

# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

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**Kearns Improvement District**  
968-1011

**Sheriff – Kearns Division**  
967-4420

**Unified Fire Department**  
743-7200 • 840-4000

**Kearns Library**  
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**SL County Code Enforcement**  
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**SL County Planning and Development**  
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**Kearns Recreation Center**  
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By Chuck McDowell

As 2007 stares us in the face we all are making resolutions. I personally need to lose weight, exercise more, and try to be a nicer person. At least that is what my wife tells me.

As a community we need to assess where we have been and where we want to go. Our 2006 Kearns Community Council Chair, Kevin Lundy, did a great job last year and completed a very impressive laundry list of accomplishments during his tenure. His recent "State of the Township" address was inspiring and we are now working to define our resolutions for 2007.

I feel very privileged to serve as the 2007 Chair and am honored that the other members have entrusted me with this responsibility. I will do all I can to live up to that trust.

During our first meeting of 2007 I presented a list of the Top Ten Initiatives I hope to tackle this year. Some items are optional and some are simply facts of life that need to be confronted.

### Top Ten

#### Planning & Zoning / Code Enforcement

One of the primary functions of any community council is to act as an advisory board to the County in the areas of Planning and Zoning, and Code Enforcement. We offer recommendations to our own Kearns Township Planning Commission when questions arise regarding appropriate location and licensing of businesses and construction projects. We will continue to focus on this as one of our primary mandates. We want to promote commerce while at the same time protect our citizens and avoid urban blight.

#### Economic Development

We have experienced some success in this area. We realize that this is a tender subject for our business owners and our commercial and industrial property owners. Redevelopment needs to be handled with care and unanimous participation is needed to make it happen. Does it need to happen? There is no question that it does and it will.

We need to explore opportunities to obtain County, State and Federal funding sources for necessary capital improvements.

Wouldn't it be nice to have our own Town Hall and Community Center? It is time for us to graduate. This Community Council needs a home.

#### Expand Community Involvement and Events

Our community recently enjoyed a very successful Community Christmas and Holiday Party at the Olympic Skating Oval. Many thanks to the Oval, and dedicated volunteers from the council and in the community who worked diligently to make this happen.

We have enjoyed a very festive community parade over the years, and the coupling of the Fire, Water, and Ice Festival has made that day one that all of our citizens look forward to. The addition of "Hometown Night" was another successful event introduced in 2006.

We have the ability to increase our parade to the same size and class of any other; our Hometown Night event will do nothing but grow in size and reputation. Wouldn't it be nice to start thinking about a Kearns Arts and Jazz Festival? If Salt Lake and Park City can do it why can't we?

#### Education – Library – Cultural

Regarding education, we can do more to involve our local school community councils and PTA's to promote a cohesive organization to enhance our children's experience.

Our Library is too small. We need to either expand or rebuild a larger facility.

We need to expand public efforts to stimulate Arts and Cultural development. Other communities have very active choirs, orchestral groups, performing arts, historical preservation and botanical projects. We dearly need a Kearns Community Arts Council to coordinate ambitious efforts in these areas. As a member of the County ZAP Tier II Board, I have come to recognize that we are missing out on many opportunities provided by the County that other communities are taking full advantage of.

#### Public Works

We need to evaluate necessary infrastructure upgrades that are needed – district by district – throughout Kearns. This includes

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# HB 40 SIGNIFICANT TO RESIDENTS

In 1995 the Utah State Legislature enacted a Township Provision which created the current townships in Salt Lake County. The Township Provision was set to expire in 2005, but was extended to 2010 by a bill sponsored by former Representative Susan Lawrence. Representative Lawrence's bill, House Bill 40 (HB 40) is the Sunset of Township Provision. HB 40 allows townships to continue until 2010 with the caveat that residents take a survey that determines their desire for future forms of governance when the township provision expires.

The governance scenarios could include, but are not limited, to the following:

- townships annexing into neighboring cities
- townships incorporated into their own cities
- townships remaining townships in the unincorporated area of the County
- townships choosing a combination of annexation, incorporation, or the status quo

The County, in conjunction with the Utah League of Cities and Towns, townships, and neighboring municipalities, has proposed a two year process in order to complete the Legislature's mandate as outlined in HB 40. The County, along with the participating community councils and participating cities, will be responsible for creating education material for unincorporated residents that introduces them to the process and prepares them to take the required survey.

Several of the first steps have already been completed. These include:

The first HB 40 Summit was held in October introducing stakeholders to one another and starting the process of fulfilling the HB 40 requirements.

- An internal review of the County municipal fund and annexation/incorporation impact has begun
- Creation of an interlocal agreement between participating cities and Salt Lake County regarding selection and

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By Deputy Arlan Bennett

We in the COP/POP Unit of the Kearns Township invite your comments and suggestions in regard to making our community better and safer. Our effectiveness often depends on your input, and working together to resolve problems or issues in the community we live in.

Detective Miguel Miranda and I are excited work with the residents of Kearns. We look forward to building lasting relationships between you and the Sheriff's Department. We are open to your concerns and feel your input will make our community a better place to live.

Our Unit specializes in working with other agencies that are in turn, working in Kearns. We try and create strong working relationships with those who are involved. A lot of information we get, comes from concerned citizens who want to make Kearns Township a better place for all to live and visit. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the COP Detectives (Kearns Substation 967-4420, Dispatch 743-7000).

# 2007 ISU WORLD SINGLE DISTANCES SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD AT THE UTAH OLYMPIC OVAL

By Marc Norman

The Utah Olympic Oval will play host this March to over 100 of the world's best speed skaters. This event features the same events as the Olympic Winter Games, including Team Pursuit and is considered the biggest speed skating event of the season. Competitions will run from Thursday, March 8th, through Sunday, March 11th, starting at noon each day.

The Utah Olympic Oval continues to be recognized as the "Fastest Ice On Earth" and the world's best will compete for the honor of being titled "World Champion". Expected US Olympians to compete include: Shani Davis (Gold Medalist 2006), Chad Hedrick (Gold Medalist 2006), Kip Carpenter (Bronze Medalist 2002), Tucker Fredricks (2006 Olympian), Elli Ochowicz (2002,2006 Olympian), and Catherine Raney (1998,2002,2006 Olympian).

Tickets are only \$7 for adults, \$5 for students w/ID and children (12 and under) and children (under 5) are free. Tickets are on sale now so get your tickets to the Fastest Event on Ice at the Fastest Ice on Earth...The Utah Olympic Oval.

For more information about the event or to sign up as a volunteer please go to [www.olymparks.com](http://www.olymparks.com) or stop by the Oval.



## ZAP FUNDING PROVIDES RECREATION BENEFITS

By Cathy Harding,

Residents of Kearns and Salt Lake County will enjoy two new recreation facilities and one upgraded recreation facility, thanks to \$2,500,000 funding made possible by the voters approval of the ZAP tax projects last November. The projects in Kearns include three of 24 recreational facilities throughout the County that were approved by the Salt Lake County Council. The existing Kearns Recreation Center was awarded \$500,000 for upgrades and remodeling, \$1 million was awarded for a skatepark facility, and thanks to Senator Ed Mayne, there is an additional \$1 million for the development of the new Oquirrh Park.

These facilities will have a great effect on the recreational life of children and families in Kearns and surrounding areas, and will help to make the area more attractive to visitors. The health and safety of our children depends on their ability to run and play. The ZAP program provides expanded recreational opportunities to numerous kids and adults in various communities.

In 1996, the imposition of a 1% increase in sales tax to be used to fund Zoo, Arts, and Parks projects was approved by the voters in Salt Lake County; last year voters authorized the continuation of this tax for another ten years. The ZAP tax brings in

approximately \$19 million per year, 30% of which must be used for capital projects related to recreation. Salt Lake County will issue approximately \$65 million in general obligation bonds to construct and/or renovate the 24 recreational facilities throughout the County that were approved by the Salt Lake County Council. This bonding will not raise taxes but it does allow all of the projects to be built more quickly and simultaneously.

The Kearns Community Council has appointed Cathy Harding as chair of an advisory subcommittee under the direction of TJ Dubach who is the Parks and Recreation Chair of the KCC. This subcommittee will work closely with the Salt Lake County Community Services Department in the design and building of the new recreational facilities. The subcommittee includes representatives from the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center, the Olympic Oval, Kearns Recreation Center, Kearns Rugby, Little League Baseball, Kearns soccer teams, teens involved in skateboarding, and many other community members interested in helping to insure the best recreational services possible with the money we have been given. If you are a youth or adult involved in any of the various sports and recreation around Kearns and would like to be part of this important committee, please call a member of the Kearns Community Council or Cathy at 688-9376 to volunteer.

## Salt Lake County Council

Many extraordinary things are happening in the Kearns Area. As the County Council representative for Kearns, I am proud to give an update on some of the issues that you may have noticed in our community.

Salt Lake County has just finished the 2007 budget session. Budget sessions are always challenging as there are always more projects than there is funding. I am pleased to say that we have held the line on taxes. Therefore, there are no tax increases. Salt Lake County has also been incredibly proactive in balancing the budget for future years to protect against tax increases. Here are a few Zoos, Arts and Parks projects that were approved in this year's budget: a skateboard park, a remodel of the Kearns Recreation Center,

and a regional park. These projects will cost approximately \$3 million and will be great additions to the Kearns area. Also funded were a picnic pavilion at Mountain Man Park, sidewalk, curb and gutter replacement in the amount of \$600,000 and essential street lighting in some areas.

As your representative, I would appreciate any feedback that you would like to offer. It is important to me to gain your perspective on issues that face our community. I can always be reached at my office, 801.468.2932 or emailed at [mhjensen@slco.org](mailto:mhjensen@slco.org).

Sincerely,  
Michael H. Jensen, District 2  
Salt Lake County Council

## NEW WEBSITE

[www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)

From its humble beginning as Camp Kearns in 1942 during World War II, to 2002 when it became an Olympic venue community, till today, Kearns has existed for the benefit of its nation and the world. Thank you for visiting. On our website, we hope to provide news, information and links of interest to our community and their concerns. The Kearns Community Council invites you to visit our website and use it to contact the Council member in your area. Please utilize the website as a resource and let them know what you think would improve the website to increase its usage.

# STUDENTS BUSY SERVING COMMUNITY



By Heidi Wright

Entheos Academy, a new charter school located in Kearns, takes a hands-on approach when it comes to learning. Through this approach, called Expeditionary Learning, education is built around several different values; three of these values include: Leadership, Service, and Excellence.

True-to-life experiences allow students to excel in these areas and it was no different when it came to the holiday season. During the month of December, the fourth grade classes at Entheos were led in an expedition of Service and Community. With the guidance of their teachers as well as the cooperation and direction from the Kearns Community Council, the students took on a Sub for Santa family from the community- a family of ten.

A Sub for Santa student council was elected and committees formed from a group of just over fifty students. The students were responsible for raising money, finding sponsors, budgeting, shopping, wrapping, and delivering the gifts. A small group of students even paid a visit to State House Representative, Jim Dunnigan, to see if he would contribute to their project. Thanks to him and so many other generous sponsors, the students were successful and in fact, excelled in their endeavor as they were able to raise the money they needed to help a special Kearns community family have a memorable Christmas.

Through this experience, the students were able to see and experience hands-on how a community council is elected, how it works within the community and how it compliments those it serves, on a small, but effective scale. The opportunity to give, in a time when receiving is foremost in children's minds, was irreplaceable. The project awakened an energy that could not be stifled and is sure to carry on in the Leadership they bring with them for generations to come.

## 5400 SOUTH SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE!



The Kearns Community Council is pleased to announce that UDOT had completed our new sidewalk and privacy wall between 5415 West and 5600 West on 54th South."

## ADDITIONAL STREETLIGHTS TO ENHANCE SAFETY

By Representative Jim Dunnigan

A few months ago, a concerned resident contacted me regarding the lack of street lighting in certain areas of Kearns; perhaps more street lighting would improve safety in these areas. Another point of interest mentioned was crumbling curbs, gutters and sidewalks. I met with this resident to conduct a field survey – along with County Councilmember Michael Jensen's assistant, Ryan Perry – to get a firsthand view of these problems. The three of us viewed the areas where the streetlights were inadequate and looked at the crumbling curbs and gutters. There was no question improvements were necessary.

Councilmember Jensen and Ryan Perry agreed to work towards putting some money into the 2007 Salt Lake County capitol improvement budget to address these concerns. Mayor Corroon was contacted to encourage him to support the needed funds for Kearns. The Salt Lake County Public Works Department also investigated the above-mentioned areas and determined that 10 million dollars was needed to repair the crumbling curb, gutters and sidewalks in just the areas surveyed.

Salt Lake County acted quickly. They budgeted 15 extra streetlights in Kearns and approved a \$600,000 project to replace all the sidewalks, curbs, and gutters on 4620 West between 4700 South and 4865 South; this project will go out to bid in the spring. In addition, the county has approved \$300,000 to begin curb and gutter repair countywide. They also have an ongoing program available where they work jointly with a property owner to replace damaged sidewalks and pay 50% of the cost with the property owner paying the remaining 50%.

As these improvements are accomplished throughout this year they will enhance both the safety and appearance of Kearns.

## Library



When the weather outside is frightful, there's nothing like a good book to ward off the chill! Stop by the Kearns Library and you'll be sure to find an entertaining read from our new selection of Readers' Choice nominees. The titles include something for everyone, including mystery, romance and fantasy lovers. And don't forget to

let us know what you think about the books you read by filling out a ballot: you'll be entered into a drawing for \$15.00 gift certificate with each of your votes. In addition to great reading, we're also offering a variety of programs guaranteed to keep the cold at bay!

Bundle up your budding readers for our Be a Bookworm Storytimes Thursday mornings, and bring the school-aged crowd for Freaky Friday Fun. Grown-ups won't feel left out with programs on scrapbooking hints and organizing tips from local experts. Give us a call for dates and more details at 944-7612 or check the events calendar our website at <http://www.slco.lib.ut.us>. We're looking forward to seeing you!



## KEARNS COMMUNITY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

Would you like to receive notices of community events, council agendas or emergency notifications from the Kearns Community Council? If so, please send your email address and/or telephone number to any of your council representatives listed on the front of this newsletter.

## Need Assistance? Call 211

Do you or someone you know need a little bit of help? Can't pay your gas bill? Need help with medical bills? It happens to all of us from time to time and resources for assistance are available to those who qualify. The best way to obtain information on these services is to dial 211, an Information and Referral resource. 211 works with public agencies and private companies to collect and disburse information so everything they offer is current. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or you may leave a message at any time, to receive assistance on variety of issues.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

This is the third edition of the Kearns Newsletter and is published quarterly to approximately 35,000 households in the Kearns area. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please respond to the editor at [tawnap@hotmail.com](mailto:tawnap@hotmail.com)

# Holiday Festival a Success

By Kathy Larrabee

The 2006 Holiday Festival, held at the Kearns Olympic Oval on December 8, was an eventful evening that brought together family and friends to participate in ice skating, entertainment, and good food.

Santa and Mrs. Claus took time out of their busy schedules at the North Pole to stop by and visit with the children, finding out what their special wishes were for Christmas morning. Nearby, colorful craft tables were set up where both young and old visitors created homemade ornaments to decorate one of five Christmas trees that were later donated to families that needed to know their community cares about them; a special thank you to Sheri Kruger, Tricia Luna, Kevin Larrabee, and Natalie Garzarelli for their efforts. While ice skaters made their rounds on the ice, children bounced, ran, and slid on several large inflatable toys. The large audience was enthralled by the enthusiasm and talents of the Kearns High School Madrigals, who performed a delightful selection of holiday classics, and the Jazz Studio Dancers. When taking a break from the variety of activities offered, the whole family enjoyed a pizza dinner for only one dollar a plate.

Sponsored by the Kearns Olympic Oval and the Kearns Community Council, we would like to thank our wonderful community. We know that the success of our events is because of your support and look forward to a great New Year in 2007.

## SENIOR CENTER KEEPS TRADITION OF GIVING

By John Bennett

Manager, Kearns Senior Center

The tradition of giving continued at the Kearns Senior Center during December. Six women from the center created over five hundred hand-sewn bags filled with toiletries for the homeless. These were distributed to The Road Home, YWCA, and Volunteers of America. This tradition has been going on for many years; visitors bring little soaps, shampoos and other toiletries upon returning from hotels they stay at during the many Senior Tours road trips throughout the year and donate them towards this project.

In addition to the many activities planned, the Senior Center is pleased to kick off the New Year with two new offerings: A low-impact exercise class called "Move to Music," and a discussion group intended to open doors to forgotten inner feelings called "Sharing Mothballs in the Attic." For more information about these and other activities, as well as our lunch offered Monday through Friday (for just a two dollar donation), please call the Kearns Senior Center at 965-9183.

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street lighting, curb & gutter, sidewalks, etc. We are fortunate that some citizens are already focused on this effort.

### Parks & Rec – Design Phase and Construction

The County has been very generous in awarding ZAP parks and recreation monies to our community. It is now time to work through the design phase of our skate park and the upgrades to Oquirrh Park. What exactly do we want? Where will it be located in order to police all of it properly and provide proper public safety measures? The advisory committee welcomes your suggestions.

When we talk about recreation, we can't forget that we are "An Olympic Venue Community". We want to make sure that the Olympic Speed Skating Oval remains a viable and productive part of that picture. We have confidence in those that are currently managing these efforts. As a regional resource for sports and recreation, Kearns certainly shines with our Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center and the Gates baseball facilities in place to compliment all the rest that we have discussed here. Combine all of this with the fact that we have funding to give a major upgrade to Oquirrh Park and we will see even additional improvements in our soccer, baseball and other sports facilities soon.

### Health & Welfare

We need to work more closely with our Kearns Senior Center to help enhance what they already have underway. This means more volunteerism and creative thinking. We also need to ensure the needs of those that are physically or mentally challenged are met.

We need to encourage our state representatives to work towards affordable, comprehensive health care for everyone, and then promote these opportunities to those that need such assistance.

### Roads and Public Transportation

As the widening of 5600 West takes place on our western border we need to make

sure that we have the proper infrastructure put in place such as crosswalks, lighting, bus stops, curb & gutter, sidewalks, sound walls and proper striping and semaphores at intersections.

### Public Transportation – UTA

We need additional UTA routes for our Western Hills District as well as North and South Kearns. We need buses more often...one hour frequency does not meet our needs.

Perhaps some VISION is called for here. How about TRAX? We could have TRAX in our area with the proper planning. Now is the time to start.

### House Bill 40 – Township Sunset Law

The list I am presenting here is not in any specific order of importance. It could be argued that resolving the intent of House Bill 40 (Township Sunset Law) is the most critical item on our agenda in the upcoming year. We will soon have an opportunity to tell the State and County how WE want to be governed going forward.

It is my personal hope that Kearns will remain Kearns and that we will obtain municipal status of one form or another. Stay tuned. And please pay close attention to this subject in the near future!

### Let's Create a Kearns Communication Network

We need a community phone tree and email distribution list to facilitate public announcements, promote community events, and emergency notifications.

Well – there you go. That is 10. Please realize that these are just suggestions and they are my personal suggestions. We welcome the views and creative thinking of all our citizens. Please reach out to your local Council representative and get involved yourselves.

**It is going to take an incredible amount of man hours to make all this happen that that means we need you to help! Please attend our meetings and offer to volunteer.**



Between 30 to 60 students participate in the After-School Program at Kearns Junior High School. The students have strengthened their leadership skills and have enjoyed many donated items, including a foos ball table and air hockey table. PG-rated movies, Playstation 2 games (rated Teen), art supplies, and other donations are still appreciated. Anyone is welcome to come participate or observe the program. For more information contact Nicholina Womack at [NWomack@slco.org](mailto:NWomack@slco.org).

## TASTE OF KEARNS IS BACK

Mark your calendars for May 7, 2007 because Taste of Kearns is back! The committee, chaired by Royce Gibson, is currently making plans for this traditional event held at Kearns High School which will include food, entertainment and displays from school and cultural groups, and much more. In the past between 4,000 and 7,000 attendees has enjoyed this event which celebrates the accomplishments of education, educators, students, community groups, and leaders. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation, or have a booth, please contact Royce at [roycegibson@hotmail.com](mailto:roycegibson@hotmail.com). The next committee meeting will be held February 13 at 5:00 p.m. at Kearns High School. Look forward to more information in the near future.

### "HB 40" from cover

payment of consultants tasked with creating education material for residents and for creation of the resident survey.

The interlocal agreement is nearing completion. Mayor Corroon's Office has been negotiating with all of the participating cities to find a workable solution for the cost sharing and committee selection for the consultants. The nine cities include Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake City, Murray, Holladay, Sandy, West Valley City, Taylorsville, West Jordan, and Cottonwood Heights. All of the Salt Lake County townships are participating: Emigration, Millcreek, White City, Copperton, Kearns, and Magna.

Mayor Corroon's Office will be providing each community council in the unincorporated area with regular updates regarding the HB 40 process. In addition, the mayor's office has started a committee with representatives from each council in order to incorporate resident feedback into all decisions that are made regarding the process. In the coming months each community council will be asked to help select committee members who will then choose the education and survey consultants.

Mayor Corroon's Office welcomes questions and feedback from County residents regarding HB 40 and its possible outcomes. Please contact Stacey Adams at [sadams@slco.org](mailto:sadams@slco.org) or at 801-468-3351 for more information. In addition, the mayor's office is creating an educational website for HB 40 and that will be completed in the coming weeks.

HB 40 will be one of the most significant pieces of legislation to affect Salt Lake County residents in the next few years. Mayor Corroon encourages all County

residents to learn more about the legislation process and its outcomes. Please contact our office anytime.

### HB 40 TIMELINE

#### October 2006

Initial Stakeholders Summit was held to identify the components the survey must include to meet legislative intent and to meet city and county needs, this will include developing a joint process for reviewing and implementing the results of the survey. The Stakeholders Summit will be organized jointly by the Salt Lake County Mayors Office, Salt Lake County Council, Community Councils and League of Cities and Towns and any interested cities.

#### September - January 2007

Creation of MOU/interlocal agreements

#### January - June 2007

Prepare draft RFP for consultant

#### June 2007

Present draft RFP to stakeholder for approval

#### August - November 2007

RFP released/consultant chosen

#### November 2007

Second Stakeholders Summit with consultant regarding survey content

#### April 2008

Survey completed

#### May 2008

Stakeholder Summit to discuss results of survey

#### July 1, 2008

Presentation to the State Legislature