CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

In a recent article in the Herald Journal, Smithfield was named the safest city in Utah. The survey was conducted by Safewise.com and was released December 7, 2015. The report is based upon incidents of violent and property crimes per 1000 people. It confirms my feeling about Smithfield and the people who choose to live here. The integrity and moral character of the people who live here make Smithfield a safe place to live and raise a family. It is the reason why our population continues to grow. Our Police Chief, Travis Allen, credited the community for being the eyes and ears in helping law enforcement do their job. We have created an ideal situation where law abiding citizens work together with our local police department to ensure a safe environment for our families and members of our community.

The Holiday Season is an amazing time of year spent with family, friends and loved ones. A Christmas tradition in my home is to watch a great Christmas movie, Frank Capra’s 1946 film, “It’s a Wonderful Life”. I watch it several times before Christmas each year and this last year was no different. It is a movie about an angel in training who gives a despondent man a look at what the world would be like if he had never been born. There is a lot we can learn from this movie and maybe even use it to set some goals in our own lives.

It is chock-full of terrific lessons, ranging from moral to financial to practical. The movie teaches us to be a hero where we stand. This is the thread that weaves through George Bailey’s life: saving his brother in the icy water, keeping Mr. Gower from poisoning a child, and saving the Building & Loan multiple times. The point is, we have no idea how significantly our lives affect others.

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As we enter the New Year may we reflect on the lessons of this great movie and be more like George Bailey who loved his community of Bedford Falls and the people who lived there. May we love our community of Smithfield and the people who live here.

- Jeff Barnes-City Council

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

LIBRARY HOURS
Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact the library at: 563-3555
Or visit us on the web at:
www.smithfieldcity.org/library.main.html

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Suicide is preventable. You can help. Become a QPR Gatekeeper to help prevent suicide. QPR training provides you with ways to understand, tools that will enable you to RECOGNIZE clues & warning signs and ACT to prevent a possible tragedy. In a little over an hour you will better understand suicide and how you can help. Gatekeepers take home a booklet with a review of principles learned. Training is free.

Come learn about suicide prevention at the library Tuesday, January 5th from 5:30-6:30 pm. RSVP 435-792-6519 (encouraged but not required). This training is sponsored by the Bear River Health Dept. and the Smithfield Library.

READ WITH SAMPSON

Sampson the therapy dog visits the library on the 1st & 3rd Thursday every month at 4:30-5:30. Children are invited to make an appointment to read to Sampson during his visits. 10 minute appointments are available. Drop-ins are welcome but to guarantee time with Sampson we encourage you to sign-up for an appointment at the library. This program is very beneficial to your readers and builds their reading confidence in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Come try it out. We guarantee you’ll love it!

STORYTIMES

The library will resume its storytime programs beginning January 4th. We have storytimes for all ages and no registration is required to attend.

Storytime Stars is held Monday & Thursday at 11:30 or 1:00 pm for children ages 3+
Book Babies is held on Tuesday at 11:15 for infants up to 18 months
Toddler Train is held Wednesday at 11:30 or 12:30 for children 18-36 months
Contact the library at 563-3555 for any questions about these programs

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are adding additional items to the library every month. Be sure to visit and see what is new in 2016!

ANTIQUE BOOKS

The library has a lovely selection of used books for sale. These look beautiful on shelves and make great gifts. Visit the library to see what’s available.
Happy New Year! We are here to help with those New Year’s Resolutions!

**New Year’s Special**

Bring in this coupon before January 16, 2016 and we will waive the sign-up fee for an Annual Payment Plan or give you a 13th month free on any Annual Membership paid in full.

We are now enrolling for our Winter Top Flight Tumbling and Serendipity Dance seasons! Come register at the Recreation Center today!

**Bauman College Wellness Program**

Classes cover eating for health, lean proteins and healthy fats, colorful complex carbohydrates, weight loss, and sustainable nutrition.

- **Registration:** Jan 1 – until full
- **Session Dates:** Jan 20 - Feb 17
- **Fee:** FREE
  - Class capped at 20 participants
  - Call for availability

**Spring Competitive Basketball**

- **Registration:** Jan. 25 – Feb. 14
- **Games Begin:** First week in March
- **Fee:** $325 per team
- **Divisions:**
  - Boys 3rd – 8th grade
  - Girls 5th – 8th grade

Teams play twice a week throughout March and finish with a single elimination tournament.

**Youth Soccer Registration**

- **Registration:** Jan 25 – Feb 14
- **Games Begin:** First of April
- **Fees:**
  - $30 (Pre-K, indoor)
  - $35 (K-6th grade)
  - $10 soccer shirt if needed
- **Divisions:**
  - Pre-K: 3-5 years (indoor league)
  - Kindergarten (U6, co-ed)
  - Girls U-8: 1st & 2nd Grades
  - Boys U-8: 1st & 2nd Grades
  - Girls U-10: 3rd & 4th Grades
  - Boys U-10: 3rd & 4th Grades
  - Girls U-12: 5th & 6th Grades
  - Boys U-12: 5th & 6th Grades

**Spring Adult Basketball**

- **Registration:** February 8 - March 21
- **Games begin:** First week in April
- **Fee:** $275
- **Divisions:**
  - Men’s Open League- Monday
  - Women’s League- Wednesday
  - Prep League- Wednesday

**Music classes for infants and toddlers ages 0-5 and their caregivers!**

Classes are taught Fridays from Jan 9-May 22. Check out [www.smithfieldrecreation.com](http://www.smithfieldrecreation.com) for more information.