MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

I looked out the window, and what did I see?? Even the youngest residents might be able to answer that question with: “Popcorn popping on the apricot tree! Spring has brought me such a nice surprise: blossoms popping right before my eyes!”

Winter brought us a few surprises, nice or not, but the calendar says March 19 is the last day of winter. Leo Tolstoy said, “Spring is the time of plans and projects.”

When you look out your window, what do you see? What plans and projects stir your imagination?

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, I looked out my window and saw snow on snow on snow, lovely large flakes making one of the whitest holidays ever. I also saw our snowplow drivers, away from family and friends, putting off their celebrations until the essential work was done.

All winter long, it seems I looked out and saw neighbors working together to remove huge piles of snow off sidewalks, driveways, around mailboxes and fire hydrants. I saw a whole army of young men with shovels cheerfully head out to dig out anyone and everyone!

From my north window I see the yard my dad worked so hard to maintain. He’d water, weed and mow right to the road. I joked about it to a passing city worker one day, thinking he’d think it was funny, too. Instead, I was seriously told how much the city appreciates and needs residents to take care of such public property. Up until then, I had never thought of how important, even essential, it is to think of “city property” as “our property.”

The big, bright windows on the south reveal my section of that road. I struggled for years to maintain it like my dad did and finally resorted to low-maintenance gravel and drought-resistant shrubs.

Across the street I see curb and gutter and a drain at the place where the sidewalk ends. What I don’t see, I often take for granted — the well-maintained systems that take dirty water out and bring clean water in. One of winter’s surprises brought voluntary restrictions on what we flushed down our drains. I value those services more when I think I might lose them. Currently, public officials are working on plans to upgrade and continue maintenance of these necessary systems. I don’t see the price tags, but I know the cost must go up. I do see the benefits: the shady trees and abundant greener, the healthy children biking on sewage-free streets, joggers running past when even on rainy days the stormwater is controlled.

In my dad’s day, an unwritten rule of civic pride dictated that good neighbors keep the streets neat. Now it is official. City ordinance requires all property owners to take care of the public areas that border their boundaries. Still, it seems to me it is what is written in our hearts and not the rule books that motivates our desire to keep Smithfield a pretty little place where the best keeps getting better.

What if we all looked out of our own windows and made plans and projects to improve what we see? This spring might just bring us all a nice surprise!

- Barbara Kent
**Youth Sport Registration**

**Summer Youth Baseball**  
**Ages:** 5-14  
**Registration:** March 13 - April 9

**Summer Girls Slow Pitch Softball**  
**Ages:** 9-12  
**Registration:** March 13 - April 9

**High School Fast Pitch Softball**  
Fee: $400 per team  
**Registration:** April 24 - May 28

**Challenger British Soccer Camp**  
**Camp Dates:** June 12-16  
**Registration ongoing**  
www.challengersports.com

**Adult Sport Registration**

**Adult Spring Basketball**  
Register now through March 19  
$295 per team

**Adult Spring Volleyball**  
Co-ed and Women's League  
Register now through March 19  
$225 per team

**Adult Summer Softball**  
Register now through April 9  
$375 per team

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**Shamrock Shuffle**  
**5K & 1 Mile Run**  
**March 11 @ 10am**  
Smithfield Rec Center  
$5 for Public  
$4 for Students/Sun & Snow  
Runners  
Wear green and get $1 off  
**Day-of Registration**

Scan to check out our website!  
www.smithfieldrecreation.com

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**DECOARATE OUR DINOSAUR CONTEST**

**NEED SOME EXTRA CASH?**  
**COME IN AND PUT YOUR NAME, YOUR FAMILY NAME OR GROUP IN FOR A DRAWING TO DECORATE OUR DINOSAUR.**

**EACH MONTH WE WILL BE HAVING A DRAWING FOR SOMEONE TO DECORATE OUR DINOSAUR ON THE 1ST OF EACH MONTH.**

**THE WINNER OF THE DRAWING WILL RECEIVE $50.00 FOR SUPPLIES TO DECORATE WITH AND AFTER THE DINOSAUR IS DECORATED YOU WILL RECEIVE $100.00 CASH, $50.00 GAS CARD, AND LUNCH OR DINNER FOR 6 PEOPLE.**

**WE WILL POST PICTURES EACH MONTH OF THE DECORATED DINOSAUR AND AT THE END OF THE YEAR WE WILL HAVE OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS PICK A GRAND PRIZE WINNER THAT WILL RECEIVE $500.00.**

**LET'S SEE HOW CREATIVE WE CAN BE IN GIVING OUR DINO SOME SPIRIT.**

**SUMMIT CREEK**  
**SINCLAIR**  
**183 NORTH MAIN**  
**SMITHFIELD, UTAH**  
**435-563-2490**
Get ready …
The Health Days Celebration is right around the corner!
May 8-13

Now Accepting Health Days Parade Entries
Parade will be held Saturday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street.
Sign-up forms and more details can be found at the Smithfield Recreation Center or online at www.smithfieldrecreation.com

The Smithfield Youth Theatre
Sign up NOW to participate in this year’s production.
The Adventures of Robin Hood
Any Smithfield resident age 5-18
(still in High School) may participate.
For more information visit smithfieldtheatre.weebly.com!
Performances will be May 12th & 13th
and are FREE to the public!

Health Days Booth Reservations
Sign up now through April 29 at the Smithfield Recreation Center to reserve your booth.
For more information call Richard at 563-0048.

Stratford Loosle Young Musicians Competition
Smithfield is looking for musicians grades 1st through 12th to compete!
The competition will be held on Thursday, May 11 with preliminary auditions on Friday, April 28. Cash prizes of $25 to $200 will be awarded.
Applications are available at your school office and the Smithfield Rec Center.
The deadline for applications is April 22!
Go to smithfieldrecreation.com for details or contact Heather Overly @ overlyactive11@gmail.com

Health Days Fun Run
10K, 5K & Mayor’s Mile
Saturday, May 13, 2017 @ 7:30 am at Mack Park
Early Registration: March 27-April 30
Early Reg. Price (shirt included): 5K/10K Race: $15, Mayor’s Mile: $12
All runners will receive a finisher medal!
For more information go to www.smithfieldrecreation.com

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