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Grateful to live in beautiful St. George

Fall is such an amazing time in St. George. The 100-degree weather is behind us, sunshine is still abundant and we find ourselves outside much more, basking in the fresh air.

It reminds me of how fortunate I am to live in such a beautiful place amid wonderful people. Gratitude, certainly, is at the top of my mind and I bet it's at the top of your mind, too.

In addition to our natural beauty, I am grateful for the volunteer spirit that permeates our city. By the time you read this, the 47th edition St. George Marathon (Oct. 7) may have already taken place — made possible because of the dedication of more than 1,000 volunteers who help with nearly every aspect of the race! It's easy to be a volunteer, and it's the perfect way to get active, meet great people and feel like you are adding to our community.

Like the St. George Marathon, the Huntsman World Senior Games (Oct. 9-21) relies heavily on the services of volunteers. Annually, there

are more than 11,000 athletes from all over the globe who come here to compete in the sport they love. And they all leave marveling about how well they are treated

Those two big events are not the only things St. George has going on in the final quarter of the year. The Snow Canyon Half Marathon, set for Nov. 18, is among the most scenic half marathons in the nation. On Nov. 27, the Monday after Thanksgiving, is our annual Kickoff to Christmas event, where we turn on the holiday lights at Historic Town Square amid live music and performances from local youth choirs. And don't forget to join us on Dec. 16 for the annual Wreaths Across America ceremony at Tonaquint Cemetery, where hundreds of community members place thousands of wreaths at the graves of military veterans.

As you can see, this fall there is so much to be grateful for.


Michele Randall
City of St. George Mayor

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WASTEWATER TREATMENT DIVISION

HELPS BOOST OUR WATER INVENTORY By Rene Fleming

Most of us don't think about what happens to all the water that goes down the drain from our homes and businesses. Often, the adage "Out of Sight, Out of Mind," pops into our heads anytime water flows down a drain or a toilet is flushed. However, one of the critical services provided by the City, and perhaps the most under-recognized, is the sewer treatment provided by the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Water Services Department.

The City has owned and operated the St. George Regional Water Reclamation Facility (SGRWRF) for more than 40 years. The SGRWRF treats sewer from not only St. George, but also for the cities of Ivins, Santa Clara and Washington.

**As our area has grown,
so has the need for wastewater treatment.**

The SGRWRF is nearing the completion of a five-year plant expansion project, which increases its treatment capacity from 17 million gallons per day (MGD) to 25.4 MGD. In addition to the expansion of treatment capacity, the new treatment process is much more energy efficient, saving the City nearly \$10,000 per month in power costs. Another benefit of the new treatment process is its ability to remove nitrogen and phosphorus from the sewage, decreasing the harmful effects of these nutrients to the environment.

As expected, the treatment of wastewater can produce a rather pungent odor. An improved odor control system was constructed for both the initial treatment step (headworks screening facility) and the final step (solids handling facility) of the treatment process. These two steps in the treatment process tend to produce the most odors.

Adequate treatment of sewage is an essential part of maintaining water quality in our rivers and streams. At the end of the treatment process, the treated wastewater meets federal standards that allow it to be released into the Virgin River.

The St. George Regional Water Reclamation Facility also includes an additional treatment step that allows the City to produce Type I reuse water. Type I reuse water is safe to apply to outside landscaping and is also safe for human contact. The City uses Type I reuse water to irrigate many of its parks, cemeteries, golf courses and other facilities.

The St. George Regional Water Reclamation Facility is critical to meeting the demands of a growing City and region as a whole; not only by treating sewage from much of the area, but by producing reuse water for outside irrigation. The future of St. George and the surrounding area is dependent on the St. George Regional Water Reclamation Facility. ☀



ST. GEORGE IS PROUD

By Rene Fleming

TO BE YOUR PUBLIC POWER COMPANY

You reach out and flip the light switch, a simple task, one you probably do many times a day. The lights come on and you go about your business. But, what if the lights didn't come on? Making sure that they do is what St. George Energy Services takes pride in.

**Your local
power company has been
keeping the lights on for
over 80 years.**

In 1942, the City of St. George proudly started the Public Power company that serves you to this day. When St. George Energy started, the population of the City was a lot smaller and demands for electricity were a lot less than they are today.

Originally two diesel engines were installed as a power plant in the middle of the city — where Vernon Worthen park is located today). To run the plant efficiently, it was important to have a water cooling system for the generators. In a benefit for everyone, a public pool was installed next door which provided water cooling for the plant and heating for the pool. The City also had hydroelectric generation coming off of the Pine Valley Mountain Springs, a source still in use to this day.

As the City grew so did the Energy Services Department, assuring that safe, reliable, local energy was provided to St. George residents and businesses. Today, St. George serves customers from the Ledges development in the north to the Virgin River in the south. We serve over 35,000 connections including homes, businesses, the sixth-largest hospital in the state, a world class university (with over 12,000 students), and many other services. Additionally, we also serve electricity to the Shivwits Band of Paiutes Reservation.

St. George still produces a lot of electricity for our community, but we also purchase electricity from other generators. Our resource mix contains hydroelectric, solar, coal and natural gas. We continue to search for the most reliable and cost efficient resources to serve our community.

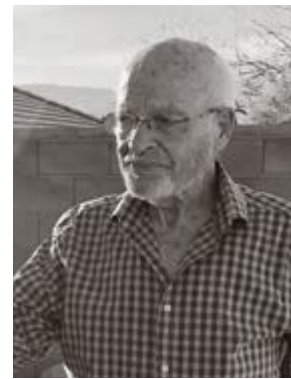
The hard work of our employees shows in our various awards including the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) award that we have been awarded from 2006 until today, Safety Excellence awards and Excellence in Communications. As a Public Power company St. George Energy wants to keep the power on for the whole community, because we're part of the community.

So, sleep soundly tonight knowing that if you need light, we're here to make sure they come on when you flip the switch. ☀



A TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED

By David Cordero



WALLY HUMPHREYS

Still spry today at 99, I met Wally during a Utah Honor Flight trip in 2015. In the intervening years I spent many hours listening to his amazing story of nearly three decades in the military.

would have come up through that hatch and blown us up," Wally said.

Among Wally's great skills is his ability to improvise. As a teenage farmer in Cache Valley, Wally decided he had had enough of farm life. He hopped on his bicycle, pedaled to Ogden and found work at Hill Air Base — in the process finding the inspiration to become a pilot. He had the clothes on his back, a few dollars in his wallet and hope for a better future.

Those were great times compared to what he faced above the Pacific. A water landing was now out of the question — and all Wally could see was water. Keeping his plane airborne for as long as possible was foremost in his mind. The alternative was certain death.

Suddenly, land came into the horizon. On fumes, the plane landed amid a choking influx of dirt that came up through the bomb bay. They survived. No one thought they would.

"When I didn't get back for four or five hours, they had my bed all straightened out for somebody else to sleep in," he told me. "They had all my goods rationed out. I probably would have done the same thing if I found out one of my bunkmates wasn't coming back. It didn't bother you. You got used to it."

One that has always stayed with me was a close call he had in 1945, while piloting the B-25 in the Pacific.

During a mission, Wally and his crew attacked a destroyer escort. As he let go of his bombs, the plane was rocked by an explosion. Enemy anti-aircraft fire had connected with a shell between the right engine nacelle and the fuselage.

"The right engine caught fire, and the hydraulic system started spewing fluid all over the inside of the airplane," Wally says. "There were fumes in the cockpit; sparks from the electrical system lit up like a neon light in the airplane."

Wally feathered the engine and pulled on the external fire extinguisher. Then his navigator panicked by jettisoning the lower escape hatch into the ocean. "Had we had to ditch, water



SPENCER TRUMAN

A St. George native, Spencer Truman joined the National Guard in 1939 and was later commissioned as an officer in an engineer battalion. He went to Parachute School, training for gliderborne

Truman and his engineer battalion endured the hardships of combat from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge and all the way to the German surrender in May 1945. After the war, Truman remained in the army reserves, reaching the rank of major.

The Bulge was his toughest experience.

"We didn't worry as much about the Germans as we did about freezing and starving," he remembered. "There was over a foot of snow and the temperature was around zero. All we had was summer clothing and very little food. I don't know how, but we survived."

Indeed, I met Spencer in 2016, when the former Dixie High School football player was honored before a game. He survived all the way until he was 101, departing in April 2023.

operations as the Allies prepared to make the cross-channel invasion of France. On D-Day, however, plans changed.

He was always grateful for that.

"If we had gone in as scheduled, we would probably have had a five percent survival rate," Truman said. "We stayed in the marshaling yard for two weeks. Then we went to France by boat. We ended up just behind the lines, and did that all the way across France into Belgium, making new air strips and rebuilding the existing air fields."

In 10 years, there may not be any more World War II veterans. Korean War veterans are almost all in their 90s now. Many Vietnam War veterans are nearing 80. Thank them for serving us, and get to know them before it is too late. ☀️



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The 16 million men and women who answered the call during World War II — risking their tomorrows as the fate of the free world hung in the balance — are nearly all gone. Time, our indomitable foe, is undefeated.

I thought about this recently as I ran into my old friend Ridge Bemis, whose story I told in this magazine in the Summer 2023 edition. An Army veteran of WWII, Bemis is still active and held a flag during our Patriot Day: Remembering 9/11 event. He just turned 99, still walks without a cane and is in good spirits.

He asked me to come see him. I promised him I would. That invitation made me think of all the veterans I have had the privilege to know and spend time with over the years. Like my friend Ridge, there are three WWII veterans from St. George who come to mind.



RICHARD FLEISCHER

Years ago, as we sat in the living room of his townhome, just a stone's throw from Desert Hills High School, I couldn't believe my good fortune. I was interviewing a World War II ace.

To be an ace, a pilot must record five confirmed aerial kills. Richard, who flew the P-47D, had six.

He flew 202 combat missions, most of them in his jug "Solid Citizen." In addition to six confirmed aerial kills he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

During one dogfight, he found himself and an enemy plane steaming toward each other, "banging away" on his 50-caliber machine gun. Fleischer saw incoming shells that looked like "flaming golf balls."

"We were heading for a head-on (collision)," he continued. "You want him to break first. But he's coming and he's not breaking and he's shooting and I thought I was hitting him good in the engine. He went over me and I don't think his engine was running when he went over me. It was just covered in oil. This all took just seconds."

Fleischer lived to fight another day. Many more days, to my great fortune.

DAY OF THE DEAD



Untitled by Averie McPheters, 2022, Acrylic

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UPCOMING ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

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Jr. Jazz Basketball 4th - 9th Grade
Register by Dec. 1

Prep Basketball League (10th-12th Grade)
Register by Dec. 1

Youth Soccer (K-9th grade) & FUNDamental Program (Pre-K)
Register by Feb. 25

Adult Sport/Programs

CPR & First Aid Class - Held monthly at the St. George Recreation Center

Men's Women's & Coed Basketball Leagues
Register by Dec. 31

Women's Indoor Volleyball Tournament 6 v 6
Register by Jan. 21

Men's Flag Football League - Competitive and Recreation Divisions
Register by Jan. 28

Family & All Ages Events/Programs

Kickoff to Christmas @ Town Square
Nov. 27 - 6-8 pm

Day of the Dead Celebration
Oct. 25 - 6-8 pm
St. George Art Museum

4th Annual Day of the Dead Exhibit
Sept 16 - Nov. 25
St. George Art Museum

Winter Concert Series @ The Electric Theater
Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 18, Jan. 15

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programs



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MARATHON HAS FAMILY

FOR CITY STAFFER

By Lindsey Cozad

For many, the St. George Marathon has become more than a race. It's a way to connect with family.

Ben Neumann, Assistant Parks and Community Services Director for the City, is among many who have experienced the marathon in many ways and across several generations. Neumann's family has completed a total of 72 St. George Marathons.

"From the 1980s until now, the marathon has always been what my family does on the first Saturday in October," said Neumann, who started as a race volunteer to cheer on his dad. One year later, on his 12th birthday, Ben ran St. George for the first time.

"It made me realize that I can accomplish hard things if I make up my mind to do it," said Neumann, who ran St. George Marathons on his 12th, 18th, and 29th birthdays. "When I am presented with challenges in my life, I often reflect back to that first marathon and how easy it would have been to give up, but I kept going."

The most memorable runs for Neumann came in 2015 and 2016, where he ran in honor of his in-laws that had died of cancer seven months apart. Combining the legacy of his in-laws with his desire to continue participating in the marathon, Neumann dedicated those races to his lost loved ones.

While his in-laws never were able to volunteer in the race, they were always there to cheer for him. The support he felt from those important in his life made the ties with his hometown race even deeper.

So devoted to the tradition of the marathon, Neumann also ran the course in 2020 — despite the race being canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic. Through the early morning darkness, he ran while his wife waited for him further along the road until the bright sun of St. George began to light the town.

"It was a different experience because I had more time to reflect on what I was actually doing," Neumann said. "It felt nice to keep the tradition alive, even if it was just for myself."

His mom and son held a homemade finish line for Neumann to cross as he finished his solo marathon. "My father had also made me a wooden medal that I have next to my 17 other St. George Marathon medals," Neumann said.

FEELING

BEN NEUMANN

Neumann works among other members of the Parks and Community Services Department, which organizes the St. George marathon every year.

"I think the St. George Marathon is a special race because it is in my hometown," Neumann said. "The first seven miles of the race is so much fun because everyone is excited, chatting and laughing. I love seeing the crowds that gather to cheer us on as we run on the familiar and beautiful course."

This will be the 47th edition of the St. George Marathon, dating to the first race in 1977. The St. George Marathon was started by Sherm Miller, who also worked in the City's parks and recreation department. With a love for running and approval from the City, Miller organized the first marathon, hosting 58 total runners. As the years went by, word of mouth began to draw in more and more participants, now with 5,000 runners entering the race each year.

With stunning scenery of Southern Utah's iconic red rock sandstone mountains and warm temperatures, the marathon has been deemed a "marathon to build a vacation around" by Runner's World. The St. George Marathon is also the 13th largest in the country, with many running personal best times due to the 2,000-foot descent of the race.

The St. George marathon is a USA Track and Field certified and sanctioned race, so participants can use their race times to qualify for events like the Boston Marathon, which is held every April. ☀

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PATRIOT DAY: Remembering 9/11

On a beautiful Saturday morning, the City of St. George — with the help of many great community partners — teamed up to conduct the Patriot Day: Remembering 9/11 event at Historic Town Square.

The keynote speaker, Victor Guzman, was in the north tower of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, and shared his experiences. He said he couldn't remember the last time he was in a city with as much patriotism as St. George. Choirs from Dixie High School, Dixie Middle School and Lava Ridge Intermediate performed songs, and St. George resident John Mayer performed on the bagpipe.

In addition to the patriotic program on Sept. 9, a flag retirement ceremony was held in the evening. And, for three full days the Field of Heroes stood proudly in the Town Square lawn. There were 343 flags planted, symbolizing the first responders lost on 9/11.

The City thanks the following community partners for their efforts in making this event possible: American Legion, Barney McKenna Olmstead, Daughters of the American Revolution, Dixie High School Air Force JROTC, Sons of the American Revolution, St. George Exchange Club and United We Pledge. 🌟





RETIREMENT OF TWO DIRECTORS

By David Cordero



The City of St. George recently bid farewell to a pair of dedicated employees in Assistant City Manager Deanna Brklacich and Energy Services Director Laurie Mangum, who retired in June after decades of service to the City.

Mangum was the first female department head in the City's history; Brklacich was the second.

"I wish Laurie and Dee the very best in their retirement. Their dedication to the City was evident in everything they did," said Mayor Michele Randall. "Most of all I will miss them as people. They have kind hearts, are team players and never cared who got the credit."

Mangum worked for the City for 25 years in the following roles: Water and Power Warehouse Manager, Resource Manager and Director of Energy Services. Her accomplishments are manifold:

- First and only female municipal electric utility director in Utah.
- American Public Power Association Region 1 Board Member (Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico).
- President of Colorado River Energy Distributors Association.

"I have been so proud to work for the City of St. George," said Mangum, who has been succeeded by Bryan Dial, the interim Energy Services Director. "I have always felt like I was the luckiest person in the room when I announce my position. Now, (in retirement) I get to travel with grandkids to faraway places, go to horse shows and ride with my friends."

Brklacich said she enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with hard-working, visionary and supportive individuals — elected officials and staff members alike — during her 28 years at



the City. She served as City Treasurer for 11 years, Budget Manager for 15 years and the final two years as Assistant City Manager.

Brklacich's budget team received the Distinguished Budget Award through the National Government Finance Officers Association the last four years. The award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. To receive the award, the City's budget has to receive positive scores from professional peers across several criteria related to how the budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and as a communications device.

"St. George is one of the only cities in the state which provides the magnitude of services that we do for our citizens," Brklacich said. "In addition to police, fire, street, parks, water, and other general municipal services, St. George also provides a regional airport, utilities, a multi-city bus transit system, regional 911 dispatch center and a regional wastewater treatment plant. Most of these additional services are provided independently by businesses, agencies, or districts in other Utah communities. Our budget team takes a lot of pride in understanding the unique financial aspects of a full spectrum of services and enjoys working closely with our departments to help them accomplish great things for our citizens."

An avid cyclist and baseball fan, Brklacich looks forward to more free time to pursue her passions.

"I plan to be more active and take advantage of the great recreational amenities which St. George offers, including mountain biking, hiking, golfing, photography — maybe even taking up pickleball," she said. "Volunteering within the community is also an area that I look forward to now that I'll have more free time. I have always gloated to newcomers that I already live where I plan to retire — and retiring now makes that a reality." 🌻



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Chris Caldwell, David Cordero
and Joseph Cowdell



1. Rotary Club of St. George and the City worked together to restore the Rotary firepit at Vernon Worthen Park. This venerable downtown feature has been in Worthen Park for 75 years.

2. A large American flag, sponsored by United We Pledge, is carried along Tabernacle Street during the 4th of July Parade in St. George.

3. Eric Dodge sings during Concert in the Park's "Tribute to First Responders" on Sept. 11 at Vernon Worthen Park.

4. Dodge, along with Casey Lofthouse, Alice Ericksen and Mikalene perform during the Sept. 11 concert.

5. Detective Josh Wilson shares a laugh with Police Chief Kyle Whitehead during Wilson's retirement reception in August.

6. Vendors keep busy during the Downtown Farmers Market.

7. Members of the St. George Youth Council distribute candy during the 4th of July Parade.

8. Members of the Energy Services Department, consisting of Justin Lytle, Mason Abbott and Jordan Holt placed 1st in two events and captured the all-around championship at the annual Intermountain Power Superintendents' Association Lineman Rodeo. It was their second consecutive all-around championship.

9 — Mayor Michele Randall recognized the St. George Ignite FC/Rebel Elite 2009 girls soccer squad (ages 13 and 14) that won the 2023 Presidents Cup championship in Wichita, Kansas.





Chad Thomas named Economic Development Director

By David Cordero

The City of St. George recently hired Chad Thomas as its Economic Development Director, leading the City's efforts to foster economic growth, attract investments and enhance the overall prosperity of Utah's fifth-largest city.

"St. George is definitely on the map. However, it's important to balance growth and preservation; ensuring St. George doesn't lose its unique characteristics," Thomas said. "While most of the attention in economic development is the attraction of new businesses, I want to ensure our existing industries and businesses receive equal attention. Businesses of all sizes play an essential role in the city's economy."

With an extensive background in economic development, Thomas brings a wealth of experience and a passion for building thriving communities. His most recent roles were as Vice President of Economic Development for Iredell County EDC (North Carolina), and Economic Manager of Development and Tourism for the Town of Kilmarnock, Virginia.

Thomas has extensive Utah ties. At Layton City, he administered the Community Development Block Grant program that assisted in the redevelopment of Layton Station and provided funding to essential public service programs. In Provo City, he managed downtown development and the City's Brownfield program.

Thomas is a 2011 graduate of Southern Utah University and earned his master's degree from Appalachian State in 2013. ☀

CITY

A quick look at what



Deadline to submit claim for abandoned cemetery lots

By David Cordero

On July 6, the St. George City Council passed a resolution to extend a deadline from June 26, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2023 to claim cemetery lots that appear to be abandoned. These lots have been unused for more than 60 years.

After giving the required notice, Utah state law authorizes the City to terminate the rights of any owner who fails to submit a claim to keep or transfer the lot within 30 days of the last date of service of publication of the resolution. That had been June 26, 2023. However, due to receiving several inquiries, the City Council extended the deadline to Dec. 31, 2023.

After a list of lots was published in May, City Recorder Christina Fernandez has heard from approximately 50 percent of the lot owners' descendants to retain ownership. Fernandez is working with these descendants to keep the lots within the family.

Call Fernandez at 435-627-4003 to claim rights to the lots.

Lots will be reclaimed by the City on January 1, 2024, if no inquiries on the lot have been made or if the transfer has not been completed by Dec. 31, 2023.

To view a copy of the resolution, including a list of the lots, visit: sgcity.org/notice/5714. ☀

BEAT

is on the horizon



RAP Tax grants awarded

By David Cordero

The St. George City Council voted unanimously to award \$250,000 in Recreation, Arts and Parks Tax (RAP Tax) funding to 27 local groups composing a wide spectrum of community arts. The recommendation to award the grant funds was made by the St. George Arts Commission, which reviewed the RAP Tax applications submitted.

The RAP Tax originated in 2015, increasing the sales tax by 1/10 of a percent. The amount collected helps fund organizations involved in art, music, theater, dance, cultural arts and natural history. RAP Tax funding also helps pay for City capital projects such as new playground and shade structures for Mathis Park and Royal Oaks Park.

While the City retains authority over fund distribution, the Arts Commission plays a key role in guiding the application process and recommendations to the City Council. This year, the Commission reviewed a total of 27 funding requests, amounting to \$444,048. The organizations that sought funding represent a diverse array of artistic and cultural forms that contribute to the vibrancy of St. George. Among them are dance organizations, theaters, history enthusiasts, music groups, film enthusiasts and fine arts institutions.

This grant process is highly competitive, with organizations required to submit comprehensive applications online. ☀



Sugarloaf historic destination

By David Cordero

The Sugarloaf Hillside Sign "Dixie," that overlooks St. George along the red hill, was recently recognized as a historic landmark by the Utah Historic Preservation Office. Its significance to the area's history and culture led to this recognition.

"It has evolved into a symbol for the entire city, often shown in advertisements and promotional media for the community," wrote the State Historic Preservation Office. "It continues to be recognized today by students, alumni and community members with a week of events at Dixie High School."

The creation of the sign began more than a century ago. According to the Washington County Historical Society, "The 'Dixie' painted on the Sugarloaf was the result of a plan to quash conflicts between successive class years of the Dixie Stake Academy. The Class of 1913 had painted the numerals '1913' on the Sugarloaf rock. The Class of 1914 was larger and consisted of younger people who thought a '1914' would be more appropriate. So the last digit changed a number of times. Once the class of 1913 graduated and the Class of 1915 came along, the competitions became more contentious, sometimes resulting in physical confrontations.

"As a result, school officials and student body officers met together and began talking about the possibility of a program that would bring all the students together and do away with the heavy class rivalry. It took some time, but out of this effort came the idea of constructing a school letter on one of the surrounding hills and painting the word 'Dixie' on the Sugarloaf in place of any class numerals."

The Sugarloaf is considered an emblem for the community, often being depicted in visual media about the St. George area. ☀

CITY BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CITY HALL BUILDING IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN ST. GEORGE

By David Cordero



Residents, downtown business owners and elected officials joined Mayor Michele Randall and city staff in the groundbreaking for the new City Hall at Town Square on Sept. 20. In the heart of downtown St. George, the building will be constructed to support the services the City provides to its more than 100,000 residents.

"With this new building we are aiming to serve our growing city while also celebrating our heritage," said Mayor Michele Randall. "The address will be 61 South Main Street — the '61' symbolizing the year, 1861, that the pioneers settled in St. George. With its location, our new City Hall will be an extension of Historic Town Square, the premier gathering place in the City of St. George."

The current St. George City Hall, located at 175 East 200 North, was built in 1980 — when the City's population was approximately 11,350. In the early years of that building, City Hall housed almost every city service provided to our community. However, in the ensuing 43 years demands for the City's services have grown exponentially.

Due to the significant growth, multiple departments once part of City Hall, such as Police, 911 Dispatch, Water and Energy Services, Parks and Community Services, Technology Services, and others have been moved to other buildings or satellite locations. Despite these relocations, the number of employees located within City Hall increased from 52 to over 100.

The current City Hall building is approximately 34,000 square feet and is occupied by most

of the City's public-facing departments which directly serve our residents, businesses and development community. These services include: utilities, business licensing, building permits, development and planning, City employment opportunities, code enforcement, community involvement through attending City Council or Planning meetings, and other services.

The new City Hall will consist of three levels over a space of approximately 69,500 square feet; increases the size of the Council Chambers from a current capacity of 150 to 300 — which will also be easily converted to a community room, a training center, and space for public forums; provides a ground-level indoor civic space consisting of 4,350 square feet to be programmed for civic events and provide opportunities for public art installations and informative exhibits.

There will also be a four-level parking structure built on site, nearly tripling the number of parking spaces available at the current City Hall building. The parking structure will be available to the public during and after business hours, and weekends.

"High-efficiency, productivity, necessity, transparency and functionality have been major drivers in designing the new City Hall," Randall added. "City Hall belongs to the people, so with that in mind the facility will have an open, clean, well-lit, safe and friendly environment that the community will easily identify as welcoming and open to all." ❄️



winter concert series @7pm



Performance Schedule

Oct 16 - Paige and The Overtones

Nov 13 - Runaway Fire

Dec 18 - Color Country Choir Christmas

Jan 15 - The Beez

...donations appreciated!

@ The ELECTRIC THEATER 68 E Tabernacle St, St. George



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 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.sgcity.org.

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.



Hours:

Lap Swim

M-F 5:30am-9pm

Sat 8am-6pm

Open Swim

M-Th 1-5pm

6:30-9pm

Fri 1-9pm

Sat 12-6pm

**1144 N Lava Flow Drive
627.4585**


STG AQUATICS



St. George Rec Center



**Weight & Cardio Equipment/Classes
Basketball • Racquetball • Lawnbowling
Youth & Adult Programs**

Hours:

M-F 5:30am-9pm

Sat 7am-6pm

**285 S 400 E
627.4560**


StG REC CENTER





St. George



We are excited for the two renovation projects currently underway at our Little Valley Pickleball Complex and The Fields at Little Valley. Both projects are expected to be completed in the Fall of 2023.



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