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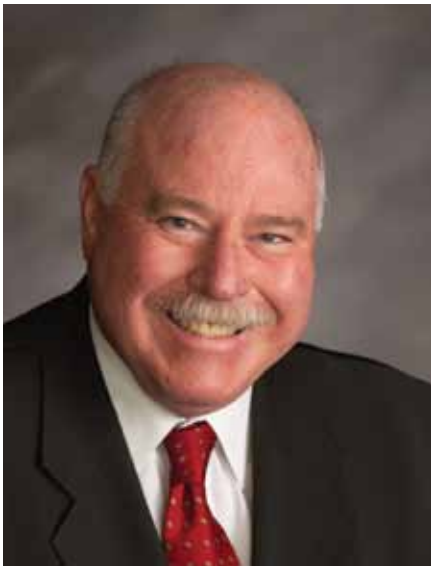


Sandy is a unique community that has a "style" all its own. As you acquaint yourself with this publication, and more importantly as you have the opportunity to experience our community, you will agree that there truly is a *Sandy Style*. Set against the magnificent backdrop of the Wasatch Mountains, this style reflects a commitment to a well-planned, quality community environment. In all my years as a Sandy resident, I am constantly amazed by the beauty and inspiration that Sandy has to offer. It is a community built on progress, leadership, volunteerism and values.

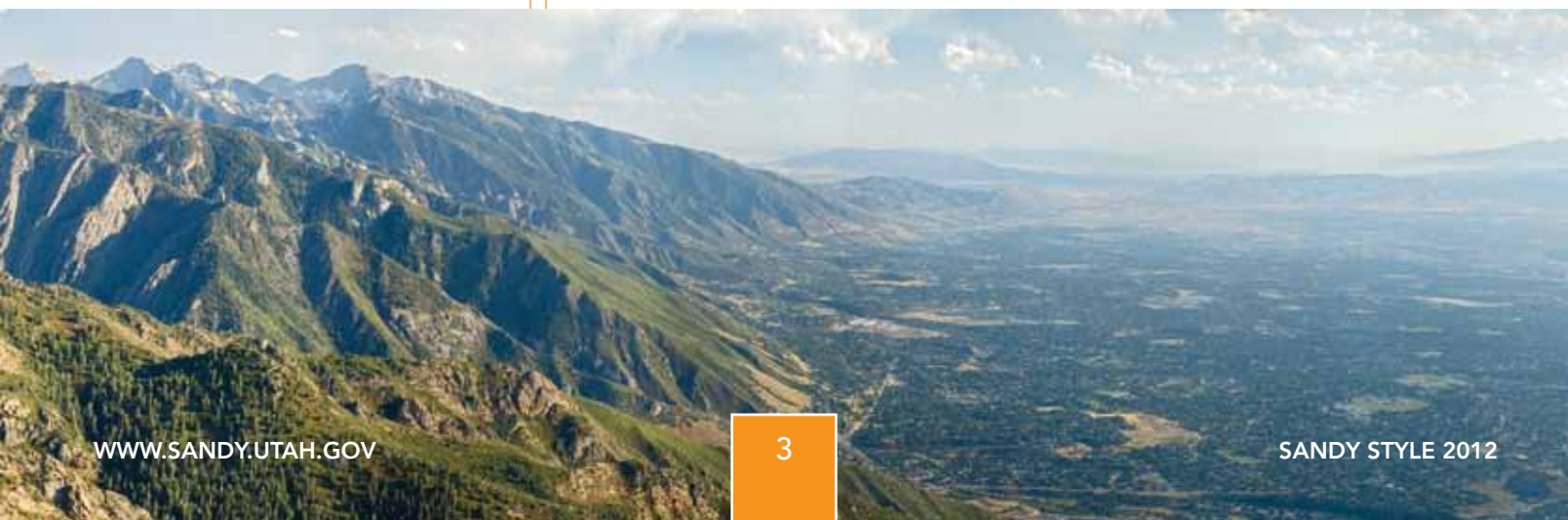
I invite you to experience all that Sandy has to offer. We are touted as the ultimate base camp for the resident or visitor. Each direction you turn offers entertainment, shopping, recreation, beauty and FUN!

Sandy offers a wide variety of amenities no matter the season. With 27 parks, 63 miles of trails and close proximity to four major ski resorts, Sandy is truly the heart of the Wasatch. We are proud of our community and strive to continue making it one of the best in the state. This commitment shows through recent rankings by *Money Magazine* as the 51st "Most Livable City" in the United States.

Accommodating the outdoor enthusiast is only part of Sandy's charm. Sandy's style is also represented in our business community with corporate citizens such as Scheels, BD Medical, E-Trade, Comcast and Oracle. A highly educated and dedicated employee base is within minutes of key Sandy locations creating a true employment center.

Thank you for spending time getting to know Sandy. It is our hope that whether you are visiting, or call Sandy home, you were able to experience the best of *Sandy Style*.

Tom Dolan
Sandy Mayor



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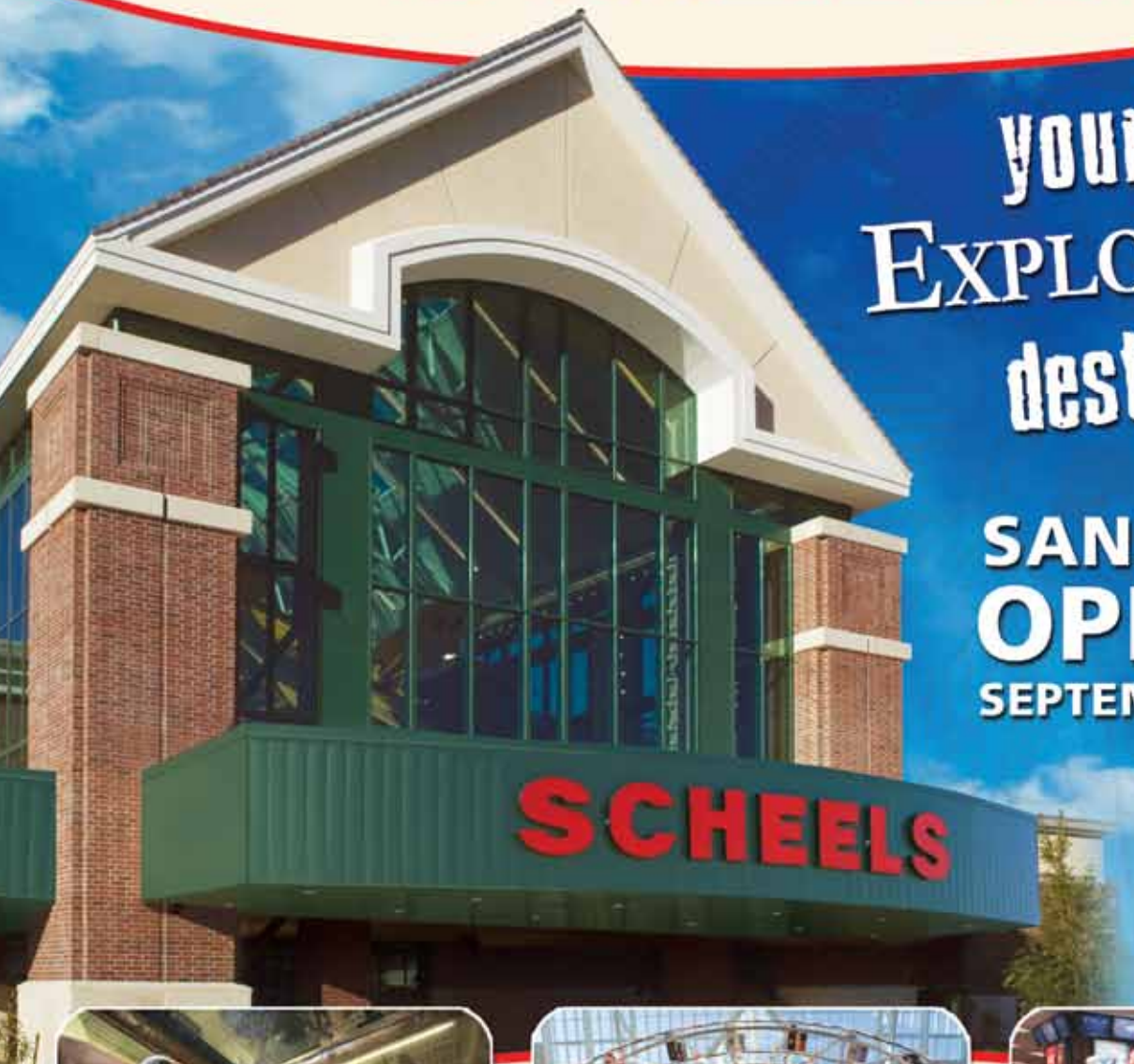

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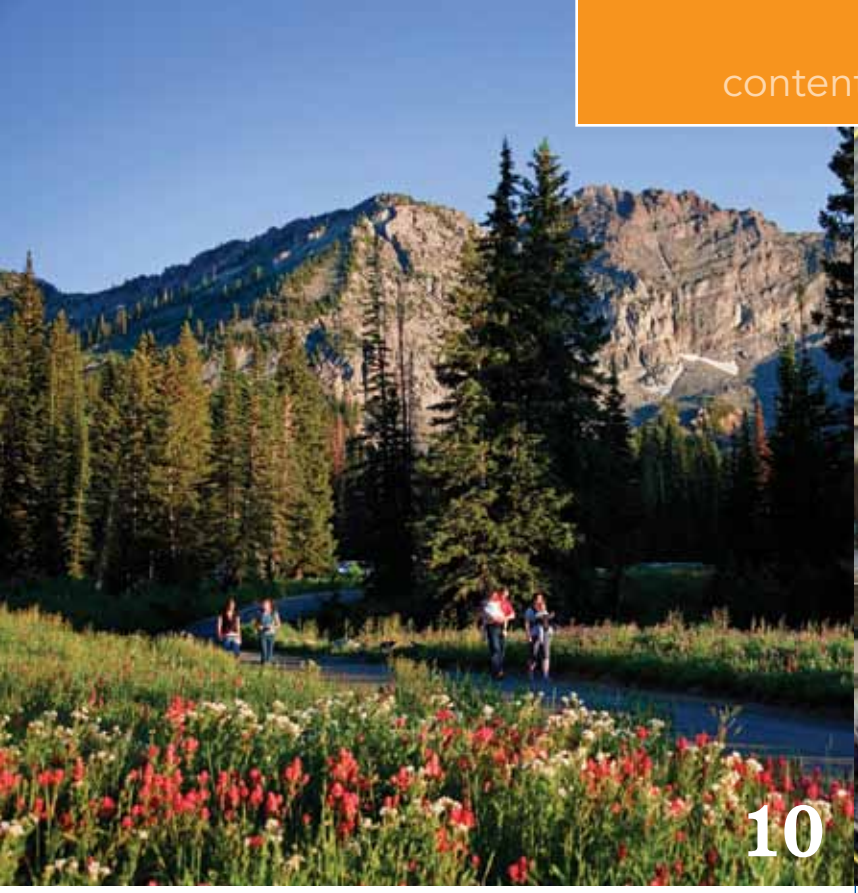

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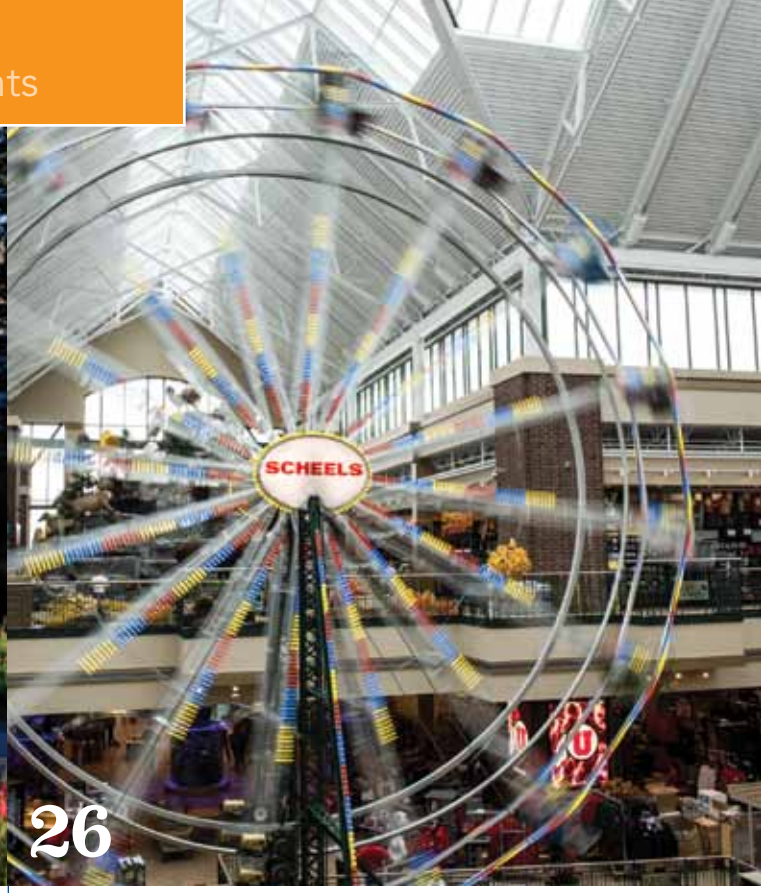

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Working Hand in Hand

Sandy Area Chamber Bringing Businesses Together

By Gaylen Webb

In these difficult economic times, business owners in Sandy may wonder why they should join the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce. The truth is, businesses cannot afford to not join the chamber. The chamber is designed to help businesses grow and prosper. "The chamber is extremely important to our community and has been an integral part of our growth and economic development," says Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan.

A host of training, networking and other perks await both new and existing businesses in Sandy. Stan Parrish, CEO of the Greater Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, groups those benefits into three areas: networking opportunities, advocacy, business and entrepreneurial training.

The Potbelly Stove

"To begin with, we're like a potbelly stove in a general store—a comfortable place where people can gather to talk shop," he says. "We are focused on bringing businesses together through both member and chamber hosted events, such as breakfasts and power lunches, and business-after-hours events, where business leaders can learn or be motivated, network, share ideas and strengthen one another. Truly, the chamber serves as a catalyst for business growth."

It is also a strong advocate for the business community. "We feel advocacy is very important and we intend to be a strong voice for our members, not only at the city level but also in working with the Utah State Legislature and our representatives in Washington. Too often government can overburden businesses with regulations," he explains. "Our goal is to collectively represent the businesses in our community."

At the local level, Parrish says the chamber works closely with Mayor Dolan and the City Council to let them know how Sandy businesses feel about business regulations and ordinances.

Further, because many businesses have diverse interests, Parrish says the chamber seeks to support that diversity and feels a strong responsibility to stand as an advocate for every member. Many chamber members also feel strongly about the role of advocacy and therefore take a great deal of interest in participating on the chamber's advocacy committee.

Business Training

In addition to its role as an advocate, Parrish says the Sandy Chamber serves as the springboard to a variety of business and entrepreneurial training. Members have the opportunity to leverage the chamber's unique partnerships with Zions Bank's Business Resource Center, the Utah Department of Workforce Services and Salt Lake Community College (SLCC), and thus partake of a significant number of training seminars and business counseling services.

"Through the Zions Business Resource Center, we provide free one-on-one business counseling and also support businesses in areas such as legal, accounting, marketing and advertising, entrepreneurial readiness assessments and business plan reviews," he says.

What's more, Parrish is excited about a new series of free seminars devoted to social network marketing—how to drive customers to websites through social media like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. He says the seminars will be put on by local entrepreneur and social media experts.

HR Counseling

In another area of training, the chamber provides access to free human resource counseling. "HR problems are always a concern for small businesses," says Parrish. Thus, the chamber connects businesses with counseling in workforce related areas such as on-the-job training programs, recruitment assistance, hiring issues and associated HR problems.

"This is another collaborative effort supported by the chamber, SLCC, the Zions Bank Business Resource Center and the Department of Workforce Services, he says. Much of the counseling services, as well as seminar and office space, are provided by SLCC at its Larry H. Miller Campus in Sandy.

Ultimately, Parrish says the chamber wants businesses to feel they can grow in Sandy and the services provided by the chamber are designed to facilitate that growth. "I don't know any other city where businesses can receive so many benefits and services at no cost. We are only as good as the people taking advantage of our programs and services."

Parrish hopes members will recognize the opportunities available to them and get involved. "It's not about raising money for the chamber." To area businesses he says: "We don't just want your money, we want you."

Membership

Paid membership in the chamber provides a significant number of benefits that should not be overlooked:

- The opportunity to sit on chamber committees.
- Free listings on the chamber's website.
- The opportunity to participate in strategic relationships.
- A free media package worth thousands of dollars, which includes free advertising with the *Sandy Journal*, free web page development, and advertising with local newspapers via chamber member MediaOne of Utah.
- Free sales training from the Business Performance Group, valued at $1,600.

"It definitely pays to join the Sandy Area Chamber as a dues-paying member. We offer a pretty good return on your $500 investment," Parrish says. "It is my philosophy that businesses should join the chamber because it is a prudent business decision, but also because our community will benefit—directly and indirectly. The distinction we make is that we are a chamber of commerce and not a chamber of events; we are all about helping the businesses in our community to grow and prosper."

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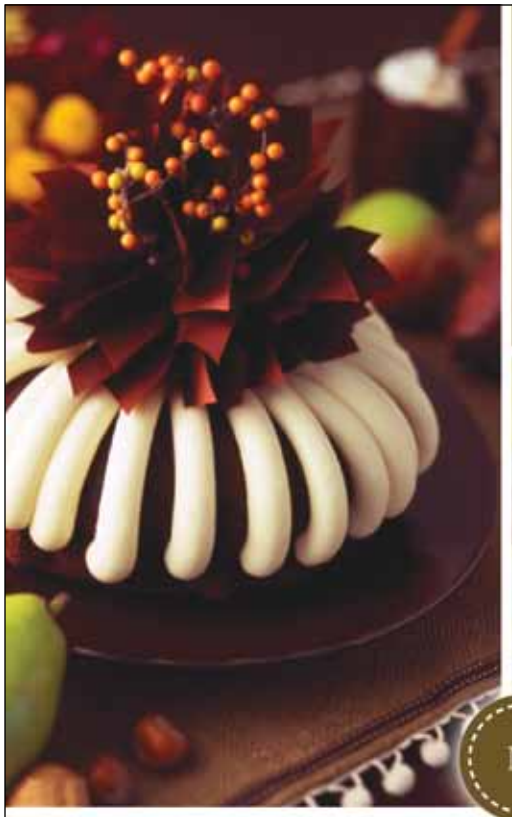

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A Winter

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Whether you want to spend your time skiing, golfing, visiting a world-class museum or shopping, it's all happening in Sandy—the ultimate base camp.

Sandy is conveniently located close to both downtown Salt Lake City and northern Utah County—offering quick access to attractions like Hogle Zoo and Thanksgiving Point. And Sandy is easy to get to from other parts of the state, as the city is centrally located along I-15 and near three major interchanges. Sandy is also a quick 30 minutes from the Salt Lake International Airport, making it a sought-after destination for national and international travelers. Public transportation, too, brings visitors right into the heart of the city. The state's TRAX light-rail system provides stress-free access to Jordan Commons, the South Towne Expo Center and the Rio Tinto Stadium.

Whether you're visiting from out of state or a Utahn enjoying a "staycation," Sandy City offers visitors a breadth of activities to choose from, ranging from world-class museums and cultural venues to world-famous resorts. There is so much to do and see, Sandy has frequently been ranked as one of the nation's best places to live. Sandy is also known for its welcoming community and is one of the nation's safest cities. In the next few pages, read about the many ways to enjoy your stay in Sandy—the ultimate base camp for year-round fun.

Wonderland

Whether You're Seeking Adventure or Relaxation, Sandy Has It

By Sarah Ryther Francom

Are you craving some fresh air? Is the great outdoors calling your name? If so, Sandy City is the perfect place to begin your adventure. Whether you're seeking a white-knuckle excursion or a relaxing weekend getaway, Sandy has it all. Often called the ultimate base camp, Sandy is an all-inclusive destination for whatever outdoor adventure you're craving.

A Winter Adventure Awaits

Located in the heart of Utah's Wasatch Mountains, Sandy is home base for a variety of snow-filled adventures and escapes. And because the city is located within a quick 15-minute drive to Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, you're sure to find the winter getaway you're looking for.

Whether you're visiting from out of state or call Utah home, Sandy is the perfect place to enjoy the winter season. If you're looking for a peaceful day, head outdoors for an afternoon of snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. The city offers a variety of trails where you can get away from it all among the quaking aspens and snow-covered evergreens.

Mill Creek Canyon is one of many favorite local destinations for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Located just a short 20-minute drive from Sandy, the canyon offers nearly five miles of groomed trails. And if you're a challenge seeker, try the non-groomed trail that begins at Porter Fork.

Find your outdoor adventure here.

White-knuckle adventurers can test their nerves in an ice-climbing expedition at the Great White Icicle or Scruffy Band. Located in Little Cottonwood Canyon, these popular climbs will excite beginning and experienced ice climbers alike, and are sure to get your heart pumping.

And just an hour drive from Sandy is the Utah Olympic Park, where you and your family can experience Utah's Olympic history. Take a tour of the competition sites, including the world's highest altitude ski jumps and the sliding track. Or hop on a bobsled and experience a heart-racing ride at up to 80 miles per hour. And if you're new to winter sports, the site offers lessons in ski jumping, luge, skeleton and snowboarding.

Hit the Slopes

What stay in Sandy would be complete without a day at one of Utah's award-winning resorts? Whether you ski, snowboard or want to relax at a luxurious spa, you're minutes away from four world-class ski resorts.

Snowbird Ski Resort

Snowbird Ski Resort is located a quick 15 minutes away by car or bus. The resort offers nearly 900 lodging rooms, a world-class spa and more than 15 restaurants. And whatever you're in the mood for, you'll find it at Snowbird—from extreme snow adventures to fine dining to activities for the little ones.

Hiking and Biking

Sandy is the most centrally located city along the Wasatch Front to access some of the best rock climbing, hiking or biking in the world. Within 15 minutes driving distance from Sandy are both Big and Little Cottonwood canyons, and the surrounding region offers plentiful wilderness terrain. Here are a few recreation areas to highlight:

Little Cottonwood Creek Trail
Out and back, broad single track, intermediate in difficulty. Trail is rocky and steep at times. Distance is 7 miles total.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Draper to Sandy)
One way, or out and back, double track and single track. Trail distance is 3.6 miles. Moderate in difficulty at the beginning; the further north you go, the more technical it gets.

Albion Basin (Little Cottonwood Canyon)
Out and back, gravel and dirt road, about 3 miles each way. Easy to hike or bike.

Snowbird Resort
Lift-served network of trails, including single track, double track, dirt roads. Trail lengths and difficulties vary.

Corner Canyon Area
Numerous great mountain biking and hiking trails are in the Corner Canyon area of Draper, just south of Sandy.

Suncrest Loop Trail (a.k.a. Eagle Crest)
Out and back single track, or create a loop with single track and asphalt road. About 2.9 miles one way; 4.5 mile loop. Intermediate in difficulty.

Oak Vista to Eagle Crest Loop
Single-track, 4.5 mile loop; some asphalt road. Intermediate in difficulty.

Camping

If you arrive in Sandy before the winter chill sets, how about pitching a tent and camping out? Campgrounds are plentiful near Sandy, including these:

Tanner's Flat—4.15 miles from the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon

Albion Basin—10.9 miles from the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon

The Willows—Located along the banks of the Jordan River

Jordan Pines—8.8 miles from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon

Spruces—9.7 miles from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon

Redman—12.7 miles from the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon

Ultimate Base Can

For those eager to hit the slopes, Snowbird features 85 runs through 2,500 acres of skiable terrain. The resort also offers snowmobiling tours at Utah's highest elevated starting point—nearly 11,000 feet. And for the truly adventurous, Snowbird offers heliskiing, which lets you start your day skiing on some of Utah's most exclusive terrain.

If you're seeking a bit of solitude, Snowbird has plenty of backcountry space. The resort also offers guided backcountry tours, from an introduction to backcountry skiing and snowboarding to mountaineering.

If you've got the kids in tow, Snowbird has plenty of fun winter activities that will please your entire family, including snowshoe tours and mountain adventure tours for children ages seven to 15. And if you need a moment to catch your breath, take an aerial tram ride and soak in the majestic mountain views that extend to the Salt Lake Valley. And don't forget to try Snowbird's Alpine Slide and ZipRider.

Alta Ski Resort

Alta Ski Resort is another world-class skiing destination located 15 minutes away from Sandy. Whether you're a beginner or pro, Alta has the terrain to match your experience and skill level. This entire resort is exclusive to skiers, and two-thirds of its terrain is dedicated to beginning and intermediate skiers, which makes Alta the place to visit if you're a first-time skier or have a few youngsters in your group. The resort also offers more than three miles of groomed terrain for cross-country and Nordic skiing.

Looking for an off-trail experience? Alta also offers a unique skiing adventure in the Grizzly Gulch Bowl. This adventure begins when you board the heated cabin of a custom snowcat and ride up to an elevation of 10,500 feet. Your playground is 375 acres of incredible bowl skiing, dropping to an elevation of 9,000 feet.

Solitude and Brighton Resorts

Solitude and Brighton resorts are located just 30 minutes from Sandy, both in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Solitude offers more than 1,200 acres of skiable terrain and boasts 65 trails, three bowls and groomers for every skill level. The resort also contains nearly 13 miles of trails for Nordic skiing for those who prefer flatter terrain.

Brighton Resort is sure to please everyone in your group—from the powderhounds to the novice skiers. It is one of the only mountains that allows friends and families to ride together on the same lift, peel off onto different trails that match their experience level, then meet at the bottom again. The resort also includes terrain parks, where freestyle riders and skiers are challenged by the daily moving features. And kids seven and under ski and ride free.

Top Things to do in Sandy in the Winter

- Learn to snowboard at Snowbird
- Create fresh tracks in waist-deep powder at Alta
- Go backcountry skiing at White Pine
- Strap on the snowshoes in Bell Canyon
- Take a snowmobiling tour at Snowbird
- Cross-country ski at Solitude
- Go sledding or tubing at Eastridge Park
- Catch a movie premier on an IMAX theater at Jordan Commons or Union Heights
- Dine at Tiburon
- Attend the Festival of Trees
- Shop at South Towne Center
- Ride TRAX to see the lights at Temple Square

Photo courtesy Solitude Mountain Resort

Local ski resorts like Alta (top left) and Solitude (right) offer an array of snow-filled adventures.

For the Fun of It

Your Sandy To-do List

By Heather Stewart

Vacation should be more than a few days off of work—a vacation is an opportunity to seek unique experiences and make cherished memories. Whether you've arrived from far away or are enjoying a well-deserved staycation, you'll find incomparable activities and adventures in Sandy City.

From culture to sports to Gentoo penguins, visitors can seek out indulgent experiences or find world-class entertainment on a shoe-string budget. And just about every offering is family friendly and designed to appeal to all ages.

Jordan Commons offers a premier movie experience unmatched by any other theater in the state.

Movies and More

The Megaplex Theatres at Jordan Commons is a great place to start. These theaters provide more than a typical cinema experience, boasting the latest technologies in a clean, comfortable setting.

Jordan Commons is home to Utah's largest IMAX Theatre, at more than 6,000 square feet. The 2D/3D digital theater creates an immersive movie experience with impressive clarity and powerful sound. Several of the theaters at Jordan Commons also feature D-BOX motion seating, which fuses motion and vibration in the seating with the on-screen action, transporting viewers right into the thick of things.

If that is not enough, Jordan Commons just opened the Groove VIP Theatre. This intimate and luxurious theater offers large, comfortable seating that includes recliners, double rockers and love seats. Along with the latest audio and digital technology, the Groove VIP Theatre has an adjacent lounge with a full menu and dedicated wait staff.

The premier movie experience at the theaters is matched only by the adjacent restaurants and food court. On-site restaurants include Cantina Southwestern Grill, Joe's Crab Shack and Ruby River Steakhouse. And the food court encompasses a wide variety of dining options, from fish and chips to pizza to crepes.

"It's more than just your normal concession fare," says Jay Francis, executive vice president of the Larry H. Miller Companies, which owns the theater complex. Francis notes that the variety lets families find just the right option for everyone.

Find events happening today.

The Real Deal

Sandy City is the proud home to a championship-winning major league team, Real Salt Lake. The Major League Soccer team plays in the distinctive Rio Tinto Stadium and attracts sell-out crowds of über-enthusiastic fans who are passionate about the fast-moving soccer action.

Major League Soccer has become a truly world-class sporting event in the United States and Canada. Real Salt Lake officially kicked off in 2005 and quickly wowed fans by winning the MLS 2009 Cup championship in its fifth season. Locals and visitors alike are swept up in the excitement of a Real Salt Lake home game in a stadium that holds up to 20,000 spectators.

The Rio Tinto Stadium also hosts clinics and clubs for children, and it provides a thrilling backdrop for big-name concerts. Recent headliners have included luminaries like Neil Diamond and Paul McCartney.

A World of Water

Utah may be a landlocked desert, but the Living Planet Aquarium is an oasis of watery habitats. The aquarium features three main exhibits—Discover Utah, Ocean Explorer and Journey to South America—which together include nearly 300 species and more than 1,550 animals.

The penguin exhibit is one of the most popular. Visitors can see the small, adorable Gentoo penguins zoom through the water and hop onto the ice with a quick splash. The once-a-day Penguin Encounters lets small groups go behind the scenes to learn more about the penguins and their training.

On the Links in Sandy

River Oaks Golf Course
This city facility is an 18-hole championship course with a driving range that is open year round, a full-service pro shop and a clubhouse that caters to parties, meetings and tournaments.
www.sandy.utah.gov/riveroaks

Pebblebrook Golf Course
A privately owned "public" golf course with 18 holes; also offers a lighted driving range and miniature golf.
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Hidden Valley Country Club
Hidden Valley is a private club that features a clubhouse, a 27-hole course, practice facilities and a golf shop. The course consistently rates among the top 10 in Utah.
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Willow Creek Country Club
Willow Creek is a private club set within 150 acres containing an 18-hole course, a swimming pool and a six-lane bowling center. The course is among the few that have been selected by the PGA to host the Utah Championship Tournament.
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Sandy is home to championship-winning Real Salt Lake.

Photos by Steve Greenwood

Fairly new to the aquarium, the river otters have also proved a big draw. Attendance increased 28 percent after the exhibit opened in early 2012, says Angie Hyde, spokeswoman for the aquarium. The river otter exhibit gives a glimpse into the river habitat so visitors can see the otters dive and swim with graceful fluidity.

Other popular exhibits include the stingray touch pool, the shark tank, a sea turtle and Utah's native fish species.

Warm Summer Nights

The Sandy Amphitheater is a crowning jewel in Sandy's art scene. Attending an outdoor concert at the amphitheater has become a tradition for many local families, and for good reason. The venue is perched on a low foothill, providing gorgeous views of the mountains to the east and the Salt Lake Valley to the west. The setting is perfect for a romantic evening, a fun group outing or a family night out.

The amphitheater has nearly 1,000 theater seats close to the stage with additional lawn chair and blanket seating, for a total capacity of 2,750. With a long summer season, the venue hosts a variety of shows including improv comedy, pop concerts, musicals and classical performances. Recent performers include Olivia Newton John, America and Taylor Swift.

At the height of the summer, the Sandy Amphitheater presents the Annual International Folk Festival showcasing dance and music from around the world. The free event is a perfect opportunity to get out, enjoy the charming venue and take a tour of world cultures.

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From the Living Planet Aquarium (top left) to the Sandy Amphitheater (top right), there's something for everyone.

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Delectable Dining

Embark on a Culinary Adventure in Sandy

By Heather Stewart

No matter what kind of dining experience you are looking for—juicy burgers or a tender filet mignon—you don't need to leave Sandy City to find it. The area's culinary landscape is bursting with an array of flavors and unique settings. Read on to discover just a sampling of the myriad options for tickling your taste buds in Sandy.

Taste of the Southwest

One of the newest dining options in Sandy is Cantina Southwestern Grill, which offers an extensive menu of Southwestern-inspired dishes. Owner Hersh Ipaktchian says the menu is "quite extended" and likely offers the largest variety of dishes among local Mexican and Southwestern restaurants. In addition to standards like tacos and burritos, the grill has flavorful steak and seafood dishes, tasty salads, and Mexican selections like flautas and chimichangas.

As if that is not enough, Cantina boasts an unlimited salsa bar that features seven different salsas, including mango and avocado salsas. This family-oriented restaurant also provides a large kid's menu with dinner options that include an entrée, drink and dessert—all for less than $6.

For adults, Cantina has a full-service bar that specializes in margaritas and, in nice weather, patrons can enjoy their meals on the patio. Cantina Southwestern Grill is located at the Jordan Commons entertainment complex, near the Rio Tinto Stadium and the South Towne Expo Center. Find the full menu at www.cantinasouthwestgrill.com.

Classic French in a Mountain Setting

Set on 20 acres in the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, La Caille combines a lush ambiance with perfectly executed classical French cuisine. For nearly four decades, La Caille has been the premiere destination in Utah for special occasions due to its tranquil gardens and vineyard, as well as the charming stone chateau that houses the restaurant.

At the beginning of 2012, La Caille acquired a new executive chef, Brandon Howard, who has revamped and modernized the menu "in a classical sense." He explains, "I wanted to bring it back to that classical, country French food that was exemplified by Julia Child and Jacques Pepin."

Howard recommends trying the poached egg appetizer that is accompanied by black truffles and polenta quenelle. For an entrée, he says diners can't go wrong with the chateaubriand. "It's our most signature dish…the tenderloin just melts in your mouth."

The response to the new menu has been overwhelmingly positive. Locals are taking a new look at the iconic restaurant,

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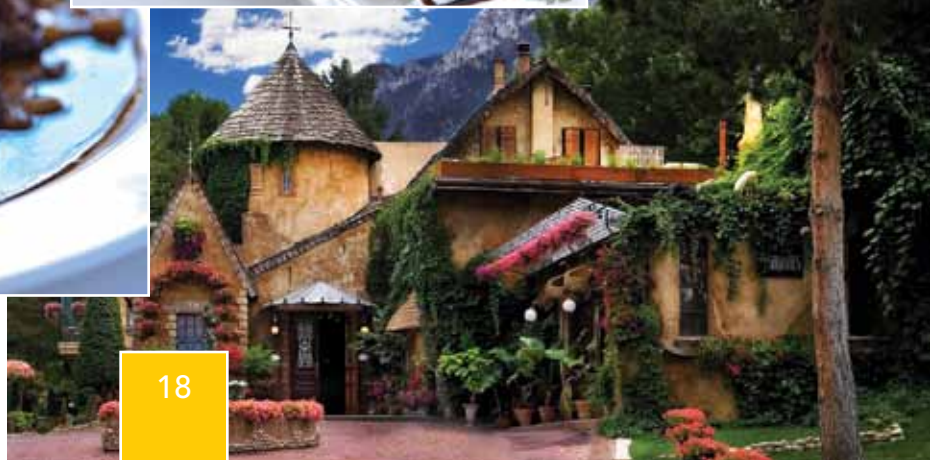
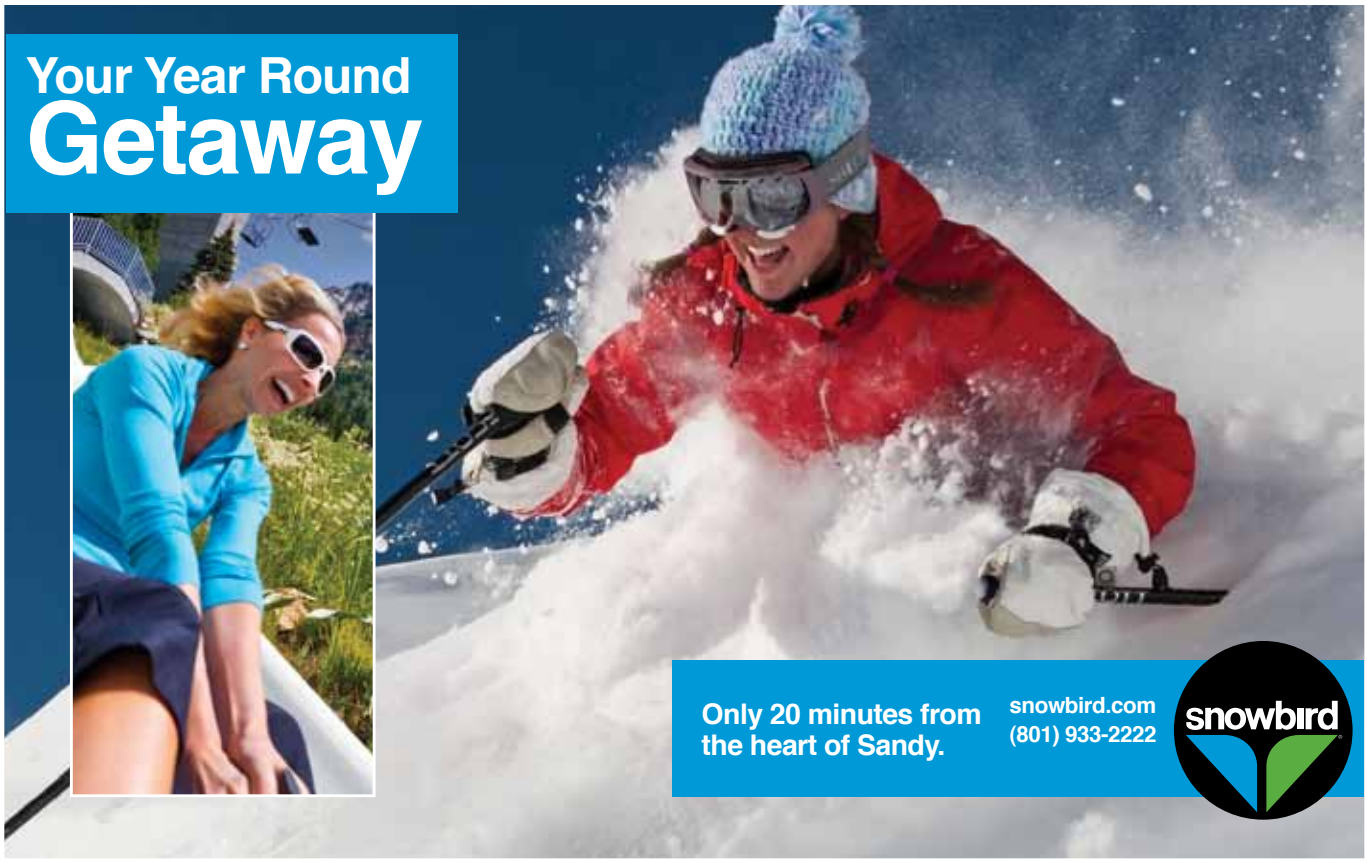


La Caille serves up classic French country cusine in a beautiful garden setting.



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and Howard says, "National and international visitors are just blown away that this quality of food is here in Utah."

Some things about La Caille will never change, like the beautiful gardens that are a sanctuary for local wildlife and the restaurant's signature peacocks. But with an entirely new menu, Howard says, "If you haven't been to La Caille lately, you haven't been to La Caille at all."

Big-City Fine Dining

The fine dining options in Sandy rank among the best in the state. The city's upscale establishments rival any that can be found in downtown Salt Lake City—or in the greater Mountain West region.

Tiburon Fine Dining, for example, boasts award-winning cuisine in an elegant atmosphere. Tiburon's house specialty is a Rocky Mountain elk tenderloin that is served with a creamy mushroom green peppercorn demi-glace. Other tempting favorites include a locally sourced lamb tenderloin served with a blueberry reduction or ribeye paired with a gorgonzola cream sauce.

Tiburon also offers an extensive and eclectic wine selection. Visit www.tiburonfinedining.com for more information.

Carvers is another fine dining establishment that has made a name for itself in Sandy. The restaurant serves up a range of seafood and steak entrées, such as coconut-encrusted halibut, crab-stuffed salmon or Maine lobster. The stuffed filet mignon is wrapped in bacon and filled with blue cheese mushroom stuffing.

Carvers' dessert menu also covers a large territory, with offerings like a chocolate torte served with raspberry sauce, crème brulee or raspberry vanilla bread pudding. Carvers has a comprehensive beer and wine list, along with a full-service bar. Find the full menu at http://carversutah.com.

Locally Grown Favorites

Johanna's Kitchen

Home-style comfort food—and lots of it! Check out the famous biscuits and gravy at this greasy-spoon diner that attracts crowds of skiers on cold winter weekends.
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Britton's

An extensive breakfast menu includes specialties such as garbage hash—hash browns mixed with veggies, ham, bacon, and a generous topping of cheese and eggs—and the lunch menu features home-cooked favorites like meatloaf or grilled pork chops.
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Cy's Market

A well-kept local secret, this unassuming market is packed with fresh produce—much of it grown on an adjacent farm—as well as many locally made foods. At lunchtime, the market offers tasty sandwiches, soup and salads.
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Cantina Southwestern Grill offers an extensive and varied menu of southwestern-inspired dishes.

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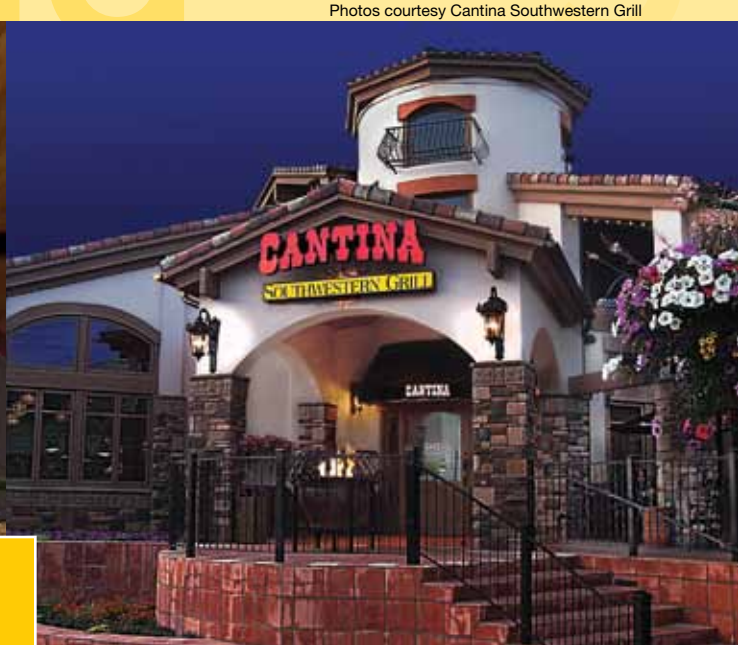

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Community in Concert

Discover the Sandy Arts Scene

By Pamela M. Olson

On a recent warm summer night in Sandy, the crowds gathered en masse at the Sandy Amphitheatre for one of the season's best pastimes: the summer concert. Packing picnics or chowing down steak sandwiches with freshly cut fries from the concessions, locals watched ARRIVAL from Sweden, an ABBA cover band, belt out hit after hit with a fittingly colorful 70s-style sunset as a backdrop. Every seat and patch of lawn was occupied with people of all ages, as it is for most shows at the amphitheater. But live pop concerts are only one of the many choices available to arts-seekers on the Sandy scene. From world-class dance to youth arts programs, Sandy City's arts scene continues to thrive and offer memorable experiences.

Photo by Brandon Flint

Twenty-Five Years of Arts

"The arts scene in Sandy is very vibrant," says Steven Ireland, marketing and development specialist for the Sandy Arts Guild, the largest arts organization in Sandy City. Since 1987, the guild has grown to support programming spanning all arts endeavors, from a youth theater program to a juried visual arts show to music festivals.

On the stage, the guild produces an average of three theatrical performances per year attracting thousands of attendees and involving hundreds of local actors and supporting talents. Classics like *Beauty & the Beast*, *Ragtime*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Aida* have been performed. "[*Aida*] is our most diverse attraction," says Ireland. "We try to get as many people involved in casting as we can."

With the help of numerous grants, fundraisers and Salt Lake County's Zoo, Arts and Parks program, the Guild accomplishes its stated mission to bring "special community and artistic experiences to the residents of Sandy and the Salt Lake Valley," something that, with all of its supporting organizations, the guild does well.

A Community of Performers

The strength of the Sandy arts, one embraced by Sandy City, is the strength in community. This is one reason Teresa Leavitt serves on the board of the Mountain West Ballet. "I danced when I was younger and I have a daughter who also enjoys ballet," she says. "It's something my daughter and I can share, but it's really about being part of the community. I believe that no matter where you decide to give, you get so much more out of the experience than you give."

Leavitt is part of an all-volunteer board working with a paid and volunteer, part-time artistic staff made up of dedicated instructors and choreographers who also run their own dance studios or teach at university programs. "It's a big collaborative effort," Leavitt says.

Sandy's art scene is vibrant. From shows like *Aida* (left) to Mountain West Ballet (right), there's something for all to enjoy.

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The mission of the ballet is to preserve and share ballet, but also to provide performance opportunities to aspiring dancers. Leavitt says that while dancers in the principal roles are paid, most cast members are volunteers, including dancers from some 25 different schools, colleges and universities. But what makes the ballet truly special is that each dancer gets a chance to perform. "Everyone who auditions gets to dance," Leavitt says, noting that the choreographers strive to give each dancer a part, no matter how small.

The company produces two major shows per year: *The Nutcracker* and a spring show, which in 2012 was *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, performed at the Sandy Amphitheater. *The Nutcracker*, of course, is a holiday favorite and the Mountain West Ballet performances, held in the Mt. Jordan Middle School Theater, have become a beloved tradition for Sandy residents, as well as an affordable holiday experience enjoyed by all. With numerous performances each season, thousands of people have the opportunity to enjoy and participate in the show.

Leavitt says accessible, quality productions are only part of the ballet's mission. "Our outreach programs are my personal favorite when it comes to the ballet experience." Leavitt explains that more than 3,000 elementary school-age kids are also treated to performances that teach about the fundamentals of stage production, including the importance of costuming and lighting. "Kids can see what change in lighting does, changing a hero into a villain," she says. "After these shows, after their first chance to see anything like this, you can see a spark in the kids' eyes."

Artistic Foundations

For decades, numerous organizations have been fostering arts in the Sandy community, inspiring involvement in people of all ages and backgrounds. In addition to ballet and theater, the city boasts the American West Symphony, founded in 1988. Under the direction of Joel Rosenberg, the orchestra performs an average of 13 concerts per year, but according to Chairwoman of the Board Charlotte Jordan, the symphony does much more than entertain.

"The role of the community orchestra has changed because of the economy," Jordan says. "We do so much more than we did in the past and fulfill a need," she adds, citing outreach, education, mentorship and music competitions as examples. "The symphony provides a good value."

Jordan began as a volunteer only a year ago. Now a fierce advocate for the symphony and all of Sandy's arts programs, and as a member of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce, she is working to increase funding through business-arts partnerships. She wants local businesses to become enthusiastic about the arts and to "give where they live" to support artistic endeavors in their own community. "It's amazing how much talent is here!" she says.

Indeed, locals can find plenty of inspiring performances, visual arts shows and chances to find hidden talents of their own at venues throughout Sandy, the arts capital of South Valley.

Photo courtesy Mountain West Ballet

For more information:

Mountain West Ballet
www.mountainwestballet.org

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Shop 'Til You Drop

Sandy City Offers Great Shopping Options

By Hilary Ingoldsby Whitesides

Think you have to go to Salt Lake City or Park City to find great shopping? Think again. If you're looking for diversity that ranges from upscale stores to unique mom-and-pop shops as well as big box stores and great deals, look no further than Sandy City.

Choice and Convenience

Sandy City is proud to offer easy access to great shopping. Not only is parking free throughout the city, making shopping trips more cost-effective and stress-free, but many stores are within walking distance of four convient TRAX light rail public transit.

Shopping centers also provide family amenities, making shopping easier and more comfortable than ever. "South Towne Center offers a wide array of family amenities including a carousel, mini train, a free kids play area and family restrooms that include a nursing room. These amenities make shopping easy and enjoyable for the entire family," says Alicia Rutledge, South Towne marketing manager.

Nothing is more impressive, however, than the wide array of shopping itself. "Sandy is becoming the 'downtown' for the south end of the valley," says Stan Parrish, president of the Sandy Chamber of Commerce.

At the South Towne Center—Sandy's premier shopping mall—patrons can shop at national retailers and local shops alike. National stores range from stores such as Macy's, Vans, Zumiez, Buckle, Gymboree and Eddie Bauer to department stores such as REI, JCPenney and Dillards. No matter what you're looking for, you're likely to find it at South Towne.

South Towne Mall brings a convenient shopping experience to Sandy, mixing local and national retailers, making it easy to find what you need.

Locally owned stores add variety and create a unique shopping experience as well. Sun Stop Sunglasses is your one-stop shop for designer sunglasses. Stores like Bohme, Chic Belle, Pink Petal, Head Over Heels and Justify'D offer fashion, apparel and accessory options you can't find anywhere else. At Vinyl 4 Décor 'n More, shoppers can choose among custom home décor accents and pre-cast vinyl lettering. With so many great shops in just one place, South Towne Center has something for everyone.

And that's not all. Shopping centers such as Union Square, Sandy Village and Little Cottonwood Shopping Center (just to name a few) make it so you never have to travel very far to get what you need.

Local and Unique

If a mall isn't your style, Sandy has a variety of local stores bound to please any shopper. At Lil' Raskals Boutique, shoppers can find a wide variety of children and baby clothing and accessories. Seasons Boutique offers fashionable clothing and accessory choices for women. And if you have a sweet tooth, Nothing Bundt Cakes and Sweetest Confessions are local spots bound to satisfy.

For the outdoor or sports enthusiast, Sandy was happy to welcome Scheels in September. Described as a combination of Cabela's, Nordstrom and Dick's Sporting Goods, Scheels has 220,000 square feet of space, a Ferris wheel and two large salt water aquariums, and provides a shopping experience like no other.

"Sandy is an easy place to shop because of the convenience, more than adequate parking with no cost, and all of the opportunities you want. From high-end, high-fashion to discount and factory outlet stores to unique mom-and-pop stores, with a good mix of big-box stores and an auto mall, Sandy has it all," Parrish says.

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More than Just a Store, Scheels Offers a Unique Take on Sporting and Recreation

by John Coon
Photography by Brandon Flint

Shopping in a sporting goods store will never feel the same once you set foot inside Scheels, a mega-retailer that is unlike any other sporting goods store.

Few retail establishments in the world house a Ferris wheel and offer rides to shoppers for just $1 apiece. It is hard to find another store that greets customers with a 16,000-gallon aquarium, fully stocked with a wide variety of tropical fish. Or one that offers everything from hunting and golf simulators to a restaurant serving cuisine created from wild game.

All of these things are trademark offerings from Scheels, and they make each store a huge draw in the community where it is built. That's one reason why Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan and other city officials battled so hard to introduce Scheels to Utah with a new store in Sandy.

Scheels plans to be the one-stop shop for outdoor enthusiasts. A wildlife mountain, full service-bike shop, golf simulator and analyzer, and salt water aquarium are just a few of the things Scheels has to offer.

Something for Everyone

Frederick A. Scheel built his first store, which offered hardware and general merchandise, in 1902. More than a century later, Scheels operates 23 stores in eight states. The newest store in Sandy features the same unique amenities that Scheels has made a fixture in its other stores.

Special attractions include a 65-foot tall Ferris wheel, a 16,000-gallon saltwater aquarium and a 35-foot tall wildlife mountain. The Ferris wheel rises within 20 feet of the store roof and riders can enjoy views of the Wasatch Mountains outside the store. The aquarium, located at the main store entrance, is 42 feet long, 14 feet tall and eight feet wide. It is serviced by a pump room that circulates the water four times per hour. And shoppers can enjoy a closer look at more than 300 stuffed wild animal species that dot the wildlife mountain.

Multiple sports simulators give customers the chance to test their skills in sports ranging from soccer to basketball. A golf simulator lets golfers test themselves on a simulation of any course in the world. Hunters can enjoy shooting galleries and a Buck Hunter shooting simulator.

History also comes alive in the store. Near the escalators and elevators, shoppers encounter fully animated facsimiles of U.S. presidents that offer up speeches whenever a person draws near. They can also learn about U.S. presidential history when they take a tour through the "Walk of Presidents," which features life-size replicas of notable presidents from George Washington to Ronald Reagan.

No trip to Scheels is complete without checking out Gramma Ginna's Deli and Fudge Shop, where customers can enjoy a variety of gourmet soups and sandwiches. They can also sample 24 flavors of homemade fudge and 18 flavors of gelato. The biggest highlight, however, is the chance to taste exotic dishes from wild game like elk or ostriches.

Scheels works hard to set itself apart from all other stores in the sporting goods market, creating a one-of-a-kind experience for visitors. Scheels CEO Steve Scheel has pulled out all the stops to create a place that appeals to all people—regardless of gender or age.

"He wanted to make sure we had something for everyone in the family," says Karen Jones, manager for Scheels in Sandy. "And so we cater to children. We cater to women. We cater to men. We cater to all ages. And we want to entertain them while they are here. And it's worked. It's a fun place to be. With all the skylights and the sun shining in, the environment is just a pleasing place to even work."

Building Community

The new Scheels is providing an instant economic boost to Sandy. "It was very important to us to bring Scheels here," Dolan says. "It anchors a huge new retail development for our community. We worked for 15 years to get the 114th South interchange created. It's proven now, with it opening, that we have a viable new retail development area that was sitting vacant for years."

Dolan says Scheels is projected to bring in more than $100 million per year in retail sales. That will mean at least $1 million per year in new sales taxes for Sandy.

The 220,000-square-foot store will add more than 500 new full-time and part-time jobs to the local job market. Scheels will also anchor a new retail center near the 11400 South interchange at Interstate 15. Dolan expects that it will turn the area into a thriving shopping district in a few short years and help to reshape the city.

"Because of its location, it's a catalyst for development between 11000 South and 11400 South," Dolan says. "There will be a number of new restaurants that are not in the state of Utah that will be locating near there. Other businesses will be relocating with them because they draw approximately three million people per year to their stores."

Setting down roots in Sandy is also a winning proposition for Scheels. It is not a corporation that makes a habit of randomly expanding into new markets. Careful planning goes into selecting a new store location.

Jones says the corporate office spent 12 years scouting out Salt Lake County before settling on a location that fit the store's needs. In the end, Scheels chose Sandy over Boise, Idaho, to build its next store because everything fell into place.

"We never intend to come into a community for a short run," Jones says. "We built this store for 100 years. These stores are not just thrown up shacks. It takes 18 to 24 months to build a building like this. So our intent is to be here for a very long time."

Expanding into Utah was a natural choice for Scheels. Finding a state with a strong outdoors identity was important. Utah fit the bill with its close proximity to the Wasatch Mountains. The state is also a perfect match for a corporate culture that emphasizes a family atmosphere among employees and believes in giving back to the local community.

Scheels wastes no time filling a role as a community partner. Store employees volunteer hundreds of hours each year lending their time and energy to community service projects. Additionally, each store gives back more than 10 percent of its net profits to local charities and nonprofit organizations.

Before it opened its doors in late September, Scheels employees were doing their part to help the Sandy community. This meant putting in new landscaping at Lone Peak Park and building, in a few short weeks, a new walking trail that city planners anticipated taking two years to complete. It also meant doing everything from volunteering to tutor local children to helping the homeless.

Scheels: What's Inside?

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- Brand names like Nike, adidas, Columbia, Under Armour, North Face and more
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- Camping and paddle shop
- Fishing center
- Youth shop and play area with mini climbing wall, tunnels and a slide
- Home décor and gift shop with outdoor-themed items
- Service shop for bikes, skates, skis and boards, and more
- Largest selection of guns in the state
- Nostalgic shooting gallery
- Five-sport simulator
- 16-car Ferris wheel
- Mini bowling
- Restaurant and fudge shop
- 16,000-gallon salt water aquarium
- Wildlife mountain with taxidermy displays

"We have an impact on the community by just being a part of it," Jones says. "We plan to be here for a very long time. We're not just coming in and taking advantage. I believe we're sincerely wanting to be a positive influence on the community."

It is a philosophy that appeals to Sandy. Dolan says he wants to build a partnership with all businesses that choose to set up shop in Sandy. These companies are investing millions of dollars into the city and he wants to ensure they feel welcome when they come to Utah.

"When we have businesses come into the community and invest in the community, we also like them to be partners with the community," Dolan says.

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Faces of Sandy

People Making a Difference in the Community They Love

By Di Lewis

Doyle Smith

A Local Resident Committed to Sandy

When you live, work and play in a city, it's inevitable that you'll fall in love with it. Just ask Doyle Smith. Not only has Smith lived in Sandy for two decades, he has been involved in the community for just as long.

One of Smith's favorite things about Sandy is "it's just a great city for service." He enjoys that residents are willing to pitch in and help each other out. And as much as he sings the praises of neighbors and other service-minded people in Sandy, Smith doesn't brag about the reason he knows everyone at a service project—it's because he's one of city's most dedicated volunteers.

Smith was the 2009 president of the Rotary Club of Sandy, a service-based organization. During that year, the Rotary Club won the city's appreciation award for Outstanding Organization of the Year.

Under his leadership, the club delivered dictionaries to third graders throughout the city; hosted a soccer festival for Sandy residents; hosted a soccer clinic for the kids at The Sandy Club: A Safe Place for Boys & Girls; sponsored three students in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program; and delivered medical equipment and supplies to Sandy's sister city of Piedras Negras, Mexico.

"Between the Rotary Club and the Exchange Club, we work quite well with the city. They have a lot of projects and events," he says, noting that he enjoys helping the city with park cleanups and working with the Boys and Girls Club.

In addition to his many hours of service in the city, Smith is also involved in the business community, both working in Sandy and as the Chair Elect for 2013 of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce.

As vice president and branch manager of Zions Bank, Smith is well acquainted with the business-friendly environment the city fosters. "They really do what's needed to attract businesses to the city," Smith says, when talking about Sandy officials.

By keeping taxes low, he says Sandy has become a city of growth, particularly under Mayor Tom Dolan's vision for a business-friendly community. Dolan's guidance has been the driving force, but he wouldn't have gotten as much done without the support of the city council and other Sandy officials.

"I'm really impressed with the unity with which the council works with the mayor and the city administration," Smith says. The council members "have a broad perspective, but when they come to decisions they stand in unity." He says the more he sees what goes on in other cities, he is glad the council members can disagree but still get along.

And as a resident, he says Sandy officials have done a good job of planning the city, mixing business and residential without either encroaching on the other. Sandy offers many services and is a great place to live, Smith says.

Whether it's for business, family or community, Smith says there are few places as nice as Sandy. His many years of involvement in the city and service for others just show how much Smith wants to give back to the city he loves.

"Whether it's for business, family or community, there are few places as nice as Sandy."

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Greg Miller

A Business Giant Devoted to Building Sandy

It's only natural that Greg Miller loves Sandy. "I was raised in Sandy, my wife Heidi and I are raising our family here, and many of our businesses are here," says Miller, CEO of the Larry H. Miller Group of Companies (LHM).

Miller is building on a legacy of involvement in the city that his father began. Larry H. Miller built the company that bears his name and headquartered it in the city in which he and his family lived. After joining the management team in 2005 and becoming CEO in 2008, Greg Miller has carried on the company's growth and commitment to Sandy City through business development and charitable work.

Because the corporate headquarters are in Sandy, Miller has made an effort to keep the company involved in local business and community events. Having a member of the LHM's advisory board on the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has helped the group become more involved in local events and business functions, he says.

Photo by Eric Delphenich

"I was raised in Sandy, my wife Heidi and I are raising our family here, and many of our businesses are here."

Not only does Miller donate through the Miller organization, but he encourages employees to give back to the communities in which they work as well. And a local businessman says most people don't realize that Miller and his wife anonymously donate tens of thousands of dollars to people and organizations throughout the city and state.

Miller says one of the most significant aspects of the job is the ability to give back. "That can come through the creation of quality jobs. It can come through opportunities to learn and grow individually. It can come through philanthropic activities."

Perhaps one of the largest charitable contributions to the city is the Larry H. Miller Entrepreneurship Training Center, on the Miller Campus of Salt Lake Community College in Sandy. The Miller Business Resource Center and Miller Business Innovation Center encourages entrepreneurs and startups to help build the entrepreneurial community and spirit that Miller and his family have demonstrated. In 2006, SLCC also dedicated the Larry and Gail Miller Public Safety Education & Training Center.

These donations to education and a pioneering spirit in business are just a few of the many ways in which Miller has helped build and sustain Sandy City.

The LHM businesses are also an invaluable part of the city's business environment. In addition to the company headquarters, Sandy is home to the Jordan Commons Megaplex Theatre, with 19 screens, diverse food court and a luxury VIP lounge and private theatre. Several high-quality restaurants are in the Jordan Commons complex.

The Southtowne Automall is a set of 13 dealerships in Sandy run by LHM Group. The automall has cars for almost everyone with new and used cars in a variety of makes and models.

The Miller Group has put down deep roots in Sandy and it's clear Greg Miller is saying they're here to stay. Improvements to the Megaplex and continued business expansion are measurable ways Miller has built Sandy, but perhaps even more important are the many invisible contributions he and his family have made, which tie the fabric of the city together.

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Paul Swenson

Living the American Dream in Sandy

Paul Swenson never stops moving.

At the same time as he brings water to employees spray painting a grid on the Sandy City Hall lawn, he's calling his wife to arrange a drop off of dress clothes for a political luncheon and making sure the grid doesn't go too close to buried utility lines.

Swenson is friendly and energetic, which might be why he likes living and owning a business in Sandy so much. He sees those qualities reflected in other Sandy residents and government officials. Though he's lived abroad, traveled extensively and married a Scottish woman, the Colonial Flag president says he keeps coming back to Sandy because it's a good place to do business and he loves the mountains.

"I live a few blocks from work, can go to Vegas or Boise in an instant or take a break and go sit and have lunch in the mouth of the canyon and look at the cliffs. And it's stable and crime free," Swenson says, explaining his love for Sandy.

His family ties go far back too. Swenson said his great grandfather emigrated from Sweden in the late 1800s, arriving late at night in Salt Lake. He and his wife were supposed to stay with family friends in Sandy, and, following the instructions of a local, walked all night along the train tracks, finally arriving in the city the next morning.

"We're a Sandy company, we're a Utah company, we're a regional company and an American company."

Photo by Brandon Flint

Swenson's parents also got engaged at a now-gone dance hall at 10600 South and State Street in the early 1950s. The city holds a lot of fond memories and family history.

But it's not just great views and sentiment that keep Swenson in Sandy. "The business climate has been one of growth and organized planning so that businesses have flourished here. Sandy is a great place to be an entrepreneur," he says.

"The guided smart growth that Sandy's experienced since we've been in business, guided by the mayor, has been good." He says he doesn't always agree with government officials, but they are always helpful and aware that business owners are people. For example, if something doesn't meet city code, he says, "They don't slap me with a ticket, they give me a call."

Getting the business-friendly benefits are nice, but Swenson is also dedicated to giving back to his community. Colonial Flag donates small flags to the Rotary Club to distribute to kids at the annual Fourth of July parade. They also put on the Healing Field display at the Sandy City Hall commemorating soldiers who've died and those who were killed during the Sept. 11 attacks.

Healing Field has become such a part of the city that when Swenson decided to take a year break after setting up 3,000 flags for the 10th anniversary of the attacks, local residents didn't give him the chance. He said he got so many calls about volunteering to set it up that he knew he couldn't skip a year.

Swenson says that volunteering and helpful spirit is one of the many things he loves about his community. It encourages more people to give back and continues to build the kind of city he wants to live and work in for years to come.

"We're a Sandy company, we're a Utah company, we're a regional company and an American company," Swenson says.

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Global Connections

Sandy and Its Sister Cities Build Long-Lasting Relationships

By Peri Kinder

It's been nearly 60 years since Dwight D. Eisenhower founded Sister Cities International, creating a network to unite business and political leaders, educators, youth and volunteers across 136 countries. Eisenhower's vision was to promote peace through a mutually beneficial global connection, impacting the lives of all those involved with the Sister Cities program.

For 10 years, Sandy City and its two sister cities, Piedras Negras in Mexico and Riesa in Germany, have enjoyed a relationship of true friendship, creating a cultural exchange between residents in all three cities.

Since the partnerships were formed in 2002, several representatives have traveled between the cities, bringing aid when needed, sharing arts programs and studying the diverse economic communities.

Piedras Negras, Mexico

Just across the Rio Grande River, near Eagle Pass, Tex., Piedras Negras is a busy crossroads between nations. Known for its mining industry and Old Mexico atmosphere, the city is also the legendary birthplace of the "nacho." Each October the town holds a three-day International Nacho Festival to celebrate bar owner Ignacio (Nacho) Anaya's contribution to Mexican culture.

Though it's a beautiful town rich with history, Piedras Negras is overrun with crime, natural disasters and poverty. Drug cartels have gained increasing control over border cities, and Piedras Negras is no exception. Additionally, a deadly flash flood in 2004 devastated the city, washing away hundreds of homes and killing dozens. A lethal tornado hit the area in 2007 and, in 2010, Hurricane Alex unleashed its fury on the city's residents.

Although Piedras Negras didn't become an official Sister City with Sandy until 2002, humanitarian efforts have been going on between Rotary Clubs in Utah and Mexico since 1988. The first project in Piedras Negras was the donation of an ambulance filled with medical supplies to help the people in the community.

Chris McCandless, Sandy City Council Sister City liaison, has worked with the Mexican city since the late '80s and helped organize dozens of projects to assist the residents of Piedras Negras.

"This relationship gives us an ability to serve, an ability to understand and appreciate what we have," McCandless says. "We get to meet wonderful people and provide a service they would not ordinarily have. There are not a lot of options for the poor people of the city. We're helping one person at a time, and then helping another person. When a call comes, it doesn't take much effort to arrange supplies or money."

Sandy City, with the help of the Sandy and Fort Union Midvale Rotary Clubs, and the Sandy Ridge Community Church, has provided a total of three ambulances, one fire truck, seven truckloads of medical equipment, hearing aids

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Mexico

Governor Gary Herbert signs a proclamation of friendship with a delegation that visited in April 2012. Sandy City donated a fire truck to Piedras Negras.

for adults and children, a Sub for Santa and fire-fighting equipment to Piedras Negras. And the organizations helped build and supply a children's wing at the local hospital—along with providing aid during the city's several natural disasters.

Unemployment in the area is as high as 30 percent, and most children don't get more than a junior high school education because families can't afford the $200 per year it costs for the city's higher education. However, the Piedras Negras Rotary Club started a scholarship program so students can receive financial aid, repay the loan and help the next group of students.

Recently, dignitaries from Piedras Negras visited Sandy City and were given the royal treatment as they attended a Real soccer game, toured Park City, shopped at City Creek and met with Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert, who signed a friendship proclamation.

"[Piedras Negras] needs economic development that's not crime related," McCandless says. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for those who live down there and fight the fight to protect their family. People here sit back and make judgments, but try living life a day in their shoes."

Riesa, Germany

While the relationship with Piedgras Negras is a more humanitarian effort, the Sister City alliance with Riesa, Germany, is a cultural exchange where Sandy City and Riesa share a connection through business, entertainment and the arts.

Located next to the Elbe River, Riesa is a small, industrial town, heavily invested in its sports and arts programs. The city is a successful industrial location specializing in steel production, electronics, food production and metalworks.

"Sandy City is more service-oriented, we have very little industrial business in our community," Sandy City Communications Manager Trina Duerksen says. "Residents of Riesa have come to Sandy to do job shadowing, talking to bankers and tech schools."

In 2003, Sandy Mayor Tom Dolan led a delegation to Riesa and made a return visit in 2005 when the Sandy City staff competed in a boat race during the Dragon Boat Festival.

"The city is beautiful. Germany is unlike any place in the United States. It's timeless. We learned a lot about WWII since Riesa was part of East Germany," Duerksen says. "People are warm, generous and very polite. When you stay in someone's home as a guest, it becomes a very personal experience."

The Blaeserensemble in Riesa, an ensemble of young musicians, has visited and performed in Sandy twice and, for the first time, Sandy City sent performing arts groups to Germany. The American West Symphony and the Sandy Arts Guild performed for Riesa's residents in the fall of 2012.

When Riesa sends delegates to Sandy, they are fascinated with the culture of the West. Cowboys, horses, the mountains and the idea of the "Wild West" are intriguing to the visitors. They especially love touring the Olympic venues since they also made a bid to host an Olympic Games.

Duerksen says interacting with residents of the German town reinforces the idea of a global economy, international relationships and a sisterhood that crosses continents and oceans. She points to the notion that it's difficult, if not impossible, to be at war with a nation whose people are considered friends, a philosophy started by Eisenhower after WWII. The Sister Cities program is one such program that is developing connections and personal relationships that span borders, ultimately creating a more peaceful world.

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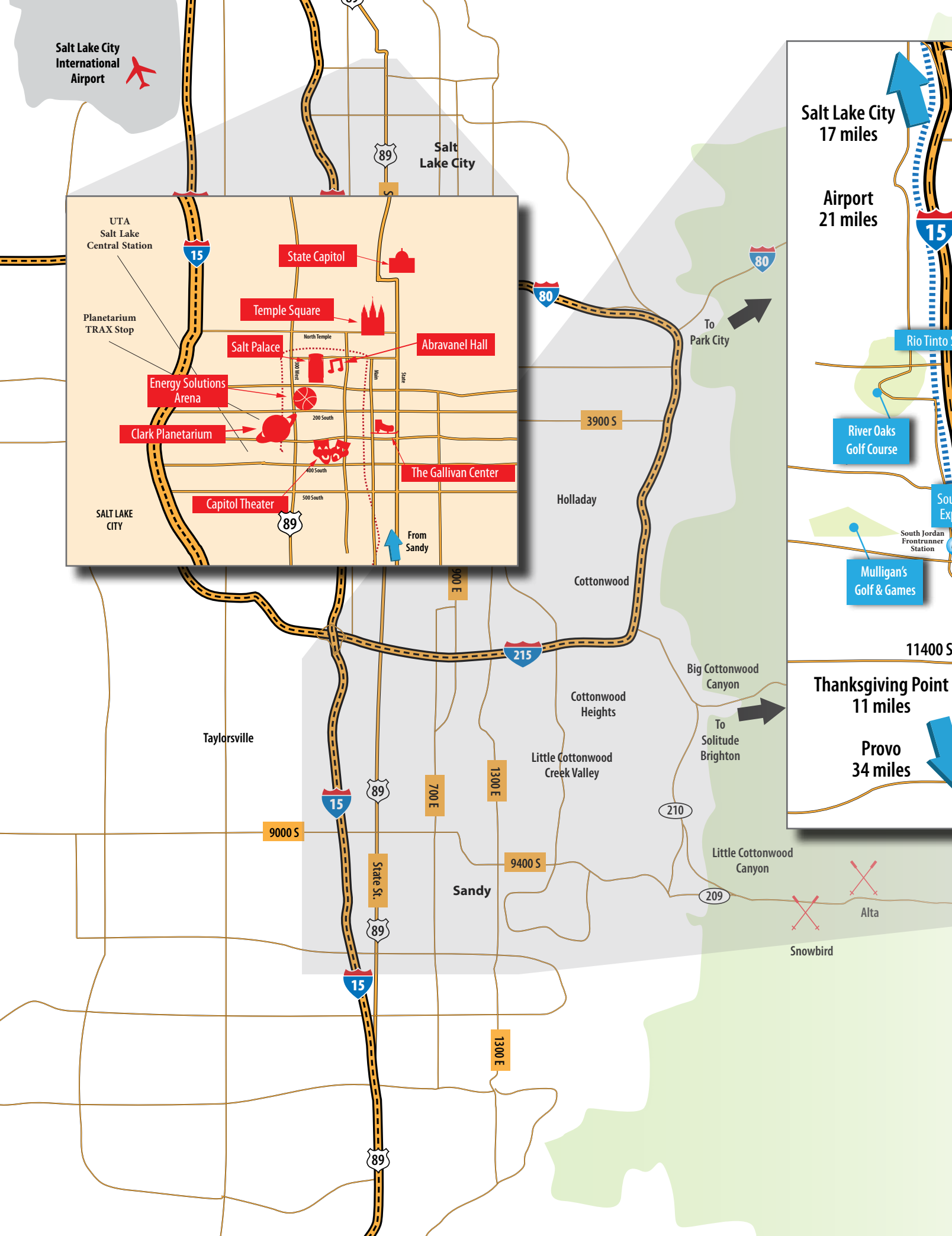
Sandy's German sister city, Riesa, is a beautiful industrial city near the Elbe River.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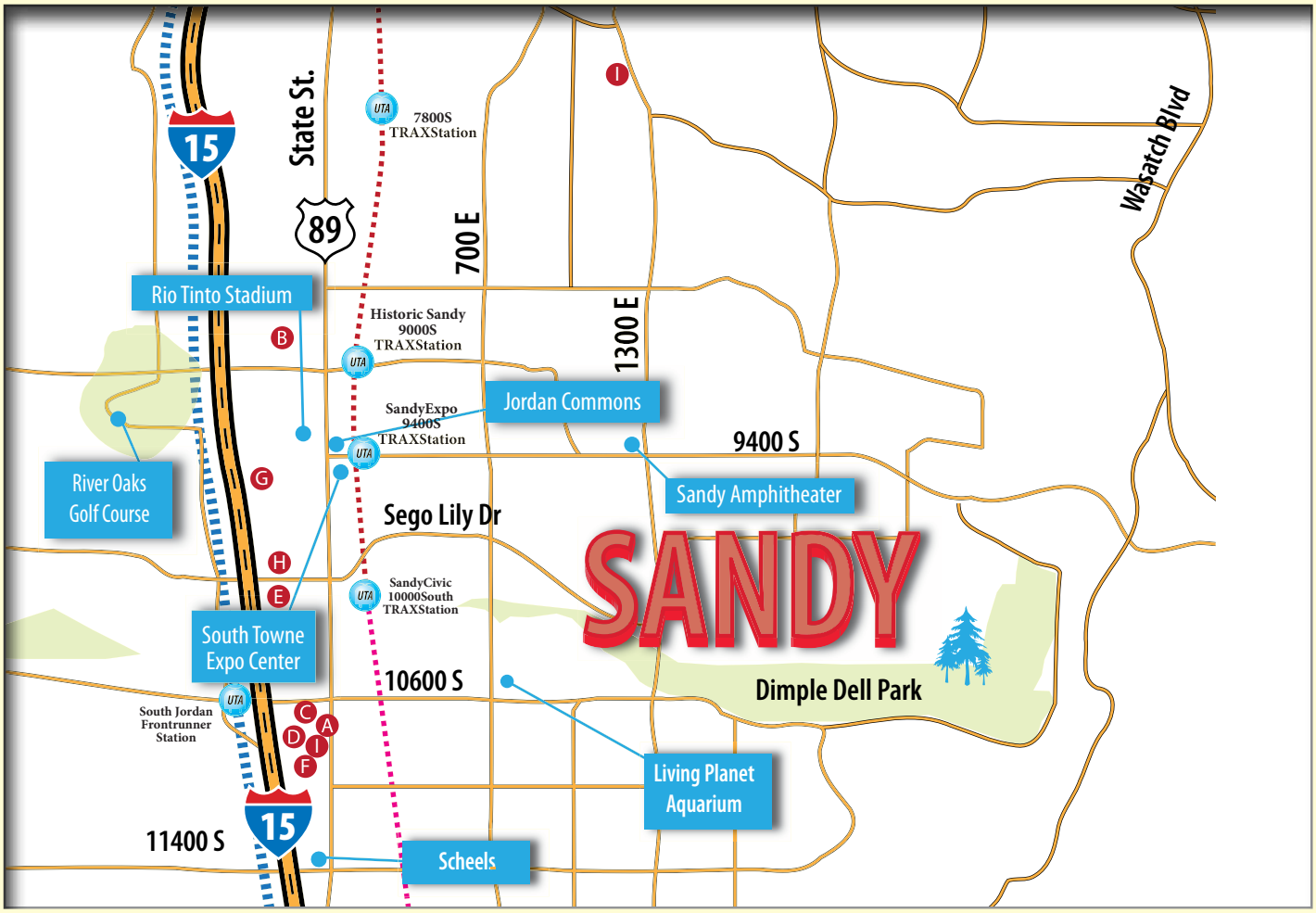

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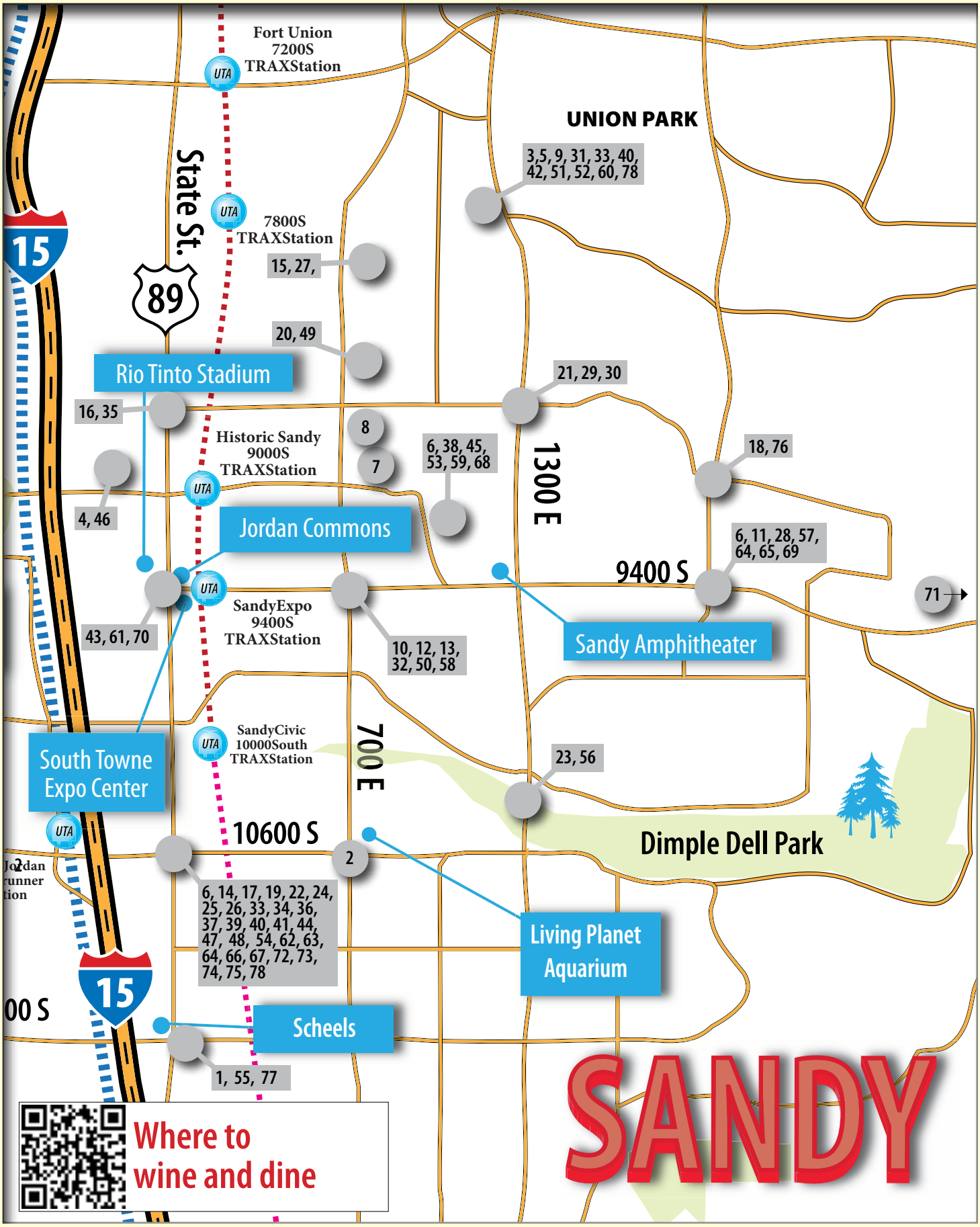
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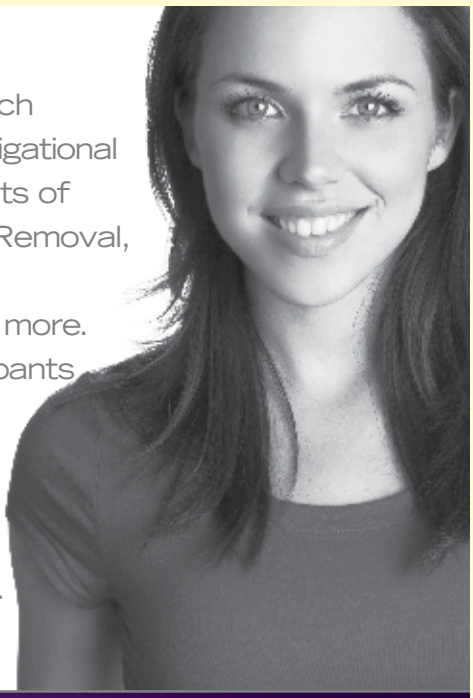

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