



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

James A. Dain

City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

Lindon Police Department's New Youth Education Series (YES)

Many of us as parents don't understand most of the complex issues which confront our youth every day. As amazing as it sounds, it appears that things have changed since our teenage years! How many of us think that our youth can navigate the confusing world that they are faced with every day, without some help and understanding? In an effort to help both the parents and youth in Lindon, we at the Police Department have developed what we hope will be a valuable tool as well as a bonding experience for you and your child. Together you can learn about some of the dangers that are out there while you gain some valuable intervention or avoidance techniques to protect your family.

We are calling the program the Youth Education Series or Y.E.S. Program. Presented once a month, the program will address timely topics from the world of our youth, using local professionals who already interact daily with our kids. This is **NOT** a program for troubled kids, or those who are already involved in activities which put them at risk, although we would love to have those kids involved as well. This program is designed for **you** and **your kids**, those kids who are not in trouble but who, like all of us, may be at risk due to the environment we live in and the temptations and influences we all face every day.

Beginning on Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 pm, the program will be presented with a different topic the third Thursday of the month. Presentations will be held to one hour with a following question and answer period as long as needed. The first four presenters have been determined and I am excited for the program to begin! On January 20th, we will hear from Officer Darrell Bingham of the Lindon Police Department on the nature of Drug Abuse and Addiction. Officer Bingham is a certified Drug Recognition Expert and member of the Utah County SMART Coalition. In the 2010 legislative session Darrell was instrumental in the passage of several new state laws which address prescription drug abuse and distribution. On February 17th, we will have the privilege of hearing from Judge Brent W. Bullock, serving as Justice Court Judge for both Lindon and Pleasant Grove, Judge Bullock bring over 30 years of criminal justice experience to the table as a Judge, Attorney, Prosecutor and as a former Police Officer. Judge Bullock will speak about the intricacies of Juvenile law and procedure as well as offer a judicial perspective to delinquency. On March 17th, I will be presenting regarding Choices and Decision Making and the long term effects of those choices, both positive and negative. With 30 years of experience here in this community I have had the unique and often heart wrenching experience of watching as poor personal choices have affected generations of families, often resulting in dysfunction, divorce, jail or even suicide. I have also learned that NO family is immune! For our fourth scheduled presentation, On April 21st, we have Officer John Lloyd of the Lindon City Police Department. As a long time School Resource Officer, DARE and NOVA instructor, John is probably already well known and loved by your kids. He's taught thousands of them, some of whom are now parents. Maybe even some of you were his students! John will speak about how marketing and social media targets today's youth with influences toward activities which may be harmful or against those values which you are trying to instill in your children.

Please join us, as together we attempt to keep our youth the amazing people they are and guide them to be the leaders of tomorrow. Each session will be held at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at the City Center. Watch the City website for further information and please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions for future topics or instructors.

Chief Cody Cullimore, Lindon City Police Department

The 2011 Public Meeting Schedule is available on the City website. The City Council typically meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend!