The State of the City – South Salt Lake Style

Many of you joined me for the annual State of the City address and Best of South Salt Lake awards on March 21st. I shared success stories and goals for the coming year with residents, businesses and community partner. I emphasized my goal of “investing in people” by highlighting many people who have contributed to a stronger community. We honored many people who exemplify this. Read the “Best of SSL” Awards in this edition to hear their stories.

State of the City is also my opportunity to share a vision for the future. I laid out my strategic plan and five priorities for the future of SSL. 1- Invest in People 2- Create a strong, stable foundation 3- Support existing and recruit new businesses 4- Ensure safe, vibrant neighborhoods and business districts and 5- Strengthen our position as a healthy, creative and productive city. We are tackling dozens of projects in these areas to create a strong, vibrant community. The plan is on my website and I will be sharing more in this newsletter next month. You can also watch the video or read the transcript of the presentation on my Mayor’s page at sslc.com.

THE BEST OF SOUTH SALT LAKE

SENATOR GENE DAVIS
Senator Davis has been at the state capitol for 20 years, and always looks out for South Salt Lake. We are fortunate he has worked his way up to Senate Minority Leader and represents our city with vision and tact. This year Senator Davis sponsored Senate Bill 235 and fought hard to get us $2.6 million per year for 12 police officers and 12 firefighters, needed to mitigate the impacts of the homeless resource center. We are fortunate to have Senator Davis standing firmly by our side!

GERDA SAUNDERS
Gerda Saunders was a distinguished professor in the Gender Studies Program at the University of Utah, helping shape the conversation in our community about these issues, and now she is on the forefront of another – dementia and other progressive cognitive disorders. When Gerda was diagnosed with dementia, she found her voice once again, boldly sharing her experience in first person, a rare perspective in conversations on aging. Her book Memory’s Last Breath: Field Notes on My Dementia and blog Telling Who I am Before I Forget are nothing short of remarkable. She has been featured locally on Radio West and nationally on the Today Show with Maria Shriver.

Citizens of the Year

BILL AND CONNIE ANDERSON
Bill and Connie are long-time residents of SSL and community advocates. Connie is a lifetime resident, first attending, and then teaching at Granite High. She was then was elected to the Granite School Board and has been our steady, solid advocate for the education our kids deserve. Bill served on the City Council from 2000 to 2007 and on planning commission prior to that. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Utah International Charter School.

They are avid pickleball players and have helped our league boom in the last couple years. They make tremendous contributions to civic dialogue in the city. They are always there to discuss the issues – with their friends and neighbors, and with the whole community.
Legacy Family of the Year

THE ANDERSONS

The Anderson family has become a legacy in South Salt Lake, now going on four generations living and working in the city. Kathy and Leonard Anderson were both raised in SSL, and when they met and married, they settled and raised their family - Janet, Leslie, Debbie and baby Joe on Vidas Avenue. Leonard began as a volunteer firefighter, but then worked for the Fire department for 31 years. He retired in 2000, just in time for his son Joe to join the Department in 2002. Joe now lives on Vidas Avenue, next door to his parents, and Leslie lives on Burton Ave. Leslie has five children who are fourth generation South Salt Lake residents.

Teacher of the Year

AALIA FIELDS

Fifth grade teacher Ms. Fields has been an integral part of the after-school program at Woodrow Wilson for the past two years. Aalia and her co-teacher recently took the new school Lego League to the All-District competition. Competing with 40 teams, the first-timers almost made it into the top 10! The kids had a huge win, an amazing time and positively represented themselves and their school. Ms. Fields, thank you for taking our kids on adventures that will last a lifetime!

Education Leader of the Year

Principal Aaron Wilson put on a Veterans Day ceremony last year to honor Granite Park alumni who have served their country. A plaque commemorating former students who died in World War II was discovered in storage. In a touching ceremony, they re-installed the plaque and invited family members of the fallen to be there. This gathering not only honored the school’s history, it recognized the importance of military and civil service, which touches the lives of so many students at Granite Park. Principal Wilson began a new tradition this year – hosting a dinner for the kids before holiday break, with teachers and principals serving up the dishes. His goal – to make kids know they matter.

Thank you, Principal Wilson for making every student feel like they belong!

Education Partner of the Year

STEPHEN R. MORGAN

WESTMINSTER COLLEGE

In his three years as president and 37 years at Westminster College, President Morgan has ensured the relationship between the College and South Salt Lake became a cornerstone of both communities. Westminster professors include service learning in South Salt Lake in their curriculum, providing free research, technical support and hands-on work in many City departments. The “Walkways to Westminster” program is working. Three SSL youth have been awarded college scholarships and are now attending. Thank you President Morgan for your commitment to the futures of our young people, we wish you well in your retirement!

Young Leader of the Year

OSCAR SERRANO

Oscar is a 7th grader at Granite Park, has a 3.9 GPA, and he has been captain of several sports teams. He was given the South Salt Lake Fire Department “Good Citizen Award” in 2017. Oscar is part of a humanitarian trip to Peru this July with Youthlinc. This is a program for high school and college students, but Oscar is participating as a 7th grader. Oscar sees no limits to what he can achieve, and neither do we. That is why he is our 2018 Young Leader of the Year!

United Way – Promise SSL

Partner of the Year

INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE

CONNECT CARE KIOSK

United Way and Promise SSL have worked together for years to help SSL families have access to low-cost healthcare. In 2017 IHC installed a Connect Care kiosk at the Columbus Center after learning about our community’s health needs. IHC wanted to make it easier to provide health care to lower income families, people with limited transportation options, and people with or without insurance. When you set down at the kiosk, you are connected to a doctor over video chat and have simple medical tools at your fingertips. The kiosk also includes language translation. The kiosk was donated by American Well, IHC’s partner in “telehealth.” We are pleased to award Intermountain Healthcare for providing access at our fingertips.
Community Champion

ADAM BLACKBURN – USA STARS JUDO

USA Stars Judo provides Promise kids with a high quality Judo club after school for very little cost, and we couldn’t have designed a better match for our Promise SSL program. Owner Sensei Adam Blackburn is a phenomenal partner. He holds the youth to the highest standards and is a respected role model. Sensei Blackburn also teaches classes for veterans and for vision impaired people. You have to see it to know just how amazing that is. USA Stars Judo and Sensei Adam Blackburn are true Champions, which is why they are receiving our 2018 Community Champion Award.

Volunteer of the Year

PURRFECT PAWPRINTS – ANN MARIE FULLER

Ann Marie Fuller’s non-profit organization, Purrfect Pawprints, steps in to save lives and to fulfill nearly every one of our animal shelter’s needs. Ann Marie provides complimentary spay/neuter services to our shelter animals – raising funds for the surgeries and transporting the animals. She comes in almost weekly to take our animals out to local pet adoptions. With her boundless energy and passion, Purrfect Pawprints was able to save 500 animals in 2017. We are incredibly grateful for the help she has given to our shelter staff and animals!

Employee of the Year

JOE ANDERSON

Joe Anderson has been a firefighter with SSL for 15 years. Since joining the department as a rookie he has risen to the rank of Engineer. Joe sees that the personal protective equipment and self-contained breathing apparatus is ready for deployment at all times. Our firefighters would not be able to perform the life saving measures they do on a daily basis without this critical support. Joe always has the firefighters’ wellbeing and citizen safety in the forefront of his mind. He is humble, humorous and very easy going. We are proud to call him the 2018 South Salt Lake Employee of the Year!

Mayor’s Spirit of Community Award

NEW START AUTO – 4050 SOUTH MAIN
EDWARDS AUTOMOTIVE – 61 EAST GORDON AVE

Each holiday season community members go above and beyond to ensure families in need are included in the spirit of giving. In 2017 our family liaisons learned of two families that were in dire need of cars to keep their families financially afloat. Edwards Automotive approached New Start Auto to partner together and donate two repaired vehicles. Matt Edwards worked overtime and overnighted parts to get the cars in tip top shape in time for Christmas. Thank you Matt, Ben, and Justin for your hard work and selfless gift!

Council Champion

SHARLA BEVERLY

In 2017 Sharla Beverly was re-elected to the Council in District 3 with 66% of the vote. Her constituents know she is listening to them and looking out for them. Sharla is a champion for efforts to make our city a better place for people. She has a love for the arts, music, good food, and fun. She enthusiastically supports Community Movie Night, a new food truck ordinance, the Creative Industry Zone, the expansion of Fitts Park, and downtown projects. She steps into every council meeting with a positive attitude and poise. She never hesitates to pay a compliment, give credit where it is due, and speak honestly and earnestly about the issues. Thank you, Sharla!

Community Builder of the Year

ATTILA PAPP

Attila Papp started the Stand up for SSL Facebook Page one year ago to rally and engage residents and businesses when the homeless resource center discussions began. He provided critical updates and monitored the conversation about this issue. Ultimately hundreds of people spoke out, grabbed a yard sign and attended meetings at the capital, City Hall and other town hall meetings. He has since kept the Facebook page and group engaged and informed while striving to keep a positive, proactive tone in the conversation. With 260 members now, this is the most resident driven outreach and communication the City has ever seen. Attila, congratulations, you are the 2018 Community Builder of the year!
Neighborhood Nights Kick Off: Dinner & Community Conversation

There are many opportunities to come to a city meeting, but most occur at City Hall or a community center. The Neighborhood Night was designed to bring City Hall to you. City leaders and staff are hosting informational meetings with dinner to answer your questions and connect you with other community members who are working toward a better city. The meetings will include information on projects and issues specific to the neighborhood where they are held, but residents are welcome to attend any meeting in the series. Topics include new development, public safety, code enforcement, community revitalization, capital improvements and more. The meeting and free BBQ dinner will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or indoors at local community centers. You may request discussion topics by contacting Julie Taylor at julie.taylor@sslc.com or 801.464.6757.

South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

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South Salt Lake has had an animal shelter for much of its history. The original location was by 2230 S. Andy Ave, where the city sewer treatment plant once stood. In 1977, a new shelter was under construction, at about 600 West Andy Avenue by the SSL water tank. This 40 year old photo shows the shelter was the only building on 600 W, which was not yet built. When the new I-15 – I-80 spaghetti bowl was constructed, the shelter was once again rebuilt, this time south of the tank, and re-opened in 1999. Animal Control Officer Mike Godman is pictured this 1983 photo in front of the shelter.

Columbus Senior Center Highlights
2531 South 400 East
South Salt Lake, Utah
84115 • 385-468-3340

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 9:30 a.m.
Enhanced Fitness

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Tuesdays - 10:00 a.m.
Tai Chi

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Pickleball

Thursdays in April
10:30 a.m.
Drawing with Lindsay

Daily Lunch - Noon
$3 suggested donation

Wednesday, April 4
Red Hat Club - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 9
Science Within You – Jill Smith - 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 13
Westminster College
Health Screening
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, April 16
Jordan River Temple Trip
9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 18
Wendover Bus - $10
7:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 19
Pancake Breakfast
8:45 a.m.

Monday, April 30
South America
Presentation
By Reece Stein

Come check out what the Senior Center has to offer!
Join us for our new Community Safety Coalition Meetings

The South Salt Lake Police Department in partnership with the City of South Salt Lake will be hosting the new Community Safety Coalition Meetings. The goal is to bring our community members together with City leaders, to discuss current and future Public Safety needs and concerns.

During the 2017 election campaign, residents frequently expressed interest in knowing more about what was going on in the City with respect to Public Safety. Following several conversations with Mayor Wood, we felt bringing existing programs together with the Police Chief and other city leaders in a public forum would create a dialogue to better serve our community. This follows a long-standing city commitment to community policing, which relies on involvement of many different people. This is an additional way to bring issues directly to city leaders, and consider issues city-wide, beyond a single neighborhood or business district.

Topics of discussion will include safety tips, local crime trends, current programs and an open Q&A to address community concerns.

This effort will enhance Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch. These meetings will continue, bi-monthly, but alternate each month with a new city-wide Community Safety Coalition.

Beginning April 19, 2018 and repeating every-other month on the 3rd Thursday, the South Salt Lake Police Department will host the Community Safety Coalition Meeting at the Columbus Center from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

What is green waste?
Green waste is any waste produced by your yard. It is natural material that decomposes and can be recycled into compost for landscaping. This can include:
- leaves
- grass clippings
- wood chips
- small branches, shrubs or plants
- raw fruit, vegetables, nuts
- coffee grounds and tea leaves
- eggshells
- untreated straw, hay, weeds

These items go directly into the bin, unbagged.

ACE Disposal DOES NOT accept these items in green waste bins:
- food waste
- dirt, rocks, sod
- treated wood and fencing
- paper, newspaper or cardboard
- compostable boxes or cups

South Salt Lake will benefit from the passage of several bills:
- SB 235 Homeless Shelter Funding Amendments provides ongoing funding for public safety to mitigate the impacts of a homeless resource center.
- HB 216 Jordan River Recreation Area provides ongoing funding for capital improvements, maintenance and patrol along the Jordan River Parkway in the city.
- HB 269 to allow Tesla to sell cars in Utah passes. The only Tesla dealership is in South Salt Lake, and new sales tax revenue will come to the city.

These bills now await the governor’s signature to become law.

To learn more, visit “City News” sslc.com.

A Green Waste Option

We have been listening to resident requests and have heard many say convenient composting of green waste in curbside bins would be a valuable city service.

The city is conducting a survey to find out the level of interest in making this service available at a cost. If over 25% of residents commit to participating, the city can offer this optional service through ACE Disposal.

Garbage service is paid currently by a combination of property tax and fees. The city is considering a fully-feasible, optional green waste service in order to fairly recoup the cost.

Need to know more?
Contact SSL Utility Billing
utility@sslc.com 801.483.6074

Take the GREEN WASTE SURVEY to help us determine if the city should offer this option. www.sslc.com

[Image of police officer and text about volunteer opportunities, victim services unit, police department hiring, community safety coalition meetings, green waste option, and legislative recap with images of state of Utah, South Salt Lake City Hall, and food truck.]
**Free Rabies Clinic for SSL Pets**

Saturday, April 14
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
SSL Animal Shelter
2274 S 600 W

Staff available to license pets
$15 spayed/neutered
$40 non
$20 microchips

For more info:
Call 801-483-6024

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**Pickleball**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Central Park Community Center
2797 S 200 E

18 years and older
Equipment available for checkout

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**Youth Open Play Basketball**

Columbus Center Gym
2531 S 400 E.

Monday-Thursday 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Basketballs available for checkout

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**Fundamentals of Painting**

with artist Anne Wolfer

Learn skills to expand the way you see the world and help you tap into your creativity.
This class is for adults, and all skill levels welcome!

**FREE CLASSES**

Wednesdays
6:00-8:00 p.m.
April 4, 11, 18, 25

The Columbus Center
Room 102
2530 South 400 East
South Salt Lake

Classes are FREE and supplies are included.
Registration required through SSL Recreation at jhedin@sslc.com or 801.412.3217.

**DO YOU LOVE TO MOVE?**

Join us for
Music & Movement
TUESDAYS | 11:15 AM-12 PM
THE COLUMBUS CENTER | 2530 SOUTH 400 EAST

FREE CLASS | NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

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**MURAL FEST**

05.19.18
LIVE ART, LIVE MUSIC, REAL FOOD.

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For more information call
801-412-3217

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**Join Us for the Senior Ball**

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018, 5-7 P.M.
SSL COLUMBUS CENTER
2531 SOUTH 400 EAST
SOUTH SALT LAKE

BEACH PARTY LUAU
50s, 60s, 70s MUSIC
GAMES
ACTIVITIES

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