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## Frequently Used Community Numbers

Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center .....966-5555

Kearns Improvement District .....968-1011

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

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

Kearns Library.....944-7612

SL County Code Enforcement .....468-2176

SL County Planning and Development .....468-2072

Kearns Recreation Center .....967-4404

Emergency.....911

Information and Referral Resource .....211

# Thoughts of the Season

BY KATHY LARRABEE

**H**ave you felt a difference in the air? I have and it is accompanied with feelings of excitement. It's that time of year again when I pack up memories of summer fun and start thinking about fall and winter festivities. The anticipation of gathering together with family and friends are times I treasure. Yes, planning meals and gifts, decorating and cleaning the house is a lot of work and I know I won't get everything done. But I will enjoy watching children play in the snow and think of all the things I am grateful for as I sit by a fire sipping a cup of hot chocolate.

I will enjoy sending a few email messages and festive cards by snail mail to friends and family to wish them a wonderful season. I will enjoy the smell of cinnamon and apples baking

in the oven. The pleasant aroma of pumpkin pie and the fragrance of evergreen will be in the air. There will be the hustle and bustle of getting gifts ready to share with others. I will



pull out the decorations. The lights will hang on the eaves of my home and a wreath will be placed on my front door. I will feel the pressure of having the refrigerator stocked and the house clean for unexpected friends to stop by with warm wishes for my family. As always, I look forward to celebrating with the community at the annual **Holiday Festival at the Utah Olympic Oval, held this year on December 5 at 6:30 p.m.** where there's always a variety of music and activities commencing the sounds and sights of the holidays.

All of these wonderful thoughts of the season bring the excitement I feel. I will play out these wonderful thoughts in my mind throughout the next several weeks and then I will wonder, "When will it ever be Spring, again?"

## Kearns Community Council Election Results In

BY PAULA LARSEN

Nearly 1400 voters cast their ballots on November 4 for the Kearns Community Council elections and the results were close. While candidates in two district areas ran unopposed, Marlon Brennan achieved a victory in the Bacchus district and moved from an At-Large position to replace outgoing representative Debby Connor. Chuck McDowell retained his At-Large seat and will be joined by Kent Markus. Elections for the next open positions will be held in 2010.

Newcomer Brett Helsten and his wife, Jana, have six children and have lived in Kearns for 15 years. Helsten will represent the Western Hills District, a seat held previously by Ruby

Martinez. He is involved in scouting, neighborhood clean up, community tree planting, and volunteers at his children's schools. Helsten ran for the council was because he cares about his community and wants to give back, "I'm thankful for those who marked my name on the ballot and I promise I will do my best for the Kearns community." He would like to rally the community together and have them more actively involved with the council.

A community activist for the past few years, Kent Markus has been involved in neighborhood watch, graffiti clean up, assisting the elderly and has been on the board for the Datus Archery Inc. for 10 years. Markus has lived

in Kearns for 15 years and felt the community needed honest representation on the council. "I would like to strengthen the Kearns community's relationship with Salt Lake County and I am in it for the long haul." Markus and his wife, Jodi, have three children.

Yes, it is bittersweet to say goodbye to both Debby Connor and Ruby Martinez who have worked tirelessly in their roles. However, as a new year begins there is a lot to look forward to with new members on the council. Residents are encouraged to attend Kearns Community Council meetings to provide input and become positive community activists.



Brett Helsten



Kent Markus

### AT-LARGE

<b>Chuck McDowell, incumbent</b>	<b>815</b>
<b>Kent Markus</b>	<b>768</b>
Dave Taylor	763
Tom Blochovich	439

### BACCHUS

<b>Marlon Brennan</b>	<b>268</b>
Chrystal Butterfield	254

### SOUTH KEARNS

<b>Kathy Larrabee, incumbent</b>	<b>220</b>
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### WESTERN HILLS

<b>Brett Helsten</b>	<b>328</b>
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# Get Snow Shovels Ready

BY TAWNA PIPPIN

The first snow of the season has already fallen and there's sure to be plenty more to follow in a state that boasts having The Greatest Snow on Earth. In preparation for this winter's snow flurries, remember that property owners or occupants are required to remove snow on public right-of-way areas within one hour following cessation of snowfall or by 8:00 a.m. in the event of an overnight storm occurring between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. (*Salt Lake County Code 14.32.100*) In addition to ensuring their cars are off the road (see related story), residents must also take note to not clog gutters (*Salt Lake County Code 14.32.110*) or throw snow onto the road. Salt Lake County will plow snow from roadways but residents must shovel or arrange for someone else to remove snow on abutting public walkways.

Since most area schools are walking-only schools, timely snow removal requires extra attention to provide safety for public passage. So for everyone's sake let's do our part and get the snow shovels ready for a fun and safe winter.



# CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

BY CHUCK MCDOWELL,  
KEARNS COMMUNITY  
COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON



Chuck McDowell,

It has been an honor to serve as Chairman the past two years. As rules do not allow serving a third consecutive term in this position I am also grateful to have been re-elected to continue serving in other ways. Several initiatives have been undertaken that I am interested in following to conclusion.

## LOOK BACK AT 2008

Discussions regarding the formation of a Re-development Agency have brought to light the importance to understand what business and property owners want to accomplish. We know residents desire better lighting, curb & gutter, sidewalks and paving in many areas, including the warehouse district. The 5600 West Beautification Project needs to be completed; Salt Lake County and UDOT held the formal ground breaking ceremony on October 30 and the first phase will begin within sixty days.

The overall Kearns Master Plan is complete and ready for public comment. An important public meeting is scheduled to be held in January 2009.

We have sponsored successful community events such as Taste of Kearns, Home-town Night festivities, the first annual Kearns Health Fair, Kearns Parade, Night Out Against Crime, Police vs. Firemen baseball game, and Kearns Recreation Center's Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween Party. The Holiday Festival is just around the corner and we have lended support

to other community groups and events.

Final stages of redesigning Oquirrh Park are underway to include a new skate park, additional parking and amenities, and better access to the park. Construction will begin March 2009.

The survey required by the Township Sunset Law (HB40) has been completed and the results seem clear. We now ask the Legislature to repeal the Sunset provision and secure our borders from future arbitrary annexation attempts.

Supporting our schools has expanded to include sponsoring a play at Thomas Jefferson High School, assistance to Kearns High School Band and Honor Guard, and helping the baseball team purchase equipment. We have supported after-school programs at Kearns Junior High and West Kearns Elementary and have offered to re-equip Beehive Elementary's Safety Patrol.

## NEVER "ME" ... ALWAYS "WE"

We can accomplish great things as long as we do it as a community. Never "Me" and always "We". People from various parts of Kearns have joined hands to make our projects successful. For example, Fran Gray, Bonnie Stellmacher and Amy Sorenson have been key participants in generating citizen support for the 5600 West Beautification Project over the last three years. We appreciate everyone's help to make our community a better place.

## OFFERING THANKS

At this time of year we ponder all that we

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# Kearns Community Calendar

## NOVEMBER

- Nov. 27 **Happy Thanksgiving** *non-members. Registration required, register early. All last minute registrations will be \$33. Call KOPFC for more details.*
- Nov. 28 ChamberWest Santa Parade, 9 a.m. – Begins at 4501 S. 2700 W. & ends at Valley Fair Mall.

## DECEMBER

- Dec. 1 KOPFC Game Night with Santa, 7 p.m. – Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center, \$1 per child
- Dec. 2 Kearns Community Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- Dec. 5 Holiday Festival, 6:30 p.m. – Utah Olympic Oval, Call Kathy Larrabee at 969-7449 or Utah Olympic Oval for more details.
- Dec. 1-21 KOPFC Sub for Santa Service Project, ends Dec. 21 at 5 p.m. – Choose an angel from their holiday display in their front lobby and purchase the item listed. Call KOPFC for more details.
- Dec. 11 Taste of Kearns Committee Meeting, 5 p.m. – Kearns High School, Rm #214
- Dec. 13 Kearns Idea House open to the public, noon-4 p.m. – 4574 W. 4865 S.
- Dec. 16 Kearns Community Council Meeting (Year End Report /Year in Review), 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- Dec. 25 **Merry Christmas**
- Dec. 31 KOPFC All Night New Years Eve Party for Kids – \$25/child for members; \$30/child for
- Jan. 1 **Happy New Year**
- Jan. 7 Kearns Community Council Meeting (Swearing In Ceremony), 6:30 p.m. – Kearns Library Auditorium
- Jan. 7 Little Miss Kearns Pageant Registration, 7 p.m. – KHS Choral Room, Open to all little Princesses ages 7 – 9 years old. \$25 registration fee. Call Paula Larsen at 963-9150 for more details.
- Jan. 14 Miss Kearns Pageant Registration, 7 p.m. – KHS Choral Room, Open to young ladies currently in grades 9 – 11 who attend Kearns High School or live within the Kearns boundaries. \$40 registration fee. Call Paula Larsen at 963-9150 for more details.
- Jan. 14 Kearns Master Plan Townhall Meeting, 7 p.m. – KHS Cafeteria
- Jan. 24 KOPFC Snow Sculpture Event, All Day (depending on snow availability) – KOPFC Park, Sculpt creations in snow, followed by judging and prizes.
- Jan.-Mar. World Class Speed Skating Competitions – Utah Olympic Oval. Watch for more details.

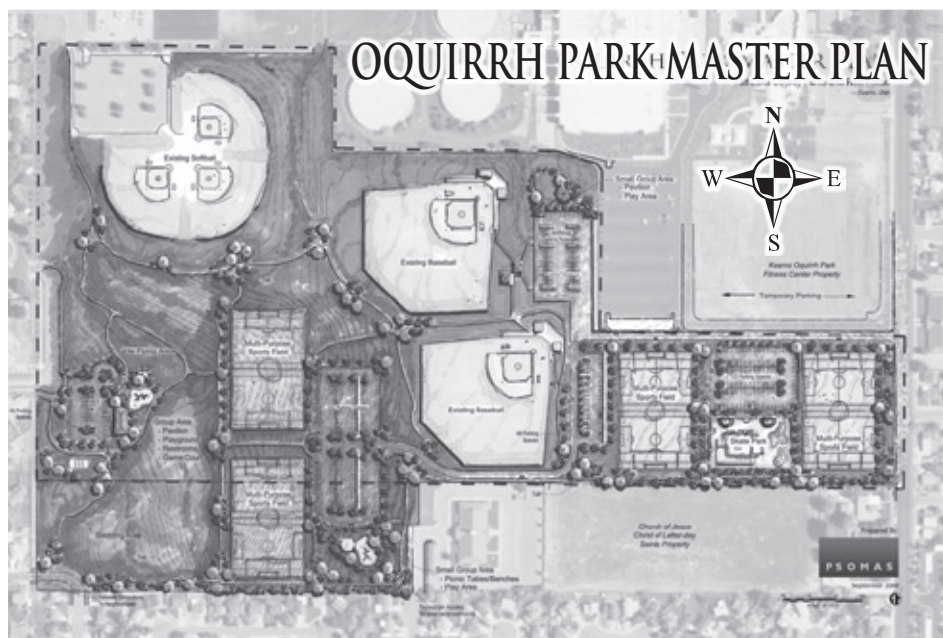
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 4 Taste of Kearns – Kearns High School

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



# Senior Center Events

**EDDIE P. MAYNE KEARNS SENIOR CENTER**  
4850 West 4715 South  
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**Thanksgiving Banquet**, Tuesday, November 18th. (Reservations by November 7th.)

**Holiday Boutique Crafts Sale**, Friday, December 5th, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Christmas Banquet**, Tuesday, December 16th. (Reservations by December 8th.)

# Holiday Food Drive Underway

BY DAVID L. YOUNG  
DIRECTOR, KEARNS RECREATION CENTER

The Kearns Recreation Center is accepting donations for its annual Holiday Food Drive. This event will assist needy families in the Kearns area so please donate generously. Last year your donations helped almost 100 families with food for the holidays. Non-perishable canned and boxed food items can be dropped off at the following locations before December 1:

- Kearns Recreation Center  
5670 South 4800 West
- Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center  
5624 South 4800 West

We are also accepting applications for families needing special assistance this season. Applications are available at the Kearns Recreation Center or from Paula Larsen (963-9150, robertandpaula90@msn.com) and will be reviewed by the Kearns Recreation Advisory Board for eligibility. This program is only open to families living within the Kearns boundaries. Please contact the Kearns Recreation Center at 967-4404 for more information.

Thank you to our sponsors: Kearns Recreation Advisory Board, Kearns Community Council, Fox Hills Elementary, Great Harvest Bread Company and Condie's Foods.

## SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

# Salt Lake Valley Health Department Travel Office

BY JIM BRADLEY  
SL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE

Did you know that when you travel overseas there is an 8% chance you will seek medical care? If you are traveling to a lesser developed country there is a 60-79% chance you will experience an illness. After returning home there is a 25% chance you will experience diarrhea, a respiratory illness, a skin problem or fever.



This summer I traveled overseas with my family. Before leaving I checked in at the County Health Department's International Travel Office, a little known but excellent service provided by Salt Lake County. If you are planning a trip overseas, Salt Lake Valley Travel Office provides pre-travel education and immunizations to keep you healthy. The education provided includes:

- Overseas insurance information
- Food and water safety tips
- Jet lag and high altitude information
- Personal protection measures against insect bites
- Information on traveling with children
- Travel safety information
- Medical travel kit check list

Based on your travel destination, the County's travel office will recommend and administer immunizations. Staff will also provide recommendations for the types of medicines that you should have on hand.

Don't let your trip overseas become a medical disaster. Stop by the International Travel Clinic before you leave. The clinic is located at the County Complex, 2100 South State Street, room S2400 and can be reached by calling 468-2813. Bon Voyage!

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are thankful for. As a Community Council we are thankful for the helpful, positive feedback we receive from citizens. We also appreciate support from the County Mayors Office, the County Council and our liaison people Greg Schulz, Bev Uipi and Megan Hillyard. Finally, we are pleased to welcome two new members to the Kearns Community Council and look forward to the many opportunities of a Happy New Year 2009.

# Sheriff's Reminder: Remove Cars From Roadway

It is November again which means it is time to remove your vehicle from the street to make way for the Salt Lake County snow plows. Deputies in the Magna and Kearns neighborhoods will be out enforcing Salt

Lake County Ordinance 11.20.130 which states: **No person shall park a vehicle on any county street when it is snowing or snow is on the street during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April.**



Deputy enforcement may include issuing warnings, writing tickets, and possibly towing vehicles at the owner's expense. The goal in removing vehicles off roadways is to enable the snow plows access to maneuver efficiently through streets and so traffic can continue to flow safely. Several signs have been placed in Kearns to remind residents that no parking is allowed on roadways during winter months.

You may call your local Sheriff's office Sub-station with questions or concerns.

# Kearns Food Pantry Serves Many

BY RUBY MARTINEZ

About 20 years ago, the Kearns Food Pantry opened its doors in the First Baptist Church of Kearns at 4445 West 5175 South to help feed the hungry. Today, 30 volunteers make it their mission to assist about 2500 people a month. The Kearns Food Pantry tries to help each individual bridge the ever widening gap between income and the cost of living. Whether it's a temporary hardship from layoffs, the devastation experienced when a family member becomes seriously ill or the permanent gap that many of our senior citizens on fixed incomes experience, volunteers at the pantry make sure that for a few hours every day they are open to help provide and to listen to the hardships that citizens in need deal with on a daily basis.

The Utah Food Bank website shows Utah ranks 5th in the country for food insecurity. Only about one-third of the people who qualify for food stamps actually receive them and nearly 13% of Utah children live in poverty. With the economy in turmoil it's likely that these numbers can only get worse. School aged children may receive reduced or free lunch if parents apply for the program, but their growing bodies need far more than a school lunch a day.

When families are against the wall financially, every family member chips in. This may include parents working another job. This may include older siblings missing school in order to care for younger siblings. With each day of missed school it becomes more difficult to catch up. Additional physical and emotional stresses place additional barriers to being a successful student. Evidence shows that people who do not finish high school have a significantly higher rate of food insecurity than those who have graduated. The

cycle repeats.

Hunger doesn't discriminate against ethnicity, sexual identity, religion, politics or age - it simply is its own destructive force. The Kearns Food Pantry stands up against this force on a daily basis. If you have a little extra they could use your support to fight hunger in our community. Please consider donating the following types of items: Canned goods (meats, fruits, vegetables), dried goods (pasta, beans, fruits), baby needs (formula, food, diapers, wipes), household and hygiene (laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaners, soaps, shampoo and conditioner), Holiday fixings (cranberry sauce, dressing mix, dried potatoes, and other items (packaged foods - macaroni and cheese, canned chili, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing, etc.). Fresh fruit, vegetables and meats are accepted, but call the pantry at 968-1471, or Bobbie Maberry at 968-4921, prior to delivery to ensure that they can accept them that day.

### KEARNS FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

- Monday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you need assistance call 211 or 1(888)826-9790 for information and referrals to agencies and organizations. You may also visit their website at <http://www.211ut.org/>.



# www.kearns-utah.org



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- **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](mailto:webmaster@kearns-utah.org)

# Taste of Kearns Committee Seeks Volunteers

If you've lived here long enough you may have brought your own children to enjoy Taste of Kearns events that you performed in years ago. What former Kearns High School Principal Parley Jacobs started nearly twenty years ago with other educators and civic and business leaders has produced long standing traditions of educational showmanship, entertainment and the ever-favorite complimentary hot dog dinner.

Celebrated on the first Monday each May, the planning committee is gearing up for next year's event. Volunteers and fresh ideas are always welcome so please plan to attend their initial meeting on Thursday, December 11, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., at Kearns High School in room #214.

# Kearns Lions Club Seeks Members

The Lions Club dedicates their time and resources to community projects such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party and Food Basket Project. Join today! Call Robin Thomas at 968-3336 for more information.

## 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.

# Utah Olympic Oval Public Skate Theme Nights

- Nov. 22 **Turkey Bowl**, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 5 **Holiday Festival**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Crafts and games for the kids, a visit from Santa Clause and the Olympic Mascots, and skating for the whole family.  
*Free Admission, \$2 Skate Rental, \$1 Pizza Dinner*
- Jan. 16 **Hollywood Night**, 7-9 p.m.
- Feb. 14 **Valentine's**, 7-9 p.m.
- Feb. 28 **Princess/Hero Night**, 7-9 p.m.
- Mar. 21 **Ice Out Luau**, 7-9 p.m.

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HOLIDAY FESTIVAL – December 5th

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**KEARNS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Kearns  
**HOLIDAY FESTIVAL**  
at the Utah Olympic Oval

**December 5th — 6:30-9:00 pm**  
Skating · Photos with Santa · Live Entertainment  
Meet the 2002 Olympic Winter Games Mascots  
Games/Prizes · Pizza and Drink \$1.00  
Inflatable Games · Kid's Ornament Crafts

*Fun for the Whole Family*

**FREE ADMISSION** \$2.00 Skate Rental  
*Santa and Mrs. Claus — December 5, 6:30-9:00 pm*

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