MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

SPRING TIME AND HEALTH DAYS

As the month of May arrives, and Smithfield prepares for its annual Health Days Celebration, I am confident that everyone will find an event or activity that will allow you to enjoy and celebrate this amazing city in which we live. A schedule of events is available at the city offices, various business establishments, the recreation center, and on-line at the city website www.smithfieldcity.org. We hope everyone will schedule time to join in the activities, including the parade on Main Street Saturday the 13th. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join us in this annual community event. The Health Days celebration has been a tradition since 1925. Please help us keep the tradition alive by supporting the many events planned during the week of May 8-13, 2017.

Green and Clean

I so much enjoy visiting with many of you about the positive aspects of Smithfield. I often hear how important a clean and well-kept community means to you. The spring and summer months are traditionally set-aside for families to reunite and enjoy traditional events together. Knowing this, I am hopeful that we will continue to keep our city presentable for guests, visitors, and especially our full-time residents. We can do this by taking care of our properties through spring cleanup projects and proper long-term maintenance. Last week I was in a conversation with a new resident who was highly complementary on the way he perceived the care of Smithfield neighborhoods and the value it added to their property. Good job to all of you! Let’s stay the course of noble stewardship by taking good care of, and make presentable, the beautiful place in which we live. We all share in the responsibility and we appreciate every effort extended to assure a green and clean environment.

PROJECTS

The “Splash Pad” water feature will soon be completed. Hopefully you have had a chance to drive by and see the progress. Our goal is to have it completed for a summer opening. Our public works department has been busy upgrading water and sewer lines and assuring proper maintenance to other utilities, all of which require continual servicing. On many of our roads the cold wet winter took its toll. With the help of the street department the potholes are disappearing daily. New subdivisions are being planned that will bring new friends and neighbors to Smithfield. Our partnership with Logan City will soon bring a new sewer treatment facility that will comply with EPA mandates. Our 2017-18 budget will soon be set. We pledge to manage our present resources wisely with renewed emphasis on more effective revenue planning for the future.

A Sense for Community

Thanks to everyone that work to keep Smithfield a premier place to reside. It is a wonderful community. It has a rich history, a vibrant present, and an extremely promising future. It is safe, clean, and in good repair. Nevertheless, its population is becoming more diverse everyday. We welcome all who desire to be part of the rich and vibrant quality of life we have come to enjoy. It is exciting to be part of such a diverse population of talented and law-abiding individuals. So, as your neighbor, I thank you for the civility, courtesy, respect and graciousness you subscribe to in your day-to-day living amongst one another. Rudeness is uncommon in Smithfield and rarely, if ever, provides fortifying strength. I am pleased to observe kindly consideration and good manners being expended by our residents. Thank you for every honest and respectful effort made to keep Smithfield a remarkable “city on a hill.”

As your elected officials, we will continue to do our best to serve with fairness and good judgment. We can never thank you enough for all of the good you do to keep Smithfield a city of health that provides for a pleasing place to raise your families; realize your dreams; educate your children, and enjoy a quality of life that is as good as it gets anywhere in the world.

Happy Health Days,
Darrell G. Simmons
Mayor

P.S. On Facebook, Twitter, and the city app, you can follow city activities and receive important information. Download the Smithfield City app for both Apple and Android devices at your app store. Go to www.smithfieldcity.org for links to these sights.
### 2017 Schedule of Events

**May 8-13**

**Monday, May 8:**
- **6:00 pm: Health Days Family Bike Ride**
  Mack Park, Canyon Road in Smithfield

**Wednesday, May 10:**
- **7:00 am: Greater Smithfield Chamber of Commerce Charity Golf Tournament**
  Birch Creek Golf Course (Sign up by May 1)
- **5:30 pm: Mountain Bike Challenge**
  Mack Park, Canyon Road in Smithfield

**Thursday, May 11:**
- **7:30 pm: Stratford Loose Young Musicians Competition**
  Sky View High School Auditorium

**Friday, May 12:**
- **6 pm- 9 pm: Antique Display**
  Historic Tabernacle/Youth Center
- **7:00 pm: Smithfield Youth Theatre Presents: The Adventures of Robin Hood**
  Sky View High School Auditorium (Free to the public!)

### Saturday, May 13

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<td>Booth and Park Activities</td>
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Smithfield RECREATION

2017 Summer Camps + Classes

Register May 1

- dodgeball camps
- volleyball training camps
- tennis camps
- Play With Me Music
- Musical Theatre Camp
- creative craft classes
- basketball skills camp
- sports + wellness camps
- jr chef classes
- British soccer camp

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Health Days Membership Special

Sign up for an Annual Membership by May 13th
And get 15% OFF or we’ll waive the sign up fee

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Splash Pad Grand Opening
Health Days Fun Run
Movies in the Park

June 3rd, 11 am @ Central Park
10K, 5K & Mayor’s Mile
May 13, 2017 @ 7:30am
James Mack Memorial Park, Smithfield

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All runners receive a finisher medal!

June 9, 9 pm @ Mack Park

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SMITHFIELD TABERNACLE/YOUTH CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL HISTORIC DESIGNATION

The Smithfield Tabernacle/Youth Center has been recently accepted to the National Register of Historic Places under the criteria of Local Significance. This large edifice was constructed on the public square to serve as the community center and to establish a feeling of permanence. It has served the community of Smithfield from 1902 to the present time.

The Smithfield Tabernacle was financed and constructed by a small Smithfield LDS ward, which was unusual. The vast majority of LDS Tabernacles were constructed by a Stake. The work began in 1883 and was finished in 1902. The lumber came from Main and Birch Canyon, the sandstone from a quarry in Franklin, Idaho, and over 200,000 brick were handmade in a clay pit near the Bear River.

The building was the primary place of worship for the Latter-day Saints in Smithfield for many decades. Typical of early Mormon settlements, the Tabernacle was also used for community plays, pageants, concerts, graduation ceremonies, and town meetings. It later served as the first Smithfield Stake Center.

When the LDS congregation outgrew the Smithfield Tabernacle, the local LDS Church leadership and members found a new use for the building as a much-needed youth activity center. It was determined that the interior was large enough to install a new floor that could be utilized for basketball, volleyball, indoor baseball, and shuffleboard. A new annex was added on the back with a room upstairs for table tennis and checkers, and the downstairs housed restrooms and tiled showers. Renovated in 1955, and known as “The Youth Center”, the facility was owned and operated by the LDS Church. It was deeded to Smithfield City in 1985 and served as the City’s only recreation facility until the new Recreation Center was built in 2000.

In 2012, when conversation surfaced about the future of the Tabernacle/Youth Center, the Smithfield Historical Society got involved, encouraging the preservation of this historic landmark. They hired a professional evaluation of the building’s historical significance, and hosted community events to demonstrate possible future uses of the building. Additionally, co-operative efforts with City officials resulted in much needed improvements to the building. Efforts were made to improve the exterior by clearing off vines and volunteer trees, adding a rain gutter system, and making repairs to the brickwork and foundation. Inside improvements include a new furnace, lights, bathroom fixtures, and the resurfacing of the wood floor.

The people of Smithfield can now be proud to have this magnificent edifice listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Smithfield Tabernacle/Youth Center is, and always has been, the center and symbol of our Smithfield Community. It links the commitment, devotion, and faith of our pioneer heritage to the potential, power, and strength of our future generations.

-Jeffry R. Gittins, President Smithfield Historical Society

GAGA BALL IN SMITHFIELD!

Joshua Higginbotham is working on his Eagle Scout project and is currently raising funds to build a GaGa ball pit in a Smithfield City park. What is GaGa ball? Ask a Boy Scout and they will tell you it is the most fun activity at scout camp. “Gaga is a fast paced, high energy sport played in an octagonal pit. The more players the better! Dubbed a kinder gentler version of dodge ball, the game is played with a soft ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with the ball below the knees” (www.gagacenter.com).

Joshua would like to provide this kind of activity for residents of the city and surrounding area. GaGa ball is great for youth groups, scout activities, birthday parties, and family fun. To learn more about Joshua’s Eagle Scout project see his blog: http://smithfieldgagaballpit.blogspot.com. All funds raised will be held and disbursed by Smithfield City. Those wanting to donate can go online to: https://paypal.me/smithfieldcity or pay at the City Office Building during regular business hours. Joshua presented this concept during a city council meeting and the mayor and council have approved of the project.