

LEHI LEDGER

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Electing With Integrity

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I have run seven election campaigns and lost miserably in the first two. I credit my success in all the others to the friendships that I developed with most of my political opponents. I learned much from them; in some cases, they learned from me. These friendships endure to this day. Over time, I have watched local political campaigns change in strategy and tone. Unfortunately,

these changes have not been for the better.

The New Political Landscape

In certain cases, individuals and organized groups have brought a more divisive approach into what has traditionally been a non-partisan relationship between citizens and their local government. We're starting to see tactics that resemble national politics, such as misleading claims, selective truths, and personal attacks, that distract from meaningful conversations. These behaviors don't contribute to progress; rather, they undermine the respectful dialogue and shared values that strengthen our communities. We don't have to accept this as the new norm. Our hometown deserves better, and we are capable of creating a more constructive and values-based political environment.

Who You Elect Matters

You are electing people who will manage a multimillion-dollar budget and make decisions that can directly impact your daily life and personal freedoms. It's critical to get this right. That means asking the right questions and understanding where candidates stand. It's the ability to make an informed decision, not just based on party or popularity, but on values, qualifications, and vision.

City Information

INFORMATION CENTER: 385.201.1000
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LIBRARY: 385.201.1050
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SENIOR CENTER: 385.201.1065



First, do they understand the Constitution of the United States? Particularly the first, fifth, and fourteenth amendments. This is the oath they will take, and it's the only pledge that protects everyone equally, no matter their political view. It's also important that they understand property rights and how government decisions, like fees or land use requirements, can impact citizens. That knowledge helps ensure everyone is treated fairly.

Second, do they understand the full context and sources of problems in the community, and can they speak in detail about potential solutions? Do they know how to implement those solutions in the office environment they are applying for?

Third, do they understand principles of good municipal finance, or do they claim to be able to solve all problems without a viable solution? Can they speak as to when economic development is appropriate or how to build and maintain a good bond rating?

Fourth, are they aligned with an organization that claims to have all the answers or speaks as if it knows better than the rest of the community? Be cautious of candidates who rely heavily on the influence of a single group. Local issues, like roads, water, safety, and growth, are not partisan. They affect everyone in the community, regardless of political affiliation. Solutions should be shaped by what is best for the people.

Finally, the strongest candidates are those who can clearly distinguish between what they know and what they believe, and who aren't afraid to admit when they don't have all the answers. There's nothing wrong with prefacing political statements with honesty and humility. It's a sign of integrity. A trustworthy leader communicates with transparency and earns respect by being open about both their knowledge and their limitations.

Who To Trust

Character matters. Pay attention to how candidates speak about others. While it is natural to have differences in opinion, constant negativity or personal attacks often signal deeper issues. A strong leader is someone who can engage in respectful, honest conversations, even with those they disagree with, and who is willing to adjust their views when it is in the best interest of the community. Be cautious of candidates who only seek out voices that confirm their own opinions or who make promises they may not realistically be able to keep. Good governance requires both knowledge and humility.

-Mayor Mark Johnson



Literacy Center

This month we begin our Fall After-School Reading & Math Session on September 8 and 9. This session runs through November 13. Our Fall ABC Session began last month and will continue until December 11. After-School programs offer reading and math classes for Lehi students in K - 4th grade. Classes are 45 minutes twice a week Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday. Class times are 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. This program has 4 sessions throughout the year. Our ABC program is a Pre-K kindergarten readiness program for students 4 years old by September 1, 2025. Classes are twice a week either Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This program has 2 sessions, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, students may only attend one session.

Upcoming Dates

September 1 - Labor Day - Literacy Center Closed
 September 2 - No Classes
 September 8 & 9 - After-School First Day Classes
 September 29 & 30 - ASD Prof Dev - No Classes

For updates and information visit:

www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/
www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter
www.instagram.com/lehiliteracy/



John Y. Smith House Historical Marker Unveiling

Wednesday, September 10

7 PM

518 N 100 East



Library News

Fall Library Programs Are Here!

Our fall programming season is in full swing, and there's something for everyone. Looking for a book club for yourself or the whole family? We have several new options and activities happening this month—come check them out!

Book Clubs

- **Book Buddies (Grades 2–3):** Monday, September 8 | 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Chapter Chats (Grades 4–6):** Tuesday, September 9 | 4:00–5:00 PM
- **Family Bookworm Adventures (All Ages):** Saturday, September 20 | 1:00–2:00 PM

Inspire: An Arts Program for Adults

Wednesday, September 24 | 7:00–8:30 PM

STEM Explorers – A brand-new program for kids

Wednesday, September 3 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Registration required.

Kiddie Kraft-Every Monday | 10:00–11:30 AM

Calling All Adventurers! D&D is Back!

Saturday, September 21

- Beginner Session: 12:00–2:00 PM
- Intermediate Session: 2:30–4:30 PM

Check out these and the return of all of our great programs this season!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at the library this fall. Visit our website for a complete list of all programs. *All programs take place at the Programming Building: 265 N 400 W, Lehi

Library Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Closed Sundays and the last Saturday of each month

For more information, please visit our website

www.lehi-ut.gov/library

Senior Center

News & Updates:

Weekly Classes:

Monday: Tai Chi: 9:30 a.m.

Monday: Advanced Watercolor 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Beginning Watercolor 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Crochet Club 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

Friday: Line Dance: 10 a.m.

Friday: Bingo: 11:30 a.m.

Daily Lunches (Monday-Friday):

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

Special Events and Activities:

September 1 – Closed for Labor Day

September 5 - Timpanogos Story Telling Festival Trip
(Must sign up ahead)

September 10 – BUNCO Bash. A fun, easy game with dice. Starts at 12:30 p.m.

September 22 – Monday Movie Mania starts at 12:30 p.m.
Small popcorn or treat included.

September 18 - Fall Foliage and dinner to Mama Chus trip
(Must sign up ahead)

September 26 – Birthday Celebration: cupcake or treat with lunch. Must sign up by September 25 at noon to receive a meal and treat.

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

Lehi City September Events

9/1

Heritage Day
2:30-6 p.m. @ Legacy Center

9/4

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

9/9

City Council Meeting
7 p.m. @ City Hall

9/11

Planning Commission
7 p.m. @ City Hall

9/23

City Council Meeting
7 p.m. @ City Hall



-Saturday September 13th-

Honor Ceremony: 9 am - 10 am

Lehi Family Park
1999 N 600 E St
Lehi

Outdoor Projects: 8 am - 12 pm

Indoor Projects: 10 am - 1 pm

Service Project Locations & Signups



Do some good. Impact your community.



To sign-up for volunteer opportunities, visit
justserve.org/lehiarea

RECREATION NEWS

STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THINGS RECREATION

HIRING

APPLY TODAY

Preschool Assistant Teacher - Open until filled - Part Time

Preschool Instructor/Aides - Open until filled - Part Time

Apply here: <https://www.lehi-ut.gov/departments/hr/employment/>



SCAN TO
REGISTER

LEGACY CENTER HALLOWEEN PARTY

DON'T MISS OUT

Put on your best costume and join us on October 24th for a hauntingly good time at our spooktacular Halloween Party!

WHO: All ages

TIME: 5:00-8:00pm

WHEN: October 24th

FEE: \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door

Tickets needed for all participating children; adults are free!

Tickets on sale starting October 1 (*in person only*) at the registration office

REGISTRATION OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00am-6:00pm



SPORTS REGISTRATION

OPEN NOW

Fall Basketball Camp

Fall Wrestling

Jr. Jazz - 3rd-12th Grade

UPCOMING

SPORTS DEADLINES

K-4th Grade Wrestling - *September 17th*

3rd-8th Grade Jr. Jazz - *October 15th*

LEHI HERITAGE AND SERVICE

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN



Philip Wasden

We observe Labor Day (1st) and National Day of Service (11th) in September. To honor these commemorative holidays, We would like to showcase a valued member of our community: Philip Wasden! Phil is a Lehi resident and frequent visitor of the Lehi Legacy Center. He also acts as a chaplain for the Lehi City Police and Fire Departments. Every year on his birthday he walks a lap for each year he's been alive. Having recently turned 88, he is still going strong with this tradition!

To read the rest of Phil's story, check out our blog and social media listed below.

City Blog <https://www.lehi-ut.gov/blog/>

Legacy Center on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/lehilegacy/?hl=en>

Follow the Legacy Center on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lehilegacycenter>



Upcoming Events



**September -
October**

2025

SEP

1

Lehi Heritage Day

Showcase Parade and Festivities, 2:30PM – 6:00PM

SEP

13

Lehi Day of Service

Find out service projects at www.justserve.org/Lehiarea

SEP

15

Light Out Parks Event

New Trail Grand Opening, 7-9:30pm

OCT

11

Outdoor Movies - Harry Potter

Activities 5-7pm , Movie starts at 7pm. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

OCT

25

Halloween Extravaganza

Legacy Center, 5-8pm

OCT

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Trick or Treat on Main

Main Street, 4-6pm



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SOCIAL MEDIA @LEHI CITY**

WWW.LEHI-UT.GOV/RECREATION/EVENTS-CELEBRATIONS/

