MESSAGE FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

Each day is a gift and our only response should be greatfulness.

My husband and I have been in Smithfield 20 years now and often we stop what we are doing to say “Wow! Don’t we live in an amazing place?” We decided to compile our top ten things to be grateful for in Smithfield in honor of Thanksgiving.

1. Friends and neighbors. Our kids occasionally ask us when we will move to SLC and our answer is always “never”. We are part of Smithfield and love the people we associate with whether at Lee’s on a Saturday night (why do we all forget something until late Saturday night?), at city functions, running down the canyon, or just putting out the garbage can.

2. The Great Outdoors. In a matter of 2-3 minutes you can ride your bike for miles without a stoplight, or hike/bike beautiful trails without ever having to get into your car. We are close to great ski areas, climbing rocks, fishing holes and hunting hills.

3. City Amenities: We have beautiful parks, playgrounds, and a top notch Recreation Center with many programs available for young and old. Our new library is filled with amazing art, books and programs. The Sr. Citizen Center offers weekly luncheons and entertainment. We are even in the process of planning a new skate park and water park! This just scratches the surface.

4. Chocolate. Just thought I’d check to see if you were reading this far down.

5. Safety: Thanks to our police and fire departments we have been ranked as one of the safest small cities in Utah. Let’s keep it that way!

6. Schools. We are blessed to have a high school and several elementaries that really care about our kids. They offer exceptional education opportunities for students in our city and valley.

7. Seasons: Hot in the summer, cold in the winter, beautiful in fall and spring.

8. Small Town Feel: Several years ago we had some friends coming to visit us for the first time from California. They called ahead and asked which exit they should take once they came to Smithfield. We got such a laugh out of this and were excited to show them just how great our little city was. Aren’t we blessed to live in a place where you can still see cows in pastures, buy corn at a roadside stand, have someone press your apples to make cider, and see an occasional horse and rider sauntering down a side street?

9. Opportunities: Next year at this time there will be elections for mayor and two city councilmembers. We are often looking to fill positions on committees. Being involved is rewarding and it feels really good to be able to help guide Smithfield into an exciting future. Don’t hesitate to become involved!

10. Starry, starry nights and majestic mountains: Because of our current size and our lighting ordinance, we can still look up into the sky and see the stars. My brother visited from NYC and all he wanted to do was sit out on our deck and gaze at the stars. When returning home from a trip I feel safe tucked back under the protection of Flat Top and our little mountain range surrounding this beautiful valley.

These are just a few of the things we are thankful for here in Smithfield.

What about you?

-Kris Monson, City Councilwoman -

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

We are starting a new DAV (Disabled American Veterans) chapter in Cache Valley. The DAV is the premier organization that helps more Veterans with VA health care, disability claims and appeals than all others combined, free of charge.

Between January 1, 2014-December 31, 2014, our NSO’s & TSO’s (all wartime-wounded, injured or ill Veterans) provided representation for over 340,000 claims for Veterans and their families before VA, obtaining for them more than $3.7 Billion in new and retroactive benefits.

The DAV also provides a volunteer transportation network which transport’s Veterans to & from VA medical centers located by 192 service coordinators located at 197 medical centers, with 9,000 volunteers and in 2014 alone provided 24,356,351 miles, providing 716,302 free rides, and donating 1,723,175 hours of their time.

Please join our new chapter and help us reach out to those Veterans here in Cache Valley that need help & support. Need not be a volunteer but would be great just to have you involved in the establishment of this chapter. In order to finalize and register this new chapter we need at least 50 disabled Veterans, who will be on the original charter document for ever.

After the chapter is formed anyone who is already a DAV member from a chapter located outside of Cache Valley may transfer to the new chapter.

Thank you,

DAV - “Fulfilling our promise”

For information contact Rick Fillmer 435 757 3109 richardfillmer@comcast.net

For DAV van transportation to the Salt Lake VA hospital or Ogden Clinic contact: 800-613-4012 ext. 2003 or 1027
The Logan City Environmental Department has been performing studies to help us better understand recycling contamination in hopes of better combating the problem. Our current recycling contamination rate is 18% and we would like to see lower contamination rates – around 10-12%. This past summer, employees looked in cans to identify contaminants. Approximately 33% of the cans we looked in had zero contamination! However, in cans that had contamination present, nearly 87% of the contamination is one of these 7 items: Plastic Bags, Food Wrappers, Tissue, Styrofoam, Plastic without the Recycling Symbol, Pizza Boxes, or Disposable Dishware. We ask that Cache County residents do not place these items in their blue curbside recycling container. Below is a graphic that shows you what can be recycled, along with some of the items we commonly see in recycling cans that should not be placed in the can!

Recycling questions can be answered by calling our customer service line at 435-716-9755 or by e-mailing Emily Malik at emily.malik@loganutah.org

THE SMITHFIELD HEALTH DAYS PAGEANT DATE HAS BEEN MOVED TO MARCH 11TH, 2017

This pageant is for young ladies who are Smithfield residents and are either a Junior or Senior in high school. The applicant may not be engaged or planning on marriage this year and must be willing to participate in parades and Health Days events. This is NOT a beauty pageant. Winners will receive scholarship money. The entry deadline is December 16th at 4:30 pm.

See the “City Events” tab at smithfieldrecreation.com for more information. You may also contact Cathy Brooksby at 435-563-6674 or at cathy@brooksby.com.

Tis the Season for Ice Skating!!! Learn to Skate Winter Session will soon be here! Registration is NOW OPEN! Figure skating classes are available for ages 3-adult. Learn to skate hockey is also available. Lessons start on Tuesday, November 29 (4:45-5:45pm) or Thursday, December 1 (4:00-5:00pm), 2016. This is a 4 week class for $40.00. A 10% discount will be given for additional family member’s registration. Register online at www.ecclesice.com or at the ice rink located at 2825 N 200 E, No. Logan.

BOYS & GIRLS WINTER BASKETBALL

Registration: Oct 24 – Nov 20th
Games Begin: January 7th
Fees: Early Bird: $40 - 10/24- 11/6
       General: $45 - 11/7- 11/20
       $10 Jersey (if needed)
Divisions: Kindergarten coed
          1st-2nd grade coed
          3rd-4th grade boys
          5th-6th grade boys
          7th-8th grade boys
          3rd-5th grade girls
          6th-8th grade girls
          9th-10th grade team sign up only
          11-12th grade team sign up only ($25 per team)

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                          Dayna Allen
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13th ANNUAL HOLIDAY TURKEY TROT
Nov. 19th @ 10:00am
Smithfield Rec Center

Run for a chance to win your own Thanksgiving turkey!

TOP OF UTAH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Registration: Oct 24 – Nov 20 (First Tourn.)
Oct 24 – Dec 4 (Second Tourn.)
Fees: $225 per team
Guaranteed 3 games

First Tournament
Date: Dec 1st - 3rd

5th grade Boys
6th grade Boys
7th grade Boys
8th grade Boys

Second Tournament
Date: Dec 15th - 17th

3rd grade Boys
4th grade Boys
5th-6th grade Girls
7th-8th grade Girls

Adult Winter Basketball Leagues

Registration: Nov 7th – Dec 18th
Games Begin: First week in January
Fee: $295 Per Team
Divisions: Mens Open- Monday
         Womens League- Wednesday
         Mens League/Industrial-Thursday

When children enter sports at an early age, they are 1/10 as likely to become obese and 15% more likely to go to college. – The Aspen Institute, 2015