# LEHI LEDGER

LEHI CITY

**JULY 2025** 

### Our Lehi, Our Responsibility

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Almost 250 years ago, 56 men did something extraordinary. In an act of high treason, they signed their names to a piece of parchment and began a revolution

The extraordinary thing wasn't that these men declared their independence or even that they started a war. As President Ronald Reagan once pointed out, "There

have been revolutions before and since ours, revolutions that simply exchanged one set of rulers for another." What was truly extraordinary was that our revolution "changed the very concept of government."

In the Declaration of Independence, those 56 men declared something that had never been declared before: That all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, that governments exist to secure those rights, and that governments derive their just powers- not through divine right- but from the consent of the governed.

The right to rule was no longer based on heredity or restricted to an elite few. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed that government is vested in the people and that they have the authority to determine who should hold the "just powers" to govern them. It was in that declaration that our independence truly lay.

Simply declaring these self-evident truths, however, did not secure them. These 56 men pledged their lives, their

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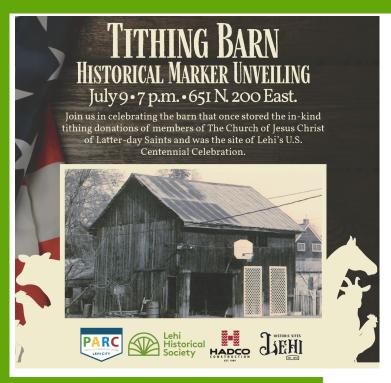


fortunes, and their sacred honor—not for personal gain or fame, but in support of principles. They backed their words with action. Of those fifty-six men, twelve fought in battles, five were captured and imprisoned, seventeen lost their property in British raids, and five gave their fortunes to help fund the war. They and others risked all for the rights we enjoy today, and their sacrifice demands something in return.

To make their sacrifice meaningful, the responsibility falls on us to wisely exercise our right to self-government. This election year, we will cast our vote to determine who will govern us. This is no small matter. As an elected representative, I feel the weight of making decisions that affect other people's lives and pocketbooks. Giving such power to another should not be treated lightly, yet too often it is. Local governments have the biggest impact on day-today life, but local elections have the lowest voter turnout. Let's not take for granted what cost others so dearly. Let's honor their sacrifice, not just with fireworks and flags, but with active engagement in the election process. It's not enough just to vote. We need to become well-informed voters. I appreciate all who have entered the various races, and like many of you, will be vetting the candidates myself. I'll be seeking to understand their vision for Lehi, their budget priorities, their position on taxation, spending, and debt, what solutions they have for the issues we face, and what principles and motivations will guide policy decisions. I hope we all take advantage of the upcoming candidate events to learn more about those running.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence did their part. Now let's do ours!

- Michelle Stallings



## Library News

Calling all kids & teens ages 8-18! Join us for Chess Mates!

Every Wednesday this month from 3:00–4:00 PM at the Lehi City Library Programming Building Come for the challenge—stay for the friendships. No registration needed.

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, there's a seat at the board for you!

Don't miss our Chess Tournament on July 30th!

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<u>July Chapter Chats</u> -Goddess Girls #1: Athena the Brain by Joan Hoolub and Suzanne Williams

July 8<sup>th</sup> 3:00-3:45 pm

<u>July Book Club</u> - *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery July 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30 pm

No registration needed for Book Clubs

#### **Library Closures-**

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day

July 24<sup>th</sup> - Pioneer Day

We have some fun new programs coming this fall! Watch our website for more info!

Don't forget to finish up your Summer Reading Challenge! Ensure all badges are earned and tickets submitted on Beanstack by July 26<sup>th</sup> to be entered into the prize drawings.

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am- 8 pm
Friday 10 am- 6 pm Saturday 10 am.- 4 pm Closed Sundays
For more information, please visit our website

www.lehi-ut.gov/library

## Literacy Center

Our Reading & Math Summer Session began last month and will continue through the end of July with our end of summer Picnic in the Park on July 30. We are also having so much fun in our Summer Discovery Days camps that run through June and July every summer.

Registration for our Fall ABC Classes will open August 4 on our website. Our ABC program is a kindergarten readiness program for students that are four years old as Sept 1, 2025. Registration for our Reading & Math After-School Session that begins in September will be August 18 & 19 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Watch our Facebook page and website for more details. After-School programs offer reading and math classes for Lehi students in K - 4th grade.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

July 8 & 9 Discovery Days - Magic
July 15 & 16 Discovery Days - Dinosaurs
July 23 & 24 Pioneer Day Holiday - CLOSED - No Classes
July 28 & 29 Last Day Reading & Math Classes
July 33 Picnic in The Park for Summer Students
Aug 4 Fall ABC Registration available on our website

Refer to our website or follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates and information.

www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/

www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter

https://www.instagram.com/lehiliteracy/

# Outdoor Movie Drive-In Style

Grab your blankets and come join us at Family Park to watch Cars! Bring your own cardboard car or come early and grab a box from the city and decorate your car box at the park.

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 19**

FREE admission!
Movie starts at dusk (about 9 p.m.)
"Car" parade at 8:30 p.m.
Free popcorn and a raffle!
\*Boxes are first come, first served.



### Senior Center

**News & Updates** 

Check out the Lehi Senior Center webpage online www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/seniors/ or visit our Facebook page @LehiSeniorCenter to see details about meals, events, and our newsletter.

#### **Weekly Classes**

Monday: Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Watercolor 9:30 a.m. (Sign up and fee) Tuesday: Watercolor 9:30 a.m. (Sign up and fee)

Tuesday: Crochet Club: 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Sit and Fit Class 11:00 a.m.

Friday: Line Dance 10 a.m. Friday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

#### Daily Lunches (Monday-Friday 12:00 p.m.):

Meals are available with required reservations.

Call 385-201-1065 and leave a message. A \$4 per meal is encouraged. Lunch is served at noon.

#### **Special Events and Activities**

July 4- Senior Center closed and no meals will be served.

**July 9** – BUNCO Bash. A fun, easy game with dice. at the Senior Center. Starts at 12:30 p.m.

July 21 – Monday Movie Mania Starts at 12:30 p.m.

**July 24** - Senior Center closed and no meals will be served.

**July 25** – Birthday Celebration: Cupcake or treat with lunch. Must sign up by July 23 to receive a meal and treat.

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## Lehi City July Events

7/1 City Council Work Session 4 p.m. @ City Hall

7/3 Planning Commission Work Session 5:30 p.m. @ City Hall

7/8 City Council Meeting 7 p.m. @ City Hall

7/10 Planning Commission Work Session 5:30 p.m. @ City Hall

**7/22** City Council Meeting 7 p.m. @ City Hall

**7/26** Summer Splash Party 4-10 p.m. @ Ivory Ridge Park

# Summer Splash Party

Pioneer Day is right around the corner, which means it's time for our Summer Splash Party! Summer Splash Party is a fun, family event full of games, entertainment, and food trucks. We will culminate the event with a concert featuring Matt Hansen and a fireworks show. Celebrate summer with us at Family Park.



Where: Family Park (1999 N 600 E St.)

When: July 26, 2025 from 4-10 p.m.

Concert begins at 8 p.m.

\*Other activities end when the concert begins.

## **RECREATION NEWS**

#### STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THINGS RECREATION

### DON'T MISS OUT- CLASSES TO SIGN UP FOR

#### **Concealed Weapons**

Come learn about safe weapons handling, weapon manipulation, and basic shooting fundamentals. Must be 18yrs & older. You will have the option to have paperwork signed and stamped along with getting the required finger prints to apply for the Utah Concealed Firearm Permit.

Time: 8:00am- 12:00pm

Dates: July 12th or August 9th

Fee: \$55



Join us for an exciting 90-minute dance lesson followed by 30 minutes of open dance time. Learn new techniques in a fun, welcoming environment—no experience needed. Bringing a partner encouraged, but not required. Come move, learn, and enjoy the rhythm!

Session #1- July 19th (7:00pm- 9:00pm)- Cha Cha

Session #2- August 9th (7:00pm- 9:00pm)- Country Swing

Resident: \$11/ Non-resident: \$13 (Per person, per session)

Register at https://lehilegacycenter.activityreg.com/selectactivity t2.wcs

# JULY SWIM LESSONS

#### **SESSIONS AND REGISTRATION DATES**

**JUNE 30- JULY 11** 

(no lessons on July 4) **Reg. opens June 14** 

**JULY 14-25** 

(no lessons on July 24) **Reg. opens June 28** 

JULY 28- AUGUST 7

Reg. opens July 12



