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- Kearns Improvement District . . . . .801-968-1011
- Sheriff – Kearns Division  
Emergency . . . . .801-967-4420  
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- Kearns Library . . . . .801-944-7612
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- Information and Referral Resource . . . . .211

# Kearns Oquirrh Park/Skatepark Update

BY DAVID TAYLOR

**N**ow that spring is here, you will be noticing many changes in the Oquirrh Park. By July, all of the projects will be completed, and we should be able to enjoy the many upgrades in the months to come.

These improvements will include: the Skate/BMX park, temporary parking on the Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center (KOPFC) property, walking trail to the skate park, development of a road into the park, two parking lots, and a multi-use sporting field west of the existing baseball diamonds.



This has been a long process to watch, but the beginning of new and unique sporting venues that will enhance the recreational corridor right here in Kearns. These upgrades will complement the already utilized facilities in the park, Oval, and the KOPFC.

The county is planning in June a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Skate/BMX Park. It will be one of the largest Skate/BMX Parks in the Salt Lake Valley. Construction work will be picking up in the next few weeks of April and continue into the next few months. The contractor CraCar is motivated to finish by July since the ZAP funding comes due.

I would urge the community members to assist CraCar by avoiding all areas of construction in Oquirrh Park, not only for your safety, but also the items that are left that could potentially cause harm. The fencing around the construction sites are erected to keep you safe, please do not enter the construction areas.

I hope to see all of you at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Skate/BMX Park, and the various opportunities to learn a new skill of skate boarding and BMX biking.



Road going to westside parking lot and multi-use sporting field.



Multi-use sporting field west of the baseball diamonds.



Above ground features at the skate/BMX park.



Parking lot west of skate/BMX park. Beginning of road to west of baseball diamonds.

## PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE FOR 2010 CENSUS IN UTAH



# Looking For Work?

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking to hire more than 1,000 Census Takers in Salt Lake County for the 2010 population survey. The jobs are temporary, part-time work and will pay \$14 an hour.

Census Takers will offer personal assistance to individuals who do not complete and return their census form by mail. Salt Lake County residents interested in applying for census jobs should call the Salt Lake Census Office at 801 736-5060 to schedule a time and location to take a 30-minute multiple-choice test that measure the skills required for

census employment. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check.

Every 10 years, the Census Bureau is required by the U.S. Constitution to count each person residing in the United States. Utah is one of several states with significant population growth. Be a part of the nationwide population survey while earning extra money and helping to ensure your community is accurately counted in the 2010 Census. For more details, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs>



# 2010

## Kearns Community Council Community Calendar

Kearns Community Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd 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.

### MAY

- May 3 Taste Of Kearns – Kearns High School, 5-8 p.m.
- May 9 American Legion Mothers Day Breakfast – 8 a.m.-Noon, South Ridge Park. Price is \$5.00 per person and moms eat free.
- May 15 Unified Police Dept Community Clean Up, 8 a.m.  
*More details at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)*
- May 22 Neighborhood To Neighborhood Clean Up with Salt Lake County & Kearns Community Council – Meet at South Kearns Elementary School, 9 a.m.

### JUNE

- June 14 Kearns Post 32 American Legion Flag Retirement– KOPFC South Parking Lot (South of Kearns Recreation Center), Dusk

### JULY

- July 31 Kearns Crime Prevention Assoc. Guns & Hoses Baseball Game – Gates Field (Behind Kearns High School) 6 p.m.  
*Game is between Unified Fire & Unified Police, activities prior to the game. More details at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)*

### AUGUST

- Aug. 4 Kearns Crime Prevention Assoc. Night Out Against Crime – Utah Olympic Oval, 5-8 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Kearns Community Council Hometown Night Celebration – Utah Olympic Oval. *More details at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)*
- Aug. 7 Kearns Hometown Parade – 9 a.m. *Traditional Route*
- Aug. 7 KOPFC Fire, Water, & Ice Festival – KOPFC, Noon

### OCTOBER

Kearns Recreation Center Halloween Carnival – KOPFC Gym  
*More details at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)*

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2 Election Day – *Kearns Community Council Mtg. Cancelled*

Holiday Festival – Utah Olympic Oval  
*More details at [www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)*

If you or your organization has an event you want listed on the Kearns Community Council Community Calendar contact council member Paula Larsen at 801-963-9150, email at [robertandpaula90@msn.com](mailto:robertandpaula90@msn.com), or any of the council members

Eddie P. Mayne Kearns Senior Center	4850 West 4715 South	
Kearns Library	5350 South 4220 West	801-944-7612
KOPFC (Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center)	5624 South Cougar Ln. (4800 West)	801-966-5555
KHS (Kearns High School)	5525 South Cougar Ln. (4800 West)	801-646-5380
Utah Olympic Oval	5662 South Cougar Ln. (4800 West)	801-968-6825

## chairman's corner

BY PAULA LARSEN  
KEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Welcome to our first Kearns Community Council newsletter for 2010. Our newsletters are one more way for us to help keep you informed about our great community.

A little something about us, we are a council of nine people and although we are elected by you, we serve as volunteers. That's right, volunteers. We do not receive any personal pay or compensation of any kind. Some ask, "Why do you do that for nothing". We don't feel it is all for nothing.

**We have a strong desire to make our community better in any way we can.** The Kearns Community Council falls under Salt Lake County and is governed by them, so although we are only a voice to Salt Lake County we join with all of you to make our voices heard, to better our community, and look towards a bright future.

**Our pay comes from you, the people we serve.** Our pay is that thank you we hear, or that congratulations on a job well done, watching those that step forward and choose to serve with us. Most of all our pay comes from the support we receive by our community.

**We would not be able to do what we do without you.** We are all in this together and together we can accomplish great things.

Your Kearns Community Council is making some positive changes within the council for 2010. Here are just a few:

- With new members that joined us

in January, we have restructured our budget process and would like to welcome Mr. Riley Astill as our Internal Auditor.

- We are working very closely with Salt Lake County on the improvements taking place in our Oquirrh Park park area.
- We are improving our website with our webmaster Jill Young.
- We are working with our Unified Fire Authority and Unified Police, while establishing an Emergency Volunteer Cord—Al Britton with back up from our Red Cross Representative, Andrea Boone.
- All this while keeping a watchful eye on our community in general.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow council members, Kevin Lundy, Al Peterson, Charles Henderson, Kathy Larrabee, David Taylor, and Brett Helstein, and Kent Markus for all their time, dedication, and hard work they put into our community. You are all awesome members of not only our council, but our community as well.

So Kearns, get involved and join us as we begin our journey through 2010. Let your voices be heard and together we WILL make positive changes in our community. Your Kearns Community Council meets every first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the library auditorium. Help us help you, work towards a brighter future for all of us.

## Kearns Community Youth Council

BY ANDREA L. BOONE

Approximately one year ago the Kearns Community Council created an off spring of itself and formed a Kearns Youth Council. With this and oversight from the Kearns Community Council our goal is to have our youth become more involved with our community and bringing to us the voice of the youth.

The Kearns Youth Council held its' first meeting in October of 2009. Beginning with a pizza party at Kearns High School, the ground rules were laid for this group; elections were held and

Flor Perez was elected the chair. Other elected officers are Cheyann Woolsey, co-chair, Nicole Leonard, secretary, Nancy Gomez and Marisa Martinez, agenda clerks. The group is working in conjunction with the Divas with the Red Hattitude group to make blankets as a community project that will benefit the children of the Kearns community through the Unified Police Department.

Kearns councilwoman Kathy Larrabee is the Lead advisor, Andrea Boone is Advisor assistant. Councilman Alan Peterson is helping with parliamentary issues.



Back L-R: Flor Perez, Logan Jepperson, Nicole Leonard, Marisa Martinez.  
Middle: Nancy Gomez, Kathy Larrabee (lead advisor), Andrea Boone (asst. advisor), Cheyann Woolsey. Front: Mariah Norton



# Spring 2010

BY KEVIN C. LUNDY

Ahh! Spring has finally arrived and in spite of my normal springtime sneezing & wheezing, there are plenty of things to do throughout the community. The council has a number of plans for this spring and summer. We invite the community to join us!

## Neighborhood Clean-up

We will be sprucing up neighborhoods during our "Neighborhood Clean-up" which will be



concentrating in the South Kearns area. The date for this year will be Saturday May 22nd. This will be our 3rd year of working in a specific neighborhood and we look forward to another great turnout.

We will be working along with Salt Lake County as they patch streets, sidewalks, and the like. We will have a focused pick-up of anything that can be put into the fleet of trash trucks as they go up and down the streets in that area. The KCC will be going around with them to help load things up.

We will also have a staging area with information booths, as well as a hazard waste drop off location so residents can drop off old medications, household paint, and the like. We are planning on the staging area to be at South Kearns Elementary. Please mark the calendar to come join us. There will be more information forth coming

## Plant Trees

This year we are also planning on joining along with local Boy Scout troops in acquiring trees to plant in various areas around the community. This year is the 100th anniversary of BSA and the scouts of the Great Salt Lake will be working throughout the valley performing beautification projects. We are looking forward to joining with our local troops in helping spruce up parks, and other community areas within Kearns.

## Eliminate Weeds

We also have purchased equipment and supplies so we can work on some of our park strips

# G.R.E.A.T Days Ahead

BY OFFICER SKEE AFATASI

The Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.) Unit of The Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake Kearns/Magna Precinct has been really busy taking on one of their many duties and responsibilities as newly certified Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Instructors.

The G.R.E.A.T. Program has been implemented in 7 different Elementary schools (Western Hills, South Kearns, West Kearns, David Gourley, Oquirrh Hills, Beehive, and Pleasant Green) and 4 Junior High schools (Kearns Jr High, Thomas Jefferson, Matheson Jr High, and Brockbank Jr High) in the Kearns and Magna area.

## What is G.R.E.A.T.?

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law

enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum. With prevention as its primary objective, the program is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. The program also teaches students about Life Skills and Decision-making Skills.

The classes are taught by our C.O.P. Detectives Sean Williams, Michael Lee, Esekia "Skee" Afatasi, Chad Zitting and Rich Wilson, and our middle school "School Resource Officers" (SRO's), Lee Warnken and James Timpson.

In the G.R.E.A.T. Program there are two different curriculums – Elementary and Middle School curriculums. In the Elementary curriculum, a 6-week course, we teach 5th grade students and some 6th grade students. The Middle School curriculum is being taught to 7th graders and some 6th grade classes, and is a 13-week course.

The students are given a certificate upon completion of the course. The G.R.E.A.T. Program also has a summer component that will also be implemented in June 2010 that consists of fun activities for the students and also continuing education of the G.R.E.A.T. curriculum.

## Wipe out Graffiti

The Kearns/Magna Precinct is taking a very proactive approach to the gang and graffiti issue in our area. The formation of the Oquirrh Gang and Graffiti Group (The OG's) has been able to play a huge role in the documentation, intelligence gathering, and even arrests of some of the gang members and graffiti artists (aka taggers) in our area.

This group is headed up by Kearns C.O.P. Detective Esekia "Skee" Afatasi and is comprised of a patrol officer from each shift along with the SRO's, and a member from each Community Council (Kent Markus – Kearns and Starr Campbell – Magna).

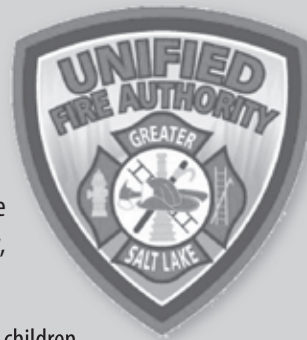
Also in this group is a Sergeant from the Metro Gang Unit and Nancy White from the Unified Police Graffiti Removal. This group meets once a month for their intelligence gathering meetings along with further training. The OG's work closely with the Metro Gang Unit and is considered as an extension of the Metro Gang Unit.

In our C.O.P. Unit we use the saying, "We must be a Jack-of-all-trades; knowledge of many but Masters of none."

# SPRING SAFETY

With activities shifting outdoors, Spring and Summertime present the return of several seasonal fire hazards, the most common being cooking grills, wooden decks, and use of gasoline and other flammable liquids. Unified Fire Authority, encourages everyone to consider the following:

- Locate grills and any propane tanks/cylinders a safe distance from buildings, wooden decks and other combustibles. Never store propane indoors!
- Check propane gas hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to the hoses will easily and safely reveal any leaks.
- Inspect and clean off burner and all hoses (check owner's manual) of gas grills where spiders and small insects may make nests or spider webs. This could lead to a fire. Frequent inspection and cleaning is typically necessary before use.
- Only use charcoal starter fluids designed for grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.
- Eliminate dry leaves, combustible storage or other debris from beneath wood decks. Avoid staging trash and other combustible materials on the deck.
- Avoid smoking on a wood deck. If you permit smoking, use suitable disposal containers/ashtrays. Never use paper or plastic cups, napkins, etc.
- Store gasoline and other flammable liquids in a building separate from the house or place of residence, such as a secured shed. Never store such liquids or propane cylinders within and attached garage or basement! Always keep out of reach from children.
- Use gasoline only for its intended purpose, as a motor fuel. Handle gasoline outdoors only.
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms.
- Always have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.



## Neighborhood by Neighborhood 2010 Committee Planning Meeting

### PROJECT: KEARNS 2010

The Salt Lake County Mayor's Office is pleased to partner with the Kearns Community Council on a project called **Public Works Neighborhood by Neighborhood**. The Neighborhood by Neighborhood project will direct the efforts and resources of several of our Salt Lake County divisions to a specific community in Kearns.

The project area for 2010 is a grid between

Northwest Avenue, 4270 West, 5415 South and 5615 South.

We are excited to bring this community project back to Kearns for the third time. After a week of cleanup activities (starting May 17th), we will celebrate the success of the project with a neighborhood gathering on Saturday, May 22nd. On Saturday, various Salt Lake County Services will

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

be available for your convenience. These services include; Animal Services, Community Resources, and Sanitation removal (including a designated area to accept paint, oil and other hazardous household cleaning items).

To ensure the success of this project, we need volunteers!! This is a great way to give back to your community (and have a bit of fun too!).

All volunteers are welcome (you do not need to live within the project area). Please get the word out in your neighborhood, school, community group or church!

If you would like to volunteer, please call Megan Hillyard in the Mayor's Office at 801-468-3351.

Hope to see you there!



# Kearns Library Teen Art Contest

BY CARRIE ROGERS-WHITEHEAD  
KEARNS LIBRARY –  
YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Come and see the great talent of the teens of Kearns! For the Kearns Library third annual manga art contest the community's teens have responded enthusiastically with 75 entries, more than the previous two years. Their artistic skill is evident in the watercolor, pen and ink and pencil drawings on display in the Kearns Library's teen section. The winners to the contest will be announced in early April. The drawings will be up for display throughout the month of April so check them out and see what talent Kearns teens have!



## Memorial Day Event

Memorial Day in Kearns will be a special day this year. The Viet Nam Memorial will be rededicated with a new list of the Kearns veterans who lost their lives fighting for us in Viet Nam so long ago. There will be displays of military equipment as well as those of our first responders.

The memorial is on the corner of 5400 South and 4000 West. The rededication will begin at 11:00 am on May 31st, 2010. This memorial is a cooperation of the Kearns Community Council, and the American Legion, Kearns Post 132.

Everyone is invited to come honor and show respect to those former residents who paid the ultimate price.

# Annual Kearns Community 'Taste Of Kearns'

BY STACEY HUTCHINGS, CHAIR

Don't miss our annual Taste of Kearns event on Monday, May 3rd at Kearns High beginning at 5 p.m. Bring the whole family for an evening of fun, food and information.

If you come to this event each year you know what a fun event this is for all ages, so mark your calendars! If you haven't been before please join us for an evening full of local performances, exciting activities that usually includes climbing walls, a national guard helicopter, fire trucks and other emergency vehicles, a gym full of booths showing off resources available in the community and of course, the free hot dog dinner. This year we will also have a baseball game taking place during the event –

Kearns High v. Taylorsville!

This event is put together to give residents of our community a "taste" of what our local schools, organizations and businesses have to offer to us – and an evening of fun for the whole family to enjoy together.

We are so grateful to our community partners that make this event possible – Kearns High School and other Kearns network schools, PTAs, Kearns Community Council, Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center, our local emergency service providers, and many local businesses including Harmons, Frito-Lay, and Pepsi, all make up our Taste of Kearns Committee who make this event possible and an event to look forward to attending every year!

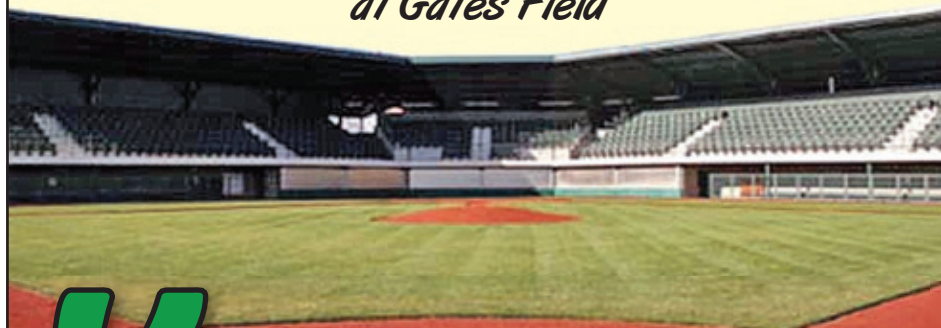
## Taste of

Monday, May 3, 2010 5-8 p.m.

- . Hot Dogs
- . Entertainment
- . Booths
- . Family Fun



*Watch The Kearns Cougar Baseball Team play against the Taylorsville Warriors at Gates Field*



# Kearns

*All Kearns Community Invited!*