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Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center 801-966-5555

Kearns Improvement District 801-968-1011

Sheriff – Kearns Division
Emergency 801-967-4420
Non-Emergency 801-743-7000

Unified Fire Department 801-743-7200
801-840-4000

Kearns Library 801-944-7612

SL County Code Enforcement 801-468-2176

SL County Planning and Development 801-468-2072

Kearns Recreation Center 801-967-4404

Emergency 911

Information and Referral Resource 211

Who Will Wear The Crown Next?

BY PAULA LARSEN, MISS KEARNS DIRECTOR

A familiar buzz is sounding in the community. Yes, it is time once again for the Miss Kearns Pageant 2009. This year's theme is *Believe* and eleven young ladies are eager to be chosen to represent our community. Contestants Madeline McFarland, McKenzie Pe'a, Le Vu, Hillary Loveless, Saisavaii Afatasi, Veronica Barton, Victoria Latimer, Sarah Smith, Stephanie Seewer, Sandra Gomez and Alexius Lengele have attended workshops, rehearsal, and community activities in preparation for the event while continuing to be a positive example to local youth.

New co-director Brienne Harris, Miss Kearns 2006, joins a dedicated committee, the reigning Miss Kearns Royalty and many other private individuals who donate their time and talents in their ongoing commitment to the program. Salt Lake County Sheriff Jim Winder will host the evening as Master of Ceremony once again and sponsors include Salt Lake County Sheriff, Kearns High School, Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center, Utah Olympic



Pictured: Back Row (l-r): Madeline McFarland, Saisavaii Afatasi, Stephanie Seewer, Alexius Lengele, & Hillary Loveless. Front Row (l-r): Veronica Barton, Le Vu, Sarah Smith, Sandra Gomez, & Mckenzie Pe'a. Not pictured: Victoria Latimer

Oval, Kearns Community Council and other private donors. This year's theme is dedicated to the memory of longtime co-director Moroni Rouska who passed away in December 2008. She always believed in each young woman that participated in this program and will be missed.

Join us on Friday, March 6, at 7:00 pm in the Kearns High School Auditorium for an evening to remember. Tickets cost \$5.00 per person and are free for ages 3 and younger; they are available at the door or from any of the Miss Kearns contestants. The contestants will amaze you and soon you too will *Believe*.

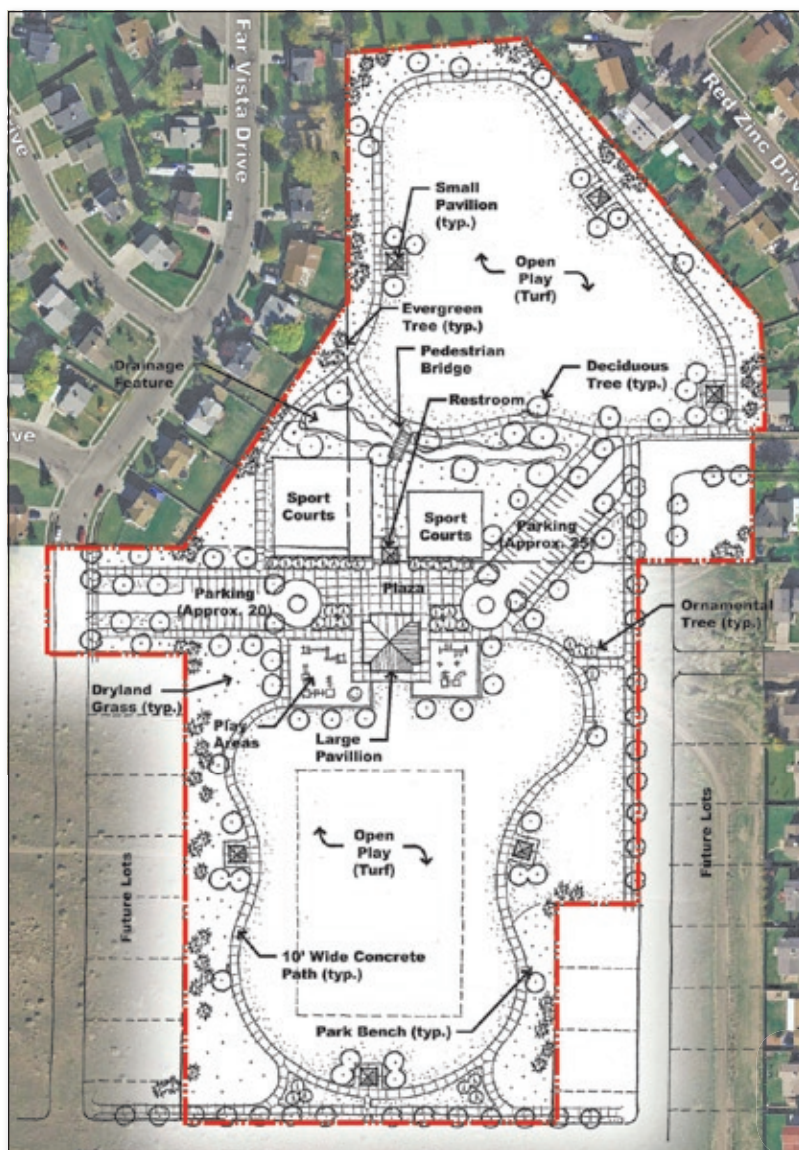
Lodestone Park Plans Unveiled

BY MARLON BRENNAN

Representatives from Salt Lake County, West Valley City and Kearns are working to develop Lodestone Park to be located in the Bacchus area north of 6200 South, west of 6100 West and east of the railroad tracks.

Three different concept plans were presented and discussed at an Open House held on January 28 and those in attendance were asked to provide their comments to the Community Council by February 6. All residents are asked now to review the plans and provide your input. **IMAGES OF THE 3 CONCEPT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT www.Kearns-Utah.org.** Concept Plan #2 (pictured, left) was popular with a few revisions such as reversing the sports courts and the playgrounds, and enlarging the restrooms.

Salt Lake County is in negotiations with Alliant Tech which owns land west, east and south of the park, to purchase part or all of their property. The current park size is approximately fifteen acres. The long range goal, pending an agreement with Alliant Tech, is to increase the park size to approximately fifty-five acres and connect to 6200 South to benefit the neighboring Kearns, West Jordan and West Valley City communities. Angelo Calacino is the county representative on this project and can be reached at 801-468-2534 or 801-560-5708.



Loadstone Park Concept Plan #2. View images of all 3 Concept Plans online at www.Kearns-Utah.org

Thanks, Chuck

With much appreciation to your dedication and commitment to our community!
Best wishes to Chuck McDowell.

Join Taste of Kearns Committee

Planning is well under way for the annual Taste of Kearns celebration to be held on Monday, May 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Kearns High School. In coordination with the Kearns network of schools, the planning committee invites everyone interested in serving on the committee or as a volunteer to their meetings which will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, at 5 p.m. in room #214 at Kearns High School.

Kearns Community Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 23 Gang Awareness Community Public Meeting, 7 p.m. – Utah Olympic Oval, *Sponsored by Salt Lake County Sheriff & Mayor's Office*
- Feb. 26 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – KHS, room #214
- Feb. 28 Little Miss Kearns Pageant, 6 p.m. – KOPFC Gym, *Cost: \$3.00 per person*

MARCH

- March 3 Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- March 6 Miss Kearns Pageant, 7 p.m. – KHS Auditorium, *Cost: \$5.00 per person*
- March 12 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – KHS, room #214
- March 17 Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium

- March 26 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – KHS, room #214
- March 27 Teen Spring Volleyball In The Dark, 8 p.m. – KOPFC

APRIL

- April 7 Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- April 9 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – KHS, room #214
- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt, 9 a.m. – KHS Football Field, *Free for ages 2-10 years old. Sponsored by Kearns Recreation Center*
- April 21 Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- April 23 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – KHS, room #214

MAY

- May 4 Taste of Kearns, 5:30-8:30 p.m. – KHS

Kearns Community Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Kearns Library Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted. All meetings are open for the public to attend.

IF YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE AN EVENT YOU WANT LISTED ON THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR CONTACT COUNCIL MEMBER PAULA LARSEN OR ANY COUNCIL MEMBER.

KOPFC (Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center)	5624 S. Cougar Ln. (4800 W.)	966-5555
KHS (Kearns High School)	5525 S. Cougar Ln. (4800 W.)	646-5380
Utah Olympic Oval	5662 S. Cougar Ln. (4800 W.)	968-6825
Kearns Library	5350 S. 4220 W.	944-7612

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY KEVIN C. LUNDY
KEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Effective communication is a fundamental trait to the success of any organization. As the 2009 Kearns Community Council Chairperson one of my priorities is to better inform the community of items of interest specific to Kearns.

In upcoming issues of this quarterly newsletter we will include a broader array of announcements, publication of community events, historical articles, individual & business spotlights and add other articles of interest. The KCC website continues to provide current announcements, helpful links and contact details for council members. The public is invited to attend KCC meetings at the Kearns Library

on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Minutes to these meetings are also posted on the website.

We appreciate businesses that support our activities and those that we sponsor. Their support strengthens our community. I also appreciate past and current members on the council for their dedication. During this time of fiscal uncertainty & personal challenges that some residents may face, I hope that each of us will look after our neighbors & friends so that we can get through these uncertain times together.

The Community Council continues to work hard and look to you in communicating to us how we can address needs that would benefit the community. We are here to serve you.

Applicants Sought for Public Service

Applications are being accepted by the **Kearns Community Council** to fill the At Large seat vacated by Chuck McDowell, who is moving.

Requirements include:

- Resident of the Township of Kearns
- Registered voter in Kearns
- Able to meet at council meetings two evenings per month, as well as a few workshops during the year
- Willing to serve on a committee within Kearns, as a council member.

Applications should include your name, address, phone/email and a brief explanation of why you would like to serve. Please send applications either by email or in hard copy no later than Tuesday, March 4 to council@kearns-utah.org or to Kearns Community Council, PO Box 18512, Kearns, Utah 84118. Interviews will

be conducted during the executive session on Tuesday, March 18 with a final election to be made in the public meeting on April 4, 2009.

The **Kearns Planning Commission** has one open position.

Requirements include:

- Resident of the Township of Kearns
- Registered voter in Kearns
- Able to attend regularly scheduled meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Salt Lake County Chambers at 2100 South State Street and typically last up to one to two hours. Please apply with your name, address, phone/email and a brief explanation of why you would like to serve. Applications or questions may be directed to Sheryl Ivey, Director of Boards and Commissions in the Mayor's Office, 468-3044, Slvey@slco.org.

www.Kearns-Utah.org



- **Current Events Calendar**
- **Service Opportunities Page** with volunteer sign-up and service project submission forms
- **Community Council Updates** including current meeting agendas, minutes, and contact information
- **Photo Gallery** featuring pictures from community events and activities
- **Archives** of previous newsletters
- **Links** to other related web pages
- **Sign-up** to have community information e-mailed directly to you

Questions or comments about the website: webmaster@kearns-utah.org

County Responds to Tightened Budget

Economic times are tight. We have all heard this repeated over and over during the last six months and even more so during Salt Lake County's recently completed budget process. With revenues in decline, the County had to dig deep and make some serious decisions in order to balance the 2009 budget. Through attrition we will reduce the County's workforce by 5%, so employees will be asked to do more with fewer people. In fact, the budget adopted by the Salt Lake County Council for 2009 is lower than the budget adopted for 2008. This is the first time since 1989 that the countywide budget decreased in terms of real dollars.

In addition to maintaining quality basic services, our libraries, parks and recreational facilities will remain open and available. Not all communities across America can boast these achievements. Ultimately, however, many other worthy projects were required to remain unfunded.

Most recently, State agencies outlined funding reductions that they will ask the Legislature to consider to keep the State's budget in balance. As a result of contemplated actions, funding that Salt Lake County receives from the State to operate Aging Services, Substance Abuse Services and Mental Health Services is now in serious jeopardy. With these cuts looming on the horizon, Salt Lake County is taking action.

While fewer County dollars are available this year, we are exploring options to fund several projects with federal monies, especially in light of the pending economic stimulus package. Included in these are a number of public works infrastructure

projects that potentially qualify for a portion of these funds. The



federal government has made clear that infrastructure projects that encourage job growth will be a top priority. We believe Salt Lake County has many projects that fit that description.

It is worth noting that our ability to pursue different avenues for funding will be enhanced by the upcoming legislative action to secure the township borders. You spoke and now we are acting. The nearly 160,000 residents of unincorporated Salt Lake County deserve our best efforts to make sure that we can continue to deliver the best services in the most efficient manner possible. Armed with the summer survey data from the HB40 process, we are asking the Legislature to remove the sunset on townships and to institute a process of disconnection from a township that mirrors the existing requirements for municipalities.

We are also working to ensure that unincorporated Salt Lake County is eligible to apply for program funds traditionally targeted to "municipalities." The designated township status of our municipal service areas, combined with our service area designation for fire services, and hopefully soon for local law enforcement services, all strengthen our funding applications.

As always, we are eager to hear your ideas and look forward to our continued partnership in the coming years. Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions.

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Tragedy Prompts Proactive Crime Prevention

BY CATHY HARDING,
CHAIRPERSON, KEARNS CRIME PREVENTION
ASSOCIATION, INC.

A town hall meeting was held recently at Kearns High School in response to the fatal shooting on January 21 of Kearns High sophomore, Esteban Manuel Saidi, 16, by a fellow classmate that has sent our community reeling. This tragedy has made us ask, "Why? How could this happen?"

I have heard several suggestions for fighting crime like writing to the President, marching to the Capital Building and staging protests. Unfortunately, these are reactive measures and not proactive suggestions to prevent it. What is needed is an effective collaborative approach towards crime prevention. One that will keep the momentum going long after this most recent tragedy has been forgotten by all but the families and friends of these youth. Families alone will not solve the problem. Law enforcement alone will not solve the problem. School administrators alone cannot solve the problem. Neither will the community council, the Mayor's office, our legislators or any other group. It must be a collaborative approach focused on prevention and intervention.

What can be done to help lower crime in the community? One idea is for law enforcement to strategize with parents of at-risk youth about a plan to keep them alive.

In addition, we need to offer youth something productive to do such as after school activities, summer camps and jobs to keep them out of trouble. There are many things that can be done by both parents and community to help lower crime and drug and gang involvement.

The greatest deterrents to crime in a community are education and communication. Without awareness of and sensitivity to the critical issues facing our community population and the willingness to discuss and report violations, intervention and resolution won't happen. Promoting and maintaining a safe environment takes more than guns and badges. No amount of law enforcement training can match the value of eyes and ears of concerned community members who report suspicious behavior, safety hazards and violations of law that allow law enforcement to take a proactive approach to the safety and well-being of the community they serve.

Along with the Sheriff's Office, the Mayor's Office, and many other organizations, the Kearns Crime Prevention Association is recruiting new volunteers who want to take an active role in proactive crime prevention. Call us at 801-688-9376, email us at surfinsaphire@comcast.net, or visit our website at kearnscrimeprevention.com to join in our efforts.

Kearns Library

In 2009, Salt Lake County Library Services will be focusing on wellness with fun and informative ways to improve your wellness in three important areas: financial, environmental, and physical. The Kearns Library will have displays with useful information, reading recommendations and community resources.

The library will host several Wellness events. Join us on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 pm to hear grocery shopping expert Ken Roesbury – the **Grocery Guru** – teach you how to save up to 70% on your grocery bill.

There will be events at the library for all ages about financial wellness in April. On Tuesday, April 21 at 3 p.m., the library will host **Making Sense: Financial Literacy for Kids and Teens**. They will learn skills to prepare them for life-long successful finan-

cial decisions including saving, investing and money management. For adults, H&R Block will present **Buying and Selling a Home** on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 pm. Learn how to determine if you can afford to buy a home, about mortgages and taxes, when to refinance and about the \$7500 new homeowner tax credit.

Don't forget about the other great events going on at the library. **Baby Bookworms** is a weekly storytime designed for the youngest of readers, and **Be a Bookworm** storytimes are perfect for toddlers and preschoolers. There are also a variety of events every week for teens, including the **Anime Club**, gaming, chess and knitting; in March we'll be celebrating **Teen Tech Week**. See you at the library!



Senior Center Events

EDDIE P. MAYNE KEARNS SENIOR CENTER
4850 West 4715 South
801-965-9183 • www.kearnssc.org

Spring Crafts Boutique

Friday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to noon.

Senior Prom

Friday, May 15, 4-6 p.m. with Kennedy and Kearns Junior High School students and seniors. Live D.J.!

Arthritis Walk

Saturday, May 30, "This is the Place Monument" TBA.

Reflections Region Winners

Hundreds of students participated in this year's Reflections program at their schools with creative entries relative to the theme "WOW". Entries advance through several levels of judging and are judged on creativity and interpretation of the theme. Eleven of twenty one entries from the Kearns network were awarded recognition and those with an asterisk (*) were selected to advance for further judging at the Region level. Congratulations to all participants!

BEEHIVE ELEMENTARY

Music	Jeryson Chavez*
Photography	Elizabeth Ausborne*
Photography	Taylor Fleming*
Literature	Ashley Fleming*
3-D	Lea Beckstead

JIM BRIDGER ELEMENTARY

3-D	Sarah Kress
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FOX HILLS ELEMENTARY

Literature	Alexis Hellwig*
Literature	Cindy Valencia

SILVER HILLS ELEMENTARY

Dance	Nicholas Roach*
Visual Arts	Logan Powell*
Theatre	Anastasia Davis*

Kearns Recreation Center

5670 South 4800 West • Phone 801-967-4404 • FAX 801-967-4444

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Kearns High School Football Field. All children ages 2 to 10 are welcome to participate in this FREE event.



All divisions are recreation leagues with the emphasis on fun, learning, sportsmanship and skill development. Two

and girls 3 through 6 years old. Players will learn the basics of batting, throwing, catching and base-running in a non-competitive environment.

- **Coach Pitch Baseball** is for all youth 7 and 8 years old. Players will be able to improve their baseball skills while learning to hit a ball pitched by their coach.



Two games will be played each week, one on a weeknight and the other on Saturdays at the Oquirrh Park baseball fields beginning April 18. Cost is \$36.00 and includes 8 sessions, a team shirt & hat, a ticket to see a Salt Lake Bees' baseball game, and a participation award. Pictures are available at an additional cost.

SPRING OUTDOOR SOCCER is one of our most popular programs and spots will fill up fast! We offer co-ed divisions from pre-K (must be at least 3 years old) through 6th grade:



- Pre-K (3 & 4 years old)
- Kindergarten
- 1st & 2nd grades
- 3rd & 4th grades
- 5th & 6th grades
- Our 7th-9th grade division is a west-side traveling league.

games will be played each week, one on a weeknight and the other on Saturdays at the Oquirrh Park soccer fields beginning April 18th. Cost is \$41.00 and includes 8 sessions, a full team uniform including socks, shorts and jersey, a ReAL Salt Lake soccer clinic and a participation award. Pictures are available at an additional cost.

SPRING TEE-BALL & COACH PITCH BASEBALL registrations are now underway.

- **Teeball** is a great "learn-to-play" sport for all boys



Check out our other programs and activities on our website www.recreation.slco.org/Kearns. You can register on-line for many of our programs at www.activityreg.com (additional \$2.00 non-refundable on-line fee).

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Stan's Market

BY CHRYSTAL BUTTERFIELD

Stan's Market has been a fixture in downtown Kearns for over 28 years. It is not uncommon to be greeted by name from longtime employees who know what makes their customers happy and have worked there long enough to see children around town grow up and have family's of their own.

What makes Stan's different from other grocery stores? Stan's is family owned and has been operated by the Kouris family for three generations. Stan is often in the store and you will see his son, Steve, there daily. Many high school students were hired by Stan for their

first job and he sees that they succeed in school as well as in life. A former school teacher, he has been known to take an employed student aside and offer one-on-one tutoring when needed.

What can you expect from a shopping experience at Stan's Market? In addition to a personalized greeting Stan's offers a wide variety of grocery and everyday non-food items at competitive prices. You can also expect to get the best cuts of meat and the best produce in town. Unlike most big-box grocery chains Stan's is a full-service grocer, which means they cut and grind their own meat products and offer packaged freezer deals at a great prices so you can stock up for your family. When you reach the registers Stan's employees greet you with a smile, some good conversation and quick service. They even carry out your groceries when you are ready to head home.

Stop by Stan's at 4195 West 5415 South and experience the homegrown service and excellent products for yourself.

what do you think?

The Kearns Community Council newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to approximately 11,000 households in Kearns. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please respond to the editor at tawnap@hotmail.com.

