



# KEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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*Kearns Improvement District*  
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967-4420

*Unified Fire Department*  
743-7200

*Kearns Library*  
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*Kearns Recreation Center* 967-4404

*Emergency*  
911

Welcome to the second issue of the newsletter exclusively for the Community of Kearns. The Kearns Community Council has been very busy with various activities such as “Night Out Against Crime”, “Kearns Hometown Night”, and the Hometown Parade, all of which were well attended. We appreciate the community’s support.

Now that Fall is upon us, elections are just a few weeks away. We encourage everyone to become acquainted with the issues being brought before the voters. We also encourage voters to get to know the candidates running for office and to vote on Election Day.

One issue that will be introduced to all residents living in unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County is a survey that will determine the manner of government desired for those that are not living in an incorporated city. The Township of Kearns will be a part of this survey. The Council will be in the forefront of the effort to educate the community and plan the survey.

The following is a portion of some information I received from Mayor Corroon, who sought our assistance in



*Kearns Community Council*

this effort: “In 2005 the Utah State Legislature directed Salt Lake County and the municipalities (cities) located adjacent to County Townships to educate city and County residents about townships. They have also requested the County to conduct a survey of residents within the townships to determine their preferred forms of governance. HB40, also known as the Repeal of Sunset of Township Provision, has directed Salt Lake County, in conjunction with the League of Cities and Towns and the Council of Governments, to organize the effort that will facilitate the cre-

ation, implementation, and final analysis of the survey for the State Legislature on the issue of Townships.”

In addition, we have included a model of various methods of government - from a “Traditional City” to our current method of “Township”- that was prepared by Salt Lake County Councilman, Mark Crockett, in this newsletter. As you review this chart you will notice a variety of items to think about that pertain to the form of government desired by the community. We encourage you to carefully consider this important issue as the outcome will impact our community and its residents for years to come.

You may contact us anytime by coming to our Council meetings, held twice a month at the Kearns Library, or via e-mail or phone.

*Kevin C. Lundy  
Chairman  
Kearns Community Council*

## Upgrade

Mayor Corroon and his Office of Economic Development have recently started a new program called Upgrade that will promote growth for small to medium sized businesses in Salt Lake County. The Upgrade program is one more way that the County will work with local businesses to build jobs and economic growth in unincorporated areas of Salt Lake County.

Small to medium-sized businesses are the growth engine of Salt Lake County. Over 75 percent of the new jobs created during the past year came through small firms adding just one or two new employees.

“Quality business development starts at home,” says Mayor Peter Corroon. “One of our responsibilities through our Division of Business & Economic Development is to make sure that businesses have a place to come for answers to their questions on financing, training, human resources, and taxes.”

UpGrade: Business on the Next Level,

is a small business program that directs Salt Lake County business owners to one central location: a new website. [www.upgrade.slco.org](http://www.upgrade.slco.org) is a user-friendly collection of resources from federal, state, and local governments, chambers of commerce, and private sources. All this information is designed to help small businesses grow from their “start up” phase right through their desire to “grow up” into larger markets.

The web site also contains business tips in a section called “study up” and a list of classes, workshops and seminars from a variety of providers in a section called “heads up.”

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## NEW WEBSITE

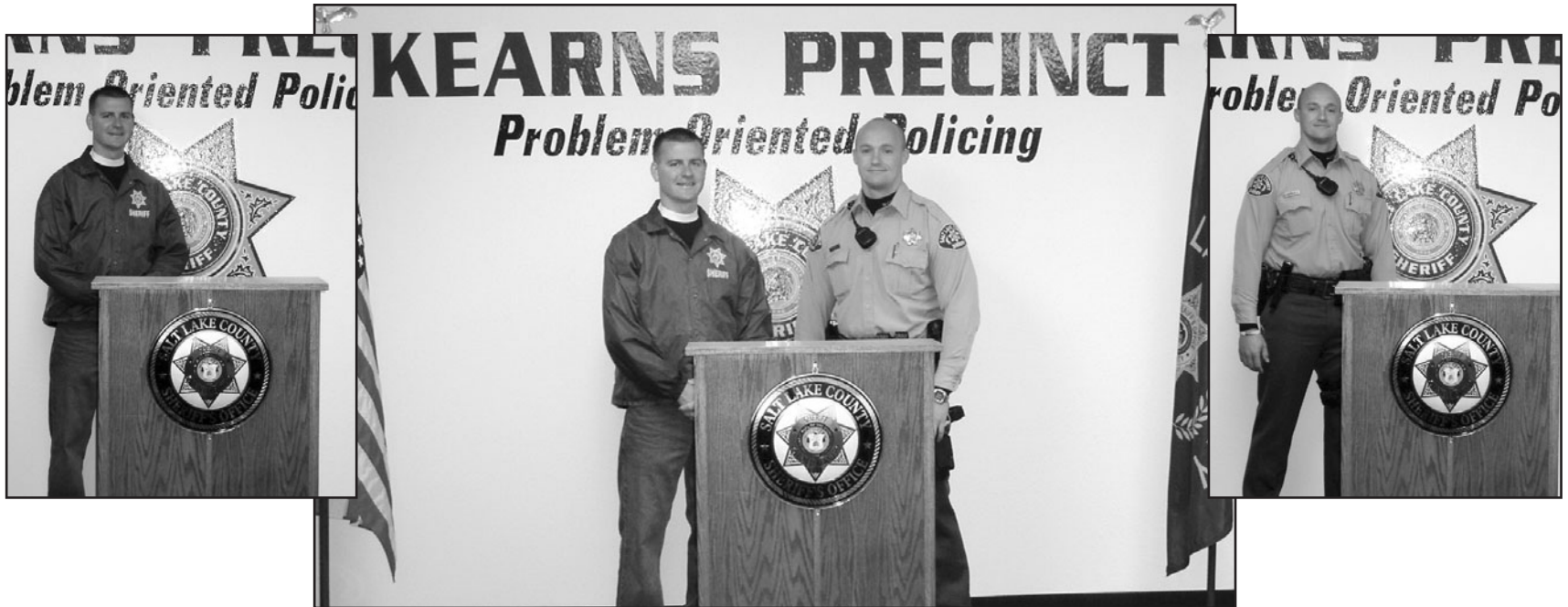
[www.kearns-utah.org](http://www.kearns-utah.org)

From it’s 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.



# Getting back to basics with "Problem Oriented Policing"



Levi Hughes and Arlen Bennett, POP representatives

The definition of POP is "Problem Oriented Policing". The concept is that they want to get back to the basics of police work by investigating little offences and then look to see if there is a larger underlying problem that might be causing those things to take place. Capt. Burdett refers to it as the "broken window" approach. Investigate the broken window and see if there is an underlying offence that might be the cause of the window getting broke.

Function	Traditional City (by incorporation)	Annexation	City Light or "Town"	Township Strong (work within current rules)	Status Quo (Township weak)
Description	As with Holladay and Cottonwood Heights, incorporate and operate as independent city.	Annex into neighboring city(ies).	Incorporate as a city or new 'town' form of government while contracting for services and keeping governance costs low.	Increase autonomy and representation while remaining under the County legal and financial umbrellas.	Remain an unincorporated segment of the county with community councils acting as advisors to the County.
Control/Cost	Most control, highest cost.	As per annexing city	Control with cost-control priority.	Increased input; few added costs.	Lowest cost, least control.
Governing Legislative body	City Council elected directly by municipality with authority to enact code, pass budget, appropriate funds, authorize contracts, etc.		Town Council elected directly with authority to enact code, pass budgets, appropriate funds, authorize contracts, etc.	Township Council selected by district or community councils. Townships recognized as local districts within County for potential differentiation of ordinances. Council establishes a formal deference to Township Council as to localized ordinances and municipal service priorities.	County Council is legislative body. Informally selected community councils advise.
Taxing Authority	Ability to bond, levy taxes according to state law for towns and cities. Direct all revenues for city/town use.		Ability to levy and direct taxes for municipal services. At least some limited bonding authority through the county.	Significant block grants from the County (by population, % of tax). Township-specific initiatives and improvement districts, but no bonding except through County.	No taxing authority or receipts. Allocated limited "backdoor" funding from the County upon approved budget requests.
Governing Executive	Part-time executive (e.g., Mayor) and chair of City Council elected directly by city with authority to staff and to negotiate and contract for city. If executive is part time, then full-time manager hired by City Council.		Town Manager chosen by Town Council to act with authority to staff township and to negotiate contracts, under the direction of the Council.	County Mayor remains the formal executive and oversees municipal functions across unincorporated County, but Township Manager (becoming an exempt county employee selected by Township Council) coordinates all Township issues within/across the County.	County Mayor is executive.
Seat at Inter-Governmental Table(s)	Mayor or full-time manager according to state law of Mayors, League of Cities and Towns, COG, etc. City can directly lobby to state legislature.		Town Council representatives or Manager represent Town in League of Cities and Towns, COG, etc. Town can directly lobby to state legislature.	Where allowable, Township Manager joins County Mayor in representing Township. Example Question: threshold for admittance to "League of Cities and Towns"?	County Mayor represents township in county and state matters. Council member responsibilities shared across county.
County Boards			Township Manager serves on boards related to contracted services.	Township Manager sits on or designates rep to county boards.	County Mayor oversees.
Planning and Zoning	City Council makes planning and zoning decisions; City self-provides or contracts with County for staff support.		Town Council appoints or acts as Board of Adjustments and Planning Commission. Contracts with County for planning and permitting.	Planning Commission officially appointed by County upon recommendation from Township Council. County Council formalizes its intent to defer to local planning commissions.	Township Planning Commission makes advisory recommendations to County Council on planning and zoning.
Legal	Town/city attorney employed or contracted by municipality.		Contracts attorney at discretion and as needed (e.g., from DA).	Contracts attorney or relies upon County Attorney as needed.	County Attorney.
Law Enforcement	Contracts with County Sheriff → UPD.		Contracts with County Sheriff → UPD.	County Sheriff → UPD via County.	County Sheriff → UPD via County.
Fire	UFA/District member.		UFA/District member.	UFA via the County.	UFA via the County.
Roads (snow removal, curb and gutter)	Contract with County.		Contract with County.	County Service.	County Service.
Parks and Recreation	Funded by local funds.		Delegated to county.	Owned and operated by county.	Owned and operated by county.
Other municipal services	Self-provided or contracted.		Manager contracts/directs county staff.	Manager directs/coordinates county staff.	County services.
Defense against annexation	As a city, well defended against annexation.	Become annexed.	As a city or newly authorized structure, better defended against annexation.	Defense against annexation via state legislature.	Defense against annexation via state legislature.
Facilities	Local assets owned by City.		Few local assets owned by Town.	County owned.	County owned.
Community Events	Established by Town Council and organized by staff.		Established by Town Council and contracted.	Established and directed by Town Council; staffed by County.	Sponsored and funded by County.

## ALTERNATIVE TOWNSHIP GOVERNANCE MODELS

5/10/2006 Draft

As part of the 2005 state legislation extending townships, Salt Lake County is required to conduct a survey of township residents by 2008. The survey will assess resident's preferences for remaining within a township structure, annexing into surrounding cities, etc. Before conducting the survey, it may make sense to help residents carefully weigh their alternatives. The table below is an initial draft to illustrate the range of governance structures one might conceive that the County's townships could respectively pursue. The near-term idea is to discuss these conceptual government models with community/township leaders to see how we could improve and clarify each, also soliciting early feedback on the perceived pro's and con's of each model. The next step would be to refine the models and solicit wider input from township residents. Meanwhile, an application has been made to the County to commission a feasibility study on the potential financial/tax impacts of pursuing different government structures in different geographies.

Please email any input that you may have to [mcrockett@s1co.org](mailto:mcrockett@s1co.org).

## Make-A-Wish Fundraiser a Splashing Success

The swim instructors at Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center did a lot more this past summer than teach students how to tread water and do the backstroke. According to Myra Heaton, a Programs Supervisor at KOPFC, the instructors helped to build a playhouse to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The playhouse was one item in the silent auction portion of the Fire, Water, and Ice Festival, held at KOPFC in August, and sold for over one thousand dollars. This tradition was started five years ago when then Aquatics Supervisor, Debbie Stevensen, initiated the project with some parents and the swim instructors. Stevensen has since moved away but her vision continues in the effort to grant a special wish to a deserving child with a life-threatening illness. Heaton stated, "What makes this project so wonderful is that the National Foundation & Make-A-Wish of Utah have given us permission to make a wish for a child living in our area."

the cause and they found themselves just a bit short of that amount. In response, Heaton shared, "I work with the prison inmates every year where they donate a wonderful project. This year it was a work of art, a rocking horse. They called me up to see if it was delivered without nicks...then they asked me if we met our goal. When I told them we were \$93.36 away from it they said they would make up the difference." Heaton received the check shortly thereafter and final earnings actually exceeded the anticipated amount, meaning they more than completed a wish for one child.

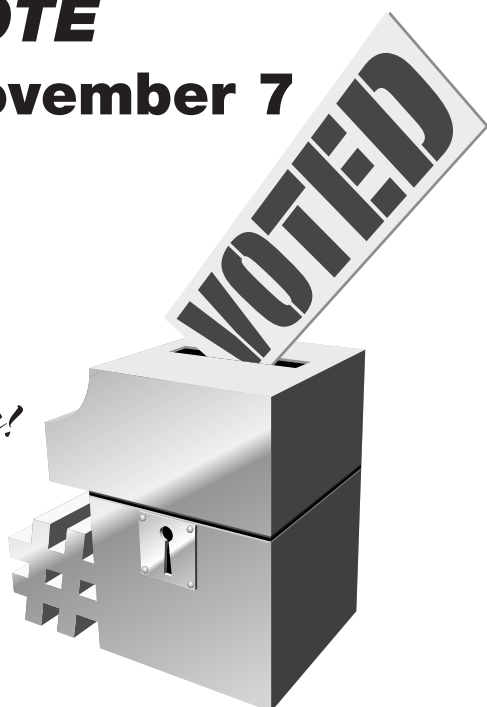
KOPFC has hosted a silent auction for Make-A-Wish for seven years. They raised \$1,000 the first year and have set a goal to raise \$6,000 next year. Heaton is already making plans for the 2007 event and welcomes donations and services from residents and businesses, stating "this project affects our community – because Make-A-Wish trusts our organization, they have allowed a child from our area to be the recipient. It makes it so personal when we can honor our own." If you would like to make a donation, Heaton can be reached at KOPFC at 966-5555.

With community businesses and patrons as the main contributors to this effort, Heaton commented, "The community came together. We even had two Eagle Scout projects." This year's goal was to raise \$5400 to donate to

# VOTE

Don't forget to **VOTE** Tuesday, November 7

Your Vote Counts!





## New Sidewalk on 5400 South

Orange construction cones may signal slower traffic ahead but they are also a sign of beneficial improvements. This is certainly the case when driving west on 5400 South near 5600 West. The Kearns Community Council, Senator Ed Mayne, and many citizen activists successfully lobbied the Utah Department of Transportation to extend the sidewalk on 5400 South from approximately 5420 West to 5600 West. This progress will provide a safer route for pedestrians, especially students at Jefferson Junior High School who have had to walk along the busy road because it lacked such a passage.

In addition to the sidewalk, residents that live along this stretch of road will

also benefit from the installation of a retaining wall. Since some of the properties were located almost ten feet below grade, this is another safety measure addressed by the project. We appreciate the agreement of UDOT to also erect a new vinyl fence along the path of the sidewalk which will be both attractive to the area and provide privacy to the backyards of related properties.

Please know that the Kearns Community Council is working hard to make a difference for our community; this UDOT project is a victory for all of Kearns and would not have happened without the support of many citizens. To the people of Kearns: keep up the good work!

## Recent RDA Discussions to Improve the Township of Kearns

The Kearns Community Council recently invited local business and property owners to meetings held on August 24th and October 5th at the Olympic Oval World Speed Lounge in which we discussed and sought input from them on potential redevelopment opportunities within the Kearns Township.

The KCC recognizes the collective and significant contributions these businesses and property owners have made to our area and wanted to make sure participants were aware of potential opportunities to enhance and improve our community.

A portion of the meetings included a presentation by Dale Carpenter, Director of Salt Lake County Economic and Development/Real Estate Division, in which he described such potential redevelopment opportunities. Phil Bernal, Associate Deputy Director of Salt Lake County Public Works, attended the October 5th meeting and provided insight on possible solutions to much needed road, curb and gutter improvements to the Kearns Industrial Park located along 4700 South and 5600 West. This area is also recognized as a portion of the Historic

Camp Kearns. During discussions following the October 5th meeting, Phil recommended that property and business owners in the Kearns Industrial Park petition the Salt Lake County to create a Special Improvement District (SID) to make the necessary improvements to the roads, curb and gutter.

**What is a Special Improvement District?** A Special Improvement District (commonly referred to as an SID) is a group of properties that become a legal entity in order to construct public improvements. Some improvements that can be constructed through an SID include street paving, curb and gutter, water main, sewer main, and storm drain. Improvement costs are borne by property owners within the SID boundaries.

The KCC would support the practice of SID's for the construction of certain public improvements. This practice ensures that tax dollars are spent on an equitable basis and keeps general taxes as reasonable as possible. Future plans towards this effort include the formation of a committee, headed by business and property owners, and forthcoming meetings to discuss whether they will support such an initiative.

## Kearns Library

Have you visited the Kearns Library recently? We've made some exciting changes: be sure to stop by to see our newly redesigned computer area! We now have eighteen computers with



Internet access and a variety of word processing applications. Using the computers is easy: sign up for a LYNX card and you'll be all set. And speaking of change, we're excited to introduce our new manager, Kent Johnson. Mr. Johnson joined Salt Lake County Library System in 1997, as a librarian at our Magna branch. He has also worked at Hunter and Bingham Creek libraries, and was

managing the Magna library prior to his new position at Kearns. He is an enthusiastic new member of the Kearns community, stating that: "It's great to be at a library that you can make a difference on a daily basis".



## Community After-School Program

On September 5, 2006, Salt Lake County kicked off the Kearns Junior High After School Program. The idea for an after school program in Kearns dates from late spring of 2006 when the Kearns library staff experienced some disruptive behavior from young people after school hours. Youth were visiting the library just to hang out and some tended to be loud and disruptive to the other library patrons.

The Kearns library staff approached the Salt Lake County Human Services Department for assistance. The Department, working with a number of its divisions and the County Community Services Department determined an after school program would benefit the youth and the community at-large. At that point the planning process started.

The After School Program (still to be named by the young people involved) is a collaboration of a number of government and community groups who see the importance of providing positive experiences for youth. The planning process included representatives from a number of County Agencies, Kearns Crime Prevention Association, Kearns Community Council, Kearns Junior High, Granite School District, and the State Office of Ethnic Affairs. Each participant brought resources and great ideas to the table.

The program, located in the basement of Kearns Junior High, offers a wide variety of activities each Monday through Thursday, 3:00-5:30 p.m. and Friday from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Attendance averages between 50-60 youth per day. The after-school program is considered a "drop-in" program. Youth can visit on any day but are not required to be there daily. Students sign in after school and can sign themselves out at any time.

The program coordinator, who works in conjunction with Youth Services, Parks & Recreation, and County Library staff, has a lot of experience and enthusiasm for working with the students. She worked in after-school programs in the Salt Lake City school district for nearly six years and has volunteered in the summer with the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). She has an amazing knowledge of community resources and activities that can be included in the program. The program also has sports and recreation program coordinator who is on-site every day to assist with the program and run different sports activities.

Surveys of youth from community events and back to school night indicated that the youth were looking for a safe place to hang out, enjoy sports and arts activities. The program is doing just that. A typical day starts with "hang out" time and a snack provided through the program. Youth can then choose to participate in a variety of different activities, including:

- sports
- arts and crafts
- computer training
- homework help

In addition to these activities, presenters and instructors visit the program to meet with the youth. During September, the youth learned about internet safety and diversity awareness, participated in dance classes (such as break-dancing and Tango) on Fridays, and are currently working with a local artist to design and paint a mural in the school cafeteria. In addition, they had a visit from the Salt Lake County Mayor, Peter Corroon, who fielded questions ranging from what life is like as Mayor, to his views on the war and President Bush, to his favorite cars and music. At the end, the Mayor signed autographs for a number of the students.

Beginning in October, after-school participants will have the opportunity to participate in activities at the Kearns Library on a twice weekly basis. The library and after-school staff are hoping to plan a larger community-based activity with the youth each month. The first will be a Halloween Festival for local elementary school students on October 26, 2006. The After School youth will plan the festival, make decorations, and work the booths with games and activities for the younger children. The library is providing snacks and prizes.

The Junior High After-School Program has been a true collaboration and shows how people and organizations can pull together to address community issues. The daily program operation continues to be a collaborative effort between a number of county agencies and the community.

Participants and sponsors hope to develop further community and parent support for the program. You can help. The after-school program is actively seeking volunteers (to help whenever possible or to offer a specific program) and donations such as arts and crafts supplies and prizes (as incentives). Please call Nicholina Womack, program coordinator, at 618-8227 to sign up or to discuss donations.





## ETHEOS ACADEMY – Expeditionary Learning



Entheos Academy students doing field work at Mesa Verde

Entheos Academy's third and fourth grade students recently returned from an exciting three day trip to Mesa Verde. With the help of parent volunteers, ninety-two students traveled on a chartered bus to Cortez, Colorado to do hands-on field work on indigenous people of the southwest. Students not only explored Mesa Verde, but also had the opportunity to see Newspaper Rock and visit the Anasazi Heritage Center.

Entheos Academy is a new charter school in Kearns serving 424 students in grades K-7. Entheos uses Expeditionary Learning as the framework for learning. It emphasizes active involvement in the classroom, team building, character growth, service learning, adventure, and field work. The hallmark of Expeditionary Learning is the learning expedition. Expeditions are challenging, interdisciplinary, real work projects and in-depth studies that act as primary curriculum units. The expeditions are the venue within which students work toward achieving the standards of learning in reading, mathematics, and the core content areas.

This week the Entheos sixth and seventh grade students are immersed in adventure within the middle school program. The students are camping for four days and three nights focusing on wilderness skills, interpersonal growth, and group work. The boys will be traveling to Arches National Park and the girls will be camping at Dinosaur National Monument.

### “Extreme Makeover” for Kearns After-School Program

Dear Parents and Community:

The Kearns Junior High After-School Program has gotten off to a great start. We have 30-60 students a day, with 80 students registered. We have many supporters from the Kearns Sports and Recreation center, Youth Services,

Kearns Library, the Salt Lake County Mayor’s Office, our wonderful community, and Kearns Junior High. With collaborative efforts from these agencies and community members we are able to offer more programs and activities each week. We are very excited.

Kearns Junior High has been instrumental in bringing this program alive. They have provided one of their classrooms to house our after-school program which is located near the track and by the smaller gym and weight room. This gives us great access to the gym and the outdoors for our activities and programs. The room has mostly been used for storage and needs some good old TLC (tender loving care); it has plenty of room and potential. We want to make this room a place that youth can identify as their space, where they can come to be safe and have fun.

We are hosting an “Extreme Makeover” event on Friday, November 17th from 1:00-3:30 p.m. to bring our community together and give the room a fresh look. We invite community volunteers and parents to come and help us paint the room. We also have a ‘wish list’ of donations we are seeking to make this event – and our program – successful:

**“Extreme Makeover” Supplies:** 5 cans olive green paint, 10 cans white paint, 10 - 15 paint rollers, 10 - 15 paint skeletons, 10 - 15 paint trays, 5 - 8 plastic tarps, snacks to give to participating volunteers and youth

**Program Supplies:** Play Station 2 games, board games/card games, rated ‘PG’ DVD’s, air hockey table

**Arts and Craft Paint Supplies:** white/colored paper, clay, glu, glitter, pom-poms, feathers, paper mache, boxes to paint, beads

We will also be holding a volunteer vs. after-school softball game between

paint sessions. Watch out...we have been practicing and these kids are good! We hope to have treats and snacks too.

So come down, have fun, get dirty, and lets come together to show these youth that we support them. If you have any questions or would like to donate paint, paint supplies, or snacks please contact me at 618-8227 or Kelly Riding, with the Salt Lake County Division of Youth Services, at 284-3315.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Nicholina Womack  
After-School Coordinator

Have a Happy, Safe Thanksgiving from all of us at Kearns Community Council!



**“Upgrade” from front page**  
“The site is designed to be the one-stop site for Salt Lake County businesses that need more information to grow,” says Dale Carpenter, director of the County’s economic development program. “A company can find everything from financing options to marketing tips all in one place.”

For more information about the new Upgrade program or about Salt Lake County’s Office of Economic Development, please call 801-468-2502.

## Kearns Community Calendar

- November 3-4**  
Senior Center Boutique Sale – Kearns Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 6**  
Lions Club Meeting – Kearns Rec Center – 7 p.m.
- November 7**  
Election Day – Remember to Vote
- November 8**  
Kearns Improvement Dist. Meeting – Kearns Imp. Dist. Auditorium
- November 14**  
American Legion Post 132 Meeting – Beckstead Home – 6:30 p.m.
- November 15**  
Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center Meeting – Tennis Center – 7 p.m.
- November 17**  
Utah Olympic Oval Turkey Bowl – Utah Olympic Oval – 7 p.m.
- November 20**  
Lions Club Meeting – Kearns Rec Center – 7 p.m.
- November 21**  
Kearns Community Council Meeting – Kearns Library auditorium – 7 p.m.
- December 1**  
Olympic Speed Skating Oval Community Festival
- December 5**  
Kearns Community Council Meeting – Mayor Corroon visit to community – Kearns Library auditorium – 7 p.m.
- December 8**  
Kearns Community Council Community Christmas Party – Utah Olympic Speed Skating Oval – 6:30 p.m.
- December 19**  
No meeting due to holiday – Kearns Community Council

### Christmas Family Cookbook

Excitement surrounding the holiday season is here again. It is a time when many of us enjoy listening to festive music, gazing at decorations, and smelling the aroma of a traditional home-cooked meal. It is a time when we reflect on events of the past year. It is also a time to think about others who are less fortunate than us.

In an effort to raise funds to donate to Sub for Santa, the Kearns Community Council invites Kearns residents – and those from neighboring cities – to submit recipes to be published in a Christmas Family Cookbook. This community-building effort has the potential to help provide gifts to many children who would otherwise have little to celebrate this Christmas. In addition to helping a worthy cause, you will also have a collection of new delicious ideas for mealtime.

Please submit your favorite recipes by November 10. Cost per cookbook is estimated to be ten dollars but will depend on the number of recipes submitted. Since all proceeds will benefit the Sub for Santa program, it would be a great idea to purchase several cookbooks as gifts for friends and family on your shopping list to enjoy all year round. Please direct your recipes, questions, orders, and donations to me via email at dogr-dog2@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

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Kearns Community Council