



## Face of Fillmore

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The people of Fillmore love a great celebration. With the Fourth of July just ending, everyone will be excited to know that there is another celebration just around the corner.

By way of introduction, there is a question to be asked: “What were you doing in 1957?” A large number of Fillmore’s citizens will have to say they were not even around then, but to those of us who were that is an interesting question. Personally, I will admit to having just left grade school for the higher education possibilities of junior high. Take inventory and decide what you were up to that year.



Lots of interesting things took place in 1957. Dwight D. Eisenhower was President of the United States, the first electric watch was sold, Elvis Presley made his seventh and final appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show, “Around the World in 80 Days” and “The King and I” were the two top movies of the year and much, much more.

1957 is an important year in the history of our great community. It is the year, 60 years ago, that the Territorial Statehouse became a state park, in fact, the first state park in the state of Utah.

Starting out in the 1850’s as the Territory of Utah’s seat of government and being used for several reasons since including as a school, a storehouse for pioneer artifacts and a jail, among others, the building became a museum with an official state designation.

To celebrate this 60-year event, the Territorial Statehouse State Park will host a dinner and dance on the evening of Tuesday, July 25. The theme will be the year 1957. Dinner will be served in the new pavilion on First South - diner style - from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with a 1957 menu and prices and servers on roller skates. The music for the evening will be the Top 100 Hits of 1957. Dancing will begin at 8:00 p.m. Bring the whole family for this evening of fun!