

Fairpark Community Council Gazette



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Utah State Fairpark Gets Legislative Support

Up to \$10 million in state money may be coming to the Utah State Fairpark. Your Fairpark Board was able to participate in a meeting at the Utah State Capital this month and speak to a panel of lawmakers about how important the heritage of the Fairpark is to our community. This legislative panel will be opening the issue of funding and renewing the lease for debate when the Legislature reconvenes in January. "The time for studies and discussions should be over," said Bryce Garner, chairman of the Fairpark Community Council. "Anything that brings sustainability to the Fair and keeps the Fairgrounds where they are, intact, is something we wholeheartedly support." Discussions during the meeting involved bringing the Salt Lake County Fair and the Days of '47 Rodeo to the fairgrounds, as well as major structural improvements to the grounds including renovating the rodeo arena, or adding an Expo style building for conferences. More business to the State Fairpark means more positive growth for our area and the possibility of better restaurants, shopping and retail to support the growth.

This article is being written just before Thanksgiving. As such, there is not a lot going on in the garden this time of year. We planted our garlic, cleaned out the dead annuals like tomato and pepper plants and now we just wait for spring. I have come up with a few twists to the Thanksgiving Stuffing that I would like to share with everyone. Find the recipe at fairparkcommunity.org



"Operation Warm" : SLC Firefighters to the Rescue

Each year the Salt Lake City Fire Department chooses an elementary school whose 2nd and 3rd graders will be recipients of brand new winter coats. This year's school: Backman Elementary.

"Backman Elementary School in Salt Lake City has been chosen by the Professional Firefighters of Utah (PFFU) and IAFF Local 81 (Salt Lake City) to receive coats for their students.

Backman Elementary School was chosen based on the needs of their students. 98% of their students qualify for free or reduced meals. " (Salt Lake City Firefighters, Local 81 website. <http://www.1645.org/mobile/index.cfm?highlightId=287>)



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Agenda

Fairpark Community Council

December 3, 2015

- 6:00 Annual Fairpark Community Council Potluck
- 6:30 Welcome and Start Meeting
- 6:35 Public Safety Report
Det. Dustin Marshall, dustin.marshall@slc.gov Fire Station 7- (801) 799-4103
- 6:50 Elected Official Report-Council Members/
Representatives in Attendance
- 7:10 Mayor's Office Report
Michael Stott, Michael.stott@slc.gov
- 7:20 State Fair Report
- 7:40 Discussion of Goals and Initiatives for the
Coming Year
- 8:00 Adjourn

Pedal In the City

Bike Commuting: One of the Best Ways to Stay Healthy.

Working out at the gym has its benefits, but consider something that might bring more enjoyment along with those health benefits: Bike commuting. A 2013 article in Grist Magazine by Jay Walljasper discusses the health benefits of bike commuting. "Biking for transportation appears more helpful in losing weight and promoting health than working out at the gym. This means I can spend less time wearing a grimace as I endure mind-numbing exercise routines at the Y — and more time wearing a smile as I bike to work, shopping, and social events. Just what I always thought." Citing a study on commuting by bike vs. car, Walljasper highlights the fact that exercise for transportation may have better health benefits than weekly exercise routines.

"The key advantage of traveling by bike over working out at a fitness center is that most people find it easier to do. Instead of vying for scarce free time with many other fun and important things, exercise becomes something we do naturally as part of daily routine."

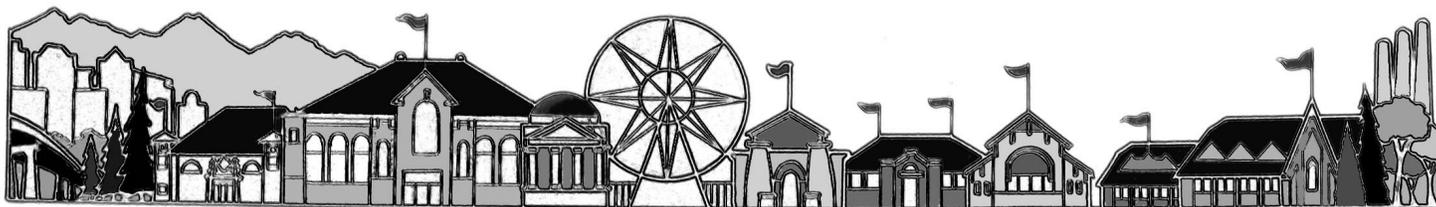


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Behind the Scenes: Non Profit Status Update

One of the things you don't hear about very often is the financial strength of our Community Council. Part of what makes a successful community organization is having a 501C3, or Non Profit status with the IRS. It allows us to accept tax deductible donations and grants so that we can create more benefits for our residents like you. This is an important building block in strengthening Fairpark and because of your generous donations, we were able to apply for our Non-Profit status in November! It takes a couple months to process, but this is a good sign of things to come. Thank you, Fairpark! #westsideproud



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