

LEHI LEDGER

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From Mayor Wilson

Learn the Facts and Vote Your Conscience



There has been a lot of talk this past month about the parks bond that the City is placing on the ballot in November. Let me give you my point of view.

When I was a young boy growing up in Lehi, I got to play on the fields at Vets Ball Park and enjoy Wines Park. These were the only parks in town. I didn't pay for them and neither did my folks. Someone before us had the foresight to build these parks, probably at a great expense. I had the pleasure of

enjoying the fruits of their labors.

Now, in 2016, our community is growing at a rate of about 300 people per month. That is the equivalent of adding a new elementary school a year. For the past several years we have had to limit participation in recreational programming because of a lack of fields and facilities. In fact, we had to cancel the men's softball league because there is nowhere left to play. As a City Council and staff we have been asked many times to provide space for more to recreate in Lehi. It's not just about sports fields; it's about pavilions, open space, restrooms, trails, and beautiful space to gather for picnics and reunions.

As we grow, costs will continue to rise. The cost for property is approaching \$150,000 per acre, and the cost to build new playground equipment is approximately \$100,000 per park.

As a city we recently completed a blind study completed by an outside agency to determine attitudes and opinions regarding recreation in Lehi. The survey found that Lehi residents would just as soon pay for a \$50 million bond when compared to \$30 million in order to preserve our quality of life and improve our parks and recreation facilities. The difference is just a few dollars a month. After prioritizing necessary projects, we determined that \$50 million is what is needed in order to make the necessary improvements and get our parks up to date.

Now \$50 million may seem like a lot of money, but for the average resident with a home valued at \$281,000, the payment will be \$15 a month. For some on a fixed income this may be a lot. To others, this won't make a difference. But, as the city grows, that cost per resident will go down and we will be able to make purchases and improvements now that will benefit us down the road.

I do not try to persuade anyone how to vote, but to just get out and vote. Learn the facts and vote your conscience. This doesn't have to be an ugly battle between neighbors and friends. It's a mighty thin pancake that only has one side.

There is nothing like listening to someone who has all the answers and doesn't know the questions. You can find the facts by visiting an open house on October 27 at Eaglecrest Elementary and by visiting www.letsplaylehi.com. Figure out what is best for you and your family and then vote. The decision is yours.

October 2016

Upcoming Events

- 10/01** Workout with a Firefighter
9 a.m. @ Station 81
- 10/04** City Council Work Session
4-6 p.m. @ City Hall
- 10/11** City Council
7-9 p.m. @ City Hall
- 10/13** Planning Commission
7-9 p.m. @ City Hall
- 10/25** City Council
7-9 p.m. @ City Hall
- 10/27** Planning Commission
7-9 p.m. @ City Hall
- 10/27** Parks Bond Open House
7-8:30 p.m. @ EagleCrest Elem.
- 10/28** Halloween Extravaganza
5-8 p.m. @ Legacy Center

Visit www.facebook.com/lehicity for a full list of upcoming programs and events.



Lehi City Parks Bond

Argument For the Bond By Lehi Mayor and City Council

Lehi City is a city that values parks and open space – we’re a city that likes to play. Our rapid growth has created an immediate need for additional parks and trails to preserve our quality of life, maintain our city’s small town feel, and support desired sports programming. For the past decade, development has been focused on building the economy with commercial and retail spaces, but we need to maintain open spaces so our city doesn’t become just business parks and strip malls. The need for more parks is urgent. In fact, there are fewer parks per capita in Lehi than in similarly sized neighboring cities in Utah County. For instance, Highland, Payson, Provo, Saratoga Springs, and Spanish Fork have over 200 square feet of parks per capita, while Lehi has only 164 square feet per capita. This shortage is already causing congestion at the city’s parks for sports programming, and this problem will only increase as Lehi continues to grow.

To help solve this problem, we are proposing a general obligation bond to create new parks and trails and make much-needed updates to our existing parks and trails. Parks and trails make Lehi a more desirable place to live by raising property values, increasing walkability, and creating a more aesthetically pleasing community. Since parks and trails are such a desirable and important aspect of our community, we have studied this issue carefully over the past couple years. We have updated the city’s parks master plan, conducted surveys, and held open houses to identify projects and areas of the city that have the greatest need. As a result, this bond

will provide benefits to all residents of Lehi – these funds will be used for upgrades to existing parks and trails and construction of new ones across the city. The projects will focus on parks of all types, from trails for walking, running, and biking, to park improvements like pavilions for families to enjoy picnics and reunions together, to sports parks for baseball, soccer, football and other activities.

The size of the bond has been designed to allow the city to address the immediate needs with city’s parks and trails while also being affordable to Lehi residents. The cost of this bond per month is less than one regular price admission to the Hogle Zoo. Plus, this bond has an expiration date. This is not a permanent tax on Lehi residents. Once this bond is paid off, the property tax increase will expire. We feel that this is a necessary and important investment for Lehi now and into the future.

We don’t want Lehi to become a place defined only by its commercial development. We want to maintain a community where our kids can play and families can enjoy parks and trails in the city. This bond provides a responsible way to make an investment in the community. As the mayor and city council, we hope you will join us in voting for this bond.

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Rebuttal Argument By Conner Boyack, Lehi City Resident

Wise voters can read between the lines of this argument. The city is trying to convince us of an “urgent” and “immediate” and “much-needed” expansion of parks. But this supposedly dire circumstance has arisen through a mismanagement of city finances and a failure to prudently manage taxpayer dollars. They shouldn’t be rewarded with more of our money.

Ever heard of impact fees? They are imposed on new developments so that incoming residents pay for the costs of the services needed to cater to them. Rather than saving and spending impact fees for the past many years to provide recreation services to the new residents, Lehi City instead spent the money elsewhere.

Now, they’re turning hat in hand to you and I, asking—no, demanding—that we cough up the extra money. This is not conservative.

The city tries to argue that this won’t be a permanent tax increase, and yet all throughout Utah, cities whose bonds are expiring are extending them with yet more taxes to fund more things. This is precisely what’s happening with the Alpine School bond this year. Rather than returning the

tax rate to where it once was, greedy city officials want to continue taking our money. It’s a hollow promise.

More parks would be a wonderful thing for Lehi—few disagree with this. But that does not mean that this bond is a good idea. Just like the irresponsible bond city officials proposed last year, this one should also be denied. They—and we—can do better.

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Public Meeting Arguments For & Against Parks Bond

October 11, 2016 at 7 p.m.
Lehi City Hall
153 North 100 E, Lehi, UT

Lehi City Parks Bond

Argument Against the Bond By Conner Boyack, Lehi City Resident

Did you know that city officials have committed \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to help fund a butterfly museum?

This fiscal mismanagement lies at the foundation of a problem that will be made worse by passing this massive tax hike. Rather than practicing fiscal prudence, cutting unnecessary spending, and showing leadership to find an appropriate way to fund Lehi's growing need for parks, city officials are taking the lazy route by advocating for more taxes.

This is not a vote about whether Lehi should have more parks and trails. Few would disagree that Lehi can benefit from more such amenities. What this vote is about is whether yet another tax increase is the appropriate way to fund such projects.

Recall that last year city officials pushed for a RAP tax, which would have taken \$7-8 million from taxpayers over a decade. However, this would have been a sales tax and its cost would have been borne by those outside our city, lessening the impact on Lehi residents. Voters shot the proposal down.

Apparently city officials didn't let that failure stop them. In fact, this year's proposal is far more aggressive, seeking to take \$50 million from taxpayers over 20 years. This new burden would be placed on the backs of Lehi residents only, through their property tax.

And this comes after several recent tax increases. Conservative voters should recognize that something's wrong when the city once again wants to take more money—while funding butterflies with your money—on top of every other tax you're already paying.

Proponents are hoping to downplay the tax hike by informing you that the average home would only have to pay \$14.16 more per month. But read the fine print closely: that's "only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the City may be required to levy to pay debt service on the bonds." In other words, changing economic circumstances could lead to even higher taxes.

This fiscal irresponsibility would not be tolerated in most Lehi households; in response to economic storms we've tightened our belts. We've balanced our budgets. And we've been counseled, over and over again, to not incur debt for unnecessary expenses.

Roads? Those are necessary. Baseball fields and trails? Not exactly.

The city should once again be denied its desire to tax and spend, and encouraged to find a better way to fund what residents want. Secure corporate sponsorships. Solicit donations. Coordinate fundraisers. Offer a more modest proposal at a lower cost. There are many options besides siphoning a staggering \$50 million from Lehi residents.

Many Lehi families are struggling financially and cannot bear this additional tax burden. Single moms, senior citizens on a fixed income, and others in dire circumstances should not suffer so a few more baseball teams can play.

There's another way—a better way. It first requires voting against this irresponsible proposal and then coming together as a community to rally around the projects we want to make happen.

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Rebuttal Argument By Lehi Mayor and City Council

We are happy for the opportunity to clarify some misconceptions surrounding the proposed parks bond.

- As a mayor, city council, and city staff, we take the responsibility of making wise financial decisions very seriously. The city maintains a high credit rating, balances its budget every year, and is audited annually by an independent third party. The city is also recognized annually by the Government Finance Officers Association for the quality of our budget and annual audit.
- The city has not issued any recent tax increases and has never issued a general obligation bond.
- The tax increase amount stated in the proposed bond language is the most that taxpayers will pay based on their home valuation. In fact, as Lehi continues to grow the amount that each household pays will decrease as more homes and businesses pay toward the fixed bond amount.

- The city has explored several options to fund these necessary park improvements, and we will continue to seek alternative, non-tax funding sources for parks. However, bonding now while interest rates and construction costs are low gives us the opportunity to preserve our parks and prepare for our growing needs as a city – not by mandate from the city, but with the vote of the people of Lehi.

We feel that this bond is necessary to ensure that as a city we are making the responsible decision to meet our current and future park infrastructure needs. To learn more about the proposed bond visit letsplaylehi.com, and vote November 8!

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Lehi City Arts Council
Arts Corner
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And Then There Were None
 Based on the Agatha Christie mystery novel, a group of people are lured into coming to an island under different pretexts, only to be accused of murder. Performances: October 21 to 31, 7:30pm at the Arts Council Building. Tickets on sale soon from our web site.

Lehi Area Symphonic Band
 The Lehi Area Symphonic Band is having a free Fall Concert on Monday October 3 at 7pm in the Lehi Arts Center. Do you play a band instrument? The Lehi Symphonic Band is looking for performers ages 16 and up. No audition necessary. Follow us on Facebook @ Lehi Area Symphonic Band.

Lehi Chorale
 The choir will start rehearsal the first Wednesday in October. 7pm in the Choir room. Open to everyone.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
 Auditions: Oct. 13th to 15th.
 Performances: Dec. 2nd to 17th.

Art Classes
 We have several new art classes for kids and adults including Intro to Comics/Manga, Parent/Teen Acrylics, Hand Form Clay and watercolors.... see our website under Visual Arts tab for details.

Homeschooler?
 We offer art classes Wednesdays at 10am

www.LehiArts.org • www.Facebook.com/LehiArts

Hutchings Museum
 55 North Center Street, Lehi UT 84043 385-201-1020

Harry Potter's Magical Museum

Come experience the Magical World of HARRY POTTER an event the WHOLE FAMILY will enjoy. Meet witches and wizards, professors and ghosts, live owls and magical creatures.

LEHI CITY
 JOHN HUTCHINGS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

October 7th & 8th 5-8:00pm
 \$5 each Age 3 and up.

Leisure Services

Library Upcoming Events

10/03	1 p.m.	Art with Class- Every Monday
10/10	7-8:30 p.m.	Family Fright Night: Spook-Tacular
10/13	7-8 p.m.	Book Club for Adults "Bird Box" by Josh Malerman
10/20	4-5 p.m.	Teen Scene-Hexaflexagons
10/25	7-8 p.m.	Coloring Club
10/26-	9:30; 10:30;	Halloween Puppet
10/27	11:30 a.m.	Shows
10/26	4:30 p.m.	Halloween Puppet Show
10/29	All Day	Closed for Inventory

Please visit our web-site at <https://www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/library/> for class registration information for Story Time, Boy's Only, Kid's Club, She's Crafty, and Think Tank.

Senior Center Day Trip

10/20	\$20	Salt Lake Planetarium Trip. Contact Senior Center at (385) 201-2350 for more info.
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Contact Lehi City

- City Hall: (385) 201-1000
- Legacy Center: (385) 201-2000
- Police: (385) 201-1005
- Fire: (385) 201-1081
- Library: (385) 201-1050
- Power: (385) 201-1040
- Streets: (385) 201-1900
- Utilities: (385) 201-1010
- Water: (385) 201-1900
- Museum: (385) 201-1020
- Literacy Center: (385) 201-1060
- Senior Center: (385) 201-1065


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Lehi City Halloween Extravaganza October 28

At the Legacy Center

Join us on October 28 for a night full of fun trick-or-treating on our Halloween movie-themed track. Play games, watch a movie, walk through the spook alley, and participate in many more activities! This is a safe, climate-controlled environment for all ages.

Party goes from 5-8 p.m. at the Legacy Center. Dinner is available for a small fee!!!

Tickets

Pre-sold tickets are available starting Oct. 1 (\$3) or at the door (\$3.50). Adults are free.

For more details or questions about participating, volunteering, or donations, please call Abby @ 385-201-2000.



Coloring Contest

Starting October 1, 2016

All age categories are eligible to win awesome prizes!!! Pick up entries at the Legacy Center. Great way to have some Halloween fun with your little ones. Free tickets to the Halloween Extravaganza for the winners on October 28.

Aquatics

School Year Schedule

August 29, 2016– May 26, 2017

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:50 p.m.;

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:50 p.m.

For Aquatic Center hours of operation, including the leisure pool and lap pool go to www.lehi-ut.gov/discover/legacy-center/aquatics-center. See water aerobics flyer for class info. Membership or daily fee required for all classes.

Private Pool Rentals

Leisure Pool and 1/2 Lap Pool available for rent Monday-Friday 9:00-10:50 p.m. or Saturday, 8:00-9:50 p.m. Great for family or group parties. Cost: \$350. Call (385) 201-2316 to reserve (reservations must be at least two weeks in advance).

Pool Closures

Month	Event	Hour	Pool
Sept. 23-24	Swim Marathon	10pm-11pm	Lap
Sept. 30	USA Meet	3pm-9pm	Both Pools
Oct. 1	USA Meet	8am-2pm	Both Pools
Dec. 10	HS Meet	8am-2pm	Lap
Dec. 16	HS Meet	1pm-9pm	Both Pools
Dec. 17	USA Meet	7am-2pm	Both Pools

Slim to Win

Slim to Win is a weight-loss contest designed to improve the overall health of the participant. The contest lasts for six months beginning in January and ending with the final weigh-in the last week of June. A six-month commitment is required to enter the contest. The contest includes nutritional information and weekly team workouts with a personal trainer. A Grand Prize will be awarded to the contestant with the highest weight loss. Prizes will also be awarded to the contestants with the highest body fat loss and most inches lost. Applications are accepted November 1-December 16, 2016. To qualify the applicant must have a BMI greater than 30 and be more than 50 pounds over-weight. The fee is \$250. Applications can be downloaded at www.lehi-ut.gov

Sports

Jr. Jazz Basketball 3-12

Reg. Deadline is October 25 (3rd-10th)

Reg. Deadline is November 29 (11&12th)

Boys and Girls Grades 3-12, January—March weeknights or Saturdays.

Grades 3-4 Fee: Res.-\$41; Non-Res.-\$55

Grades 5-6 Fee: Res.-\$52; Non-Res.-\$70

Grades 7-10 Fee: Res.-\$64; Non-Res.-\$86

Grades 11-12 Fee: Res.-\$510 per team; Non-Res.-\$610 per team.

Participant grades are for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mens Basketball

Register November 1-December 8.

Adults 18 and older. Games are played Wednesday evenings, January-April.

Includes a 12-game regular season and double-elimination tournament.

Fee per team: Res.-\$710, Non-Res.-\$770.

Programs

Hunter Safety Classes

Class 1 November 1, 8, 15

Class 2 November 2, 9, 16

Spaces are limited, sign up now! When registering please bring hunter safety voucher.

Parenting with Love & Logic

Session starts October 19. Great parenting class for couples. This is a 5 week course that will teach you the basics of parenting.

Fall Legacy Dance Classes

Ages 3-14. World Dance and Hip Hop classes for boys and girls and many other styles. Classes run monthly.

Fall Legacy Cheer Classes

Monthly! Ages 3- 12. Great class for girls that want to try cheerleading out. Monthly classes available.

Itty Bitty Football

Register Now! Class starts Sept. 26 Ages 3yrs & 4yrs. Classes are Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday. Includes 6 classes, treats and t-shirt. Great way to keep your child active!

Fall Pre-School

Classes starts Sept 6. M/W/F from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (advanced) or 1-3 p.m. T/TH from 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. 2 Days Fee: Res.-\$70; Non-Res.-\$84 3 Days Fee: Res.-\$87; Non-Res.-\$104 Monthly rates. (one time \$30 material fee).

Concealed Weapons

Saturday October 22 or November 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. For ages 21 and older. See flyer for more details.

RAD Women

Great class for mothers and daughters. Next class is October 3 & 5 from 6-9 p.m. & October 7 from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

Trade for a Legacy Membership

The Legacy Center is looking for people to work in the daycare in exchange for a membership to the facility. Call for details 385-201-2000

Legacy Center Registration

123 North Center Street
Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Call (385) 201-2000 for information.