

OUR COUNTRY, OUR STATE, OUR CITY, OUR TOWN

Where do YOU live?

You live on the continent of North America; you are a citizen of the United States; you have a home in the state of Utah; and you belong to a county and a community.

Utah is organized into counties, each with a county “seat” (the place where county government offices are located). *Municipality* is the official name for a city or town that has its own government. A city is a community with at least 1,000 people. Not all communities are municipalities; they may be *suburbs* of a municipality or *unincorporated* communities that receive services from the county.

How are Utah communities unique?

Utah is a very diverse state! Differences in language, climate, geography, economics, culture, and history influence how people live.

The family who owns storage units near Lake Powell in the town of Big Water lives differently than a student living in a city, like Logan, with a university.

A farmer working in a rural town such as Meadow has different interests than does a store owner working in a tourist city such as Moab, or a geologist living in a mining city such as Price.

Each municipality has its own interesting story. For example:

The city of Pleasant View is northwest of Ogden. In 1851, John and Sarah Mower moved there and built a one-room cabin. From this location they had a “pleasant view” of the surrounding valley, and this impression of the area was shared with other people. As a result, Pleasant View became the name of their city.

Some Utah municipalities are named for the way they look, some are named after their first residents, some have Native American names, and some have names that just sound nice. How did your community get ITS name? _____
