

# HB40 Survey To Arrive Soon

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Fitness Center .....966-5555

Kearns Improvement  
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Unified Fire  
Department... 743-7200, 840-4000

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Information and  
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A big choice for Kearns property owners is right on our horizon! Residents who own property in unincorporated Salt Lake County are being asked to help determine what local government they prefer to be their primary service provider.

Residents will receive a series of information pieces in the mail; those information pieces will be followed-up with a survey asking them to choose their desired form of future governance.

This process is the result of House Bill 40 or HB40. It all started in 2005 when the Utah State Legislature extended the sunset provision of the township statutes. The legislation allowing townships to exist in the County was set to expire, but was extended until 2010. In addition to the extension of the sunset, the Legislative mandate in HB40 included provision that a survey of residents owning property in unincorporated County be undertaken to determine their preference for future governance.

The options outlined by the legislature and

contained in the survey are as follows:

- Do you want to remain in unincorporated Salt Lake County as a township?
- Do you want to reside in unincorporated Salt Lake County outside of a township?
- Do you want to incorporate and become your own city?
- Do you want to annex into a city that borders your township?

If you choose to remain in a township or in the County outside of a township your current services will most likely remain as they are. These services are typically what we call municipal services and include trash pick up, recycling, Sheriff, planning and zoning, snow removal, street maintenance, etc. Your libraries, aging, youth, as well as health services, which are referred to as human services, will stay the same regardless of which of option you choose.

Municipal services are funded by your property taxes and their service levels are specific to where you live. Your human services are funded via state and federal money or special tax (library) or countywide general fund tax dollars and are provided to you at the same level regardless of whether

you live in a city or in the unincorporated County.

If you choose to form your own city all of your municipal services will be provided by a new government which you must elect to represent you. Those services can also be provided through contract with Salt Lake County or another municipality. While there is no concrete financial data about what changes would occur to your tax rate, it is expected that incorporating will affect your property tax rates.

If you choose to annex into a surrounding city your municipal services will be provided by the government already in place in that city. Again, it is expected that annexation will affect your property taxes.

Salt Lake County commissioned a Township Feasibility Study in 2007 to look at costs for all of the above scenarios.

In preparation for the survey, we recommend that you log on to www.slco.org and take a look at this study. It is broken down by townships and will provide you a great deal of financial data to help you make an informed decision. In addition to this study, residents owning property in the unincorporated County will receive 3 pieces of education material to help inform themselves about the survey choices

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## Efforts Made on Utah Child Registry

By Representative Eric Hutchings, District 38

There are many issues that I have been pleased to work on in the Utah State House of Representatives such as education funding, transportation improvements like the widening of 5600 West, and help for senior citizens. One issue I find most rewarding is my involvement to help protect our children through Utah's Child Protection Registry. This is a resource I believe every parent in Utah must know about.

The purpose of The Child Protection Registry is to safeguard Utah's children from the adult-entertainment industries latest marketing tactic – sending porn to our children through their emails, cell phones, and other electronic devices. Yes, your child right now may already be receiving this material, and you thought the gift you gave them for Christmas was just a harmless cell phone.

In July of 2005, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff presented a new tool to shield Utah's children while they are on the internet, the Utah Child Protection Registry. It didn't take long for e-marketers and the Free Speech Coalition - a front for the adult entertainment industry- to come after Utah lawmakers and attack the constitutionality of the new registry. In November of 2005, the Free Speech Coalition and its affiliates sought after and attacked every political weakness they could find, intending to destroy the registry with lawsuits.

Nothing in this world is more important to us than our children. We need to constantly stay vigilant to keep them safe because there are some out there who would try to hide behind ridiculous loopholes in the law in order to introduce vile and hurtful materials to them. Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said, "These lawsuits show the pornographers true colors. They claim a 'right' to market porn to adults, but by challenging our Child Registry, they have proven their real intent to force smut on our children in our homes and schools..."

After making this statement, the Attorney General's office filed a motion to dismiss all the complaints and contacted me for help in closing the loopholes. During the 2006 legislative session I sponsored H.B. 417, Amendments to Child Protection Registry.

This made changes that ultimately would enhance the potency of the registry and ensure safer and more effective means of protecting Utah's children. It eliminated the weaknesses that the Free Speech Coalition had been attacking, and - in addition to email addresses - included in the list of protected areas instant messenger IDs, mobile phone numbers (SMS), and fax numbers for protection under the registry. The amendments also included

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Dear Friends,

It was exciting as your new Senator to have such a great turnout for the town meeting in the Kearns Senior Center. I was pleased to learn that so many people were concerned about the legislative issues facing us this year. Working so closely with my late husband Senator Ed Mayne, I truly feel that I gained a greater understanding of the legislature and the inner workings that drive it. Armed with this experience and the support of my constituents I feel that together we can accomplish some great things for Senate District 5.



Senator Karen Mayne

Currently I'm working on legislation that provides more safety nets and necessary notification by park owners of any changes in policy or practice that affects the mobile home owners. Another bill I am working to pass this year more heavily regulates check cashing and deferred lending companies to make them more consumer-friendly. Last, but not least is my Worker's Compensation Death Benefits bill, and the process in which they are distributed and used.

On a closing note, I would like to mention some concerns that were voiced to Representative Neal Hendrickson and myself. Many citizens were worried about the Mountain View Corridor that is being built and whether or not it will be a tolled road. As transit people here on the West Side we must drive, and to be tolled at that Corridor every day would be a financial burden that nobody wants to deal with, so I'm fighting this proposal. Healthcare, public education, and illegal aliens were also deemed very important on the "to-do," list and as your Senator in the Utah State Legislature, I assure you that I am doing all that I can to voice your concerns and to continue on the legacy that Ed helped build for the West Side.

Sincerely,  
Senator Karen Mayne



# Utah State Legislature Highlights – January 2008

By Representative Jim Dunnigan, District 39

The Legislature began the 2008 session with a huge snowstorm blanketing the newly renovated Capitol. Despite the inclement weather, the Representatives were here eagerly awaiting the beginning of the session. A highlight of the week was hearing Governor Huntsman's annual State of the State address. The Legislators were happy to hear that his priorities for the year were similar to their own, including a continued focus on education funding and health system reform, in addition to caring for Utah's veterans. Some of the bills that moved forward this week are included below.

**H.B. 1, the Minimum School Program Base Budget**, passed the House 71-0 on Thursday, January 24th. Sponsored by Representative Bradley G. Last (R) of St. George, H.B. 1 provided \$2.3 billion for public education, including allocating money to provide teachers statewide with a raise in salary. H.B. 1 shows the continued dedication that legislators have to funding public education.

**H.B. 55, Captive Insurance Amendments**, sponsored by Representative James A. Dunnigan (R) of Taylorsville, passed the House 69-0 on Wednesday, January 23rd. H.B. 55, updates the regulations for Captive Insurance companies to keep the Utah market competitive with other states. Captive insurance, which this bill attracts, is a clean industry bringing many high-paying jobs and millions of dollars of assets to Utah. The



Representative Jim Dunnigan

bill also provides for the creation of a Special Purpose Financial Captive Insurance Company (SPFC) so that the insurance market may become more dynamic and responsive to the needs of the businesses it serves.

**H.B. 68, Educator Relicensure Initiative**, passed the House with a vote of 68-0, on Wednesday, January 23rd. It allows a previously licensed teacher whose license has expired to renew their license in a more streamlined manner. Approximately 28,000 teachers with licenses live in Utah but do not have up-to-date credentials. By allowing these teachers access to an easier method of re-licensure it is hoped that more teachers will be available to lessen the teacher shortage in Utah. According to the sponsor of the bill, Representative Rhonda Rudd Menlove (R) of Garland, H.B. 68 will help decrease the teacher shortage by streamlining the process to regain a license.

**H.B. 129**, passed unanimously in the House on Thursday, January 24th, will improve the States ability to care for its veterans. Sponsored by Representative Dee (R) of Ogden, H.B. 129 appropriated \$19.7 million to build a veterans' nursing home in Ogden, Utah. Currently there is only one such facility in Utah, with a waiting list of one hundred. Veterans looking on from the House gallery (including Utah's only living Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, George E. Wahlen)

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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

By Chuck McDowell, Kearns Community Council Chairperson



As you read through this issue of the Community Newsletter you will notice that the theme focuses on the two subjects of Legislative Priorities, and the House Bill 40 survey.

### Legislative Priorities

The Community Council has decided to use the January/February time frame each year to introduce new members and officers of the Council to the public and to focus on issues that will be in front of the State Legislature that might impact our community. We want well informed citizens to give their feedback to our Representatives on items of broad community import.

While much of what is discussed here will be history from the 2008 standpoint since our Representatives will have already debated and voted on many - if not all - of the bills by the time you read this, it is still very important for you to be aware of these initiatives. Just because an issue has been decided in the main session does not mean it cannot be changed or modified in the interim sessions to occur in 2008 or in the next regular session held January - February of 2009.

Going forward, this newsletter edition will be published at the end of January (February issue of Valley Journal) to allow citizens the opportunity to

more fully examine the issues and give feedback to the legislature ahead of the Legislative Session .

Please pay particular attention to the Legislative bills noted and discussed here and give your feedback to your Legislative Representatives, the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office, the Salt Lake County Council and your Kearns Community Council. This is how Democracy works and it can be a beautiful thing if fully informed citizens get engaged on a local level.

### House Bill 40 Survey

***If we had to point to one issue that will most impact our Township for decades to come - this is it!*** A Town Hall Meeting will be held on March 4th at 6:30 pm to further review this subject with citizens. The location of this event has yet to be confirmed but will take place either at Jefferson Junior High School or the Kearns Library auditorium. Pencil this on your calendar and look for other notices to come.

The consultant hired by the County to deliver this survey will be in attendance. The KCC and other government leaders on County and State levels will be available to answer your questions and help you understand the survey that will arrive in your mailboxes in late March.

As you read the articles in this newsletter please give some thought as to how you would like to see the Township of Kearns governed going forward and how it might also impact your pocketbook. Also, please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

## UTA Board of Trustees Welcomes New Board Member

### Community Leader Charles G. Henderson Takes Trustee Oath

The Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees welcomed its newest board member, Charles G. Henderson at its monthly board meeting today. Henderson was appointed by Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon, and will represent unincorporated Salt Lake County. He replaces Judy Buffmeyer, who served as a Trustee for two years.



Charles Henderson

Henderson is the democratic legislative chair for district 38, as well as the vice-chairman for both the Salt Lake County Community Economic Development Advisory committee, and the Kearns Community Council (KCC). The Utah native is also chairman for both the KCC Financial

Oversight and KCC Economic Development committees. In addition, he serves on the Kearns Township Planning Commission Steering Committee, and resides on the community advisory board for the Utah coalition of organ, eye and tissue donations.

Henderson attended the University of Utah and Westminster College and is a father of four.

"Charles Henderson is a well respected asset to the Kearns community," said UTA Board of Trustees President Orrin T. Colby Jr. "With his many years of experience in management, finance, and marketing, he will be a great addition to our Board."

## Kearns Community Calendar

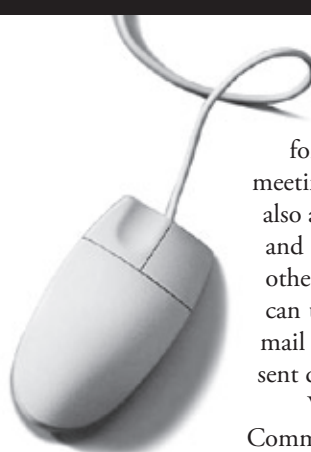
### MARCH

- Mon., March 3 & 17 Lions Club Meeting, 7:00 p.m.. *Contact Robin Thomas at 968-3336 for location.*
- Tue., March 4 Kearns Community Council Meeting-Executive, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- Fri., March 7 Miss Kearns Pageant, 7 p.m. – Kearns High School Auditorium, \$5.00 per person
- Mon., March 10 Kearns American Legion Post 132 Meeting, 6:30 p.m.. *Contact Tom Blockovich at 859-7208 for location.*
- Wed., March 12 Kearns Improvement Dist Water Company Meeting, 7 p.m. – Kearns Improvement District Building Auditorium
- Tue., March 18 Kearns Community Council Meeting-Public, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- Fri., March 21 Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center Teen Flashlight Hunt, 8 p.m. – Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center Park, Ages 13-18
- Sat., March 22 Kearns Recreation Center Easter Egg Candy Hunt, 9 a.m. – Kearns High School Football Field

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 5 Taste of Kearns, 5 p.m. – Kearns High School *(date subject to change)*
- Aug. 2 Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center 5K Run, a.m.
- Aug. 8 Kearns Hometown Night, 5 p.m.
- Aug. 9 Kearns Hometown Parade, 9 a.m.
- Aug. 9 Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center Fabulous Fire, Water & Ice, Noon
- Oct. 21 Meet The Candidate Night
- Nov. 4 Election Day, *Remember to register to vote.*
- Dec. 5 Holiday Festival, 6 p.m. – Utah Olympic Oval

## www.kearns-utah.org



The website at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org) includes a current events calendar, a service opportunities page with volunteer sign-up and service project submission forms, and Community Council updates including current meeting agendas, minutes, and contact information. There is also a photo gallery featuring pictures from community events and activities, archives of previous newsletters, and links to other related web pages. Residents and community members can use the sign-up link to join the Community Council's e-mail distribution list so that community information can be sent directly to their inbox.

We hope that this website serves the needs of the Kearns Community. Questions or comments about the new site should be directed to [webmaster@kearns-utah.org](mailto:webmaster@kearns-utah.org). Please visit us soon!



## Township Issues on The Hill

By Greg Schulz, Salt Lake County Council, West Township Representative

There are many bills on the table during this year's legislative session that will impact us in many ways. From the Township side of things these are some of the bills that I've been tracking and working on.

### Political Subdivisions

**HB75502 (Frank) and SB48501 (Stephenson)** deal with the privatization of government activities. With Frank's bill getting watered down to focus on the state-only, Stephenson's bill is the one to be concerned with. It will require the county and cities of the first and second class to conduct an inventory of things they currently do to find ones they can privatize. The bottom line is this is nothing more than a plan to set the table for forced privatization. The County Council opposes these. Contact your Senator and let them know.

**HB124 (Shurtliff, L)** allows Township residents in other counties and their county commissions to oppose annexations even if the annexation is under the minimums allowed by current rules. Townships in the other parts of the state can still have the "nickel and dime" annexations done to them with no ability of the Township residents and county government to oppose it. The County Council has no position on this bill.

**SB20502 (Walker)** redefines the governance structures available for incorporated (and incorporating) areas to use to run their city or town. Some of the structures they designed for use with cities may be useful in looking at for creating governance in Townships (for those who are interested in that sort of thing). The County Council has no position on this bill.

**SB25502 (Stowell)** closes the "Ruby's Inn" loophole and caps an incorporation to revenues exceeding expenses by less than 10%. The County Council has no recommendation on this bill.

**SB253 (Waddoups)** Sets the table for moving things toward the establishment of a Unified Police District. The positive would be it could cap the defections from the Sheriff's service, and possibly bring some of the cities back into the fold. The negative would be, unlike our municipal counterparts, we could only use property tax to pay for this, based on the special service district rules placed on counties – hence we would have a tax increase. The Sheriff opposed this legislation. The County Council has no recommendation at this time

### Transportation

**HB298 (Harper)** would have made to UTA to eliminate fares

on "Red Burn" days is dead in committee for this year. UTA has committed to develop a plan for implementation and revue during this year's interims. The County Council supports this bill

### Education

**HB112 (Allen, S)** makes public education foundation report their finances to the state auditor for revue. The County Council has no position on this bill.

**SB48502 (Eastman)** involuntarily imposes a property tax mil rate of .0006 on the Jordan (East) and Jordan (West) school districts and would give Salt Lake County the option of imposing a property tax mil rate of .0006 on the rest of the county to provide funds to areas impacted by growth. To put this in perspective, .0006 would cost us \$33 a year, per \$100 thousand in primary residential assessed value. It increases the State Education Capital Foundation Fund to \$56 million for the 2008/09 school year. To get any of that money it would require districts who are not currently charging .0024 on their combined capital outlay and debt service to increase their mil to that level (Currently only Jordan School District charges this amount). This is the District "pay to play" option. If a school district does not raise their rate to .0024 mil, they will not be considered for any of the \$56 million. Also, if the County does not impose the .0006 mil, the school districts that could benefit from the \$56 million will not be considered for any of the \$56 million – even if they upped their rate. The County Council has no position on this bill.

**SB71 (Walker)** allows the school district split transition committee to go behind closed doors to discuss the division of assets. The County Council has no position on this bill. I would recommend the bill be opposed. It is hoped by the powers that be that moving the transition process into a backroom will allow for a "more reasonable" process. The lack of transparency is disturbing, at best. Call your Senator and let them know how you feel.

**SB140 (Jones)** allows Cities and the County to establish Education Community Councils to increase the levels of communications between School Districts and the areas they serve. The law would allow the County to establish Education Advisory Councils for each of the Township areas. The County Council supports this bill. I recommend support for this bill. Giving the Townships an ability to more effectively communicate the needs of their community with the School Districts could go a long way towards improving education.

There may be additional legislation that will come up during the session as well. Please email your input on these issues to me to insure they don't get missed. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this year's session, please call me at 801-468-2082 or email me at gschulz@slco.org.

## KOPFC Celebrates 10 Years Since Center Expansion

By Steve Cook

It's hard to believe that 2008 will already mark the 10th anniversary when the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center first opened the doors to a major expansion of the once small community pool and tennis center. Since that time, KOPFC has risen to become the hub of daily activity for many surrounding residents as well as the home for the community's biggest annual gathering – the Fire Water & Ice Festival.

To begin the celebration, the Center will be hosting its "Patron Appreciation Days" on March 5-7. Each day, complimentary snacks and beverages will be served in the main lobby area. Also, a daily prize drawing will be held and all patrons visiting the center are welcome to place their name in the entry box. While you are there, be sure to check out upcoming program offerings or lend a suggestion or two as to what you would like to see improved or added in the coming years.

Now is also the perfect time to get the kids enrolled in swim lessons so they are prepared for another fun spring and summer season. Teens should take note that there will be a special Flashlight Treasure Hunt in the park on March 21st from 8:00 to 10:00 PM. Tennis season isn't that far off either and lessons will be available just as soon as the snow melts to reveal the court lines. And, it's never too late to start up a regular exercise program that can sometimes be challenging to begin, but always rewarding in so many ways.

The main celebration will take place later this year at the 10th Annual Fire Water & Ice Festival. Be sure to mark you calendars for the FWI 5K & Family 1K Run on Saturday, August 2nd, and then the big Festival the following Saturday, on August 9th. Preparations are already underway for the biggest yet, along with many new activities and surprises. It's never too early to join the FWI Volunteer team or get your spot as a food or business vendor – just call 966-5555 for more information.

Whether you choose to take advantage of an annual value membership or stop by for some occasional fun, KOPFC wants to thank everyone for making the last ten years full of great memories and rewarding lifestyle success stories. For more information about KOPFC, go to kopfc.com for current programs, available facilities and hours of operation.



# Neighborhood Watch a Joint Effort

By Debby Conner, KCC member, Public Safety

In the past several months there has been an increase in crime fighting in our community. As the problem of crime increases so must our vigilance to fight against that crime. The best way to fight crime is to prevent it where and whenever possible. Some may feel they are victims, helpless to do anything to stop this intruder in our community. Others may feel they are not affected by the crimes that occur elsewhere. Some even feel they can take the law into their own hands and turn into vigilantes. What is the answer? Is there anything we can do, and if so, what can be done to solve this problem?

We have an opportunity and responsibility to actively be involved in fighting crime in our community. It is called Community Policing. This does not mean we take on the jobs of law enforcement, but what it does mean is that we do not wait for someone else to keep us safe. We have a responsibility to do our part to help protect ourselves and our family, friends and neighbors. By forming a Community/ Neighborhood Watch we watch out for and report suspicious activities and persons in our own neighborhoods. Citizens have a lot of power when we work together. Think of all the great things we have accomplished in the past as a community.

I had an ongoing situation occur in my neighborhood. Our neighbors were manufacturing and dealing drugs. Gang activity and

a theft ring were also evident. By following these suggestions from law enforcement, they finally left our neighborhood:

1. Document everything you see and hear. Be the ears and eyes for law enforcement.
  - Write down license plate numbers, vehicle descriptions that come and go at these residences, and the times they arrive and leave.
  - Note how many people you see, their description, and what activities you observed.
2. Make yourself known.
  - Drive around your neighborhood regularly. Use the two-person Buddy System.
  - Familiarize yourself with what and who belongs in your neighborhood.

How many of your neighbors on your block do you know? If you know your neighbors and the usual activities in your neighborhood then you will know when something is out of the ordinary. Illegal activity may be usual. Find a reason to get to know your neighbors through neighborly acts of friendship, shoveling snow, making treats, or hosting neighborhood get-togethers. Know their names, who lives

there, and which cars belong there. Be friendly but obvious. If someone knows you are watching and documenting illegal activities they will either move or take the activities elsewhere.

Start a Neighborhood Watch program on your block – it is easy to do. Invite all your neighbors to participate through telephone calls, letters, email, or in person. This is the best way to deter crime in your neighborhood and is open to anyone in the community. It only takes one person on each block to be willing to organize a Neighborhood Watch program and get their friends and neighbors involved.

Community Policing begins with you keeping your own family safe.

There are several resources and experts available to help us. Kearns COP Deputies, Arlan Bennett and Rich Wilson, can be contacted at arbennett@slco.org or 801-967-4420. If you are interested in receiving information about becoming involved with the Community/ Neighborhood Watch Program contact the Sheriff Department Crime Prevention Division at 801-743-7000, or [http://www.slsheff.org/forms/mail\\_crimeprevention.cfm](http://www.slsheff.org/forms/mail_crimeprevention.cfm). You may also check out this new website <http://www.crimereports.com>.

"We watch out for each other... we report all suspicious persons and activities to our local law enforcement agency."

## The Salt Lake County Council appoints New TRCC Advisory Board Member

**Kearns Community Council Chair, Chuck McDowell is appointed to the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Advisory Board**

The Kearns Community Council is pleased to announce that its Chair, Charles (Chuck) McDowell has been appointed by the Salt Lake County Council to the SLCO Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Advisory Board (TRCC Advisory Board). Chuck will represent unincorporated Salt Lake County and serve a two year term.

McDowell previously served two terms as the representative for unincorporated Salt Lake County on the Zoo, Arts and Parks Tier II Advisory committee and is serving his second term as Chairman of the Kearns Community Council (KCC). This Utah native is also serves on the Ed Mayne Kearns Senior Center Advisory Board and is involved with many local community groups.

McDowell attended both Brigham Young University and the U of U and graduated in 2004 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Political Science from the University of Utah. He is a father of two and a grandfather of one.

Our best regards to Chuck on this appointment and it is our hope that he can help focus the attention of this board on the needs of Unincorporated Salt Lake County in general and on the Kearns area specifically.

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the ability for entire schools to register their databases and electronic contact points for protection so our children can be protected while they are at school as well.

The Child Protection Registry creates a safe and convenient way for the parents of Utah to protect our children. However, it is critical to understand that until you add your children to this list, the marketers of this scam can consider your child fair game under a twisted interpretation of the First Amendment right to "freedom of expression".

If you would like more information about the Utah Child Protection Registry, or if you would like to register, you can visit the website at [www.utahkid-registry.com](http://www.utahkid-registry.com). You may also contact me via email at [ehutchings@utah.gov](mailto:ehutchings@utah.gov), or by phone at 801-963-2639, and I would be happy to help you register.

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applauded the effort, and were in turn honored by the representatives.

**H.B. 256, Utah's version of Jessica's Law**, passed the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee 9-0 on January 23rd and moved to the House with a favorable recommendation. If passed, it will increase the minimum term of imprisonment for rape of a child, object rape of a child, or sodomy on a child, to 25 years and which may be for life.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Kearns Community Council newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to approximately 10,000 households in the Kearns area. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated. Please respond to the editor at [tawnap@hotmail.com](mailto:tawnap@hotmail.com).

### "Government" from front page

before they take the survey.

*The first piece of educational material will be mailed near the beginning of March. The second piece will follow approximately two weeks later. The third and final piece will mail towards the end of March and will also contain the survey.*

This June, Salt Lake County and the cities participating in the HB40 process will hold a large community stakeholder meeting to discuss the results of the survey with the public and other interested parties. In July, the cities and County will present the information to the Utah State Legislature and begin creating a plan to implement the survey results.

HB40 can seem like a daunting and complex process, but there are many ways for you to learn more about it. The Kearns Community Council has

been participating directly in this process for the last two years. Kevin Lundy has worked very hard to represent the concerns and needs of Kearns residents and is an excellent resource, as is the Kearns Community Council.

You are also welcome to contact Stacey Adams in Salt Lake County Mayor Corroon's Office to get more information or ask any questions you may have. Ms. Adams can be reached at 801-468-3351.

There will be a town hall meeting held in Kearns within the next month to learn about this process. Please keep a look out for announcements about this and don't be afraid to ask questions.

**Most importantly, fill out the survey when you receive it and make sure both Salt Lake County and the Utah State Legislature are aware of what you want.**

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## Kearns Library

Help your family to weather the snow by snuggling up to some good books! We have a new selection of **Readers Choice** titles so you won't have any trouble finding something good to read. Kids ages 5-14 are encouraged to participate in the **Grizz Kids Winter Reading program** from January 1 through March 31, 2008. Stop by the library and ask for a Grizz Kids reading record where you can keep track of your reading this winter. When completed, drop by the Kearns Library and pick up your voucher, which is good for a free ticket to a Utah Grizzlies hockey game! Your voucher will also allow the rest of your family to purchase discounted (50% off) tickets.

Be sure to stop by for some of our awesome programs including **Baby Bookworms**, a storytime designed for the youngest of readers, our **Be a Bookworm** storytimes are perfect for toddlers and preschoolers. And don't miss out on any of our fun events for children and teens, including our new **Anime Club**. We look forward to seeing you soon!



**Taylorsville City**, in cooperation with **Unified Fire Authority**, announces an upcoming CERT training course. Classes will be on Saturday April 26th and Saturday May 3rd from 8:00am-5:00pm. Classes will be held at the Taylorsville City Hall Building located at 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.

There will be a final disaster simulation drill as well on Saturday May 10th from 8:00am-1:00pm. The location will be announced at the class.

The classes are taught by experts from our fire department and help prepare and train volunteers with the necessary skills for helping others in times of disaster. Come and learn to help your neighborhood be better prepared.

### Topics taught during the class include:

- Disaster awareness
- Fire safety (including fire extinguisher use)
- Emergency medical skills
- Light search and rescue
- Psychology of disasters
- Emergency organizational skills

**Cost: \$30** (includes helmet, vest, first aid gear and textbook.)  
(Participants will need to bring safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy work boots)



For more information or to print the form, please visit [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org). Registration fees/forms can be mailed to Unified Fire Authority or turned into the Taylorsville City Hall Building.  
**Registrations are due by April 18th at 5:00pm.**