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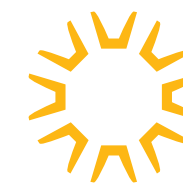
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MAYOR RANDALL'S MESSAGE

Did you hear the news?

Standard & Poor's Global Ratings (S&P) recently completed two credit reviews of the City of St. George. We were elated with the results, because these new ratings are sure to stretch taxpayer dollars even further.

The City of St. George received a AA+ credit rating on the city's anticipated \$15.2 million (estimated proceeds) general obligation bond issuance for the 2023 Trails, Parks and Recreation G.O. Bond. As part of its evaluation S&P also reviewed the credit rating the City received on the sales tax bond issued in 2023 for the City Hall project. S&P informed the City it would receive a credit upgrade — to a AAA credit rating — on that issuance.

The AAA credit rating is the best an organization can receive.

This is awesome news for St. George and a clear indicator of our economy and fiduciary strength. It is unprecedented in our history to receive a AAA bond rating and there are only a handful of similar credit ratings across the state.

"The rating reflects the city's very strong local economy that has demonstrated continued population and economic growth," the S&P report stated. "Overall sales tax revenue collections have experienced year-over-year

growth, and consumer spending has remained resilient despite increased inflationary pressures. Notably, sales tax revenues did not decline during either the pandemic or the last three fiscal years."

It's great to have the rating, but how does this help us save money? Well, recently, the City of St. George closed on the first tranche of debt issuance for the voter-approved Trails, Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bond (G.O. Bond). The true interest cost was significantly lower than anticipated — saving approximately \$400,000 in interest expense over the life of these bonds. Our sacred taxpayer funds will go even further now!

Without the long hours spent on planning, organizing and preparation by members of the City's Budget and Finance Team — including City staff and elected officials — we would not have been in such a great position to save our taxpayers money. When the voters overwhelmingly approved the G.O. Bond back in November, it became our task to not only carry out the projects that the bond funded, but to do so in a way that is consistent with our conservative budgeting practices.

We look forward to these projects that will undoubtedly enrich the lives of our residents for years to come — projects made possible by taxpayer funds that are managed impeccably by City staff and elected officials. ☀

Michele Randall
City of St. George Mayor

WE LIVE IN A DESERT

ABOVE AVERAGE RAINFALL IS GREAT;
WE STILL NEED TO CONSERVE

By Rene Fleming



Over the last two years, Southern Utah has been fortunate to receive a generous amount of precipitation, which has resulted in an above-average snowpack. The last time Utah had two successive winters of above-average snowpack was 2005 and 2006. Statewide, reservoir storage is at 87 percent of capacity, according to the Utah Water Supply Outlook Report.

Make no mistake: This is excellent news. And although we can hope that the 2024/2025 water year is also above normal, there is no guarantee. Remember, we live in a desert.

The most effective way to stretch our available water resources is to use them efficiently, which will also save money on the water bill. Customers see their highest water bills during the months of May through September primarily because of the amount of water used to keep landscapes flourishing.

There have been many changes in the city's landscape standards which have resulted in more efficient use of water, particularly for new construction. We're seeing more drip systems, better use of mulch to retain soil moisture and homeowners choosing plants better suited to our arid environment.

Even with all these improvements, it's still a good idea to examine how much water you're using and see if it can be reduced. The first step is to take a look at your water bill. Is it running about the same or does it seem higher than normal? If your water bill has increased and you have not made

any significant changes such as filling a swimming pool, you may have a leak.

The sneakiest leak to find indoors is generally the toilet, which often goes undetected. Add a few drops of food coloring to the toilet tank, then wait about 15 minutes before you flush. If the color reaches the bowl, you've found a leak. Most often the flapper, located between the toilet tank and bowl, is the culprit. Replacing it often resolves the issue.

You may also have leaks in your irrigation system. Some of these are easy to find by doing a visual check. Run all the stations for a few minutes to see if any sprinkler heads need to be replaced or realigned so they water the landscape – not the driveway or street.

One other important item to evaluate is the irrigation schedule. Are you watering long enough to get at least 1 inch of water into the soil while avoiding runoff? Runoff is an indication the soil is saturated, and water is going to waste rather than benefiting the landscape. Even in the heat of the summer, if you have been watering infrequently and deeply, a maximum of three times a week is recommended. ☀



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The Utah Department of Natural Resources Weekly Lawn Watering Guide provides information on how long and how many times a week we should irrigate based on our local weather.



By Rene Fleming

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

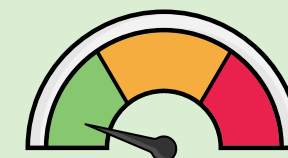
TO INCREASE OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

St. George Energy Services (SGESD) is proactive in addressing operation and maintenance issues, giving our utility a high degree of reliability. However, as part of the nationwide grid, there are times when regional weather patterns put a strain on resources that can affect reliability.

This is an issue primarily during the summer months of June through August.

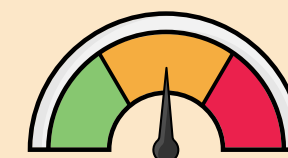
To bring awareness of times when the grid is experiencing exceptional demand, SGESD is conducting the Use Less, Save More campaign. The summer program is designed to alert our customers to times when extra efficiency can help manage a higher-than-normal load on the electric system.

Days will be designated as Green, Orange or Red. We update it daily on our City homepage: sgcityutah.gov.



GREEN ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY

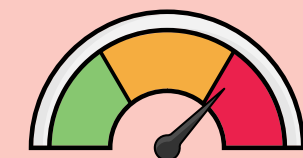
Most days will be designated as Green, where general conservation strategies can help manage your power costs. If additional conservation is needed due to excessive heat you will see notifications on the website and on social media.



ORANGE ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY

On days designated as Orange we expect high energy use, particularly between the peak hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Efficiency actions will help reduce demand on the system as well as save money on your power bill. Please consider:

- Avoid using the oven
- Avoid using the dishwasher and laundry machines
- Avoid charging plug in electric vehicles



RED ENERGY CONSERVATION DAY

In an unusual situation such as a wildfire that may affect the ability to bring power into St. George or a regional issue that creates a significant strain on the regional distribution system, a Red day will be announced.

Red days indicate demand for power is very high and resources may be limited. Please conserve energy as much as possible to avoid any interruptions in service. On a Red day there may be power interruptions if we cannot reduce demand on the power system.

For Red days, please consider adding the following actions to your conservation strategy:

- Set the thermostat at 80 degrees or higher
- Make sure your pool pump is off

If your power is interrupted, avoid opening the refrigerator. Most refrigerators will keep food cool for up to 4 hours if the door is not opened. Also, avoid opening the freezer. Most freezers will keep food frozen for 48 hours if the door is not opened.

Working together, we can manage our high summer electric bills, keep the power flowing and stay cool for the summer season. ☀

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Summer Movie Series

2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS

Looking for something to do with your Friday nights? St. George Town Square becomes an outdoor movie theatre for the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Classic movies for adults and children will be shown on the big screen under the stars. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and goodies to enjoy the evening and movie as it begins at dusk.

<p>MAY</p> <p>05.24 Shrek</p> <p>PG 91 min.</p> <p>Est. start time: 8:46 p.m.</p>	<p>JULY</p> <p>07.12 Jumanji (1995)</p> <p>PG 104 min.</p> <p>Est. start time: 8:57 p.m.</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>08.09 Moana</p> <p>PG 107 min.</p> <p>Est. start time: 8:29 p.m.</p>
<p>JUNE</p> <p>06.14 The FlyBoys (2008)</p> <p>(Sponsored by Washington County)</p> <p>PG-13 108 min.</p> <p>Est. start time: 8:54 p.m.</p>	<p>07.26 How to Train a Dragon 3</p> <p>PG 104 min.</p> <p>Est. start time :8:49 p.m.</p>	<p>08.23 Wonka</p> <p>PG 117 min.</p> <p>Est. start time: 8:11 p.m.</p>

FOR INFO VISIT

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EVERY WED TOWN SQUARE 11AM-12:30PM

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 11AM-12:30PM

FOR INFORMATION

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JULY

JULY 1 - COTTONWOOD COVE

JULY 5 - JC SNOW PARK

JULY 8 - FIRE HOUSE PARK

JULY 12 - SHADOW MOUNTAIN PARK

JULY 15 - HIDDEN VALLEY PARK

JULY 19 - COX PARK

JULY 22 - DIXIE DOWNS PARK

JULY 26 - CENTENNIAL PARK

2ND MONDAYS APRIL-SEPT.

@ 7:30PM

FREE ADMISSION

VERNON WORTHEN PARK
300 S 400 E

PARK SEATING IS AVAILABLE, BRING BLANKETS, LAWN CHAIRS, FOOD AND THE FAMILY.

<p>JUL 8</p>	<p>PRESLEY TENNANT</p> <p>COUNTRY</p> <p>Seen on The Voice Season 16</p>
<p>AUG 12</p>	<p>CELEBRATION</p> <p>VARIETY PARTY POP</p>
<p>SEP 9</p>	<p>GINA MARIE OSMOND BAND</p> <p>DANCE</p>

FOR INFO VISIT

St. George

City ART Show

July 31 - Aug 17

Opening Reception July 31, 5-7 pm

We invite the public to view the artistic expressions of our City employees.

Red Cliffs Gallery
Mon-Fri 9-5 | Sat Noon-4
220 N 200 E
St. George, UT

MODERN WARRIORS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR PRESERVING OUR FREEDOM

By David Cordero

As the chairman of the Veterans Coalition of Southern Utah, I was asked to address a gathering of Modern Warriors – those who served in the military from the end of the Vietnam War through to the current day – during the Washington County Fair. It was a great honor and I hope my words added something to the ceremony. Here is a transcript...



David Cordero
is the editor of Inside
St. George Magazine and
the Communications
and Marketing
Director for the
City of St. George

As we honor those we refer to as Modern Warriors, it's useful to discuss some of the reasons why our nation's current and former military members decided to join the armed forces. Those reasons are vast, and may include:

- ★ Patriotism
- ★ Earning money for college
- ★ Wanting to travel the world
- ★ Getting out of a poverty situation
- ★ Seeking adventure
- ★ A family tradition of serving

There are many, many more reasons, but since 1973 one reason has not been on the table. And that reason is "Because they had to." Had to, meaning that they were drafted.

The first conscripts to the US military began serving during the Revolutionary War, and drafts have taken place through six conflicts over a span of nearly 200 years. In some of those conflicts the very existence of our nation was at stake, most recently during World War II. Even after Allied forces defeated the Axis powers, the threat of communism to the free world loomed large, so drafts continued during the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War.

Most people would agree that the American military draft — though not always fair — was necessary given the threats to our national security.

And don't forget, a significant number of those who volunteered to serve were motivated because they felt the draft would eventually catch up to them — so why not try to get into the branch of their preference while they still had a choice.

Fifty years ago, that all changed. Beginning in 1973, if you didn't want to serve in the military, you didn't have to serve in the military. The United States of America now had an all-volunteer force.

The big question was manpower. Would our military be able to attract enough volunteers to protect our citizenry?

The answer has been a resounding yes. In the last five decades, more than 11 million Americans have served in the all-volunteer force.

Today, more than 1.5 million men and women serve in uniform. It's been a win-win proposition: You serve our country, and while doing so learn skills and receive benefits that can last a lifetime.

It has allowed people of lesser means — like my father in law, Mark Grosshans, who grew up poor in Detroit but enlisted in the Air Force at age 17 and served for 25 years — a path to achieve middle-class status.

This new approach toward staffing our military faced its first real test in 1983, when President Ronald Reagan ordered a rescue of American citizens on the island nation of Grenada, caught in the midst of several bloody coups. Operation Urgent Fury was a military success — to be followed by other military operations throughout the years in Kuwait, Iraq, Bosnia, Kosovo and during the War on Terrorism.

Now take a moment to consider the wars not fought, likely numerous but impossible to substantiate. These are conflicts that have been avoided, due to our military strength serving as a deterrent for would-be foreign aggressors. I think we can all agree that this all-volunteer force has served us rather well.

The sight of our Modern Warriors here tonight warms my heart. As someone who did not serve in the armed forces, but who has been protected by the greatest military force on the planet, I wish to say just one thing.

Thank you. ☀





Sand Volleyball Court



Having fun!



Art in the Park



Swinging Away



FOSSIL FALLS PARK

Photos by Chris Caldwell



Sliding with Grandkids



Great Day at the Park!

Set just above the Virgin River with seemingly endless recreational possibilities, Fossil Falls Park (2444 E. Dinosaur Crossing) is sure to delight St. George residents for years to come. To great acclaim, the City of St. George hosted a grand opening for Fossil Falls Park on April 29.

It contains a variety of outstanding park amenities, including:

- The largest concrete slide in the western United States
- A Minecraft-inspired rubble tile layout — the first of its kind
- Eight fossils located around the site
- Two sand volleyball courts
- A large gazebo available for rental ☀️





BATTLING THE HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

WITH WATER-WISE LANDSCAPING

Story by Craig Harvey
Photos by Chris Caldwell

*Craig Harvey, ASLA, is a landscape designer in the
Park Planning Division of the City of St. George*

Many cities across the arid southwest regions of the United States are experiencing an influx of growth as people seeking to improve their quality of life. To accommodate the increasing population, new infrastructure such as subdivisions and roads are being built — in addition to the upgrades of existing roads and streets.

With all this growth, there is an increased potential for a “heat island effect.” This is caused when areas are developed and have significant amounts of surfaces such as asphalt or concrete — with very little landscaping. These hard surfaces absorb heat during the day and retain that heat well into the night.

The result is above-average temperatures in the morning and higher than average temperatures throughout the day.

While this has not yet become an issue in Southern Utah, urban heat islands are creating climate concerns elsewhere in the desert southwest. To avoid the negative effects associated with urban heat islands, the City of St. George adopted requirements that major public streets and roads be landscaped. This strategy of landscaping can help to mitigate the heat island effect and create a more comfortable environment along with other benefits within the city.

The City has led out in a number of ways, as detailed below.

1 REDUCED IRRIGATION NEEDS BY SELECTING NATIVE AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT PLANTS

Water-wise landscaping designs prioritize efficient irrigation systems, such as drip irrigation or smart

watering technologies, to minimize water usage. The maximum water use per drip zone (drip valve) is 12 gallons per minute (or 720 gallons per hour) and each drip zone can water up to 27 trees or 180 shrubs. Each drip zone usually waters an average of 3-4 hours per week during the active growing season (May 1 to September 1). Grouping plants based on their water requirements ensures that each drip zone receives the appropriate amount of water, minimizing water waste and promoting sustainability.

All landscaping along the public streets and roads use water-wise landscaping (often referred to ‘xeriscaping’), which uses plants that are native to the region or plants that are adapted to arid conditions. This ensures they can thrive with minimal water requirements. Once established after about three to five years, drought-tolerant plants can have the ability to survive on limited water, making them ideal for landscaping in arid desert environments.

Not only does the city utilize efficient irrigation systems, it also strives to use secondary or re-use water sources when available for irrigation. Therefore, St. George is conserving this precious resource while still maintaining attractive public spaces.

2 UTILIZED MULCHING FOR MOISTURE RETENTION

While this may seem insignificant, placing mulch in planting areas is important as it helps to retain soil moisture and reduce the frequency of needed watering. This not only conserves water, but also contributes to healthier and improved soil conditions and



fosters the growth of robust and resilient vegetation.

Mulching materials can include wood or organic mulch, and mineral mulches such as chat (finely crushed rock), gravel and rock cobble.

3 SHADE CREATION, MICROCLIMATE COOLING & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Planting trees and shrubs strategically along roadways has multiple benefits. It creates natural shade, which reduces ambient temperatures by blocking sunlight and releasing moisture through transpiration. This process contributes to the formation of cooler microclimates, offering relief from scorching heat and enhancing the comfort of outdoor spaces for pedestrians and drivers. In addition to providing shade,

“STREET LANDSCAPING IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS.”

trees and greenery can decrease the reliance on air conditioning in nearby buildings during hot weather.

Shaded trails and sidewalks also encourage increased pedestrian usage during the day, creating a more enjoyable walking experience. The presence of trees and vegetation aids in absorbing pollutants. This leads to improved air quality, potentially reducing air pollution-related illnesses.

The results of this new approach have been pleasant.

ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE

Street landscaping improves the quality of life for residents, creating a more pleasant and enjoyable living environment. Access to green spaces has been linked to lower

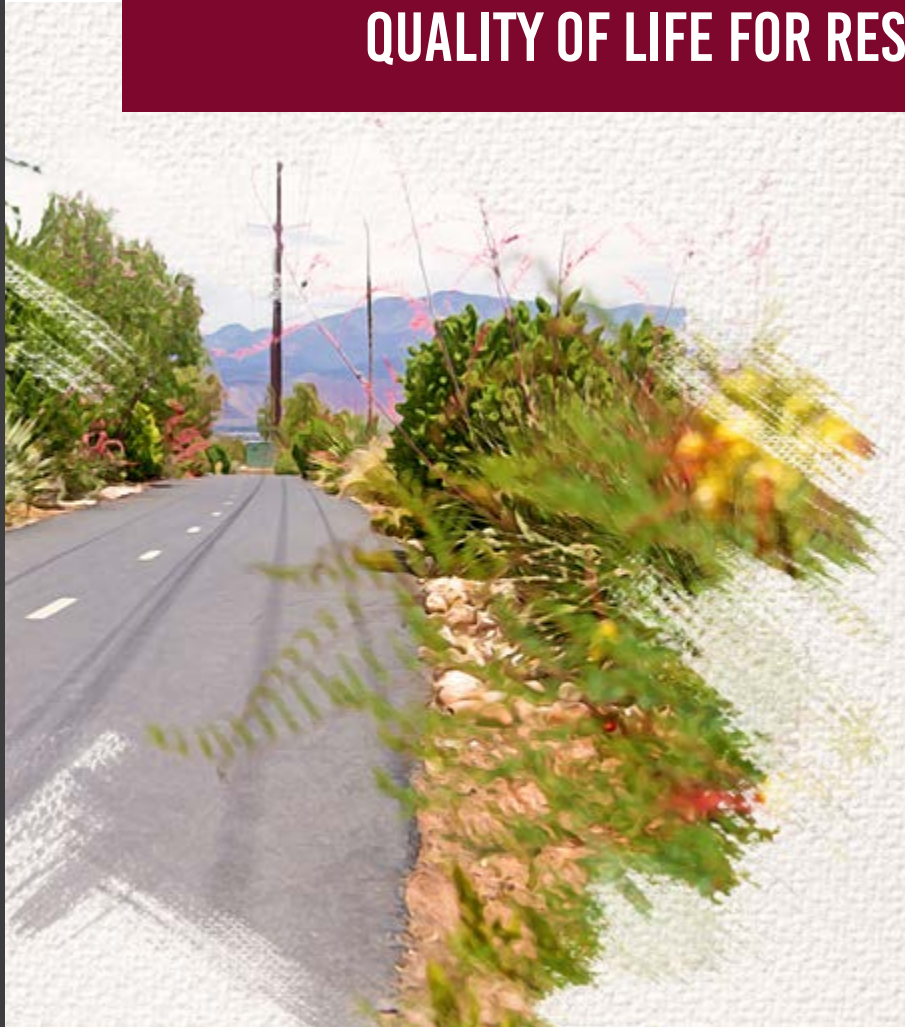
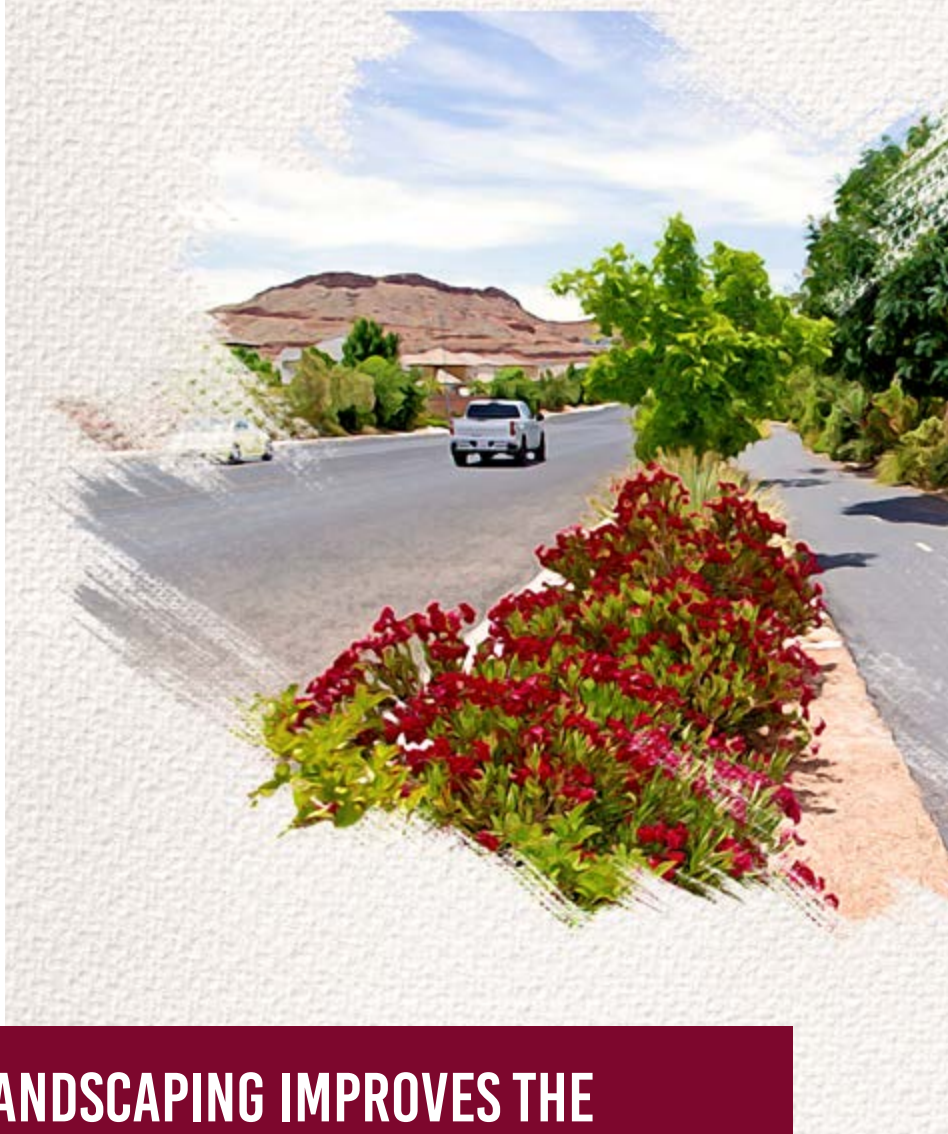
stress levels, improved mental health and an overall higher quality of life. Residents may feel happier and more content, and this often translates into a greater sense of community pride and engagement.

IMPROVED PROPERTY VALUES

Effective street landscaping can significantly enhance property values. When street landscaping is well maintained, it adds allure to a neighborhood, making it more appealing to

potential buyers or renters. Numerous studies have indicated that properties with visually appealing yards and attractive streetscapes command higher values than those with minimal or no landscaping.

The City of St. George's use of water-wise landscapes along major public streets can help inspire residents to find better ways to landscape their property — and in the process save our most precious resource. ☀️





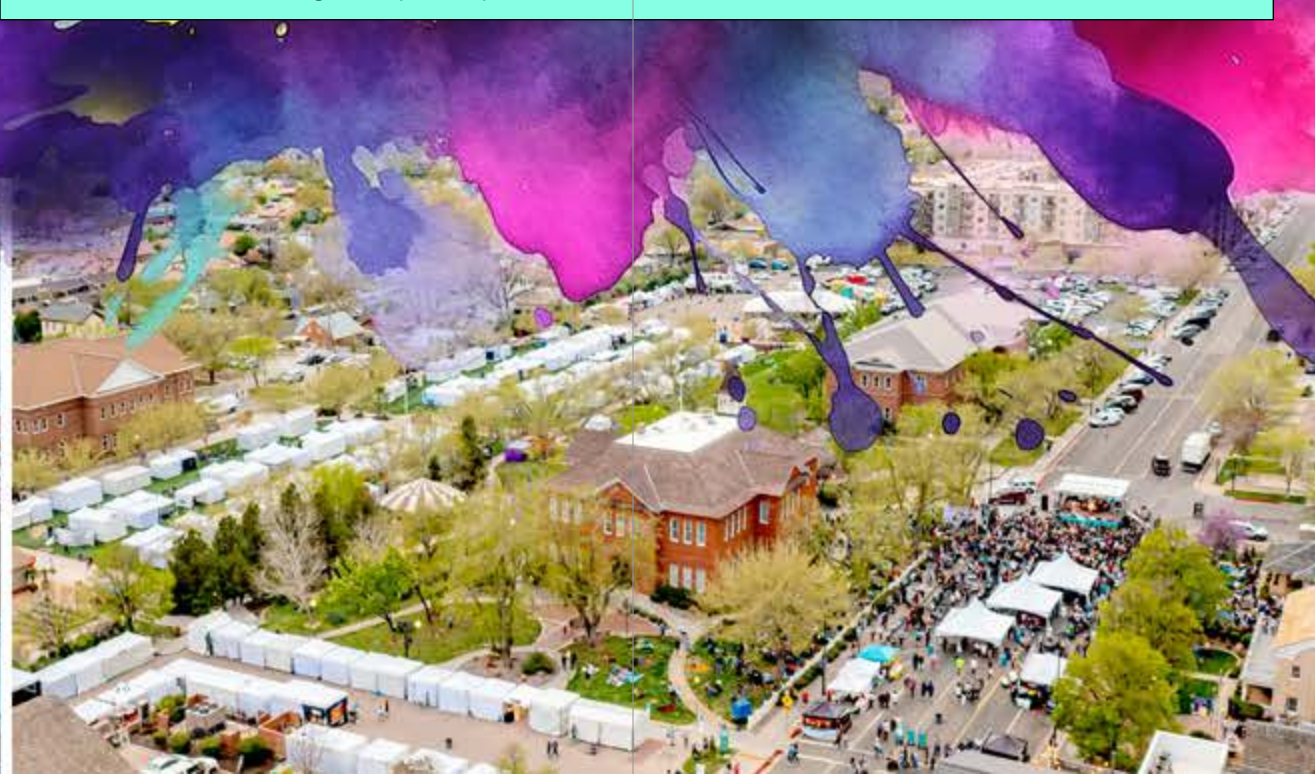
Photos by Chris Caldwell

An annual extravaganza of creativity and culture, the 45th edition of the St. George Art Festival delighted tens of thousands of residents and visitors in Historic Town Square, March 29-30.

More than 160 artists displayed and sold their wares, including: ceramics, glassworks, fiber arts, paintings and drawings to an audience of tens of thousands. Festival-goers participated

in a wide array of activities, including:

- A creation station for children
- Food trucks and vendors served a variety of delicious food
- The Art Attack 1 mile and 5K race
- Desertscape Film Festival at the Electric Theater
- Live entertainment, including the highly renowned National Parks 🌵





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1. American Sam Long basks in the glory of his second consecutive IRONMAN 70.3 win in St. George, May 4.



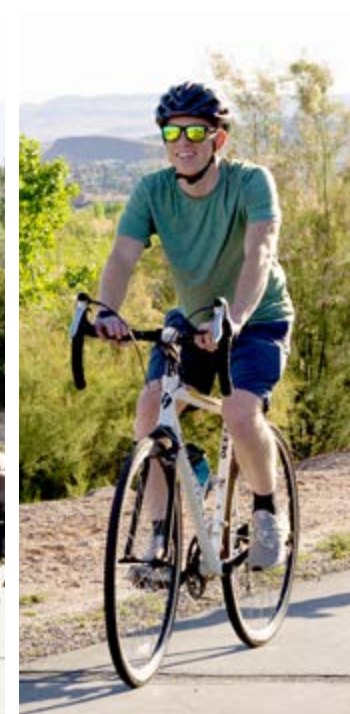
2. A female cyclist competes during the 56-mile bicycle leg of the IRONMAN 70.3 race on May 4.



3. Mayor Michele Randall poses with Tyler Young on May 2 after Young received the Mayor's Recognition Award. Young had raised money to purchase a bike for a person in need.



4. Councilwoman Dannielle Larkin, right, and Joseph Cowdell take part in the Roll with Patrol Community Bike Ride, May 6.



5. Community members take part in the Roll with Patrol.



6. Members of Vietnam Veterans of America accept a proclamation from Councilwoman Natalie Larsen honoring them April 4.



7. Team St. George celebrates its victory against Team Washington in the Money Good Celebrity Flag Football Game, April 26 at Dixie High School.



8 and 9: Community members help plant trees along Riverside Drive during the annual Arbor Day Celebration, April 27.





Patriot Day: Remembering 9/11 event set for 2024

The calm of a late-summer morning was shattered when coordinated terrorist attacks killed nearly 3,000 Americans — including 412 first responders — on September 11, 2001. In the ensuing weeks and months, Americans came together in ways not often seen.

The City of St. George and several community partners seek to recapture the sense of unity that prevailed following the attacks 23 years ago during the Patriot Day: Remembering 9/11 event, Sept. 9-12 in downtown St. George. The event includes:

- **Patriotic program**, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Historic Town Square, featuring a bell tribute from the St. George Fire Department, children's choirs and guest speakers. Kids activities will be available, including patriotic face painting.
- **Flag retirement ceremony**, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at Town Square, conducted by the Sons of the American Revolution and United We Pledge. This will start immediately after the patriotic program.
- **Field of Heroes**, from Sept. 9-12 on the Town Square lawn, a display American flags, representing first responders who perished on 9/11.

Patriot Day: Remembering 9/11 is a City of St. George event made possible by the assistance of community sponsors: Swenson & Shelley Injury Attorneys, United We Pledge, The Advenire, American Legion Post 142, Dixie High School Air Force JROTC, Barney McKenna Olmstead, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Exchange Club of St. George and Sons of the American Revolution. ☀

CITY BEAT

A quick look at what

BEAT

is on the horizon

By David Cordero

Photos by Chris Caldwell & David Cordero



Mathis Park celebrates grand re-opening with new playgroud

As dozens of children frolicked on the Mathis Park playground, basking in the glow of an early June morning, a thought lingered. How did Mathis Park get its name?

W.B. Mathis was a lifelong farmer in the region and a prominent civic leader in St. George, having served on the Utah Water and Power Board and Washington County School Board, and as a St. George City Councilman and Utah State Legislator. He demonstrated his love for the area by donating the land for a park.

In 1993, Mathis Park was dedicated. On June 5, 2024, Mathis Park celebrated its grand re-opening with an overhaul of the playground that provoked a large community turnout. Those on hand were treated to Pinkbox

Doughnuts and some thoughtful words by Mayor Michele Randall and Shane Moore, Parks and Community Services Director.

The park was well received, with its bevy of mature shade trees and endless opportunities for recreation. In addition to the playground, there are many other new features, such as:

- A concrete walk that also serves as a connection to the park trail on the east side of the playground.
- The play surface is now level with the adjacent sidewalk and trail. No more stepping down into a hole.
- There is also a play feature for smaller kids that looks like a backyard playhouse.

Members of the Mathis family were present, including Charlene Mathis, the widow of Wally Mathis (grandson of W.B. Mathis), and Kent McComb, another Mathis grandchild. ☀



Tortoise mural lands in downtown location

The Utah Wildlife Walls Project is celebrating Utah's wildlife diversity and heritage by installing at least one monumental wildlife mural in each of Utah's 29 counties. Washington County's mural is in downtown St. George, on the south-facing wall of the old Fire Station 2 — now the Station 2 Bar by Zion Brewery — and features the Mojave Desert Tortoise.

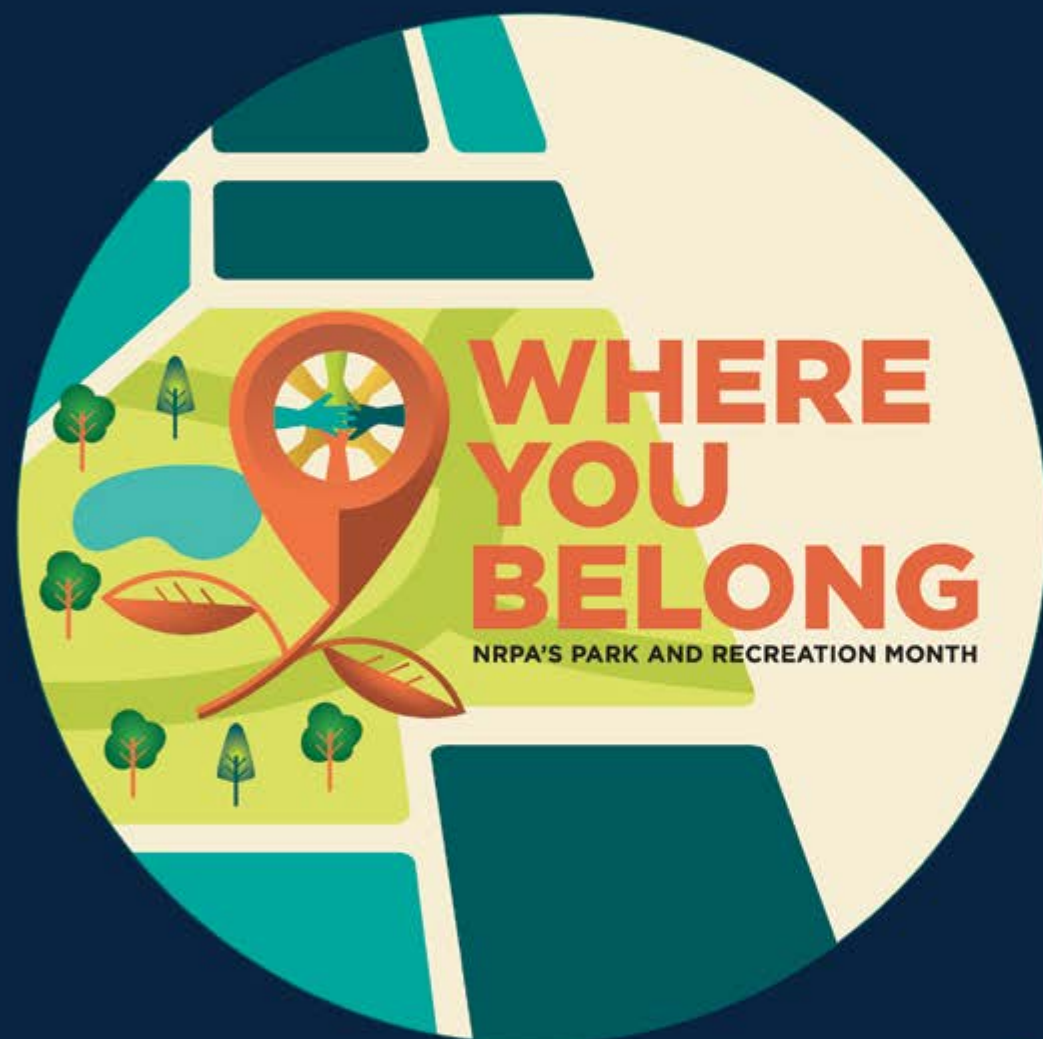
Utah Wildlife Walls is a grassroots arts, science and community engagement initiative to celebrate the wildlife diversity of Utah and install at least one monumental wildlife mural in each of Utah's 29 counties. It's a collaboration between Utah artist Chris Peterson, writer Brett Prettyman and the Utah Wildlife Federation.

"It's developed into a really cool project to make our downtown more vibrant, a place where people can come admire one of our local wildlife species," Lloyd Sutton, Active Transportation Coordinator for the City of St. George, told CEC-TV's Melissa Anderson. "It encourages people to get out of their cars, enjoy the downtown and spend some time at our local businesses."

Peterson began creating the tortoise mural in the first week of June and attracted several curious on-lookers along the way.

"We are so excited to have these beautiful murals and these artists represented in our downtown," said City Councilwoman Dannielle Larkin. ☀

Celebrate Park and Recreation Month with us during the month of July



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UPCOMING ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

Your Community Outreach for Health



Youth Sport/Programs

Youth Coed Flag Football
Register by July 28

**Flag Football FUNdamentals Program
(3-5 year olds)**
Register by Aug. 5

Prep Basketball League (10-12 grade)
Register by Sept. 1

Youth Coed Volleyball
Register by Sept. 15

**Youth Mountain Biking, Bouldering and
Roped Climbing Classes (10+)**
Classes Available Sept. - Nov. 2024

Adult Sport/Programs

Women & Coed Outdoor Volleyball Leagues
Register by Aug. 11

Men, Women & Coed Fall Basketball Leagues
Register by Sept. 1

Men & Women Futsal Leagues
Register by Sept. 1

Visit website for complete
listing of programs



sgcityutah.gov/parksandrec/recreation

A TRANSPARENT BUDGET

By David Cordero

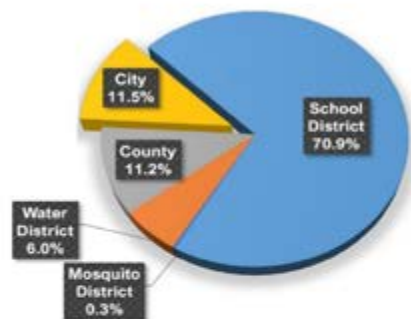


City staff and elected officials worked hard to make the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget the most transparent it has ever undertaken. The City unfurled an extensive social media campaign on Facebook and Instagram, and hosted the first-ever Budget Open House.

THE GOAL:
MAKING THE BUDGET AS
DIGESTIBLE AS POSSIBLE FOR THE
GENERAL PUBLIC

PROPERTY TAX OVERVIEW

PROPERTY TAX LEVY

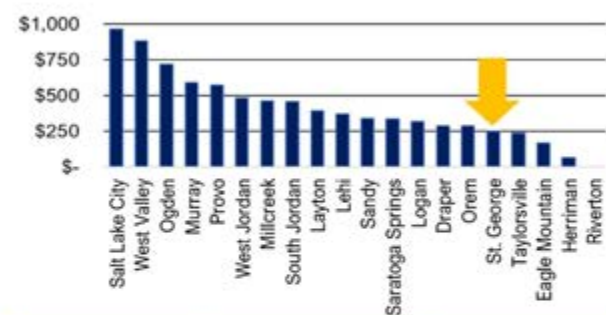


The city receives only 11.5% of the property taxes you pay each year.

The majority of property tax the city receives goes to pay for public safety services.

Property tax funds 11.4% of the General Fund

HOW CITY PROPERTY TAXES COMPARE TO THE TOP 20 LARGEST CITIES

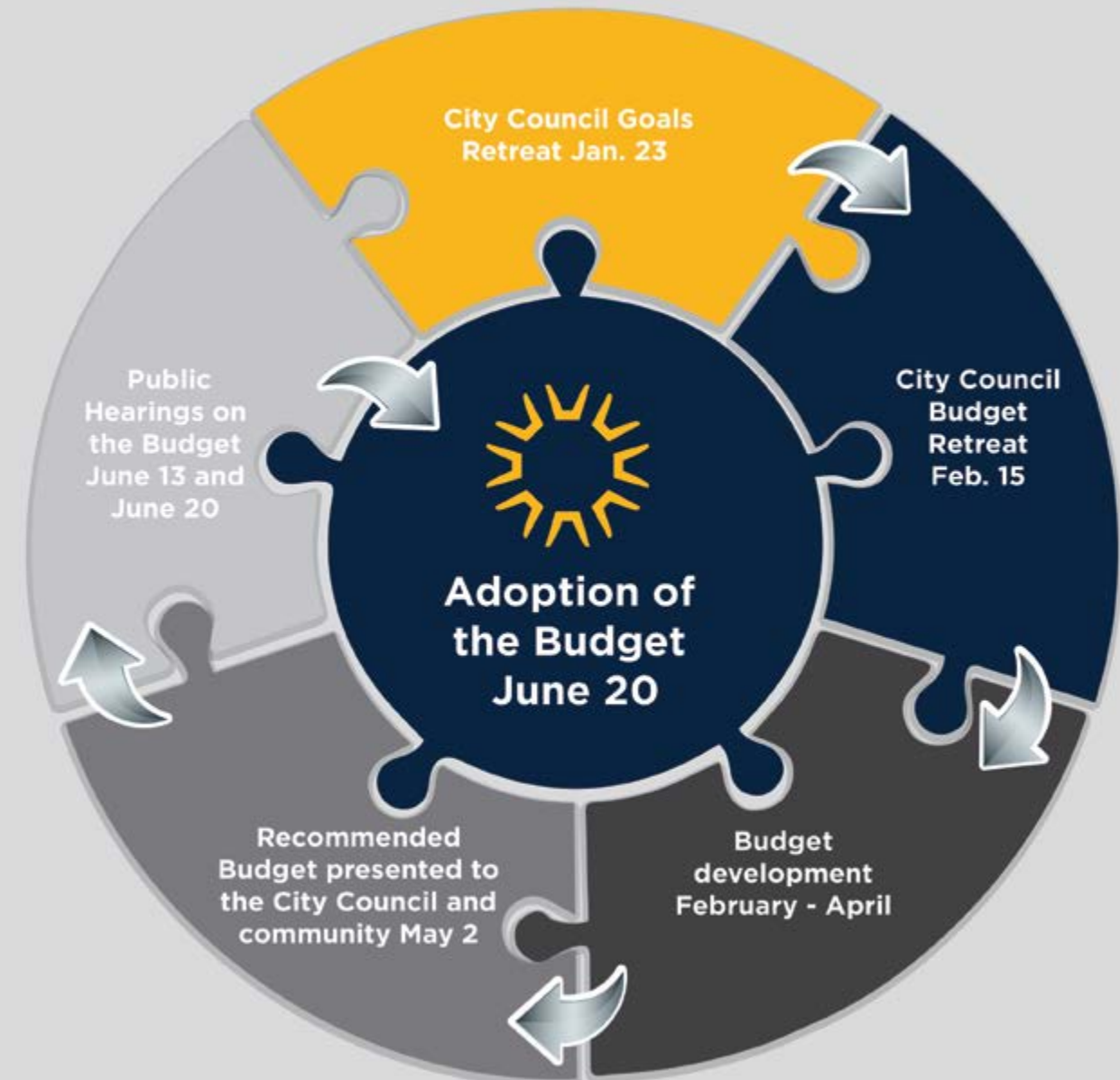


5th LARGEST City in the State

5th LOWEST Property Tax of the Top 20 Cities

*2nd LOWEST Property Tax in Washington County

Based on a primary home valued at \$584,000. St. George amount includes city services and 2023 Trails, Parks, and Rec G.O. bond.
*Includes fire districts (Hurricane Fire and New Harmony Fire)



THE BUDGET PROCESS

During the June 4 open house, some of the City's largest departments, such as Police, Fire, Public Works, Water Services, Energy Services and Parks and Community Services, were on hand to provide information and answer questions. There were exhibits

showing the portion of property tax that the City collects; a chart distinguishing between the General Funds and other funds, such as Enterprise Funds; and a map showing General Fund sources and expenditures. ☀



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THE FUTURE AS SGU EXPANDS TO MORE

IS BRIGHT ACCOMMODATE TRAVELERS

By Jennifer Jensen



prioritize the work to be done. The most common requests are as follows: new destinations, bigger planes and lower airfares.

Good news: Your voices have been heard. Airport management have been working to lay the groundwork for current and future projects that will help bring these goals to fruition. How will these projects help? We'll explain.

Before bigger planes could be added, there needs to be physical space to accommodate them. The current offering of airlines (Delta,

United, and American Airlines) had almost fully occupied the parking spaces available for commercial aircraft. To provide new airlines with space to provide additional routes and services, the airport needed to expand the commercial ramp.

To quote the movie *Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come." Completion of Phase I of the commercial ramp expansion brought in additional parking spaces for the larger ERJ-175s with more passenger seats and within two months all three airlines had ERJ-175s scheduled on routes into SGU.

We haven't forgotten about the new destinations, but that is up to the airlines. Airport management is working hard to advertise the attractiveness of the tourism market in southern Utah, and there is no doubt that big airlines are taking notice. We would love to be able to announce new destinations, but the airport's job is to offer a place to do business for the airlines, not to provide the service itself. We are working to be able to accommodate those added flights.

When it comes to lower airfares, we can't just snap our fingers and make it happen. Remember, airport management doesn't determine the prices of the flights. If basic economic principles

can be trusted, new routes and bigger planes may influence the prices of the existing routes. We're confident that we will reach that point.

Now that the commercial ramp expansion is completed, the terminal's second floor is being remodeled into a lounge and restaurant. Tailwind Concessions has been offering "SGU Express" for over a year and has been wildly successful at it. Now they need more room and want to offer a great new menu tailored to SGU.

Picture this: You've just walked out of the security checkpoint and the smell of slow roasted coffee and fresh food fills the air. You take a smooth elevator ride up to the new lounge, order a drink and some hot eats and watch the planes take off until you hear it's your time to board. Sounds nice, right? It's practically done.

Checkout the new-look airport website at flysgu.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for travel tips, construction updates and the occasional shenanigans. ✨

To keep up with increasing passenger numbers, St. George Regional Airport is in the process of expanding to provide services to its southern Utah communities. The uptick in travelers coming through the airport signifies the importance of key elements that will allow the airport to continue to provide more — and better — flight options and some new amenities that have never been offered before.

At travel expos and town hall events throughout the years, Airport staff take comments and suggestions from the community to help



Happy Flying!



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FORMER DIXIE HIGH GOLF STAR MIKE JURCA NAMED DIRECTOR OF GOLF OPERATIONS

FOR CITY OF ST. GEORGE By David Cordero



The City of St. George has hired Dixie High and Brigham Young University graduate Mike Jurca as its Director of Golf Operations. Jurca will oversee all golf operations, teaching facilities and personnel at the four City-owned courses: Sunbrook, Southgate, Dixie Red Hills and St. George Golf Club.

"What's great is that St. George is already in an awesome spot with its golf division, so I'm excited to build upon the sturdy foundation that has been established," Jurca said. "I have a desire to continually improve, so I can't wait to hit the ground running and help the City's golf division thrive."

With more than eight years in public and private sector golf roles, Jurca is dedicated to developing and implementing strategies to ensure optimum utilization of the City's golf course facilities while serving the public need for recreation. He is responsible for the organization and operation of all golf marketing, advertising, special events, programming, public relations, communications and business

administrative duties for the golf operation division.

Prior to joining the team at the City of St. George, Jurca was the Director of Golf Operations for Homestead Resort and Golf Club in Midway, Utah, from 2019 to 2024. During this stint, Homestead established course records for green fee revenues and merchandise revenues. Prior to that he led golf operations for the City of Grand Junction, Colo., and was the Head Golf Professional for the privately owned Ledges Golf Club in St. George.

Jurca has had a strong career on the course as well. Twice an individual state champion at Dixie High (2005, 2007), Jurca went on to compete at BYU for four seasons. He made the cut in consecutive Utah Opens (2022, 2023) and qualified for the PGA Professional Championship in 2023.

Beginning in the 1990s, Jurca was among the first generation of children who were involved in the City of St. George's Junior Association of Golf – a program he will now oversee in a professional capacity.

Jurca returns to St. George with his wife, McKell, daughters Jayla and Josie, and sons Jett and Mason. ☀️



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Airport	435-627-4080
Animal Shelter	435-627-4350
Building	435-627-4100
Business Licenses	435-627-4740
City Pool (700 So)	435-627-4584
City Services Administration	435-627-4000
Communications/Marketing	435-627-4051
Community Arts	435-627-4525
Engineering	435-627-4050
Fire	435-627-4150
Human Resources	435-627-4670
Leisure Services	435-627-4500
Parks	435-627-4530
Planning Commission	435-627-4206
Police Non-Emergency	435-627-4300
Police Records	435-627-4301
Planning & Zoning	435-627-4206
Public Works	435-627-4050
Recorder	435-627-4003
Recreation Center/Programs	435-627-4560
Sand Hollow Aquatic Center	435-627-4585
Streets	435-627-4020
Suntran	435-627-4010
Utilities	435-627-4700
Water/Energy Emergencies	435-627-4835
Water/Energy Conservation	435-627-4848



For emergencies please call 911

City Council

Regularly scheduled city council meetings are typically held on the first and third Thursdays each month starting at 5 pm at City Hall (175 East 200 North) unless otherwise noticed. Work meeting sessions are held on the second, fourth and fifth Thursdays beginning at 4 pm at City Hall.

Planning Commission

Regularly scheduled planning commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month starting at 5 pm 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.sgcityutah.gov

Sand Hollow Aquatic Center

Competition/diving pool and leisure pool with zero depth entry area, interactive children's water toys, water walk and water slide



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