

FARE FREE TROLLEY SERVICE IN MIDTOWN LAYTON



The much anticipated Utah Transit Authority Fare-Free Trolley service in Midtown Layton -- Route 628 -- began in mid-August. Visitors, residents, and employees now have a free connection between Frontrunner Stations in Layton and Clearfield and through Midtown.

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MORE THAN 550 NEW LAYTON CITY STREET LIGHTS IN 5 YEARS

In 2011, Layton City implemented a new street light utility and standard to install, own, and maintain new street lights. Prior to this, all street lights were owned and maintained by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). There are approximately 1,000 existing cobra head lights on wood poles and about 560 town and country poles.

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LAYTON CITY STREET, SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Street Maintenance:

The Layton City street maintenance program is managed by the Public Works (PW) Engineering Department. The program consists of evaluating streets and recommending the required treatments, creating a treatment schedule, and project management for the various treatments that are placed on the roads.

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LAYTON CITY UNVEILS A NEW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Layton City has started a community calendar on the City's website, a revolutionary new feature for both readers and submitters alike.

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There is a lot of excitement among the area businesses, hotels, medical providers, etc. The route was added following a 2013 Clearfield/Layton Circulator Feasibility Study, which examined existing conditions, transportation needs, ridership forecasts and population growth.

This new route was made possible through Proposition 1 funds. To make this route "free fare", Layton City, Davis County, Davis Hospital, Davis Conference Center, Layton Hills Mall, Tanner Clinic, and 7 hotels (Holiday Inn Express, Home2Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield Inn, TownPlace Suites, Courtyard, and the Hampton) all came together to provide funds.

This service started as a bus, but will transition to a trolley in 2017.

UTA has published the route schedule online ... see the link below for schedule and route map:

http://www.rideuta.com/-/media/Files/Route-Schedules/Route628schedule_Aug2016.ashx



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LAYTON CITY STREET SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

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Layton City currently uses crack seal, various slurry seals, and milling and overlays to extend and preserve the pavement life of asphalt. Layton City focuses its primary treatments to arterials and collector streets due to high volume of traffic. The last several years much of the budget has been spent to improve the driving quality on these arterial and collector streets including Antelope Drive, West Hill Field Road, West Gordon Avenue, West Gentile Street, Fort Lane, and others. Now that these streets are on a standard maintenance schedule, Layton City will provide more attention to the maintenance of residential streets.

During 2015-16, road treatments performed by the Public Works Department includes 8.67 lane miles of overlays, 17.61 lane miles of chip seal, and 7.56 lane miles of slurry seal.

Also in 2015-16, the Streets Division placed 15 tons of crack seal throughout the City with an additional 27 tons of crack seal placed by a contractor as part of the annual pavement preservation project. Crack sealing is necessary to prevent roadway damage caused by water infiltration into the road structure.

Sidewalk Maintenance:

The Layton City sidewalk replacement program is divided geographically into five zones for maintenance. Since not all sidewalk issues can be addressed immediately, the program rotates through the five zones each year, fixing sidewalk in different neighborhoods. The sidewalks are also surveyed for trip hazards each year and this information is used when determining which neighborhoods will have concrete work done. Understand that each year sidewalk displacement occurs based upon multiple factors including moisture (rain, snow, ground water), temperature, sprinkler breaks, tree roots and other factors.

Residents are the primary party responsible for the care and maintenance of sidewalk, including replacing sidewalk along their property (see Municipal Code 12.28.030). To help with the cost of replacing sidewalk, the City will remove the defective concrete and dispose of it. It is then the homeowner's responsibility to pay for the new sidewalk that meets City standards.

The City will not repair sidewalk that has been lifted by tree roots. Cutting the roots significantly weakens the tree and makes it prone to falling during wind storms. It is the responsibility of the resident to remove the tree so that sidewalk can be fixed.

The City has contracted with both a repair and replace contractor and a trip hazard cutting contractor. These two work in one of the five zones each year, concentrating on single neighborhoods so as to completely fix all trip hazards in an area and not leave bad spots behind.

In 2015-16 the contractor installed 6,750 lineal feet of sidewalk, 1,411 feet of curb and gutter, and 4 ADA ramps. The trip hazard cutting contractor removed 6,700 feet of raised edges on sidewalk.

For questions or complaints please contact Mark Stenquist in Public Works Engineering at 801-336-3700, or at mstenquist@laytoncity.org.

LAYTON CITY'S NAMESAKE: CHRISTOPHER LAYTON

Layton City was not incorporated until 1920. However, the community was called "Layton" as early as 1886 – when it received its own U.S. Post Office – named for Christopher Layton, a well – known "Pioneer, colonizer, settler, statesman, farmer, industrialist, church leader" in the area.

Mr. Layton actually helped establish Kaysville (called "Kays Creek" at first) and may have never himself ever lived in Layton's future borders, but Layton City grew out of Kaysville and fully separated as its own community in 1907.

He pioneered dry farming and planted alfalfa in the Kaysville-Layton area. He also served as a bishop and a counselor in the LDS Church's Kaysville stake.

He was born in Bedfordshire, England on March 8, 1821. He was baptized into the Mormon Church in 1842 and emigrated to America with his wife a year later, settling in Nauvoo, Ill.

Before coming to Utah, he was a private in the Mormon Battalion, where he developed a reputation of being practical and plain spoken. For example, according to one story of the Mormon Battalion: "Colonel Philip St. George Cooke ordered him (Layton) to cross a swollen river to take a message to Captain Jefferson Hunt on the other side. Layton tried to get his mule to swim the raging stream but it refused. The colonel yelled for him to cross over. Layton readily sensed that to cross the river would cost him his and the mule's life so he turned his mule and rode off, saying as he went, 'Colonel, I'll see you in hell before I drown myself and mule in that river.' The colonel stared at him for a moment and muttered, 'What is that man's name?' An attendant replied, 'Christopher Layton, sir.' 'Well, he is a saucy fellow.'"

Layton earned money as a ranch foreman after his military service. He then returned to England and brought some of his family and friends to the United States. Later, he led a company of LDS Church members across the plains to Utah.



A bust of Christopher Layton is on display at the Heritage Museum of Layton.

For some years, Layton had a large cattle ranch in Carson Valley, Nevada. LDS Church President Brigham Young said of Layton's large cattle herd: "Brother Layton, you have more stock than the whole Church." Layton's reply to that was: "Brother Young, they are all at your disposal."

Soon after Layton returned to Utah and settled in Davis County during the Johnston's Army era.

In 1872, Layton was also awarded a five-year contract to manage the LDS Church's sheep herd on Antelope Island.

LDS Church leaders eventually called Layton to Southern Arizona, to preside over the Saint Joseph Stake, which he did for 15 years. He was then called as a patriarch. He also managed to return periodically to visit Davis County.

In June of 1898 Layton became seriously ill and was transported to Utah in a special railway car. He underwent an operation which proved unsuccessful. He died August 7, 1898 at age 77.

Layton was simply said to be one of the greatest men of the Mormon Pioneer era. Andrew Jenson, LDS Church Historian, stated that "Christopher Layton was one of the most remarkable men that ever figured in the history of the Mormon Church."

A family man, Layton had 10 wives and 60 children, during the era when some LDS Church members practiced polygamy.

A bust of Christopher Layton is on display at the Heritage Museum of Layton. It was erected there in 1999. LDS President Thomas Monson, then first counselor in the First Presidency, dedicated the monument.

"Christopher Layton was a pioneer in performance of duty," President Monson said at the dedicatory ceremony. "He had grit. He had true grit."

SOURCES: www.FamilySearch.org, *Utah State History and Deseret News Archives*.

Layton City Statistics:

2016 Population Estimate – 74,660

2016 Total Housing Units – 24,571

Estimated buildout population of 105,000 at year 2050

City size – 22.3 square miles



LAYTON STREET LIGHTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



Layton City pays for the power cost and lease of these light poles from RMP.

Layton City adopted new street light standards that include energy efficient light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures to reduce cost and improve lighting effectiveness. These standards can be viewed on the Layton City website at: <http://www.laytoncity.org/LC/PublicWorks>

Layton City has constructed over 550 new decorative street lights over the past 5 years. These lights are owned by Layton City and now pay for the energy cost only. The Layton City street light standard requires all new developments to pay for the street lights and

installation. A master plan for lighting was prepared by the City to identify areas without existing street lights. The priority is to install new street lights in subdivisions with no street lights or limited street lighting. The City has also started to install street lights on collectors and arterial streets in the community.

Residents are reminded not to attach signs for garage, yard sales, lost animals, etc., with tape on the new street light poles. The tape will destroy the finish and life of the street light poles. (See the separate newsletter story regarding signs on street and light poles.)

For outages, or to report a damaged street pole, please contact the Layton City Public Works Engineering Department (801-336-3700) or Rocky Mountain Power (if it is a RMP light) at 1-888-221-7070, or online at <https://www.rockymountainpower.net/bus/streetlights.html>.

REMINDER: DO NOT PUT SIGNS OR NOTICES ON STREET POLES

The public is reminded not to put any signs, posters or notices on any street poles within Layton City. That would include missing pet signs and notices about yard sales.

According to Layton City's Municipal Code:

"No sign, handbill or poster, advertisement, or notice of any kind or sort, whether political or otherwise, shall be fastened, placed, posted, painted, or attached in any way in or upon any curbstone, lamp post, telephone pole, telegraph pole, electric light or power pole, hydrant, bridge, tree, rock, sidewalk, or street, except when the sign is owned and erected by a public agency or erected by permission of an authorized public agency or required by law."

Last spring in particular, Layton City was inundated with small hand written investment signs.

Besides being illegal, some such signs could be advertising scams.

Also, some government entities, like UDOT, have a \$300 penalty per day for illegally placed signs in their right of way.

Posters, especially old ones, can be unsightly. Glue and tape residue from posters may deface metal poles. Nails, screws or staples, leftover on wooden poles from posters can be a hazard to workers who must climb poles.



It is illegal in Layton City to attach any signs or posters to street poles.

HAVE YOUR FURNACE INSPECTED BEFORE WINTER

It is wise to have a certified heating professional check your furnace each fall, prior to the cold weather season.

Also, here are 5 tips from Questar Gas to prepare your furnace for winter:

1. Replace your furnace filter.
2. Keep flammable materials from the area around your furnace.
3. Give your furnace room to breathe. Make sure all vents, including cold air returns and heat registers, are open.
4. Install a programmable thermostat. This will reduce your energy costs significantly.
5. Ask for a "Green Sticker" inspection. This will make sure your furnace and water heater are properly adjusted for safe and efficient operation.

For more information, go to: www.FallPrep.com or, call Questar Gas.



VOLUNTEER 'GRANDPARENT' READERS NEEDED

"Volunteer grandparents" are needed in Davis County, including in Layton. These reading mentors need to be age 55 or older.

Benefits include a mileage reimbursement of up to 200 miles a month, as well as supplemental insurance while serving as a volunteer.

For more information, call 801-525-5052, or send an email to: pbrown@daviscountyutah.gov

ELIMINATE THE PUNCTUREVINE WEED

One of the peskiest weeds in the Layton area is the puncturevine weed. Unlike most weeds, this nuisance does not grow upward, but fans out along the ground like a spider web. If not eliminated, this noxious weed, will stretch across and cover a sidewalk and/or clog a gutter. This year's unusually hot and dry summer has caused a surge in growth city-wide of this weed.

According to the Utah State University Extension Service in Farmington, this notorious weed can be a real nuisance. This weed also has a nickname - goatheads - for its thorny seeds, which can puncture bicycle tires and on occasion, even some vehicle tires.

These thorns can also end up on the bottom of shoes and will then be a nuisance indoors, as the thorns are carried into homes. Dogs too, are plagued by the thorns in their footpads, as they walk along puncturevine weed infested sidewalks. This weed is at its peak in mid to late summer and thrives in hot, dry weather - especially at the edge of unhealthy lawns.

Puncturevines dry up in early fall and then they drop their seeds. These are thorny pods, carrying four to five seeds each. Every plant can produce hundreds of seeds. In the summer growing season, this weed can go from germination to flower in just three weeks.

Residents need to dig up the weeds, spray them with weed killer, or at the least cut them off the sidewalks. If not controlled, the puncturevine thorns will exist well into winter and will then produce new weeds next year.



Puncturevines can take over sidewalks.

Puncturevine seeds can remain dormant for up to five years. Besides regular weed control each growing season, the seeds need to be collected. Some people use an old piece of carpet, slid along the ground, to help pick up the thorny seeds. Others just use a broom, or a wet/dry vacuum. Layton City's ordinances call for control of noxious weeds and puncturevine falls into that category.



HISTORY OF THE NORTH DAVIS SEWER DISTRICT

The flush of a toilet or water down a drain – it is easy to take these essential actions for granted. For the majority of Layton City, it is the North Davis Sewer District that processes waste water.

The North Davis Metropolitan Sewer Association was formed in 1946 to acquire from the U.S. government the North Davis Metropolitan Sewer constructed in 1943 with federal funding. A Special Service District was organized out of the Association in 1954 giving it authority to levy taxes, issue bonds, and construct a sewage collection and treatment system.

Salt Lake and Davis counties dumped raw sewage into the Great Salt Lake until the late 1950s. Modern sewer plants today, like the North Davis Sewer District west of Syracuse, pour only clear, treated water into the lake.

Today, the North Davis Sewer District collects and treats wastewater from approximately 80 square miles with a population of about 200,000. The District is made up of the cities of Clearfield, Clinton, Layton, Roy, Sunset, Syracuse, West Point, and a small area of Kaysville, Hill Air Force Base, and areas of unincorporated Davis and Weber counties.

The District serves the area extending north to south from Roy to Kaysville, and east to west from the Wasatch Mountains to the Great Salt Lake.

The District owns and operates approximately 100 miles of sewer collection lines which deliver wastewater to the treatment facility located near the shoreline of the Great Salt Lake in Syracuse, Utah.

The facility has the capacity to treat 34 million gallons of wastewater per day, consistently removing over 95 percent of pollutants. Finally, releasing treated water back into the environment of the Great Salt Lake.

The District facilities have been designed and are operated to maximize efficiency and effectiveness. Many by-products of the treatment process are put to beneficial use. Combustible sewer gas is generated as part of the solids treatment process. The gas is used to fuel engine-driven generators supplying as much as 60 percent of the energy needs of the treatment plant, significantly reducing the amount of power that must be purchased from electrical utilities.

The anaerobic digestion process and heating for buildings on site is achieved by utilizing heat from generator exhaust and cooling systems.

For more information, go to: www.ndsd.org

DAVIS COUNTY'S HISTORY FAR DIFFERENT FROM OTHER UTAH COUNTIES

Layton is the largest city in Davis County, which is the smallest of all 29 counties in Utah. However, Davis County is quite different from most Utah counties in more ways than total square miles.

In fact, there were unsuccessful proposals from Weber County in 1911 to carve up Davis County and give half to Salt Lake County and the other half to Weber County. Focus of that controversy was that Davis County wasn't keeping its roads smooth enough in the early age of automobiles.

"History: Davis County different from others" was a May 13, 1977, headline in the Davis County Clipper. This was the report of a lecture by Dr. Stanford J. Layton, editor of the Utah Historical Quarterly. (It was also co-sponsored by the Layton Heritage Museum.)

The article stated that despite its compact size, Davis County was highly sought after in its early decades because of its fertile soil.

"Unlike others in the state, there were no Indian wars fought, no labor troubles, none of the dynamics of southeastern European immigration to accommodate and no rollicking mining towns. Davis County hosted no major massacres, witnessed no audacious colonizing schemes, nor was it the scene of any railroad drama. But it was recognized as a lush verdant productive region agriculturally," the article stated.

Indeed, in August of 1846, Heinrich Lienhard, a Swiss immigrant, led a small party of California-bound pioneers through Weber Canyon. His writings described Davis County as rich soil and plenty of fresh water streams.

"What is most striking of Lienhard's impressions is that the region was a lush place. Yet his views were made during the driest time of the year," the Clipper article stated.

Davis County became "the breadbasket of the territory" to the Mormon Pioneers in the 1850s.

"In addition to grains and produce, Davis County raised some of the finest sheep, cattle and draft horses in the territory," the article continued. "... By the time of Brigham Young's death in 1876, Davis County was clearly the garden spot of the territory."



By the 1920s, Davis County boasted three canning companies. Also, the railroad access meant the County's commodities could be easily shipped to faraway places.

Thanks to the Bamberger Railroad in the early 20th Century, Davis County enjoyed the best of two worlds – "ready access to the urban conveniences and cultural advantages of Salt Lake City and the uncomplicated wholesomeness and solidly middle class comforts of rural living," the article said.

Thanks to World War II and Hill Air Force Base, Davis County's population doubled in the 1940s decade. That growth was repeated in the 1950s. By 1960, Davis County was the 38th fastest growing county in the nation.

Today, suburbanization has taken over Davis County's agricultural roots as "crops" of new homes dominate where farms and grazing fields once flourished.

PLEASE CLEAN UP HORSE DROPPINGS

Layton City has received numerous complaints about horse droppings being left on the sidewalks. Please be a responsible horse owner and carry equipment to clean up after your horse, so others that are using the sidewalk don't have to step into the street to avoid soiling their shoes.

There is a City Ordinance that governs this, and abusers could be cited for neglecting to follow it.

8.04.110. Animal waste:

"The person having custody of an animal shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any excreta deposited by his animal on any public walk, recreation area, or private property other than that belonging to the owner of the animal."



Halloween Bash

FREE

Central Davis Junior High School Gymnasium
665 North Church Street

Friday, October 28th
5:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Carnival Games, Pumpkin Walk,
Costume Parade,
Music and Refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS LIST

Eaton Greek Food and Burgers

1155 North Main Street, Suite 6

Quick Quack Car Wash

950 West Hill Field Road

Knockout Athletics LLP

109 West Gentile Street

American Secure Title Insurance Agency

489 West 2275 North, Suite B

Chiropractic Revolutions LLC

1986 North Hill Field Road, Suite 7A

Allgrunn Insurance Agency of Layton

880 West Heritage Park Boulevard, Suite 230

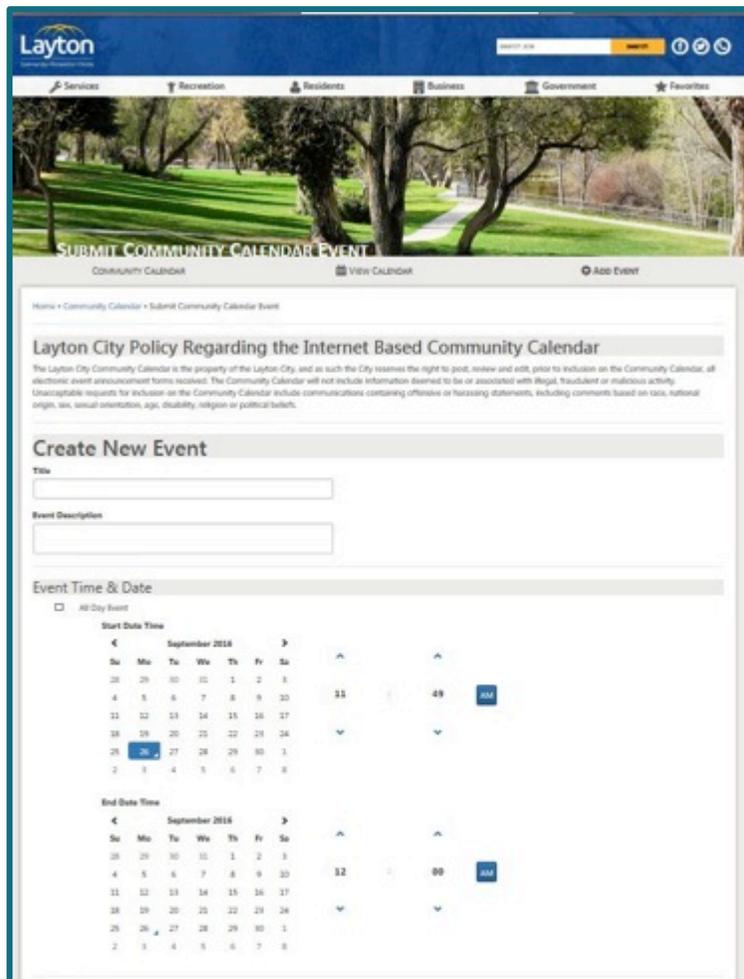
Wayne Peart Insurance Agencies

880 West Heritage Park Boulevard, Suite 230

Want more information about businesses inside Layton City?
Want to browse what businesses are available in Layton?
An alphabetical, on-line business browser is available at:
www.laytoncity.org/LC/BusinessLicensing/Businesses

LAYTON CITY UNVEILS A NEW COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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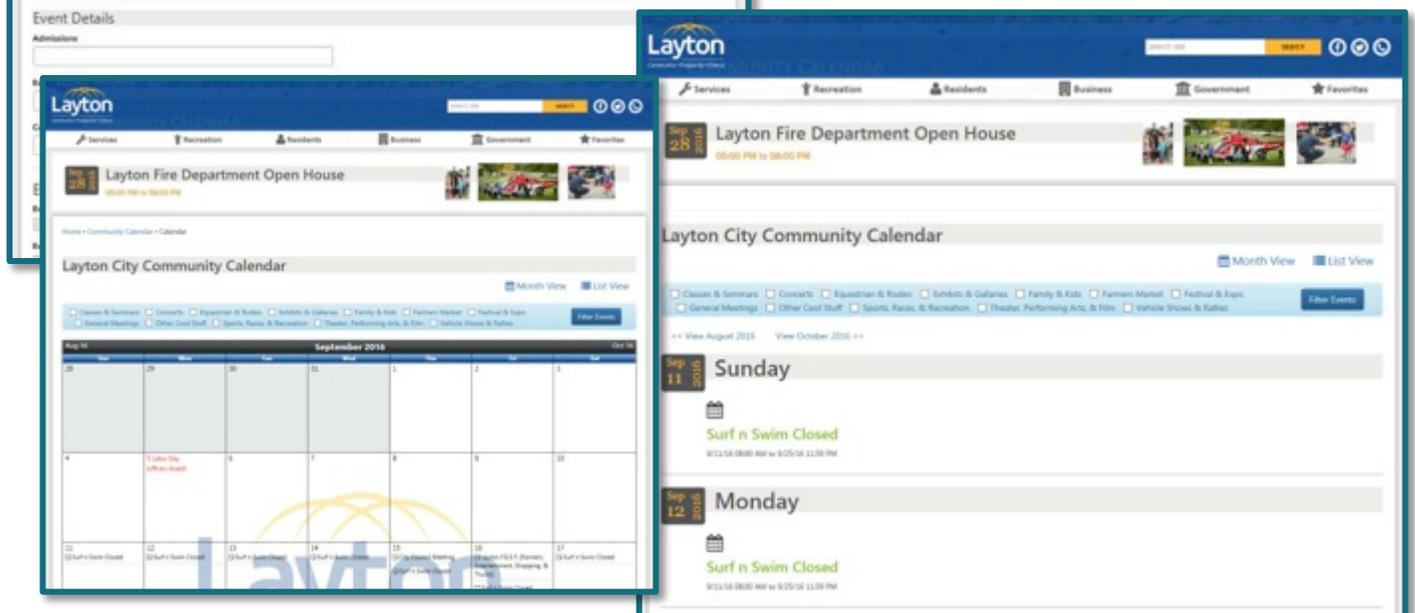
The Community Calendar is for the community. A place for YOU to get the word out about YOUR EVENT.

The previous Layton City calendar was strictly for City-sponsored events. This new community calendar is for events City-wide – as long as they are open to the general public. The idea is to make this calendar a resource for things going on in Layton City. It is also hoped that this calendar will serve to better unite residents and to also make the Layton City website a focal point for timely information.

Community calendar events should be submitted at least 14 days prior to an event's date – and include a valid email address. Each submission is reviewed by the City, a process requiring several business days. A photograph, icon and web link can also be submitted along with the basic event information. Submitters should also include the cost of the event, or if it is free.

The new community calendar is prominently featured on the main Layton City web page (www.laytoncity.org). The new feature is also accessible by mobile devices. Various school events in Layton City, like sports and plays, are also welcome. So are car shows, fun runs, etc.

This community calendar will replace Layton City's previous events and recreation calendar and all government-sponsored events will now be found on the new expanded community version.



Layton City Events

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City Council Meetings:
1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Meetings:
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Surf 'n Swim's Annual Pumpkin Dunk
Saturday, Oct. 29, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
465 North Wasatch Drive
Admission cost: \$1; tubes are an additional \$2
Free candy and pumpkins
More information
www.laytoncity.org/LC/City/EventDetails/1122



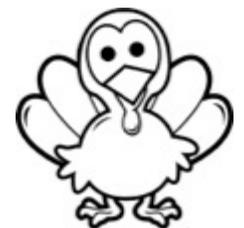
Boys Jr Jazz Basketball Registration
November 1-21
For boys 4th through 12th grade
Register: www.laytoncity.org/LC/Recreation



Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 8
Please vote



Veterans Day Program
Friday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.
Central Davis Jr. High School Gymnasium
663 North Church Street, Layton
Guest speakers and music



Holiday Food Drive
Nov. 14-18
Bring one can of food or a non-perishable food item and
receive ½ price admission at Surf 'n Swim

Holiday Lighting Ceremony
Monday, Nov. 21, 6 p.m.
Musical program at Layton High
Holiday lights go on in Commons Park
afterward

