taylorsville Dayzz was Creedence Clearwater's "It Came Out of the Sky," because he changed the lyrics to revolve around Taylorsville's surroundings, he said. The crowd really seemed to catch onto it, he said.

The Short Bus Band performs about once a month at different venues. Although they usually charge to play, they play at Taylorsville Dayzz for free because they love the environment, Holman said.

"Taylorsville is just one of those really awesome events to participate in," Myles said. "The staff – they are flexible, and when a problem does arise, it is discussed and resolved."

When Whipp's three sons hear her practicing songs, they know that Taylorsville Dayzz is just around the corner, Whipp said. Whipp's first performance in Taylorsville's festival was in 2002. The first performance was a little "scary and awkward," so she only signed up for 15 minutes, she said.

"I can definitely say I am a lot less nervous because I know how it works, and I go in prepared," Whipp said. "I've never had a bad experience at Taylorsville Dayzz."

In 2003, Whipp tried out for American Idol with a group of friends from Taylorsville and the surrounding area. Whipp, Adam Caula, Brittania Willams and Becci Perry camped in the audition line to secure their chances of singing for preliminary judges. Although none of them made it past the second round, they formed a close friendship.

Whip invited the three of them to sing with her at Taylorsville Dayzz, and they accepted. The group never adopted an official title, but Whipp said she called them AIR, which stand for American Idol rejects, even though her friends didn't like the name.

Ever since 2003, some combination of the friends has performed at the city's celebration. Because of family troubles and prior commitments, Caula, Williams and Perry were unable to sing with Whipp this year, so she performed with Juliet Darger, Williams's sister. They sang several duets and solos, including "Let it Go" from Disney's "Frozen" and Adele and Kelly Clarkson songs.

About Whipp and friends, Holman said, "I've watched her grow up and get married and have kids, yet she still comes back to perform for us. We love having her."

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Reasons to Call the 911 or Police Dispatch

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There are some instances when people know when to call the police such as a fire or someone is having a heart attack. Other times are trickier and people may hesitate because they don't know if calling the police is necessary. On top of that, people don't often know whether they need to call 911 or the non-emergency number for the police. Here is a handy guide that outlines when to call 911 and when to call for non-emergency numbers.

WHEN TO CALL 911:

1. **A fire or heavy smoke that is suspicious.** Many times, people worry that the smoke is a false alarm. Maybe someone accidently burned their dinner or a local farmer is doing a controlled burn of his crops. It doesn't matter. It's always better to call 911 if you see a fire or heavy smoke. Lives and property may be at risk.
2. **Someone is forcing a child into a car.** If you see someone trying to force a child into a car and the child is obviously in distress, immediately call 911. Take notice of the make, model and color of the car and the license plate if possible. Try to remember what the perpetrator looks like. These details will be vital if the child is being kidnapped.
3. **A fight or domestic violence.** Calling to break up a fight, especially if it's domestic violence can be hard because people feel it's either none of their business or they are over reacting. However, it's always better to call than not. Someone's life could be a risk and if the situation is domestic violence, the victim needs help and resources.
4. **Gunshots.** This one seems pretty self explanatory. When you hear gun shots, call 911. If you can, try to identify where the location of the gunshots came from.
5. **Burglar alarm or glass breaking.** While car alarms can go off for any number of reasons, burglar alarms in homes or other buildings only go off when someone has gone inside who is not allowed to go inside. Likewise, there are very few reasons why a person should have to break a window to gain access into a building.

WHEN TO CALL THE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER:

1. **Someone is looking into vehicles, walking in and out of backyards or loitering on private property.** While some people may hesitate to contact the police because they don't want to be a nosey neighbor, these are suspicious behaviors. However, unless there is immediate danger, calling the non-emergency number is best.
2. **Someone is approaching doors and asking unusual questions or soliciting without proper purpose or valid license.** If someone you don't know comes to your door to sell something, they typically have to carry with them a license or identification of some kind. If they don't have that or if the questions they ask are suspicious, such as asking where your neighbors are or when you think they should be back, close and lock your door and call the non-emergency number.
3. **A home in your neighborhood has constant, short-term traffic, with people coming and going at all hours.** Again, there are very few reasons why a home should have this kind of traffic, especially at all hour of the day or night. A single party is one thing but this type of constant traffic is suspicious and should be reported.
4. **You see older children intimidating younger ones.** As long as the children are in no immediate danger, calling the non-emergency number is appropriate.
5. **Any circumstance that is not "normal" for your neighborhood.** You know your neighborhood. You know what a regular occurrence is and what is not. Don't be afraid to alert the police if something feels off.

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Mayor Larry Johnson

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Pioneer Day (July 24) is a day that we pause to reflect on the faith, character and strength of those original settlers who made their way to the Salt Lake Valley on July 24, 1847. Pioneer Day is a state holiday celebrated annually to commemorate the entry of the first group of Mormon pioneers and Brigham Young into the Salt Lake Valley. They had left their homes in Nauvoo, Illinois traveling west facing many hardships along the journey. At the end of 1847 there were approximately 2000 Mormons settled in the Salt Lake Valley. The men, women, and children of this time were diligent and hard-working facing many challenges with limited resources. The first Pioneer Day was celebrated in 1849 with a parade, band music and speeches. I hope as we celebrate this state holiday we will take a few moments to reflect on the practical virtues (hard work, character, determination, and frugality) of our pioneer ancestors and seek opportunities to incorporate these values into our own lives. These men, women, and children were very special people.

Thank you
Mayor Johnson

COUNCIL CORNER

For several months the City Council has been pouring over the budget for 2016-2017. We are happy to report that last month we finalized and adopted a fiscally conservative balanced budget with no tax increase. Here are some of the highlights of the budget:

Parks – Each year the council has tried to increase the fund balance in the Parks fund. Most of the money in that fund has come from the sale of a portion of City Center property. With input from community councils and residents the Council approved an appropriation to Vista Park and Cabana Club Park. We look forward to a new playground and upgrades in landscaping, lighting, benches, barbeques, and more at Vista Park. Funds for Cabana Club Park will transform this property from a vacant site to a lovely fenced, landscaped park with a playground and pavilion. It is important to note that this is not new money funding these upgrades, but funds that have been deliberately and carefully set aside over time to improve our city parks.

Public Safety, Streets and Roads– We have supported the mayor's request to double our sidewalk repair/replacement fund as well as allocate additional funds for crosswalk upgrades. We also feel we have kept the necessary funds in place to keep our streets and roads in good repair.

Monument signs – last year we completed gateway signs at strategic entry locations to our city. We are pleased with these signs and look forward to the addition of two smaller signs within the city which will replace aging deteriorating signs.

These are a few examples of what we have to look forward to as we enter into a new budget year. We are excited knowing that our economy is strong and economic development in Taylorsville is thriving.

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FIREWORKS SAFETY MESSAGE

Summer is here, and with it come exciting events, celebrations, and fun! Part of the excitement is the viewing and lighting off of fireworks. However, this enjoyment brings with it potential risk.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), there were nearly 7,000 fireworks related injuries treated in U.S. emergency departments during 2014.

The National Safety Council advises the safest way to view fireworks is through public displays, conducted by professionals. Recognizing that many here in Utah enjoy both the professional, as well as their own personal and neighborhood displays, UFA recommends the following safety tips:

- Ensure you are lighting off approved fireworks in authorized areas only.
- Some areas within the Salt Lake valley are prohibited, and in Taylorsville, this includes open fields along the Jordan River.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks – older children should use fireworks only under close adult supervision.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework when lighting the fuse, and back up to a safe distance immediately thereafter.
- Light fireworks one at a time, in a clear outdoor area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials.
- Do not aim fireworks at another individual.
- Keep a bucket of water and a hose nearby.
- Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
- After the firework is 'spent' allow it to completely cool and then place in separate bucket of water overnight, before placing into a trash receptacle.

Note: If your home catches fire due to illegal fireworks, insurance companies may not pay for damages.

This event is registered with the National Night Out Against Crime

Hosted by the Taylorsville Public Safety Commitee Event

Night Out Against Crime

Thursday, August 11th, 2016

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Taylorsville City Hall

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TAYLORSVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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July 2016

Monday, July 4th - Senior Center closed in observance of Independence Day.
Tuesday, July 5th - Birthday Tuesday celebration. Special Entertainment at 11:30 by Debby Bowers. Lunch at 12:00.
Wednesday, July 6th - New Class- "Utah History" from 5:00-6:00 pm.
Thursday, July 7th - Bus trip to Wendover. Must be pre signed up and paid.
Monday, July 11th - Decorating Cookies with YMCA preschoolers. Everyone is invited to attend. Starts at 10:00.
Tuesday, July 12th - Biscuits and Gravy starts at 9:00. $1.50- sponsored by the Advisory Committee.
Wednesday, July 13th - Harmonica performance at Salt Lake Veterans Home at 10:30.
Wednesday, July 13th - Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Advisory Committee at 12:30.
Thursday, July 14th - Presentation on Sunshine and how to stay safe by Anike from Legacy at 11:30.
Tuesday, July 19th - Vital Aging Class- "How I view Myself – Self Esteem" Class starts at 10:30
Wednesday, July 20th - Special Entertainment by "Time Steppers" at 11:00.
Wednesday, July 20th - New Class- "Utah History" from 5:00-6:00 pm.
Wednesday, July 20th - Harmonica performance at Carrington Court at 10:30.
Thursday, July 21st - Evening at the Center sponsored by the Advisory Committee from 5:00-7:00. $6.00 per person. Sign up at the front desk.
Monday, July 25th - Senior Center closed due to 24th of July Holiday.
Wednesday, July 27th - Core, balance, structure presentation at 11:00.
Wednesday, July 27th - Harmonica performance at Olympus Ranch at 10:30.
Thursday, July 28th - Podiatrist Visit. Appointments start at 11:00. Suggested donation- $10

Volunteer of the Month

Maxine Palmer

Maxine was born on the range in Mt. View, Wyoming. She has 9 kids, 27 grandkids, 51 great grand kids, and 2 great great grand kids!! Maxine has always enjoyed traveling. Her and her husband were able to go many places and see lots of neat things. Her hobbies include quilting, ceramics, knitting, and crocheting. Maxine has been a member of the Senior Center for just over three years where she enjoys socializing with friends. Maxine is always willing to lend a helping hand with decorating, clearing tables and welcoming new people to the center. Thanks Maxine for all you do.

Welcome to Taylorsville
La Puente

Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - June 13, 2016

City Officials, Chamber West, Youth Ambassadors and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to welcome La Puente to Taylorsville and celebrate their Grand Opening! They are located at 5419 South Redwood Road. Their are known for their delicious homemade mexican food. Their menu offering includes: appetizers, salads, tamales, tacos, burritos, tostadas, enchiladas and daily specials. This Taylorsville location is the 5th La Puente to open in Utah. Check out their website here: www.lapuentemexicanrestaurant.com

Congratulations to the City of Taylorsville in celebrating the 'new' tradition for 20 years called the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade.

Taylorsville Stake Presidency 4th of July Parade 1955
Pres. Player and wife, Pres. Godfrey and wife, Pres. Nelson and wi

The Historic Preservation Committee is pleased to take a look back in time to Taylorsville Parades from long ago. When we first became a community that celebrated with parades, it was called the "Nor-J-Esta," referring to the North Jordan Stake.

Next, it became known as the "Bang A Roo" parade which would travel down historic 4800 South from the Assembly Hall to Redwood Road. The title it became known by in later years was the Taylorsville LDS Stake Parade which would even travel down Redwood Road, usually ending up at the Plymouth School on the corner of 4800 So. and Redwood Road.

The photos are of July 4th Parades which drew praise from residents lining the streets. There were lots of "OOHS and AHS" heard during the hometown celebrations. Floats would be constructed from chicken wire, stuffed with paper napkins, and beautiful bunting draped around the trailer bed. The parade would last one-half hour. The start of the annual event was sometimes held up for a short period to await the arrival of the Valley Jr. High Marching Band, because a parade wasn't a parade without a band! Also, the Ute Rangers always represented their club well, as did most of Taylorsville's kids, having decorated their bikes in the red, white, and blue motif.

Elected Officials - Past & Present

Taylorsville Dayzz 2016 Parade

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Waste & Recycling District

Taylorsville Earth Day Collection Event

The April 23rd Annual Taylorsville Earth Day Collection Event was a success. WFWRD participated with several other agencies to collect waste, recycling, household, and hazardous materials from residents for proper disposal. We collected over 26 tons of material that was recyclable and diverted from our landfills, including 6 tons of electronic waste, 5 tons of hazardous household waste, 1.2 tons of glass, 3.6 tons of green waste, and 2.4 tons of recyclable materials.

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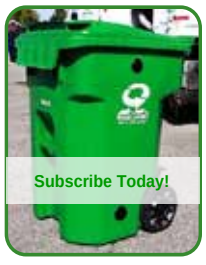
Electronic Waste 6.06 tons - Glass 1.2 tons - Prescriptions 200 lbs.
Donations 500 lbs.

International Plastic Bag Free Day

On July 3rd, Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Day will join other organizations around the world in support of International Plastic Bag Free Day. There are a lot of good ways to celebrate, and the easiest requires a simple resolution from each individual. Even if just for one day, choose paper over plastic, or even better bring your own bags to the retailers to pick up your goods. Some stores even offer discounts or other perks for the customers that bring their own!

International Plastic Bag Free Day!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The Green Waste Collection Program is underway. This is a subscription-based program, and those interested in subscribing or getting more information can visit our website at www.wasatchfrontwaste.org. Taylorsville currently has 480 subscribers for our Green Waste Program. We ask residents to remember that green (yard) waste should NEVER be placed in the blue recycling cans. Placing green waste in the recycling cans contaminates the recycling load and makes the recyclable materials unusable.

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If you have any questions regarding this article please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District: 801-968-9081/ danmcdougal@tbid.org or visit our website at www.tbid.org

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Taylorsville Dayzz

June 23, 24 & 25

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- Men 2nd place: DJ Matthews 17:46
- Men3rd place: Tony Kreuzer 19:19
- Women 1st place: Laura Westover 23:12
- Women 2nd place: Kenna Bradley 23:28
- Women 3rd place: Lyndsay Fraser 24:22

Age Group Winners:

- Kids run 1st place: Harrison Hudson
- Kids run 2nd place: Lincoln Frasier
- Kids run 3rd place: Joshua Taylor
- Men under 17: Will Allen
- Women under 17: Arianna Jones
- Men 18-29: Kevin Mauer
- Women 18-29: Elise Erekson
- Men 30-39: Solomon Cano
- Women 30-39: Meredith Harker
- Men 40-49: Kevin Cheney
- Women 40-49: Natalie Shafer
- Men 50-59: Michael Smith
- Women 50-59: Karen Nabity
- Men 60-69: Jeff Vandenakker
- Women 60-69: Sue Hensley
- Men and Women 70+: Helen Bearingeer

All of our race results can be found at the following link: **http://www.elevatedracing.com/calendar/659-2/.**

You can also go to the **www.taylorsvilleut.gov** and click on our 5k picture. Results can be found there. You can also go to **www.elevatedracing.com** and under their calendar tab find our race to see results.

Thanks you runners for making this race such a great event and thank you for your patience while we compiled accurate results.

Thank You to the Taylorsville Dayzz 5K & Kids Race Participants & Sponsors!

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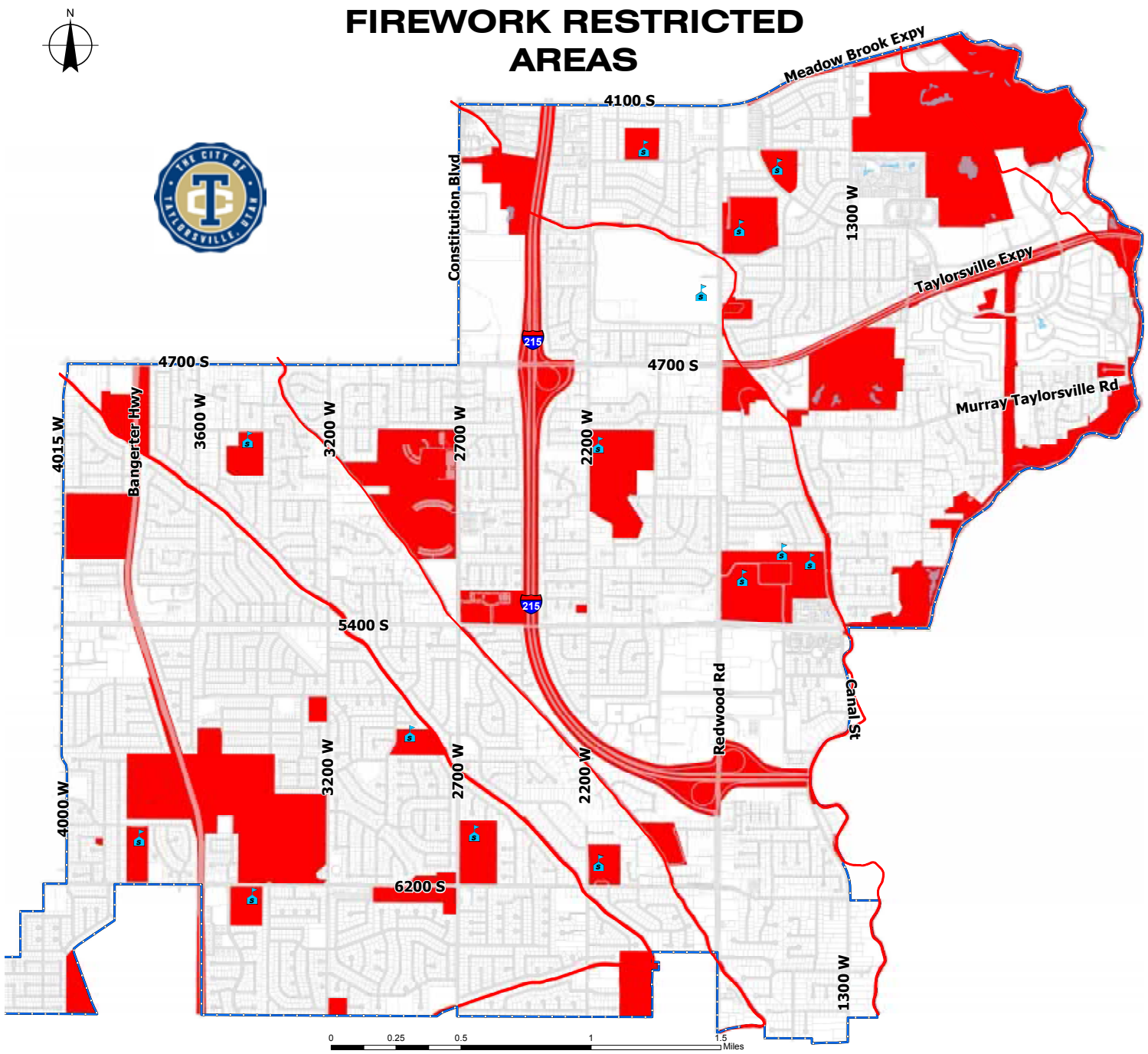
City of Taylorsville Fireworks Restrictions

Please keep in mind the City of Taylorsville Fireworks Restrictions (Ordinance 13-14). The discharge of fireworks is prohibited within those areas of the city described on the map. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

FIREWORK RESTRICTED AREAS



Chief Tracy Wyant

UNIFIED POLICE GREATER SALT LAKE

In the June 2016 City Council Meeting Chief Tracy Wyant presented UPD Taylorsville Precinct Awards to the following recipients:

Officer Jason Albrecht

Officer of the Month - April 2016
Officer Jason Albrecht

Officer Jason Albrecht, while on proactive patrol located and seized a suspect who was in possession of two handguns, a shotgun, marijuana, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia. The case was of increased importance as the arrest and seizure occurred in an area park and removed guns from a known narcotics user. Officer Albrecht, who has only been assigned to the Taylorsville Precinct since January 2016, has quickly been identified as one of our most pro-active patrol Officers. Jason is to be commended for his resolve in investigating and arresting violent felons. His abilities and committment make the City of Taylorsville a safer place to live, work, and visit.

Officer Todd Madsen

Officer of the Month - May 2016
Officer Todd Madsen

During April and May of 2016, Officer Todd Madsen worked closely with security representatives from Century Link as well as multiple Police Agencies to not only document but ultimately investigate and solve a series of thefts and vandalism's across Salt Lake County. The phenomenal work resulted in a confession from the primary suspect and the filing of seven felony charges. Officer Madsen is to be commended for his resolve in protecting the residents of the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County as a whole.

Officer Nick Riggs and Officer Joel Knighton

Team Citation Award
Sgt. Mike Ricketts, Officer Nick Riggs, Officer Joel Knighton

On April 20th, 2016 Sergeant Mike Ricketts, Officer Joel Knighton and Officer Nick Riggs responded to a call reporting a suspicious female. Dispatch reported the suspect was dressed in a hospital gown and was causing alarm bear an area business. The female suspect was located in front of Freemont Elementary School wearing only a partial hospital gown. In addition the female was carrying a large makeshift cross/crucifix on her back. As officer Knighton was speaking with the suspect she attempted to stab him with what appeared to be a large knife. He was able to fend off her attach and created distance to maximize his safety. While this was occurring, Officer Riggs and Sergeant Ricketts drew their firearms and issued verbal commands. She did not immediately comply, Officer Knighton was in a position to observe that the weapon in her right hand that actually was a sharpened wooden stick and immediately advised Ricketts and Riggs. After several commands to drop the weapon she ultimately complied and was taken into custody and safely committed to an area hospital. It was later determined she had been contacted and subsequently committed by Officers three days prior. Officer Knighton's quick thinking, observations and communications with the assisting officers coupled with the professionalism of all the officers on scene enabled them to adapt to the changing threat levels and to respond accordingly. These actions and experience certainly prevented the situation from turning into a fatal law enforcement confrontation.

Kimberly Graham

Citizens Award
Kimberly Graham

Recognition of Kimberly's life saving efforts on April 22, 2016 during the course of her duties as a crossing guard for the Unified Police Department at Westbrook Elementary School in the City of Taylorsville. Kimberly was in the middle of the crosswalk when a suspect traveling approximately 80 MPH went through the crosswalk. She recognized this and pushed four children out of harms way.

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Real Estate

Get Outside

By Tori La Rue | tori@mycityjournals.com

A view of the Jordan River Parkway – one of the best places to work-out outside in the Salt Lake Valley area. – Tori La Rue

Quit paying for your gym membership this summer and get outside. You'll get a nice tan, soak up some Vitamin D, maybe lose some weight and save some money. That's what I call a win-win-win-win situation.

Here's a list of some of my favorite places to exercise outside:

1. **Jordan River Parkway Trail:** The parkway includes more than 40 miles of paved trails lining the Jordan River through three counties, and it's the ideal place to bike, run, walk the dog or even roller skate. It's highly accessible, perfect for distance training and rests at a cooler temperature than the nearby area because of its proximity to the river. Visit jordanrivercommision.com for a map of all trailheads.
2. **West Jordan City's Veterans Memorial Park:** It's 99 acres of park at 8030 S. 1825 West and includes a HUGE country-western themed, wooden playground that will knock your socks off. If you bring your kids, you're sure to burn a few calories as you chase them around. You may also want to enjoy tennis, baseball, basketball or volleyball.
3. **Draper Hikes:** Since part of Draper is built on the side of a mountain, it's the prime place to hike. It's close to home, but it has scenic views and will still make your legs burn if you choose a trail with a significant grade. The trails are of varying difficulty and they're listed on the city website at draper.ut.us. You won't get bored because they have more than 35 options. Thank you, Draper.
4. **SoJo Race Series:** I don't know if you know this, but South Jordan is really into running. They host eight races a year, including races from a 2.5K to a marathon. They decided to offer free Runner Socials this year to help runners network and get tips from dieticians, physical therapists and others. If you're interested, follow SoJo Marathon/Half Marathon/5k on Facebook for more details on runner's socials.
5. **Gary C. Swensen Valley Regional Park:** This park at 5100 South 2700 in Taylorsville is a great place to bring a group of people to play sports. It's not as crowded as some other parks in the valley and it still offers volleyball and basketball. It's also unique because it's the only place I know of in the valley that offers the use of a disk golf course for free.
6. **Centennial Park:** I grew up going to this small Riverton Park at 13000 S. 2700 W. At the park there's several small hills. The small hills are perfect to run up and down for runners to train on.
7. **Bingham Creek Trail:** Leave the skateboards and scooters at home on this trail. This 1.3-mile trail, stemming from Colter Bay Cir. west of 4000 West in West Jordan to 4500 Skye Dr. in South Jordan is made of gravel. Although you can run on this trail, I recommend biking. Horses are also welcome on the trail, but I've never done that because I don't have a horse.
8. **Riverton City Park:** Take your pick – Riverton City Park has Tennis, Pickle ball, volleyball, horseshoes and basketball. It's all located at 12830 Redwood Rd. They also have three metal work-out stations that give instructions of simple exercises you can do while at the park.
9. **Constitution Park:** If it rains this summer, you can still work-out outside. Put on some clothes that dry quickly, grab some friends or family members, and head over to Constitution Park at 7000 S. 3200 West in West Jordan. The park dips in on all sides and it fills up with water as it rains. Play soccer through the huge water puddle throughout the park. You'll be sliding all over the place. Soccer has never been so much fun.

Now that I've let you in on all of my secrets, what are you waiting for? Call Vasa or 24-hour fitness and cancel your membership. You don't need them anymore.

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Girls Golf: Team or Individual Sport?

By Jessica Thompson

The first time Kayla Bradley picked up a golf club was the morning of Taylorsville High School girl's golf team tryouts.

For Riley Coe and Kayla Bradley golf isn't just an individual sport but a chance to work as a team. Coe, team captain, has been a part of Taylorsville High School's golf team for two years and feels golf has given her a chance to be more supportive of others.

"Being a part of a team is so extremely important," Coe said. "I firmly believe that it teaches you life skills that you couldn't learn anywhere else. Being on a team teaches you to be supportive, determined, reliable, outgoing and without a doubt teaches you to get along with people and create friendships that you wouldn't normally have."

For other golf player, Bradley, golf is just as much about the individual as it is about the team.

"Golf is really such an individual sport, but I love the aspect that we are all still a team," Bradley said. "We work individually, but we still have the support of one another and share the same goals. We respect each other's differences and work together to improve our golf skills as a team."

The first time Bradley picked up a golf club was on the morning of tryouts for Taylorsville's girls golf team, but that hasn't stopped her from being noticed by her coach.

"Kayla Bradley is new this year; she is a very fast learner, delightful to be around, and a natural leader," Coach Jace Hymas said.

Bradley has learned so much from her first year of golf.

"I've learned you have to take time and practice as much as you can to do well or to improve," Bradley said. "You have to work for it and not just expect to play well. It takes hard work, practice and dedication. I love the game of golf."

The highlight of Bradley's golf season has been making friends with her teammates as well as girls from other schools.

Coe is also grateful for the chance golf has given her to make a lot of new friends.

"I really like when we go to a tournament, you go with a bunch of girls you don't know and by the end of the day you're good friends with all of them, its super cool!" Coe said. "The highlight of my season has been being able to be captain to such awesome girls. We all just go out and have fun."

Her coach, Hymas, is grateful for what a reliable captain she has turned out to be.

"She is very reliable and also a great example and leader," Hymas said.

Playing golf has taught Coe how to be patient, determined, self-disciplined and independent.

Hymas has enjoyed his time coaching the girls golf team.

"I love coaching these girls," Hymas said. "They are so fun to be around, and I enjoy being a part of their high school experience. Golf is one of the things that can make high school fun and these girls take that fact seriously. They know how to have fun."

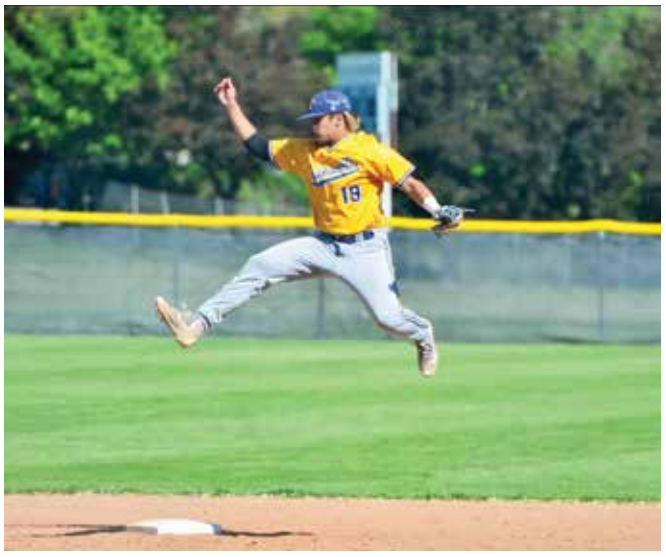
No matter the debate between individual or team sport, golf has given these two girls a chance to connect with something bigger than themselves.

"The game of golf makes me happy," Bradley said. "I like the challenge and the excitement that comes with each tournament and the ability to control how hard, how far and where to hit the ball."

Members of the Same Team for 14 years

By Jessica Thompson

Ardan Larsen, Taylorsville High School graduated senior, feels baseball has given him the opportunity to gain lifelong friendships as well as learn lifelong lessons. –Ardan Larsen



Taylorsville High School baseball player Braden DeBenedictis loves how playing baseball is a great stress reliever. –Braden DeBenedictis

Braden DeBenedictis and Ardan Larsen have been playing baseball for Taylorsville since they were 4 and 6 years old, respectively. Now graduated seniors, both boys have finished off their high school baseball season with the same team they started with so many years before.

"The highlight of the season for me was finishing my baseball career with the same kids I started it with," Larsen said. "Nothing could beat the feeling of playing with kids you trust and who are also some of your closest friends."

This team that has been with Larsen for the 12 years has taught him many life lessons, including a great lesson on friendship.

"When I look back at being part of the team I was on, the kids I played with helped me grow into the person I am today," he said. Without them, and the game, my life would be very different from what it is now. The biggest life lesson I've gained from baseball is friendship. Whenever we lost or I wasn't playing well, I always knew that no matter how low I felt at any point in time the kids that surrounded me were still going to help me rise and be the greatest friends and teammates."

Teammate DeBenedictis feels playing baseball is all about being there for his teammates that he's been playing with for 14 years.

"Being a part of a team is very important in baseball," he said. "It's not like other sports where one guy can potentially carry the whole team on his back. In baseball you all have to work together and individually to complete a goal that you have set. Being a team means that you have each other's back no matter what happens during the process or what the outcome is. My favorite aspect of the game is the team I played for. We are all very good friends and have played on the same team together for 14 years in a row."

Baseball has taught DeBenedictis many life lessons, but the one that stands out the most is what he learned about failure.

"Baseball has taught me how to deal with failure," DeBenedictis said. "In life, I have failed many times as well as in baseball. Baseball has taught me to wipe off failure immediately after it happens. If I make an error, so what, next pitch. If I fail a test, so what, next test. Baseball has taught me that if I keep failing, it will only drive me to work harder and harder to achieve success. Baseball has molded me into the person I am today."

Whether it is the way baseball relives stress or the competitive nature of the game, both boys love the way playing the game of baseball makes them feel.

"When I play baseball, there are tons of different feelings that I feel, but the biggest one for me is pride," Larsen said. "I've played for a Taylorsville team my whole life, and there's nothing better than winning for your city."

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Elementary Students Create Opera

By Tori La Rue | tori@mycityjournals.com

"You get to show the experience to lots of people, and you get to be famous."

First and second grade students at Arcadia Elementary School transformed into bunnies, dinosaurs, caterpillars and spider ninjas as they performed their self-written operas on May 20.

"It was really fun because you got to act a lot," Fadilah Salami, 7, said. "You get to show the experience to lots of people, and you get to be famous."

This is the third year that Caryn Johnson's class has participated in Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre's Opera by Children program. All year the students come up with a storyline for their opera with Johnson, and then a music specialist creates a custom melody and background track for the opera based on students' interpretations of what their song should sound like.

"It is really a student-led program," Johnson said. "You just have to have faith in them that it will come together. Sometimes we have to put it up to a class vote for them to narrow down their ideas, but you try to keep as many as you can."

Johnson said she loves the program because she thinks it helps students gain confidence. It's not an easy program, and when they see the end result, they realize they can do hard things, she said.

Fadilah said she was really scared to perform to fill her role as an explorer in her class' opera, but she said she kept telling herself that nothing would go wrong, which helped her to calm down. In the end, Fadilah said she loved getting up on stage.

Jack Winward, another student, said his favorite part was when he got to argue on stage. Jack and his twin brother were in the same opera and dressed up like explorers and dinosaurs. The boys' mother made late night trips to Walmart to get materials for the costumes, and the family created the costumes together, Mathew Winward, the children's father, said.

"Honestly this program was much better than I expected," the father said. "You always want to come to these kinds of things to see your kids, but I think it was actually a good program, regardless of that."

Sarah Jones said she was excited to see the program that her son Porter Jones had been working on at school.

"He tried to keep the program a surprise," Jones said. "We'd ask him about it at home, but he wouldn't tell us, so it was fun to see him up there."

Porter said he didn't like how the opera turned out but said participating in it was more fun than doing math or reading.

Overall, Johnson said that most of the students really enjoyed the opera, and she said it was a valuable learning experience for them because it taught them about storytelling and team work. Johnson plans to continue the program at Arcadia Elementary School Next Year.

For more information on the Opera by Children program, visit: operabychildren.org.

Arcadia Elementary School students sing while dressed as ninja spiders during a performance of their self-written opera. – Tori La Rue

Students introduce their self-written opera at Arcadia Elementary School. The students created the opera through Utah Festival Opera & Musical Theatre's Opera by Children program. – Tori La Rue

Salt Lake County Counsil's *Message*

Green Space, Family Activities Contribute to CountyQuality of Life

By Salt Lake County Councilwoman Aimee Winder Newton

The days are growing longer and warmer, and that means many county residents are looking for things to do outside this summer. We are blessed to live in the beautiful state of Utah, with countless scenic locations that draw locals and outsiders alike. But residents don't have to go far to enjoy the bright summer days and pleasant evenings outside.

Salt Lake County is home to over 70 parks throughout the valley, as well as 25 designated open space areas. From structured activities and events, to reservable outdoor amenities, to simple green space areas to get away from it all, there are plenty of options to enjoy the summer.

You might wonder why the county has such a plethora of outdoor spaces for its residents. The answer is simple: we are committed to creating an environment in which our residents can thrive. More than just an entity charged with providing basic governmental services, Salt Lake County is invested in the well-being of its residents. Healthy, wholesome activities that foster families and friendships is an important part of that success.

We want Salt Lake County to be a great place to live, work, raise a family, and recreate. Outdoor venues for a variety of activities contribute to good mental and physical health, and increase the sense of community our residents feel. We work better together as friends neighbors, and—yes elected officials—when we have a strong emotional investment in our community. I firmly believe adequate open spaces contribute to this community approach.

Whenever I face a budgetary decision in my role as a member of the County Council, I always ask myself some key questions. First, is this the proper role of government? In our zeal to solve problems and provide resources to our residents, it's always helpful to constantly remind ourselves what the appropriate role of county government is. Second, is this an efficient and effective use of taxpayer dollars? We want to make sure any government funded program, facility, or resource is operating with sound principles. And third, is this in accordance with the wishes of the taxpayers? Our job is to represent the people and their priorities as the public servants that we are.

The county's open space amenities meet all three of these questions with a resounding yes. Open spaces are by definition a public good, our Parks and Rec department is a great example of efficiency, and voters have shown again and again the value they place on parks and open space.

We can always improve in our administration and management of county resources, and we welcome public input to help us do that. But I for one am pleased to live in a county that values the benefits to health and community that our beautiful outdoor spaces provide.

So this summer gather up the kids or grab your friends and come visit one of our many parks or open spaces. I hope to see you out there!

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Nelson Brothers

Student Housing: The parent's Guide to Finding the Perfect Fit

Student housing has been on my mind as my son, Jacob, prepares for college. While we're focusing on ACT prep, perfecting his GPA, and finishing that Eagle Scout for the finishing touch on his college applications, my mind is going full speed ahead.

Finding the right type of housing in Utah will help define Jacob's college experience. So, I was excited to sit down with Pat Nelson, CEO of Nelson-Brothers Property Management (managing over 19 student housing properties throughout the country, including University Gateway, University Towers, 9 & 9 Lofts, Park Plaza, 900 Factory, and Alpine Flats in Utah) to get some tips on how to choose the best student housing. Here are four things to consider before you put money down on that first month's rent.

1. Does it make life efficient and easy?
Securing housing that places your student in proximity to everything he or she needs can be tricky, but will make a big difference over time. "People don't realize how much 10-15 minutes a day adds up over four years," said Nelson. "Make sure you choose a place that makes your student's life efficient so they spend time on what is most important." Ultimately, if Jacob's life is more efficient, mine will be too.

2. Is it safe?
The location is a plus, but the condition of the property needs to be evaluated. For example, are the units equipped with carbon monoxide alarms and lighted hallways? Is it in a good neighborhood? How well does the management care for the property? Do I feel comfortable around the other residents? Look for properties that are near public transportation and provide safe and well-lighted parking.

3. Is it priced right?
Do you rent the nicest apartment or the one that's budget friendly? The answer is to consider your needs and the amenities the housing provides. "Some properties may charge more, but they offer on-site laundry facilities, a fully furnished unit, a swimming pool, free Wi-Fi, a fitness center, or a game room," said Nelson. "The cost of many of those features is figured into the rent and could save you money overall. Even more importantly, it can give students more time at the library instead of hassling with the laundromat or constantly searching for the nearest Wi-Fi hotspot."

Before you scratch the upscale apartments off your list, add up the cost of the perks—it might be worth it.

4. Does it have the right vibe?
Different apartment complexes have different vibes—you'll be happiest with one that suits your student's lifestyle best. "A law student may not want to live in a highly social complex," said Nelson. "Rather, he or she will probably need a quieter, more academic environment. In contrast, an incoming freshman may enjoy an environment with a robust social network."

To ensure your student's home away from home will be sweet, allow yourself enough time to consider factors like the freshman experience, location, safety, price, and social element of the available properties.

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Nothing to do with Coupons – *An Evening at Red Butte Gardens with the Monkees*

By Joani Taylor

Last week some friends and I enjoyed the musical stylings of the Monkees at Red Butte Garden. Being a Monkees generation Baby Boomer, who dreamed of one day marring Davey Jones, I could not wait to see them. Dawning my tie-dyed style neon shirt I was ready to sing every song right along with them.

Now, I could go on about how to save money when attending a concert at Red Butte. What's allowed, what to bring, how to get tickets, where to park, but I'm feeling the need to deviate from the money saving genre for a moment.

When the Monkees performed Shades of Gray they expressed that it was time for us to rock out with the dearly departed Davey Jones. They told us because of the shootings in Florida just 3 days earlier, this song was far too emotional for them to sing it alone. They then brought up video and the voice of Davey singing the song as they played and we sung along.

In light of what's going on in the world and right here in our own country the audience and the performers (Dolenz and Tork) were overwhelmed with sorrow while performing. It was an emotional moment that left me, and I imagine a great many of the audience with tears in our eyes.

Some dear friends of mine are an interracial couple that have been married for many years. They are an amazing family raising 4 great kids, that routinely give back to the community. She mentioned the other day that while dining at a restaurant right here, in the self proclaimed most tolerant state in America, that when the server presented the check(s) they had been separated for each to pay their own. When asked, the waitress admitted she had made assumption and apologized. My friend chuckled and went on to tell me that this was not an isolated incident and that these things happen all the time. It was just something they live with, something that has become routine. She stated that this was mild compared to some of what they've experienced.

Our religious leaders of every faith preach kindness and tolerance daily, that it

is not for us to judge. They are right, it isn't. Yet, I'm often scratching my head as they are the very ones that fight against protecting all peoples right to live peaceably within their own core religious values. They judge other religions as wrong and untrue, they fight for laws remaining restrictive, passing judgment on those who don't conform to the attitude that they "know best" what is right for each of us. Then when something like Florida happens they tell us we must be a less hateful and a more tolerant people.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a very spiritual person, but until all leaders of this country start teaching the real meaning of peace and tolerance and lead by example instead of words, how will it ever get better? Won't we just continue on this slippery path? As someone that lived through the hate that was going on during the Shades of Gray era, myself, and I'm sure the 47 families, that today are living without a loved one, can say it's definitely not getting any better.

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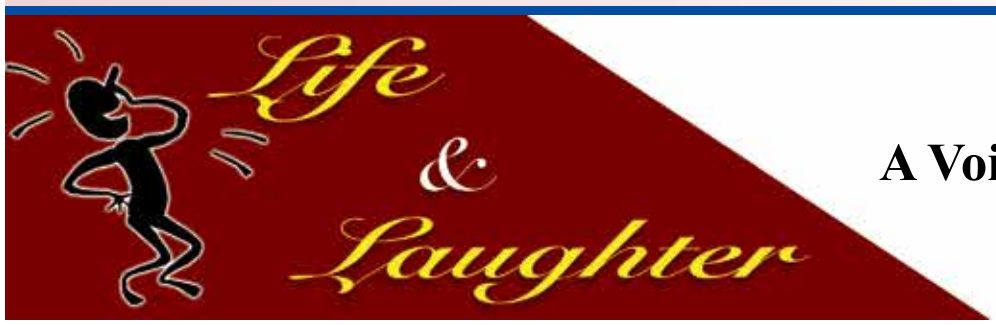

A Voice Crying in the Wilderness

By Peri Kinder

Summer means camping. Outdoor living is a wonderful way to acquaint your children with Lyme disease, tourniquets, tick removal, poison ivy, skunk identification, rabid chipmunks and tent life. Why go to a hotel when you can sleep on the ground in a Ziploc bag?

It's a mythological fact that camping builds character. Okay, I'll admit camping builds some characters; the Unabomber comes to mind. After living in a remote cabin with no electricity or running water, Mr. Unabomber started a nationwide bombing crusade.

But still, families plan extravagant camping adventures and look forward to spending an inordinate amount of time living like squatters in the mountains with their loved ones. Their days are filled with card games, sing-alongs, murderous rage and fishing.

And by the way, fishing is not a sport. "Sport" indicates a level of exertion, sweat and training. I've never seen a sport that involves kicking back in a camp chair and swilling a cold beer while holding onto a stick. It could easily be confused with the sport of TV watching.

One of my daughters refused to even cast a fishing line, afraid she might hit a trout on the head with a lure, causing it to need glasses for the rest of its fishy life.

Hiking is another fun camp activity, if "fun" means you enjoy carrying toddlers for a 4-hour hike that would have taken

only 20 minutes if they would walk like a functioning person.

And who can forget the hellish outhouses where you just know there's a snake coiled up behind you or a spider creeping around the toilet seat or a swarm of wasps waiting for you to exit.

When nighttime rolls around and it's time to build a fire, you soon realize it should be called building a smoke. All the green wood your kids gathered creates billows of hot, grey air that infiltrates every piece of clothing you own. Plus, the wind blows through the campfire, distributing hot ash, eye-melting smoke and pieces of exploding branches so everyone around the fire can enjoy the great outdoors.

Once you finally have a campfire merrily dancing in the pit (usually around 2 a.m.), it's fun to roast marshmallows that your kids won't eat because they're burnt, and look at the stars.

Me: Aren't the stars beautiful?

Daughter #1: It's making my neck hurt. Can I stop looking?

Me: No.

Daughter #2: What if a star fell on us right now?

Daughters #3 and #4: (Crying because they don't want a star to fall on them.)

Me: Forget it. Go get in your Ziploc bags.

Safety is always a concern when camping. "Don't Feed the Bears" signs encourage campers to lock food in the car so bears don't get into your Oreos. Shouldn't the signs also warn you that a bear can easily shred your tent, looking for juicy, human-flavored tidbits? But, hey, as long as the Oreo cookies are safe.

Once camp is over, a miracle happens. Everyone forgets the scraped-shins, fire-singed fingers, burned breakfasts, lost underwear and temper tantrums. And suddenly you're planning next year's camping trip to acquaint your children with dehydration, crazy hermits, leaf toilet paper, stinging nettle, wet socks, outdoor swearing and organic granola. Because why go to a restaurant when you can eat soot-covered hot dogs in a rainstorm? ✦

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