A (FINAL) MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

To the residents of Smithfield,

This will be a thank you letter--and just “saying” thanks is never enough--for the gratitude one feels toward individuals and experiences that have significant meaning. I wish that I could have a “personal moment” with each household, or person that has respectfully supported and worked in harmony with what we have set out to do to build and grow Smithfield into a place where our quality of life is where freedoms are protected, goals are reached, dreams come true, and where vision becomes a reality. So, as I clean out my desk, and prepare to move out of the city offices, there is a melancholy feeling as I gratefully reflect on the past and hope that somewhere along the way you have felt like where you live is a place worthy of your toil and contribution.

Since the election in November that terminated my role as mayor, and as I now prepare to move on, my feelings are full of delightful memories of serving the upright and civil people of this amazing community. Smithfield City really is one of Utah’s premier cities to live, learn, work, play, worship and raise a family. Smithfield is a safe and inviting place to be young and energetic, to peacefully age and grow old, and to carry on family traditions that elevate lift and inspire future generations. It seems to have something for everyone regardless of geography, age, ethnicity, religion, color or socio-economic circumstance. Honestly, that is all I have ever hoped for. It is this type of environment, and mind-set that creates the kind of community that makes me honored to be a Smithfield resident and to have been given the gift and remarkable responsibility to serve as your mayor. What a wonderful place to live! Again, I am thankful.

For me, every good and productive memory is coupled with the names and association of individuals that are unselfishly working hard for the common good of the community. Much has been, and will be accomplished, as we labor together with the heart of building on strengths and tapping into human potential. That being said, I would like to express genuine appreciation to the many volunteers that serve in city government, assist on community committees, including the management and executive staff. These are talented and devoted individuals that have won my respect and admiration. I am impressed with those that recognize and desire continual improvement but are unassuming in their strengths. I believe they really do have your best interest in mind. The capacity of all of us leading and laboring together, and not picking each other apart, will be the very essence of what will be crucial for Smithfield looking forward, and not backward. It is with that motivation that we will assure future accomplishments that will endure and make a significant difference well beyond today.

So, as I write my final newsletter, I will end as I began by expressing my sincerest appreciation to you for allowing me the tremendous honor to serve as your mayor. If offense was ever assumed it was never intended, and I ask for your pardon. I look forward to continually growing and building together as friends, neighbors and residents of the great city of Smithfield, Utah. On behalf of my wife, Ruth, and our family, we say, THANKS!

Sincerely,
Darrell Simmons, Mayor

***NOTICE OF FEES ON PAST DUE UTILITY ACCOUNTS***

Please be advised of the following fees on monthly utility accounts that are not paid on time. Monthly utility bills are due by the 15th of each month. A $10.00 penalty fee is assessed if the balance due is not paid by the next billing cycle. If a utility account becomes two months delinquent the following fees are assessed on the 20th of the 2nd month past due. If a Shut Off Notice is “mailed” a fee of $30.00 is assessed. If a Shut Off Notice is sent via “email or text message” rather than regular mail a fee of $5.00 is charged. If service has been disconnected due to a lack of payment a $50.00 fee is assessed to have service turned back on.

If you want to be included in the text/email/voicemail communication system of the city to reduce the $30.00 Shut Off Notice Fee to $5.00, if applicable to your account, email communityresponse@smithfieldcity.org with your name and utility account number. Your information will be added to the system. You can unsubscribe from the communication system at any time by clicking unsubscribe at the bottom of any email you receive.

These fees will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
HARDWARE RANCH

Hardware Ranch WMA offers a unique opportunity to get up close to wild Rocky Mountain Elk on a horse drawn sleigh. Beginning Dec 8, 2017 until Feb 26, 2018, Hardware Ranch is open Mon & Fri 12 noon - 4:30pm, and Sat & Sun 10am - 4:30pm. Tickets are sold in the Visitors Center. $5 ages 9 & up, $3 ages 4-8, children 3 & under are FREE.

Location:
Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area
SR-101 MM22
Blacksmith Fork Canyon
Hyrum, UT 84319
www.hardwareranch.com

WOMEN’S HEALTH

In the spirit of giving this time of year, we encourage all women to give themselves the gift of health by scheduling their annual exam and mammogram. A one-hour screening appointment can detect health conditions in their most treatable stages. The Bear River Health Department offers FREE breast and cervical cancer screenings, mammography vouchers, and cardiovascular health services to women between the ages of 40-64. To know if you or your loved one qualifies, call 435-792-6500 or visit www.brhd.org. Some women may even be eligible to participate in Weight Watchers, the National Diabetes Prevention Program, or may even receive a free FitBit Flex at no cost.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND IMPAIRED DRIVING

Did you know that impaired driving can be caused by prescription and over the counter medication? Often times we assume impaired driving only implies to driving while under the influence of alcohol. However, many over the counter and prescription medications can also cause impairment. Utah law states, “A person may not operate or be in actual physical control of a vehicle within this state if the person...is under the influence of alcohol, any drug, or the combined influence of alcohol and any drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle.” (See Utah code 41-6a-502).

If you are taking over the counter or prescription medication, please identify the risks with driving found on the labels or talk to your health care provider. Be sure to always use prescription medication as directed. Prevention is the best method to keep drivers safe. This holiday season, please keep everyone safe on Utah’s roads by not risking any drug impaired driving, always wearing a seat belt and/or using a child safety seat, slow down during hazardous road conditions, and obey all traffic laws.

Winter is here! Be sure to cover your cough, wash your hands, and do all you can to prevent spreading germs.
New Year’s Special
Bring in this coupon before January 15, 2018 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 currently taking registrations for all of our winter programs:

Play With Me
Music
All ages

SERENDIPITY
DANCE COMPANY
Ages: 2+
Top Flight Tumbling
Ages: 3+
AKF MARTIAL ARTS
Ages: 6+

Youth Soccer Registration
Registration: Jan 15 – Feb 18
Games Begin: Second week of April
Fees: $30 (Pre-K, indoor)
$35 (K-6th grade)
$10 soccer Jersey if needed
Divisions:
Pre-K Coed: 3 years (indoor league)
Pre-K Coed: 4-5 years
U6 Co-ed: Kindergarten
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 5–March 18
Games begin: First week of April
Fee: $295
Divisions: Men’s Open League- Monday
Women’s League- Wednesday
Prep League- Wednesday
Men’s League- Thursday

Spring Competitive Basketball
Registration: Jan. 22 – Feb. 11
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.

Spring Adult Volleyball
Registration: February 5–March 18
Games begin: First week of April
Fee: $225
Divisions: Women’s League- Thursday
Co-ed League- Tuesday
SMITHFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBER MID-TERM VACANCY

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Midterm City Council Vacancy in Smithfield, Utah. Any person interested in serving as a City Council Member and meeting the following eligibility and residency requirements is hereby invited to complete an application. The appointed Council Member will serve through the vacated term of Council Member Jeffrey H. Barnes ending December 31, 2019.

Eligibility and Residency Requirements:

1) Candidates must be a United States citizen at time of filing for candidacy.
2) Candidates must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the appointment.
3) Candidates must be a legal resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of appointment.
4) Candidate must be a registered voter of the municipality.

Pursuant to Utah Constitution Article IV, Section 6, any mentally incompetent person, any person convicted of a felony, or any person convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise may not hold office in this state until the right to vote or hold elective office is restored as provided by statute.

Application: Please contact the City Recorder, for an electronic application – jlewis@smithfieldcity.org; or an application is available at the city office building located at 96 South Main, Smithfield; Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Application Deadline: Applications will be available starting on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 5:00 P.M. Applications can be mailed to:

Smithfield City
Attn: City Recorder
PO Box 96
Smithfield, UT 84335

Applications will also be accepted at the city office building.

Public Meetings Notice:

Meeting for Interviews: The City Council will hold a regular council meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 starting at 6:00 P.M. to interview and select the candidate. This meeting will be held at the Smithfield City Office Building, 96 South Main, Smithfield, Utah. Interviews will be done in person and electronic interviews will not be considered.