

Sandy Balloon Festival lifts off Aug. 7-8

Sandy's the place to be Aug. 7-8 for the annual Sandy Balloon Festival. Watch the sight as these magnificent 10-story high hot air balloons inflate, launch and float across the Salt Lake Valley.

It kicks off with a Media Day event at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. Balloons will take off from Storm Mountain Park, 11400 South 1000 East and fly until about 8 a.m. The public is invited to enjoy the launch, and Paradise Bakery will have breakfast on site for purchase.

On Saturday, Aug. 9, the hot air balloons launch again at sunrise. Paradise Bakery will be back on site with breakfast foods and drinks. Also, enjoy some kids'

balloon fun around the site and see the hot air balloons up close. Then Saturday from 8-10 p.m., the festival comes to life at the South Towne Promenade, 10000 South 175 West, with barbeque-style food, pasta bowls from Noodles and Co., and entertainment as the balloons fire up their burners and "glow" in the evening sky. Enjoy music throughout the evening on the festival stage with singer/songwriter Bobby Cutshaw.

The Sandy Balloon Festival is free to the public. For more information, call Sandy Community Events at 801-568-6097 or logon to sandy.utah.gov/balloonfest.

'Taste of Sandy' returning on Aug. 18

The Annual Taste of Sandy is coming back. The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce is staging this popular event once again on Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the South Towne Expo Center.

The Valley Journals and Walmart are co-sponsors of the event.

"We want everyone to take part in this great community event and have the opportunity to meet local businesses and other families," said Jeff Wright, operations manager for the Chamber.

Those who attend will have the opportunity to sample foods from restaurants in the Sandy area. Wright says many restaurants have signed on, but there is still space availability for others who'd like to participate. All restaurants in the area are invited to take part.

"We've had more than 1,500 attendees in previous years, so we're encouraging the public to purchase tickets in advance while they are still available," Wright said.

Special guests at the Taste of Sandy will include the Utah Jazz Bear, Leo the Lion from Real Salt Lake, Grizzbee from the Utah Grizzlies, and Bumble, the mascot of the Salt Lake Bees. Wright said there will be a kids section at the event with inflatable toys and other games.

Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan is planning to kick off the event that evening. Restaurants will have a chance to win prizes in categories such as best presentation, best dessert, best ethnic Chinese, tastiest meal,

best beverage and a culinary excellence award. Judging the event will be members of the Sandy City Council.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$4 with a donated can of food. Family passes are available for \$20 for a family of five. They can be purchased in advance at the Chamber offices, 8807 South 700 East. Booths are still available by contacting Wright at 801-566-0344 ext. 105.

Draper Recreation offers adult and youth falls sports leagues

Several adult and youth fall sports leagues are forming through the Draper Recreation Department.

Adult flag football is a fast-paced, high-scoring game that includes the "double-pass." Men and women are welcome. Register as a team. Register through Aug. 14. League play Tuesdays 6 - 10 p.m., rotating, at Galena Park. The seven-game season starts Sept. 8. Age 16 and older; \$350 per team.

Fall adult softball registration is through Aug. 21 for those 16 and older. The seven-game season starts the second week of September. Games are Mondays for Men's Open and Thursdays for CoEd Open at Galena Park. Times are 6 - 10 p.m., rotating. Cost is \$215 per team.

Fall youth baseball is open to all teams in the area. Register as a team through Aug. 14. Ages 8-10 and 11-12. The seven-game league play starts Sept. 5 with one game a week on Saturdays, with rotating times, at Ballard or Steep Mountain ball fields. Cost is \$350 per team.

For information, contact the recreation department, www.draper.ut.us or call 801-576-6560.

★ Announcements ★

Stanleys celebrate anniversary



Lynn and Elaine Stanley of Draper are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Sept. 4, 1959 in Los Angeles, Calif. They have four children, 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



AUGUST 7-8
Friday & Saturday Morning
 Storm Mountain Park
 11400 South 1000 East
 Sunrise - Balloon Launch
 Sunrise - 8:00 am -
 Balloon Fun for the kids
 (Saturday only)
 Breakfast food will be available for purchase both days from Paradise Bakery!

Saturday Evening
 South Towne Promenade
 Downtown Sandy
 10000 South 175 West
 8-10 pm - Balloon "Glow" & Entertainment
 Come Hungry! Fresh pastas from Noodles & Company or something from the grill.

Photo Contest
 Enter our photo contest for a chance to win prizes and have your photo posted on our website. Go to www.sandy.utah.gov/balloonfest for more information.



Bobby Cutshaw
 Country * Classic Rock
 * Bluegrass *
 Sat. Night 8:30-10 pm




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