



THE

Summer Scoop



July 2020

Happy Independence Day!!

I hope this monthly newsletter finds you healthy and enjoying your summer!

What an interesting time we find ourselves in this year. Since the program was cancelled this summer Logan just isn't the same without you.

Our Independence Day celebrations have been cancelled as well, but fireworks can be purchased in Utah so there will still be plenty of fireworks lighting up the sky while families gather to celebrate.

We'll all have to be a little more creative this year in how we express our thankfulness to live in this amazing country on this special holiday!

Please visit the Summer Citizens website for updates and information. Our office is currently closed due to COVID-19 so please email questions to summercitizens@usu.edu.

"The Summer Citizens Program is 'summer camp' for adults!"

-Summer Citizen 2018

"Fabulous program, fabulous town, and fabulous people!!"

-Jan (Summer Citizen 2018)

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Important Program Information

Online Summer Citizens Courses:

Only the Lightning Moments online course, starting July 8th, will be continued.

All other online 2020 Summer Citizens course offerings are officially cancelled due to low/no enrollment. Refunds will be processed by the same method as payment was received (credit card or check) within the next week.

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Updates

The Lyric Repertory Company invites you to join us in honoring our founder, Vosco Call, in the Second Annual (Virtual) Vosco Call SPOTLIGHT CONCERT and MEMORIAL. Last summer, we launched our inaugural spotlight concert, and Vosco was in attendance to see it named after him. Vosco passed away on December 24, 2019. So this summer, our concert will be combined with a memorial to honor him.

The concert will stream live on Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30pm on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLfU42kTeHc>)

Click on the attached link to set your reminder, or visit our website on the day of the concert to follow the link to our YouTube page.

Tucson's "Bighorn" fire in the Santa Catalina Mountains threatened the communities of SaddleBrooke and Sun City, whose residents support the Summer Citizens Program. News 4 Tucson documented outside fire crews fighting the fire, to include volunteers from Logan, as quoted below:

"News 4 Tucson can confirm all seven IHC (Interagency Hotshot Crew) fire units that have worked the blaze over the past week:

- Idaho Panhandle Hotshots (Couer D'Alene)*
- Helena (MT) Hotshots*
- Blue Ridge Hotshots (Mogollon, Arizona)*
- Smokey Bear Hotshots (Ruidoso, NM)*
- Gila Hotshots (Silver City, NM)*
- Logan (UT) Hotshots*
- Sierra Hotshots (Oakhurst, CA)"*

From Southern Arizona to Logan, Utah -- thanks for your assistance!

Fun Facts in Celebration of America!

Did You Know

The average age of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence was 45.

Each year Americans light about 200 million pounds of fireworks!

More hotdogs are eaten on July 4th than any other day of the year. (150 million)

There are around 15,000 Independence Day fireworks celebrations every year.

In 1776, there were 2.5 million people in the US. Now there are over 327 million.

87.5% of imported US flags are from China. 97% of imported fireworks are as well.

The current US flag was designed by Robert G. Heft in 1958 as part of a project during his junior year of high school.

James Monroe was both a Founding Father and a US President, but did not sign the Declaration of Independence.

The stars on the original American flag were in a circle so all the Colonies would appear equal.

The phrase "United States of America" was officially use for the first time in the Declaration of Independence.

The tune to the National Anthem was originally used by an English drinking song called "to Anacreon in Heaven."

The United States does not have an official language, but it does have nine National Songs!

Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.



Think you're a history buff? Try your hand at these quizzes on the American History.

["How Much Do You Know About the Fourth of July?"](#)

["American History Quiz"](#).

Love making delicious snacks?

Try your hand at these patriotic treats! From fruit platters to cupcakes to trifles, there is something for everyone! Click [HERE](#) for 100 Patriotic food ideas.

