

# LEHI LEDGER

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## *Tone Down the Rhetoric*

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Shortly after the July 13th assassination attempt of former president Donald Trump, the republicans and the democrats appeared to receive an awakening of how far out of hand the caustic political environment had become. Indeed, there were calls from both parties to tone down the rhetoric and campaign advertisements were being pulled from airing. An event like this

should rightfully demand our attention and our concern regardless of political persuasion. Shame on us if it does not.

I know I was not alone in hoping for a more rational discussion, free of hyperbole, where we as an American people could analyze the character and potential of the candidates without being sidelined by ridiculous nonsense. If there was ever a time when our country needs to get back on track with compassion, honesty, and respect for one another, this is that time. Unfortunately, the promise to turn down the rhetoric has simply turned out to be more rhetoric.

Being an elected official, I have thought much about what drives political candidates to focus their criticism on their opponent and I wonder why the public does not recognize this as a critical flaw, both in the candidate and in our society. Arthur Brooks, in his book, "Love Your Enemies" makes a profound statement; "We don't have an anger



problem in American politics. We have a contempt problem." I believe this to be true and I wonder if we realize that as citizens, we are encouraging the rhetoric at all levels of politics. Social Media has certainly made it easy for us to become vocal, uncaring, and heartless individuals. I am certain that an appetite for meanness reverberates to the top of the political ladder.

The problem with rhetorical comments and postings is that many cannot separate them from truth. Often, in the lack of accurate information, the human mind can migrate to the darkest corner of the room and then for some, their imagination becomes their reality. For a few unfortunate souls, this process can spiral down into a very ill-fated event.

Hopefully, we all have moral principles that were instilled in us from early on. We should practice kindness regularly and that includes the political environment. It also includes social media. Politics does not provide a license to be dishonest or mean. And that should be the message coming from all of us, to our top political leaders.

The first step in protecting our liberty here in the U.S., is by being kind. Be an example.

-Mayor Mark Johnson

## City Information

INFORMATION CENTER: 385.201.1000  
LEGACY CENTER: 385.201.2000  
POLICE: 385.201.1005  
FIRE: 385.201.1081  
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SENIOR CENTER: 385.201.1065



Saturday, September 7th

LEHI 9/11 DAY  
OF SERVICE  
AND REMEMBRANCE

To sign-up for volunteer opportunities, visit  
[justserve.org/lehiarea](https://justserve.org/lehiarea)

# Library News

*Encouraging lifelong learning!*

*Thank you for your patience  
during our library move!  
Come visit us at our new location!  
870 N 100 E Unit 110 Lehi, UT*

We still offer curbside pick up. Pull up to the south side of the building. Give us a call at 385-201-1050 and we'll bring your holds out to you.

**Fall Programming has begun!** Check our website for dates and times as some programs have been adjusted. Register each Monday at 10:00 am on our website.

**September Chapter Chats** (A book club for kids! Ages 7 +):  
Tuesday, September 10th 4:00-4:45p.m. at our new location.

**'I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001'**  
by Lauren Tarshis (check out a copy from our front desk, while supplies last)

**September Book Club:**  
Wednesday, September 11th 6:30-7:30p.m. at our new location. 'The Day the World Came to Town, 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland' by Jim DeFede

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](http://www.lehi-ut.gov/library)



# Literacy Center



This month we begin our Fall After-School Reading & Math Session on September 4 and 5. This session runs through November 12. Our Fall/Winter ABC Session began last month and will continue until December 12. 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 3 p.m., 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. This program has 4 sessions throughout the year. Our ABC program is a kindergarten readiness program for students 4 years old by September 1, 2023. Classes are twice a week either Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This program has 2 sessions, one in the Fall/Winter and one in the Winter/Spring.

## Upcoming Dates

September 2 - Labor Day - Literacy Center Closed  
September 3 - No Classes  
September 4 & 5 - After-School First Day Classes

For updates and information visit:

[www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/](http://www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/literacy/)  
[www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter](https://www.facebook.com/LehiLiteracyCenter)

LEHI HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND LEHI CITY PRESENT

# QUILTS AND COWBOYS

MONDAY, SEPT 2 LABOR DAY  
• 2:30PM - 6:00PM • LEGACY CENTER

2:30PM - 3:00PM	PARADE AT WINES PARK
3:00PM - 4:00PM	HONOREE CELEBRATION AT LEGACY CENTER
4:00PM - 6:00PM	QUILTS AND COWBOYS AT LEGACY CENTER

EXHIBITS, ACTIVITIES AND CHICK-FIL-A CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW  
THE FLEECE BLANKETS WITH WRAP THE WORLD IN QUILTS

PARC Lehi City | Lehi Historical Society | HADCO

# 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 Cub 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):

Call 385-201-1065 and leave a message to sign up. A \$3 donation per meal is encouraged. Lunch is served at noon.

### Special Events and Activities:

**September 2** – Closed for Labor Day  
**September 6** - Timpanogos Story Telling Festival Trip (Must sign up ahead)  
**September 11** – BUNCO Bash. A fun, easy game with dice. Starts at 12:30 p.m.  
**September 18** – Monday Movie Mania starts at 12:30 p.m. Small popcorn or treat included.  
**September 19** - Fall Foliage and dinner to Mama Chus trip (Must sign up ahead)  
**September 27** – Birthday Celebration: cupcake or treat with lunch. Must sign up by September 26 at noon to receive a meal and treat.

Check out the Lehi Senior Center webpage online [www.lehi-ut.gov/recreation/seniors/](http://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.



📷 Elisa Mahe

## Lehi City September Events

- 9/2** Heritage Day  
2:30-6 p.m. @ Legacy Center
- 9/3** City Council Work Session  
4 p.m. @ City Hall
- 9/5** Planning Commission  
7 p.m. @ City Hall
- 9/10** City Council Meeting  
7 p.m. @ City Hall
- 9/12** Planning Commission  
7 p.m. @ City Hall



# We need your input!

Shape the future of Lehi's park, trail,  
open space, and recreation offerings!



Learn more and stay involved at:

**PlanPlayLehi.com**

# RECREATION NEWS

We have lots of exciting activities happening this Fall!

Don't miss out!

## **Halloween Party**

Join us at the Lehi Legacy Center for an unforgettable evening as we bring you "Monsters and Mayhem!" The night will be filled with a variety of games, activities, trick-or-treating around the track, music, a magic show, and a thrilling spook alley. Don't miss out on this exciting Halloween celebration for all ages! Food trucks will be available at an additional cost. Tickets go on sale October 1st.

**Date: Friday, October 25th    Time: 5-8pm**



## **Youth Entrepreneur Market**

Explore the dynamic world of business with our hands-on experience tailored for children ages 8-15. Participants will have the opportunity to establish and operate their own small business, selling products to the public during our market event on Saturday, November 2. Through this experience, children will gain essential business skills, including product promotion, pricing, inventory management, and financial transactions.

**The market will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The participation fee is \$11 for Lehi residents and \$17 for non-residents. The booth fee includes Legacy Center advertising, a 9-foot table, and two chairs. Orientation details will be sent via email on October 7th.**

We encourage participants to invite friends and family to support this exciting event!



## **Bunco Game Night**

Join us for an exciting evening of dice-rolling fun, delicious treats, and fantastic prizes! Every participant will receive a door prize and have the chance to win one of our top prizes, generously sponsored by UFirst Credit Union.

**Date: Friday, November 1st    Ages: 14 and older**

**Fee: \$15 for Lehi residents, \$18 for non-residents**



## **Room Rentals and Birthday Parties**

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The Legacy Center provides a variety of rental spaces and birthday party packages to suit your needs. Whether you're planning a birthday celebration, a family gathering, or a business meeting, we have the perfect venue for you. Rates vary based on the room and activities selected. **For more information, please contact us at 385-201-2000.**



## **Sports Registering NOW!**

Jr. Jazz (Kindergarten-8th grade)

Boys Fall Basketball Camp (Grades 4th-8th)

Wrestling (Kindergarten-4th grade)

## **Programs Registering NOW!**

Babysitters Course, Bunco Night, Cheer, Dance, Science for Kids, First Aid & CPR, Gymnastics, Lego Class, Martial Arts, Parenting with Love & Logic, Women on Weights, and Youth Entrepreneur Market.

Follow the Legacy Center on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lehilegacycenter](http://www.facebook.com/lehilegacycenter)  
[www.lehi-ut-gov/legacy-center/](http://www.lehi-ut-gov/legacy-center/)