By Beginner to Master - Gardening Club

The Tooele County Master Gardeners Association is an active gardening and horticulture education and service group that is associated with the Tooele USU Extension Office. Those interested in learning more about gardening, landscaping and horticulture will find a friendly community of people that are lifelong learners and enjoy the camaraderie of others that are both gaining new skills and sharing the knowledge they already have.

The Master Gardeners host a series of monthly free public workshops on the 4th Wednesday of the month. These hour long free sessions equip attendees with knowledge and skills to successfully garden in our area. An annual Spring Garden Expo is offered the first part March, along with our area. An annual Spring Garden Expo edge and skills to successfully garden in our area. An annual Spring Garden Expo.

The Tour happens the following day and features a dozen garden spots across the Tooele Valley. You can visit www.annual-gardentour.info for more details.

The 2017 Master Gardener certification course is now forming, with classes beginning on Tuesday, January 31st. This 14-week Tuesday night experience covers a wide range of gardening, horticultural, and landscaping topics. Instructed by a Team of Northern Utah USU Extension specialists, you'll receive a top-notch education on how to master the gardening craft! Cost is $150 per person or $180 per couple, and includes 14 weeks of live instruction, all class materials and hand-outs, and a one-year membership in the Tooele County Master Gardeners Association. To register, contact Andrea DuClos at the USU Extension Office at andrea.duclos@usu.edu or call at (435) 277-2409.

Customer Service Awards

What did I learn from this contest? I got to meet some amazing people that truly love their job and providing both a connection and a service for those that they come into contact with. Everyone of the winners I got to award were surprised that they had won and although a movie night is a great prize they were more excited that they had made such an impression with one of their guests that they would take the time and nominate them for the award.

The managers in every case were not surprised by their team member winning because they have seen them in action and were grateful someone else noticed. The smiles were large and the backs a little straighter as the winners were proud to be recognized. I hope you get the opportunity to be a guest of one of these great people in the near future.

What does this mean for Tooele County? It means there are fewer reasons to leave our county and spend those tax dollars elsewhere. The goods and services are here. The location is ideal and now that we have provided you with some amazing customer service examples there is no reason to spend your money outside our county. By spending your money here in the county you are keeping those sales tax dollars here where they can be used for needs within our county. Some examples that are not so obvious include our parks, recreation and tourism funding. These 3 simple things are often reasons that we chose to live and raise our families in a smaller community. As our communities grow we need to increase and maintain these features. So before you pack everyone into the car to make the trek to shop or dine in another county, STOP and think about how the park you are passing will be maintained or if the trail you plan to hike this weekend is marked. Now turn the car around and spend less time on the road and shop local, keep those tax dollars here!
As Life’s Worth Living Foundation begins its third year, we are excited about the direction we are heading and the work that we have already accomplished. Life’s Worth Living Foundation has a three-fold mission to raise awareness, educate, and prevent suicides. From our humble beginnings at the start of 2014, we were able to assess the needs of the county and work towards serving those needs.

We were able to start a successful support group that meets once a month. It has grown out of a classroom at a church into a larger room at Mountain West Medical Center. Our support group meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 7pm in the classroom next to the cafeteria. The support group is for survivors of suicide as well those who are suicidal. It provides a safe place to share as well as a place for healing.

The foundation has been able to host community events to better the life’s of those in Tooele County. We have brought in professional athletes to speak on addiction, presented public movie screenings on bullying, and provided life coaching. Each of these events have had successful turnouts and improved the lives of those who attended. We will continue host events like these to raise awareness and educate. As a foundation we have brought trainings on suicide prevention that have not been previously come to Tooele County and will continue to lead in this area.

Out of 8,800 registered Utah non-profits we were invited to be one of 40 recognized and in attendance on Capitol Hill to be recognized for the work we do in the area of suicide prevention. We work closely with our Senators and Representatives and have frequent contact with them. We were very involved with Senator Thatcher in bringing the SafeUT app to our area. We are currently working on new legislation and finding new ways the improve our community and state in the area of suicide prevention.

We have successfully hosted another record breaking year of both our golf tournament at the Links at Overlake as well as our It’s a Wonderful Life Festival held at the Deseret Peak Complex. Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Please visit our website lifesworthlivingfoundation.org or call us at 435-248-LIVE to schedule a speaking engagement for your church, business, or community group, or to become a corporate sponsor.

**New Chamber Members**

The Tooele County Chamber of Commerce extends a warm welcome to our newest members:

**Diamond Rental**
Sustaining Member
1601 North 30 West
Tooele, Utah 84074
435-843-7811
Diamond Rental is committed to providing the best quality rental equipment.

**Food for Thought @ TATC**
88 S, Tooele Blvd.
Tooele, Utah 84074
435-248-1822
Food for Thought is a restaurant that offers daily specials, soup of the day, and a lot of delicious lunch menu items. Come and visit us in the Tooele Applied Technology College (TATC)

**Excelsior Academy**
124 East Erda Way
Tooele, Utah 84074
(435) 882-3062

**Chamber Member Renewals**

The Tooele County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following members for their continued support and for renewing their membership during the past month. A list of all Chamber members can be found at www.tooelechamber.com

**Tooele County Education Foundation**
92 Lodestone Way
Tooele, Utah 84074
(435) 833-1900

**Coulter House, LLC**
175 East State Road 138
Stansbury Park, Utah 84074
(435) 840-5587

**Excelsior Academy**
124 East Erda Way
Tooele, Utah 84074
(435) 882-3062

**QC Finance**
124 North Main Street
Tooele, Utah 84074
(435) 882-8532

**New Hope House**
PO Box 1099 • Tooele, UT 84074-1099
Phone: 435-843-5602 Email: nihutah@yahoo.com

New Hope House is a loving and homelike atmosphere for at-risk girls ages 12-17. We are a Teen Challenge program that offers Biblical discipleship and an on-site accredited Christian worldview school. Our goal is to teach our students how to have healthy relationships with family and peers, to have a positive self-image and confidence in Christ, and to be a successful and productive member of society.
Tooele County Chamber of Commerce
Awards and Installation Banquet

You and your guest are cordially invited to attend our annual
Awards and Installation Banquet

Saturday, January 21st, 2017

UMC Legends Hall

Social: 6:30 pm

Dinner & Awards 7:00 pm

Cost is $45 per person or $250 for groups of 6

Limited reserved tables are available—contact Chamber

Please purchase tickets in advance at
www.TooeleChamber.eventbrite.com or

The Chamber Office: 154 South Main Street

RSVP by Wednesday January 11th, 2017

435-882-0690
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Dennys – Carrie
Another Mans Treasure – Pam Mallet
Hildi’s Botique – Hildi
Home Depot – Anthony
After hearing from our wonderful partners in Tooele County, the Tooele County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism has put together a dues pricing package. Our business partners are always welcome to stay and continue to pay membership the way they have always done. This new packaging program offers company to make a one-time payment and be still participate in all the events throughout the year. Please look this over and give the Chamber a call to discuss your options.

**Gold Membership**
- $120- 12 tickets to the luncheon
- $600- You will receive 2 full or 4 half page ads in the Newsletter.
- $800- You will be able to put 4 articles in the Newsletter.
- $1000- Your logo will be on the Chamber of Commerce Webpage.
- $500- Your logo will be on a PowerPoint shown at every luncheon.
- $500- A reserved table of 10 at the Installation Banquet.
- $1150- Two teams at the golf tournament and become a hole sponsor.
- $350- Your company will be able to advertise at the golf tournament free of charge.
- $1275- One team at all the events at the Corporate Games and Sponsorship.
- $1575- Gold Sponsor at the Business Expo.
- Total Value $7870
- Your cost $6000. That is a savings of 31%

**Silver Membership**
- $60- 6 tickets to the luncheon.
- $300- You will receive 1 full or 2 half page adds in the Newsletter.
- $400- You will be able to put 2 articles in the Newsletter.
- $500- Your logo will be on a PowerPoint shown at every luncheon.
- $300- 6 seats at the Installation Banquet.
- $880 Hole sponsorship at the golf tournament.
- $825 One team at 5 events at the corporate games.
- $1275- One team at all the events at the Corporate Games and Sponsorship.
- Total Value $3640
- Your cost $3000. That is a savings of 21%

**Bronze Membership**
- $30- 3 tickets to the luncheon.
- $150 Two quarter page adds or one half page ad in Newsletter.
- $200 You will be able to put one article in the newsletter.
- $350 Your business logo will be shown on PowerPoint at six luncheons.
- $50 You will have 1 seats at the Installation Banquet.
- $350 One team at five events at the corporate games.
- $600 Bronze Sponsorship at the Business Expo.
- Total Value $1755
- Your Cost $1500 that is a savings of 14%
Coloring contest winners

Evelyn Maxfield (5 and under)

Jaxxin Morse (6-10)

I own my community.

Live in it. Shop in it. Thrive in it.