

For the past several years one source of exercise for me is playing basketball in the early mornings. There are two groups of men that I have the privilege of playing with on different days of the week.

One group is made up of younger men. They run me to death up and down the court. They are full of energy and enthusiasm and make me realize I am not 30 years old any more. Each one of them I consider very good friends. Great men, who are trying to be good husbands, fathers and neighbors.

The other group is made up of more seasoned players. We have played together for at least ten years that I know of. The pace of play is a little slower, but we play with a lot of intensity. With this group I don't feel so old, and in fact am one of the younger players. These men are some of the finest in our community. Their roots run very deep in Washington.

My reason for sharing this with you is. They, like you make up the heart and soul of Washington City. All of us have the opportunity to make a difference. That difference begins in our homes, our families, our neighborhoods and our community.

We will all face challenges. Some of those will seem unbearable. Perhaps you already know someone with those challenges. What can we do to help? Offer our services, lend a helping hand, speak a kind word, give a pat on the back? Yes, we can do all of these.

May I offer this quote. "Do not let the enormity of the moment take you outside of what you know you are capable of doing".

This is a wonderful time to be alive. Let us approach every day with gratitude and move forward with a positive frame of mind.

It is because of you that Washington City a wonderful place to live.



Mayor

Announcements

Public Works Project Update

300 East Widening



Bid opening was January 26th and the contract was awarded to Meadow Valley Contractors.

Construction is scheduled to begin around the first of March. This project will take approximately one year to complete.

Census 2010

The 2010 Census is on its way. Check inside for the article from the Public Safety Department on what you need to know about the Census to keep you safe!



Cotton Days Volunteers Needed

Cotton Days is just around the corner (May 3rd-8th 2010) and we need dedicated citizens of Washington City to make this year better than ever. We need your help to put on our Parade, Tractor Pull, Fishing Derby, 5k/10k Run, 2nd Grade Field Trips, Jr. Rodeo, and much more! If you have a desire to continue making Washington City a fun, family friendly City, please contact Donn Hayes today. You can contact him: dhayes@washingtontcity.org or call: 435-656-6322. Thanks for your help!

Family Swim Night

Every Tues night from 6 – 8 PM (until the end of April).

Two adults and up to three kids can swim for only \$10 at the Community Center!

There will be food specials these evenings so come hungry!





Census 2010

Another decade has passed us by and now it's time for another census. It is required by law that you fill out the Census questionnaire. The Census has several important uses that can affect you.

First, the Census is used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress. Second, it provides data to determine how many electors each state has in a presidential election. Finally, the Census helps determine where hundreds of billions of dollars goes for federally funded programs.

On March 15, 2010 Census workers will begin mailing out questionnaires to Utah residents. You will have approximately one month to complete and return the questionnaire. If you do not complete the questionnaire you will be visited at your home by a Census worker. They will begin going door-to-door on May 1, 2010. Before you receive a visit you will receive an introductory letter either by telephone or mail. While going door-to-door Census workers are required to display their Census Bureau badge, provide the name of the survey, and provide the letter that you should have received prior to them arriving. As a word of caution, do not let workers into your home even if it is a legitimate Census worker. Also, do not give anyone sensitive information. The Census Bureau will never ask for information relating to your identity or finances. The Census Bureau will also never contact you by email, so beware of email scams claiming to be legitimate. While protecting yourself, please take the time to do your part with the Census. If you feel uncomfortable or suspicious about a Census worker please notify dispatch at 634-5730 and let your Public Safety Department respond to help. Thanks for all you do to help maintain the Quality of Life we all enjoy.

Go to www.census.gov to learn more about the census.

WASHINGTON CITY IRRIGATION WATER

2010 Irrigation season has begun and Washington City Public Works would like to remind citizens who own irrigation water shares about the ordinance and services involving irrigation water.



Irrigation season is from March 1st through November 30th.

The City is responsible for making sure water is turned into the ditch and for keeping the main irrigation lines and ditches clear and free from debris, allowing the water to flow freely.

Citizens with irrigation shares who utilize the water are responsible for diverting the water when it is their turn and for diverting it back when their turn ends. Shareholders are also responsible for their own service valves and service lines; including maintenance and repairs.

Anyone who utilizes the water when it is not their turn or does not turn the water back out after their turn could be subject to a Class B Misdemeanor and a fine of \$1000 as stipulated by Utah State Code.

Remember to always be courteous of others down the line who are counting on using water when it is their turn.

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The 2010 Census is like a Portrait of America to be taken on April 1, 2010.

What: The census will be a count of everyone **residing in the United States on April 1, 2010** (all citizens and non-citizens alike).

When: You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by US mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.



Why: Since 1790, the US Constitution has required a national census once every 10 years to count our population.

How: Households complete a simple form (now only 10 questions) by listing all people who live in the home as their "usual residence", where they live and sleep most of the time.

Utah residents count!

Community Garden

Come see what's growing this month at the Washington City Garden! Everyone is invited to come to our Opening Weekend on March 13th at 10 AM.

This workshop will be on "What You Need To Know About Soil." On March 27th at 10 AM join us for "How to Start Seeds."



Anyone who is interested in learning how to start a garden is invited to the workshops. No plot is necessary to participate. Children are welcome. All workshops are held at the Washington City Garden at approximately 125 N. 100 E. For more info about workshops please visit washingtongardengarden.weebly.com



2010 Washington City Royalty

On Saturday evening, February 6th, in the Pine View High School Auditorium, eight very talented young ladies competed in the Washington City Princess Scholarship Pageant. The contestants were judged on: community achievement, life style & fitness, artistic expression, poise & presence, and interviews. We would like to introduce our new royalty:

Princess: Andressa Johanson, daughter of Shane and Monica Johanson

1st Attendant: A'Lyssa Turek, daughter of Jeff and Valerie Turek

2nd Attendant: Brooke Dalley, daughter of Clint and Kate Dalley

Miss Spirit: Ashleigh Anderson, daughter of Phillip and Tracy Anderson

Watch for these your ladies at all the Washington City events. We would also like to thank the other contestants for their participation; Keanna Hardy, Ali Johanson, Miquelle Leslie, Jessica Stone, We would also like to thank Sandy Stout and Stephanie Behling for all their hard work they put into the pageant and through out the year.



2010 Washington City Royalty

Historical Society Welcomes Gracia Jones

The free educational meeting for March 18th guest speaker Gracia Jones topic: "EMMA SMITH AND HER CHILDREN--THE UTAH CONNECTION".

Gracia was born and raised in Northwestern Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation. She is a member of the Flathead Indian Tribe through her father, and through her mother she is a great-great-granddaughter of Joseph and Emma Smith. She is a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1956. Garcia and her husband, Ivor live in St. George and are on a lifetime mission to find the Prophet and Emma's posterity, reuniting them in family reunions whenever possible. Gracia has taught classes at BYU Education Week for ten years. She has presented firesides and programs for LDS audiences throughout the United States, Canada, England, Australia and China, on LDS Church History and the lives of her ancestors. Gracia is the author of three books currently in print: *The Holidays with Joseph and Emma*, *Emma and Joseph: Their Divine Mission*, and *Emma and Lucy*. She served as Historical Consultant for the film, *Emma Smith: My Story*. This film was produced by the Joseph Smith Jr., and Emma Hale Smith Historical Society where Gracia serves as the historian. She also serves as the Native American advisor on the Board of Directors of the Miracle of American Museum.

You will have an enjoyable time with Gracia on March 18th at 7:00 PM in the Relief Society Building on 100 West Telegraph Street.

April 15th guest speaker, Mike Empey, "Silver Reef, the settlement of Harrisburg & Leeds with Wild West stories of Silver Reef."

Town Hall Meeting

The Mayor and City Council plan to hold quarterly Town Hall Meetings (public forum), where they would like to hear comments from the citizens of our community on issues impacting you. Your issues are important to the Mayor and Council, and they welcome your comments. Please come early enough to fill out a request to speak before the Council. All requests must be submitted before the meeting. No comments will be taken 10 minutes after the meeting begins. Our first public forum meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 6:00 P.M., in the Council Chamber of the City Office Building located 111 North 100 East, Washington, Utah. If you have any further questions please contact the City Records Office at 656-6308.

Cotton Days Vendor Applications

Applications are now available! Stop by the Community Center to pick up your vendor application today. All vendor booths are on a first come first served basis. With a couple of thousand people coming the the parade these booths will go fast so don't delay!

www.cottondays.org

Volunteers Needed at Community Center



The Washington City Community Center wants you to volunteer in several different capacities from cleaning to office assisting.

To reward you for giving back to your community you will receive a Community Center Membership.

We have flexible hours available for you to serve from 5AM to 10PM. Limited positions are available so act fast to fill one of the ten available!

- 2 Aquatics Trade Hosts
- 2 Recreation Trade Hosts
- 2 Operations Trade Hosts
- 2 Programs/Special Events Trade Hosts
- 2 Maintenance Trade Hosts

- 2 hours/week= individual pass**
- 3 hours/week= couple pass**
- 4 hours/week= family pass**

Come into the Community Center to pick up an application today!

March Calendar



- 1st- Irrigation Season Begins
- 3rd- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30 PM
- 8th- Daughter of Utah Pioneers 1PM at RS Building
- 8th thru 12th- WCSD Spring Vacation
- 9th- City Council Workshop 6PM, City Council Room
- 10th- City Council Mtg 6PM, City Council Room
- 13th- Community Garden Mtg 10AM (see newsletter)
- 14th- Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15th- No School
- 17th- Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 17th- Planning Commission Mtg 5:30 PM
- 18th- Historical Society Mtg 7PM, RS Building
- 23rd- City Council Workshop 6PM, City Council Rm
- 24th- City Council Mtg 6PM, City Council Room
- 27th- Community Garden Mtg 10AM (see newsletter)
- 29th- The Duckie Drop 2010 6PM, Community Ctr



Washington City Community Center

washingtoncity.org/cc
(435) 656-6360

Sports & Fitness

Pee Wee Baseball

BATTER UP! The Washington City Pee Wee Baseball League is a great introduction to the sport of baseball for children in a relaxed, fun environment. The league is designed for boys and girls currently enrolled in Kindergarten – 2nd grade.

The Washington City Recreation reversible jersey is required. All participants will receive a sponsored team baseball cap at no additional cost.

Registration opens: March 1st
Registration deadline: April 16th, 2010
Fees: \$25 Residents/\$30 Non Residents

Games begin: May 11th, 2010.
Games will be played at Veteran's Park & City Ball Field
Go to washingtoncity.org/cc to register or in person at the Community Center.



The Duckie Drop 2010

Did you miss out last year? Don't miss out this year because on March 29th the Duckies will fall from our 300 gallon dump bucket to the cheers of all the swimming kids. Prizes will be available for all the kids as they trade in their duckies for bikes, toys, easter baskets, candy, and so much more. Tickets are limited so buy yours now!

Monday 6–7PM* is open swim for ticketed participants
7–9PM*the duckies will begin to drop
Youth will be broken up into the following groups: Infant – 2 yrs;
3-5 yrs; 6-9 yrs; 10-12 yrs.

Cost: \$4 for Members/\$6 Non Members
\$1 for anyone over the age of 12
Under 2 is free

*The leisure pool will be closed from 6-9PM to the public for this event. Ticketed participants only.

Thanks to our sponsors:



Youth Fishing & Fly Fishing Classes

Cast Reel and Catch! It's time for some fishing at the Washington City Community Center. We have two classes for those who love to get out and catch the big one.

Youth Fishing

Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30PM; Saturdays from 9:00 – 10:30AM
Class will be held on April 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 and May 1st, 2010.
The three-week class is open to youth ages 6-13. 12 & 13 year olds will need a Fishing License.

\$25 for Members /\$30 for Non Members.
Class is held at Razor Ridge Urban Fishery
1934 N Coral Ridge Dr. (off Telegraph).



Fly Fishing

If you are ready to catch the most and the biggest fish then come to the Washington City Community Center for tips and lessons on the best techniques. These classes are fun, interactive and a little FISHY!
The five-week class is 1 hour instruction and 1 hour of casting practice.
Thursdays from 7:00PM – 9:00PM.
Classes begin on March 11th – April 8th.
\$60 Member /\$65 Non Member

Attention Seniors

Pickleball is now being offered at the Community Center!

This exciting new sport is the fastest growing recreational activity in America, and we encourage you to get involved! Instruction will be provided by Tim Finger, four-time Huntsman World Senior Game Gold Medalist and #1 ranked USAPA player (age 50-54).



Senior classes, clinics, and sessions, will begin March 15, 2010, and will include instruction, terminology, and fun activities.

Register online at washingtoncity.org/cc or at the Community Center. For additional information, please contact the Recreation Manager, Kole Staheli, at (435)656-6355.

Programs

Lights Out Lock-In

The April 16th-17th Lights Out Lock-In will begin selling tickets on March 8th. This all night party will blow your 12-15 year old away. They will be locked down at the Community Center from 8 PM to 8 AM. There will be dancing, bounce houses, dodge ball, a hypnotist show, food, a guitar hero competition, 3 on 3 basketball tourney and more.



Registration deadline: April 9th
Fees: \$18 Members/\$20 Non Members
Late Registration: April 10th-16th
Fees: \$25 Members & Non Members

For more info contact Chris Beckstead at (435) 656-6360 ext 7206.

Preschool Enrollment

The second session is about to begin! There are a handful of slots left so SIGN YOUR CHILD UP NOW!!
Included are karate lessons, gymnastics lessons, swim days, plus top-notch academics in a fun, caring environment for children.
For more info call (435) 656-6360 or speak to our Preschool Director, Traci James, (435) 656-6343. Email questions to tjames@washingtoncity.org

Slots are available in the following classes:
3 Yr old Program Tues–Thurs 8:30 am, 10:30 am or 1:30 pm.
\$100/month \$95/month for members
4 yr old program Mon–Wed–Fri, 1:30 pm
\$120/month, \$115/month for members

