

# LEHI LEDGER

March 2025



## A Legacy of Choice

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With the passage of Proposition #11 in Lehi it's going to create a unique election cycle this time around, with seven board members being elected to serve on the new school board. Utah county is still deciding the boundaries for the board seats, but it's likely that Lehi will be able to elect 3 of the school board members and affect a 4th.

Those elections will be on top of municipal elections to decide 2 city council seats and the mayor.

Unlike most county or state offices all 6 elections will be non-partisan, meaning that none of the candidates will be running as Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, or any other political party. That has not always been the case though. Prior to 1997, when Mayor Ken Greenwood was elected as a Citizen Party candidate, candidates for office were nominated in neighborhood meetings to either the Citizen's Party or the Progressive Party. Each party would nominate enough candidates to fill the seats that were available.

One of the challenges presented with the 2-party system in Lehi was it was difficult for outsiders to break into local politics. Following the 1997 municipal election two former Mayors, George Tripp (served from 1984-1989) and Ron Smith (who completed Mayor Guy Cash's term in 1992-1993) decided it was time to make a change.

## City Information

INFORMATION CENTER: 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  
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SENIOR CENTER: 385.201.1065



At the time Mayor Tripp was serving as the party chair for the citizen party and Mayor Smith was serving as the party chair for the progressive party. They approached the city council on November 12, 1997, about ending the party system and it was approved.

That decision has fundamentally changed the political landscape of Lehi. The decision to remove party affiliation to run for office removed a litmus test of "how long have you lived in Lehi" to be able to run for political office. When I ran for office the first time in 2011, I had only lived in Lehi for 5 years and under the earlier system it would have been nearly impossible to earn a nomination. In contrast, during the 2023 election, we saw 17 candidates run for the 3 city council seats that were available.

As we begin to see candidates file to run for school board seats, mayor, or council I'm glad that party affiliation is not a limiting factor for anyone's ability to run for office. I'm glad that the citizens of Lehi are entrusted to pick the best candidate for the job w/out being unduly influenced by whether there is a "D" or an "R" in front of their name on the ballot. I'm grateful to Mayor Tripp and Mayor Smith that saw the wisdom in that, over two decades ago, that is still a hallmark for Lehi municipal elections!

- Paul Hancock

# Library News



## Calling All Teens!

Join the Teen Reading Challenge on the Beanstack app! Download it from your app store, search for Lehi City Library, create an account, and start reading today!

Complete challenges to earn 2 awesome prizes: one for your first "Bingo" and another for a "BLACKOUT" after finishing all 25 badges. Prizes coming soon, so keep reading!

Stay tuned for more challenges ahead on Beanstack, including 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Summer Reading, and more! (*follow us on socials for the most up to date information about challenges and when they begin*)

## Come play D&D with us!

*Dungeons and Dragons all day event*

*A Dungeon Master will guide you through this fun fantasy tabletop role playing game. No experience necessary.*

*Saturday March 22nd at the Broadbent Community Room*

*10:00-12:30 (ages 9-11) 1:30-4:30 (ages 12-18)*

*7:00-10:00 pm (ages 18+ )Registration required, registration opens*

*Monday, March 17th at 10:00am on our website*

*Sponsored by Chronicles of Dryat*

## March Book Clubs

Chapter Chats (ages 7 & up) -

Tuesday, March 11th 4:00-4:45 pm

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot (a limited number of copies available to check out at our front desk. Ask a librarian for more info)

Book Club for Adults-

Wednesday, March 12th 6:30-7:30 pm

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes by Caitlyn Daughtry

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am -8:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed Sundays

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

# Literacy Center

Our Spring ABC session began in January and will run through May 8, 2025. Our next ABC Session will be fall of 2025. Classes are 2 hours twice a week, Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thurs from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Eligible students for our Fall 2025 Session must be 4 years old as of September 1, 2025. Students may only attend one session of our ABC program.

Our Spring After-School session begins this month and will run through May 8, 2025. After-School program offers Reading classes for Lehi students K through 4th grade and Math classes for Lehi students 1st through 4th grade. Classes are 45 min twice a week , Mon/Wed OR Tues/Thurs 3 p.m.

## Dates To Remember:

March 3 & 4 Spring After-School Classes Begin

March 10 & 11 ASD Prof Dev – No Classes

March 31 - April 3 ASD Spring Break - No 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)





# Senior Center

## News & Updates:

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 to see details about meals, events, and our newsletter.

## Weekly Classes:

Monday: Tai Chi 9:30 a.m.  
Monday: Adv. Watercolor  
Tuesday: Beginning Watercolor  
Tuesday: Crochet Cub 10:15 a.m.  
Tuesday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: Sit and Fit 11:00 a.m.  
Friday: Line Dance 10 a.m.  
Friday: Bingo 11:30 a.m.

## Special Events and Activities:

**March 1-** Blood Pressure Clinic sponsored by Dignity Heath Starts at 11 a.m.  
**March 13-** BUNCO Bash. A fun, easy game with dice. At the Senior Center. Starts at 12:30 p.m.  
**March 15 -** St. Patrick's Shenanigans with lunch  
Must sign up by Monday, March 12.  
**March 18-** Monday Movie Mania at the Senior Center Starting at 12:30 p.m.  
**March 21 -** Dinner at The Creamery followed by play at Scera Theater. Must sign up asap until bus is full.  
**March 22-** Birthday Celebration

## Daily Lunches (Monday-Friday):

Inside meals now available with required reservations. Call 385-201-1065 and leave a message. A \$3 donation per meal is encouraged. Lunch served at noon.



## Lehi City March Events

- 3/6** Planning Commission  
Work Session  
5:30 p.m. @ City Hall
- 3/11** City Council Meeting  
7 p.m. @ City Hall
- 3/13** Planning Commission  
7 p.m. @ City Hall
- 3/25** City Council Meeting  
7 p.m. @ City Hall



## CULTURAL ORGANIZATION GRANT

Now accepting applications!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.lehi-ut.gov/cultural-org-grants/](http://www.lehi-ut.gov/cultural-org-grants/)



# RECREATION NEWS

STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THINGS RECREATION



SCAN TO REGISTER

**DON'T MISS OUT** -SIGN UP FOR

## SPRING SPORTS

**Reg Deadline**

T-ball	Kindergarten	March 19th
Coach Pitch	1st Grade	March 19th
Machine Pitch	2nd Grade	March 19th
Track & Field	6-14yrs old	March 5th
Itty Bitty Ball -Baseball	Pre-K- 3-5yrs old	Begins March 6th

## SUMMER SPORTS

**Resident Reg Starts**

Golf	Beg-Adv	April 1st
Basketball Camp	K-12th Grade	April 1st
Kids Summer Camp	6-12 yrs old	April 1st
Tennis Lessons	Beg-Adv	April 1st

Register at [https://lehilegacycenter.activityreg.com/selectactivity\\_t2.wcs](https://lehilegacycenter.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs)

**GET INVOLVED** -SHOW UP FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

# YOUTH MARKET

Come support Lehi City's young entrepreneurs as they further their experience in the marketing world. They will have booths set up, ready to sell, at the Lehi Legacy Center.

**Saturday April 19th  
10:00am-12:00pm**

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

