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November 2019

City Office Closure

The city offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving. The city office will open at 9 am on Monday, December 2nd.



Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Janelle Kropf! Janelle won September's 'What Do You Love About Santaquin?' Photo Contest. Her photo of a beautiful herd of horses at dusk, also shows off another one of Santaquin's amazing sunsets. She says 'My favorite thing about Santaquin is our breathtaking sunsets!' Way to go Janelle!

You can enter to win this month's contest by submitting your photos to photocontest@santaquin.org. We can't wait to see them.



Winter Parking:

Parking is not permitted on City Streets or in right-of-ways from November 1- March 31. For detailed information, see the City Code.

Municipal Election:

If you haven't voted yet, remember election day is Tuesday, November 5th. Detailed information is in October's City Newsletter.

Veterans Day Dinner

Veterans! Remember to RSVP by November 5th to Ramona Peterson, 801-754-3539 or Janeil Deuel, 801-609-2161 to attend the Santaquin American Legion Auxiliary's Veterans Honor Dinner. It will be on Friday, November 8th at 6:00 pm at the Santaquin Senior Citizen/Veterans Hall located at 55 W 100 S. There is handicap parking in the rear of the building.



If you cannot drive and you live in the Santaquin area but would like come, just call the numbers above and let them know.

Dinner details and activities can be found in the October newsletter, the October issue of Serve Daily newspaper, and the Payson Chronicle's most recent issues.

Veterans are free. Spouses/guests are \$5.00. No children please. All Veterans having served on active duty, anytime, anywhere are invited, you need not belong to the Legion. It will be a fun and entertaining evening and we are honored to serve you!



Calendar of Events

- 11/5 City Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11/12 DRC Meeting 10:00 am
- 11/12 Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11/18 Recreation Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11/19 City Council Meeting 6:00 pm
- 11/26 DRC Meeting 10:00 am
- 11/28 City Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/29 City Office Closed
- 12/3 City Council Meeting 6:00 pm



Combined Community Choir



Rehearsals for the Combined Community Choir Christmas Concert started on October 13th in the Relief Society Room on the south side of the Stake Center on the west end of Main Street here in Santaquin. High school students and more mature voices are invited to participate. We'd love for you to share your talents with our community. Even if you weren't able to start on the 13th, you can still join us. Contact Craig Evans at 801-369-9208 or craigdevans@msn.com.

The performance will be held on December 15th at 7:00 pm in the church located at 45 S 500 W in Santaquin. (The church on West Main.)



If you have an interest in or want to be a part of the CERT TEAM you can **contact Chris Lindquist at 801-319-6439.**

Hidden Picture Contest

There is a hidden cornucopia like the one on the right in this issue of the newsletter. If you spot it, email:



kmortensen@santaquin.org

or bshupe@santaquin.org by November 30th with the location and your contact information to be entered in a random drawing for a fun prize.

Hidden Picture Contest Winner

Patsy Hancock won the Hidden Picture Contest! Her name was randomly drawn from all of the entrants. Congratulations Patsy!

Santaquin Emergency Radio Communication (ERC) Net

We invite all Ham Radio Operators in the Santaquin area to join us every Tuesday at 8:30 pm for the Santaquin ERC Net on 446.500 MHz (FM Simplex).



For more information visit our Facebook page: Santaquin ERC or email us at SantaquinERCnet@gmail.com.

Santaquin

Volunteer

of the month

November 2019

Ted Roy



Thank You For Your Service!

Ted Roy is our November Volunteer of the Month. He is regularly seen walking along Summit Ridge Parkway picking up trash, pulling weeds, speaking a kind word to fellow walkers and waving hello to motorists. In fact, for the past little while, he has been seen on his hands and knees cutting out weeds along the road that were poisoned by our public works crew. His goal was to make the Parkway look as nice as possible for the Grand Opening of the road extension. When asked why he spends time giving service in this manner, he said he feels it is his civic responsibility.

When Mr. Roy was younger, he spent time serving on the sheriff's posse and the sheriff's rescue team while his profession was school teacher to children and teens. He has six children and his five boys have all received their Eagle Scout Award, which makes each one a 4th generation Eagle Scout.

Mr. Roy would like to start a campaign called Weed Angels which would focus on teaching children how to beautify their community by doing a little bit each day, such as pulling a few weeds or picking up trash on their way to the park. He is dedicated to beautifying our community and very much appreciated by all who live in Summit Ridge. Thank you for your service Mr. Roy!



ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The city of Santaquin has many qualities, the best of all are the people. One of the joys of serving in our city is meeting our people and getting to know them. When the people of Santaquin come together, each willing to do their part, we can accomplish amazing things and unlock the possibilities of Santaquin for future generations. This requires investment from each member of the community.

One of the most common concerns we have heard from residents in recent years is that of improving our recreation facilities and programs.

After a great deal of feedback from residents, and much discussion, the city council has chosen to place a proposed recreation center and aquatic facility on the November 2019 ballot. The cost of the bond not to exceed \$12 million. The decision to place a bond on the ballot was not made lightly. After considering the positive impacts that this facility will have in our community, we are in favor of this bond for the following reasons:

- **Community driven-** the idea of a recreation center and pool was brought to the council by residents of our city.
- **Survey results-** 88.9% of those who responded to community surveys requested a recreation center with a pool as their number one recreation desire.
- **Supporting our seniors-** This facility will provide a safe and healthy meeting place for the seniors of our community. The current senior facility has bats, mice, the roof leaks and the foundation is cracked. It is not seismic and is not ADA accessible.
- **Investing in our youth-** there are tremendous benefits which come to youth through recreation activities and increased engagement of youth within our own community.
- **Job creation-** The proposed facility will create approximately 200 jobs in our city, most of which will be part time and create in- town employment opportunities for our youth.
- **Benefits to every community member-** the facility creates enhanced recreation opportunities by offering a place to gather together, strengthen community ties and improve health.
- **Provide enough programming space-** our programs and activities currently exceed space needed for growth.
- **Location-** the proposed structure, located at 580 West Main Street, is an ideal location for members of the entire community to reasonably access.
- **Repurpose an existing building-** we will take a structure that is currently unused and make it a gathering place for our community including a pool, kid's water play area, indoor walking track, gym space, classroom space and multi-purpose room with kitchen space.
- **Attract additional businesses-** the creation of this facility will increase the quality of life for residents and attract commercial business to our city.
- **Individual resident costs-** Individual tax costs will go down as our city grows.

Santaquin is an amazing place to live! We support investing in the family and in social capital of our community by not only maintaining but improving the quality of life for each of our residents.

Santaquin City Council

REBUTTAL

While the City Council and Staff have spent a great deal of effort championing this facility, we doubt that its viability and benefits can live up to the vision.

- **Senior Center-** The City admits that it hasn't been able to properly maintain the current Senior Center. How can we now trust them to maintain a \$12,000,000 facility with an estimated \$266,000 annual operational deficit?
- **Jobs-** Springville's Rec Center also employs around 200 people, but they pay actual wages of \$1,237,646 a year - \$230,000 more than our City's proposed budget for this Rec Center of \$1,000,000. Operational costs have been severely underestimated when compared to similar facilities.
- **Community Benefit-** While about 20% of our residents might use the facility, 100% of us have to pay for it, regardless of ability to pay.
- **Additional Businesses-** Cities build Rec Centers AFTER they have businesses and a Sales/RAP tax base to pay for it. They don't spend money they don't have to build Rec Centers with only hopes that it might attract businesses.

Santaquin is an amazing place to live, especially when we look out for each other. This bond will lower our ability to invest in our public needs – police, fire, city buildings, etc. – in the future by lowering our bond capacity from \$20 million to \$8 million.

“It is human nature to want it and want it now; it is also a sign of immaturity. Being willing to delay pleasure for a greater result is a sign of maturity.” –Dave Ramsey

ARGUMENT IN AGAINST

Would you increase your total household debt by 60% to put in a pool and nice home gym, knowing that it comes with maintenance costs, and with only the hopes that you might find a new source of income to pay that maintenance each month? Of course not, yet this is what the City will be doing with the \$12,000,000 bond for a Rec Center.

The City claims that this bond will “only cost you \$0.60 a day,” for the average household. Even if true, that is still about \$250 a year in property taxes. Unfortunately, over the past few years Utah County has increased our Assessed Home Values by about 40% which has served to raise the amount of property taxes we are required to pay each year. Many in Santaquin are barely making ends meet as it is, while others are relying on Government or Church assistance to take care of basic necessities. Imagine you are on a fixed income, as many of our residents are. How do you pay for these increases? Will a new Recreation Center improve their quality of life, or will an increase overburden them, forcing them to make decisions to cut necessities like medications or food for their family?

The City has promised the \$12,000,000 bond is all the money the city will need to build the Recreation Center. However, the City has many current projects that are over-budget. The current recreation building was supposed to have a \$350,000 remodel this year, but ended up costing over \$1,000,000. The new soccer fields were supposed to cost \$736,000, but are now up to \$1,200,000 with no final cost actually estimated. Due to these miscalculations and other overages, other needed improvements and infrastructure are being postponed or just ignored. Can we honestly believe that a Recreation Center that was originally quoted to cost \$19,900,000 will be built for only \$12,000,000? One City official even said “cold hard numbers you can’t have until actual build out”.

The City projects the Recreation Center will run a \$266,000 annual deficit. The City ended last year with a surplus of just ~\$255,000. The City proposes to use its surplus for three years to fund this deficit. In other words, the City will have no surplus for actual needs over the next three years, and is already spending new tax revenues it has not yet received. These funds are better used towards current City needs like additional fire stations, a City office building, road improvement, etc. Instead of funding these needs with surplus and future revenue, the Recreation Center bond forces future needs to be funded by future bonds or tax/fee increases. The Recreation Center will be just the first tax increase of many.

Oftentimes, what’s good for the goose IS NOT what’s good for the gander. We plead that you look outside yourself and what might be good for you, and understand that many in our community cannot afford the tax increase or the use of the facility.

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REBUTTAL

Strong communities are built on solid foundations. The people of Santaquin are the strongest part of our foundation. The people are resilient, service oriented and family minded. Our city’s wise financial management decisions are also part of that foundation. You may read the entire budget at www.santaquin.org

In response to the published argument against the proposed recreation center/aquatic facility here are the facts:

- The remodel of the old public works shed into a recreation building was bid out at \$607,246, not including engineering/design, landscaping, furnishings, and signage. The total remodel came to \$795,775. This is one example of a beautiful repurposing of an existing building.
- The soccer fields were bid out at \$945,241 and the City Council chose to improve this project by adding restrooms, fencing and lighting bringing the total to \$1.2 million. This decision was made because there were funds to cover the improvements (each new home pays into the park impact fee fund, current balance \$418,000).
- The surplus we have shown at the end of each fiscal year has gone into our rainy-day funds, which are capped by the state at 25% of total budget. We are currently at 22.5%.
- This project would meet the facility and programming needs of our children, adults, seniors and families.

The city council chose to place the recreation center on the ballot because we believe voters can decide for themselves whether investing in our recreation department, and the social capital of our city, is investment they want the city to make.

Leisure Services Department Newsletter

November 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANTAQUIN PARADE OF LIGHTS: The Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present this annual parade on Saturday, December 7 at 7pm.

The Parade of Lights returns to Santaquin lighting the way for a special visit from Santa himself! Be a part of this fun tradition and help create some holiday magic on December 7th. Our theme for this year is, "**Smalltown Magic**".

We are looking for businesses as well as families, groups, organizations, etc. to enter a lighted float/entry in the parade. There is no cost or fee to be a part of the parade this year but we do need you to fill out the registration sheet. There is also an information sheet with the registration form that will answer many questions about the parade and the entry process which can be found at www.paysonsantaquinarea.com. Deadline to submit entry is November 30th!



SHOP-SMALL-OPOLY: Shop small and Win Big! Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to play "**Shopsmallopoly**", **November 1-30**. Get game board and pieces at participating businesses, city offices, and the chamber office. Great prizes! See www.paysonsantaquinarea.com for all the information.

UPCOMING SPORT REGISTRATIONS

JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL: Registration opens 11/2 and is open until full. Official applications now being accepted.

1st/2nd Graders will participate in a developmental co-ed league that will meet 6 times **on a week night**. Season will start in January and consist of approximately a 20 minute practice and 20 minutes of game scrimmage with another team.

3rd-8th Graders will have league play and will be drafted into teams. Evaluation date TBA, please watch your email for more information. Some practices will start in December. The season will start in January and run through February with games being on Saturdays between 8am-4pm* (1 game and practice per week) 6 games total. For teams that qualify in grades 7th/8th, there will be a post league tournament.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: League will start in January and go through March. Games will be played Friday nights at 6:00pm, 7:00pm, and 8:00pm, at Apple Valley Elementary. Each team will play 10 games and a single elimination tournament. Registration: 10/12-12/15! Cost per team is \$425.00. Roster is limited to 10 players (8 prizes for the champion team). Teams are required to provide their own jerseys. Refs needed (\$18-\$25 per game, DOE)!

Visit our website to see all programs at www.santaquin.org

SANTAQUIN LIBRARY

Teen Book Club

Book for December 5th is "Run" by local Santaquin author JoLyn Brown. Five hours from home, six annoying cousins, two cute guys, and an abandoned house. All Morgan wants is to run with the cute guy from the track team. Not only is he acting interested in her, he's the only one who knows her secret. Instead, her parents send her to stay with her aunt for the summer. It doesn't take long for more than her own secrets to unravel. When tragedy strikes again, will she lose everything she loves?

JoLyn Brown, author of Run, will join us for the teen book club in December where we will talk about themes from the book, including misjudging others, secrets, and coping with stress and tragedy.

Sign-ups are available until the day before the Book Club, but participants will need to allow themselves time to read the book and come prepared for a group discussion. Books for the next month will be available at each meeting. Occasional rewards and treats will be given for attendance, projects and activities.



Book Club:

Every second Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the library. Book for November 7th is to read a mystery, ghost, or horror book of your choice and share it with the group. Please try to choose a genre, author or title you would not usually read. Books are available at the library for registered book club members. You may check one out if you sign up.

Contact the Library at 801-754-3030.

SENIOR CENTER

This is the time of year that we reflect on our blessings and are thankful for all that we have. We are appreciative for the opportunity to gather each week at our Senior Center and associate with each other. Thanks goes out to those who help each week to make our center a great place to gather. A special thanks to our cooks Sarah Miller, Hazel Garner, Judy Gibson, Rachel Burke; our Bingo helpers Janette Fowden and David Hicken and for David and Ted Jones who help serve the meals. It is always great to have new seniors come and spend time with us and would like to encourage anyone else to come and participate at our center. Come and try out our new Ping Pong Table. It is great to see and mingle once again with our friends at the Senior Center. Just a reminder that our weekly entertainment begins at 12:00noon, followed by a delicious home cooked meal at 12:30pm.

Reminder-The Senior Citizen Center will be CLOSED on Thursday November 28 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy the day with family and friends...Happy Thanksgiving!_Please don't feel too "YOUNG" to check us out! Come spend a day with us!

MENU

November 7

Crockpot Chicken Fajitas
Chips & Guacamole
Fruit Salad
Tres Leches Cake

Program: Bingo

November 14

Baked Pork Chops
Yummy Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Apple Sauce
Roll
Pecan Pie Dump Cobbler
Program: Old Time Fiddlers

November 21

Thanksgiving Dinner!
Turkey
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Stuffing
Mixed Vegetables
Cranberry/Pecan Jello
Rolls
Pumpkin Squares
Juice

Program: 2nd Graders from Orchard Hills Elementary

November 28

**CLOSED FOR
THANKSGIVING**

Contact:

54 West 100 South

Hours: 9:30am-4:00pm

Weekly on Thursdays

For more information contact Judi Robbins 801-360-1698

