Civic Participation

Margaret Mead is famous for saying, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Civic participation can be structured or spontaneous involvement in our City. I believe what makes our community incredible are the people. Citizens giving and being involved in meaningful ways is what makes a community. A City alone is nothing without actively engaged citizens. The progress of our city and our ability to keep On The Move depends on you.

There are numerous ways to get involved. Attend a City Council or Planning Commission Meeting. Contact my office, your City Council representative or Planning Commission to let your voice be heard. Young people can plug in with our Youth City Council. Volunteer opportunities are available with the Community Connection neighborhood revitalization program, the Promise Afterschool program or our Recreation programming. Attend Coffee with a Cop or your local Neighborhood Watch Meeting. Visit a park, walk a trail or support a local business. Meet your neighbors, help a fellow citizen with yard work or walk your neighborhood. The possibilities to connect and engage are unlimited.

Summer brings many wonderful opportunities to get out and get involved in our City. The Freedom Festival on July third and fourth offers great ways to celebrate as a community, honor our veterans and commemorate our country’s independence. August 1st is our annual Night Out Against Crime and Emergency Preparedness Fair at Central Park Community Center. Bring a neighbor and learn how you can help be a part of a cleaner, safer and more beautiful SSL. I look forward to seeing you out in our community.
City Financial Outlook - Fiscal Year 2018

The City of South Salt Lake is nearing the end of its first fiscal year without the financial benefit of the sales tax hold harmless provision. The hold harmless provision allowed the city to receive a guaranteed amount of sales tax revenue annually. That guarantee ended in June 2016 with a resulting decrease in sales tax revenue. Such a decrease in revenue could have impacted the city significantly if we had not been prepared.

For several years, elected leaders have strategized for that eventuality. As authorized by the state legislature, the city assessed a .5% city option sales tax in 2011 to increase revenue. Also, South Salt Lake businesses have increased their sales tax revenue by an average of approximately 5% per year for the past six years due to economic recovery. During this time, fiscally conservative budgets have been developed and approved by city leaders. Spending has been restrained and increased only when deemed essential.

This has put the city on a secure financial path. As economic recovery continues the city’s financial condition is expected to remain secure. New projects, such as the Winco development and Riverfront will add significantly to the city’s tax base. Residents and businesses can be assured that the city will continue to finance and provide the high level of municipal services that make South Salt Lake a great place to live and work.

Youth City Council

The South Salt Lake Youth City Council is a great opportunity for city teens to develop their knowledge, skills, motivation and abilities to be the next generation of leaders and make a difference in their community. SSL Youth City Council promotes regular and active civic engagement among youth, provide youth with opportunities for meaningful service, and meet regularly to develop leadership skills through trainings. They also learn teamwork and organizational skills through partnering with other organizations or city departments to plan and execute community events. They discuss issues they face in their schools, neighborhoods and city and how they can work together along with other partners or organizations, including the City Council, to make a change.

This group, like their motto says, (which is inspired from the city’s own tag line) truly are “Youth on the move!”

This year’s youth mayor is Aaron Dustin. The mayor pro tem is Saïda Dahir. This year’s YCC members include Asma Dahir, Anisa Dahir, Omar Dahir, Rekha Subba, Nadege Nayaurtki, Aruna Dhunjhe, Dipika Dulal, Soe Meih, Abby Dustin, Genevieve Stone, Andromeda DeHerrera and Omar Garcia. The YCC advisor is Edward Lopez.

As this school year finished we celebrated our 7 graduating seniors and couldn’t be more proud of them as they embark on their bright futures. Of the 7 graduates we had 2 received full-ride scholarships to Westminster College, 2 full-ride scholarships to the University of Utah, and 1 full tuition to the University of Utah.

Get to Know the South Salt Lake Planning Commission

The South Salt Lake Planning Commission is a local government committee that takes an advisory role and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding any changes to the South Salt Lake General Plan, small area plans, and zoning ordinances. The South Salt Lake Planning Commission reviews proposed developments as well as land uses and offers insight and advice that impacts the current and future success of South Salt Lake. The Planning Commission is comprised of South Salt Lake residents. The current Planning Commissioners are Jeremy Carter (Chair), Laura Vernon, Holly Carson, Susan Dickstein, Ray DeWolfe, Stacey Holscher and David Veenstra. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, contact the Mayor’s Office at 801-464-6757 for more information. The South Salt Lake Planning Commission conducts public meetings and hearings every first and third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers. All schedules and agendas are posted on the city’s website sslc.com.

City Council Update

Well summer is finally here, what a great time of year to get out and meet your new neighbors and reacquaint yourself with neighbors you haven’t seen in a while. Here is an update of some of the things your City Council has been doing this year.

In January, South Salt Lake City Council gave Consent and Approval for a new justice court Judge Anna Anderson who will be a great addition to our court and community.

In March members of the council participated in the groundbreaking for Downtown South Salt Lake, welcoming Winco grocery store and multi-family residential which will be a great asset to our City.

Also in March, South Salt Lake was also selected to receive a Homeless Resource Center. The City Council worked side by side with Mayor Cherie Wood, City Staff, Residents and Business Owners in an attempt to stop South Salt Lake from being selected as a site for one of the Homeless Resource Centers but as you know, South Salt Lake was selected. It was impressive on how everyone was able to put their differences aside and work together for our community.

In May the City Council was presented with the draft budget. Every Department Head presented to the City Council. The council reviewed all departments. The City Council approved a 4% step for all eligible public safety employees and a 3% for all civilian employees.

The City Council also worked with Mayor Wood to add three additional full time employees. One was allocated to our Engineering Department, one to the Streets Department and one to the Parks Department. The City Council also authorized a budget reorganization to create additional operating positions in the Water Department and in the Stormwater maintenance program. Additionally, the City Council allocated $10,000 towards additional Senior Programs.

There were discussions on adding additional landscaping on Helm and Baird, but after much conversation it was decided to cleanup and place additional rock into the existing model. Additional money will go towards street lighting.

After many late night discussions the City Council worked together and passed the 2017-2018 budget on June 14 unanimously. Thank you to all our constituents for all of your support.
Cabinet Day of Service

SSL resident assisted by Mayor Cherie Wood’s cabinet members on a rainy June day. This project included weeding, landscaping and general cleanup to make her home and block more safe, clean and beautiful.

Greetings from the South Salt Lake Police Department

Summertime is here! Family vacations, summer camps, and the July fourth and 24th holidays unite family and friends. Because July is such a busy month for everyone, just a reminder, there will be no Neighborhood Watch or Business Watch meetings scheduled for July.

The Night out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Central Park Community Center. This citywide event will take place in lieu of Neighborhood Watch meetings for the month of August, with individual meetings resuming in September.

Bring your neighbors, family and friends, come and enjoy the festivities!

Firework Safety Tips

The following fireworks safety tips can help to prevent accidents and injuries and encourage a safe holiday season:

- Parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks.
- Always have water ready.
- Know your fireworks. Read the caution label before igniting.
- Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you live, do not use them.
- Wear safety glasses whenever using fireworks.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can.

Note the following safety tips when using sparklers:

- Always remain standing while using sparklers.
- Never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers.
- Never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time.
- Never throw sparklers.
- Sparkler wires and sticks remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop spent sparklers in a bucket of water.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers or run while they are holding sparklers.

For more information, visit fireworkssafety.org.

Understanding

Definition: a state of cooperative or mutually tolerant relations between people

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding.

- Albert Einstein
Neighborhood Center Spotlight: Woodrow Wilson Elementary

“Afterschool is over and for you that is a bummer. But not for me because I am in program this summer!” Edward, one of the 4th students in the Promise Afterschool Program at Woodrow Wilson Elementary, included this line in his end of year talent show performance. He’s not the only one who thinks summer is the best time of year!

The Woodrow Wilson Summer Program is in full swing! Every summer, the school-based Promise program moves into Fitts Park for 7 weeks of fun and sun. More than 100 children in grades 1st-7th have registered for the program this year. Themed “summer of us,” the program features activities that are all about the kids. Children will play their friends’ favorite sports, they’ll try out different art mediums to create a series of self portraits, they’ll learn about each other’s cultures and home-countries on global community days, they’ll build and explore during weekly STEM club, and even play some old-school games on Throwback Thursdays! Plus, the program has partnered with Westminster College, Columbus Library, Cinemark Theaters, and others to plan some stellar field trips on Fridays.

But it’s not all fun and games. One of the things that earned the Woodrow Wilson Program a shout out from the National Summer Learning Association in 2016 is the inclusion of high-quality academic activities. For the past two years, the Program has partnered with the Utah State Office of Education, United Way, Granite School District, and the Utah Afterschool Network to deliver a revolutionary literacy pilot program that tackles the problem of the “Summer Slide.” In order to help reduce the amount of learning lost while they are out of school, kids participate in 90 minutes of daily literacy instruction taught by certified teachers. The program also enlists the help of several youth and adult volunteers to read with the kids each day. If you would like to volunteer in the Park this summer or during the Afterschool Program in the fall, please contact Bonnie, the Promise Coordinator at Woodrow Wilson. Bowens@sslc.com, 801-386-0589.

The program ends in August with a huge Family Camp-out in the park! Kids and families set up tents on the lawn and gather for a BBQ dinner, glow-in-the-dark games, and outdoor movies. Plus the kids get to show their families all the projects they worked on during the summer.

If you have a child who attends Woodrow Wilson Elementary, the Afterschool Program will start registering students for the 2017-2018 school starting August 1.

Partner Highlight: Global Story Bridges

At the Commonwealth Performing Arts and Youth Entrepreneurial Center, we are privileged to have a new partnership with Global Story Bridges. Global Story Bridges is a project that connects youth across the globe through a series of videos (digital storytelling). This summer, the youth at the Commonwealth Performing Arts and Youth Entrepreneurial Center will be sharing excerpts of their lives in the United States through videos that they have filmed and edited with other English Language Learners from Barcelona, Spain and Uganda. If you would like your teen to participate, contact Lauren Levorsen, Promise Program Coordinator at 385-630-9753 or at llevorsen@sslc.com.

One of the things that our students love most is to play soccer! They will be sharing the adventures of their summer soccer team with the students in Spain and Uganda.
SSL Capital Improvement Highlights

Mill Creek Trail & Gateway Landscaping – 3300 South from 300 West to the Jordan River:
The project is currently on hold due to not all plants on the landscaping plan are currently available. There were also delays on getting power to the irrigation system. These two items should be resolved soon and the project will get back on track for completion this summer.

Sunset Avenue Waterline – State Street to 200 East:
City crews will be replacing the waterline and services on Sunset Avenue. Work to begin in July.

Public Works Week

National Public Works Week was held May 21 through May 27. The South Salt Lake Public Works Department celebrated with some clean up and beautification projects, public awareness and education, team building, and the annual Equipment Rodeo and barbeque in the park for all the hard working employees and their families. Thanks to all the South Salt Lake Public Works Professionals who work tirelessly to keep the city’s streets and utilities safely On the Move.

South Salt Lake Construction Update

2245 S 300 E – Former Zellerbach Property – 292 units
Contractor: Jacobsen Construction
Estimated completion date: late summer 2018
Current status/activity: under full construction, framing ongoing & footings set for all buildings. West building expected to be ready for occupancy late fall 2017.

2255 S State St – Ritz Classic – 287 units
Estimated completion date: spring 2019
Current status/activity: construction in full swing on the property

2245 S 400 E – Moda S-Line Townhomes – 32 units
Project owner: JF Capital
Estimated completion date: early summer 2017
Current status/activity: near completion, paving of interior driveways & landscaping nearly complete

2200 South between State & Main – WinCo Foods
Project owner: Boyer Company
Estimated completion date: late fall 2017
Current status/activity: construction in full swing

Rock Star – Christie Hoins

Christie Hoins has been an employee of the South Salt Lake Justice Court for 14 years. During these 14 years she has had a myriad of assignments and roles, and has working with several different judges and court administrators. Christie came to us as a seasoned public safety dispatcher from Utah County, and brought with her a strong, professional customer service sense.

Her understanding of the judicial system and processes are impeccable. She follows through and is consistent in all of her work. Aside from her daily duties as a Court Clerk, Christie has collateral responsibilities as the BCI TAC, the liaison with the Salt Lake County Jail and video court hearings. Most recently she has taken on the role as the department trainer for courts staff. She works hard to better herself in all facets of her professional life and has been a cornerstone in helping the our department move forward.

Christie has a fun personality and brings humor to the department daily. You can count on her for a smile and pleasant conversation, giving the impression of “order in the court,” even when it is not so orderly. Christie is definitely a “Rock Star” and very deserving of this recognition. Thank you, Christie!

South Salt Lake has contracted with Salt Lake County to conduct our 2017 municipal elections. This year’s election will be conducted using the vote by mail process.

How it Works

Ballots will be mailed to all active voters approximately 21 days before Election Day. Postcards will be mailed to inactive voters requesting them to contact the County to update their records so a ballot can be mailed to them.

An insert will be mailed with all of the ballots notifying the voter that there will not be the traditional polling locations on Election Day and this is the official ballot to vote and return. It will also refer voters to the Salt Lake County website for a full list of current vote centers. The vote center in South Salt Lake will be at the Columbus Center, 2531 South 400 East.

Ballots can be returned by mail in the postage paid return envelope and must be postmarked the day before Election Day. They can also be dropped off at any vote center, any ballot drop box located throughout the County, or the County Clerk’s Office through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. If they prefer, voters can also surrender their ballot at the vote center and vote on the voting machines on Election Day.

Voters that have moved and did not receive a ballot, lost their ballot, or just want to vote at a polling location will need to vote at a vote center. Please visit the Salt Lake County website for a full list of current vote centers.

Citizens can register to vote or update their registration online at vote.utah.gov

HOW IT WORKS

The official ballot includes the following candidates:

Mayor (primary will be held):
L. Shane Siwik
Mark C. Kindred
Cherie Wood

District At-Large (primary will be held):
Ray deWolfe
James D. Smith
Aaron A. Frost

District 2
Eric Balken
Corey Thomas

District 1
Sharla Beverly
Adam Thompson
**Mayor Cherie Wood Invites you to a**

**Veterans Appreciation Reception**

Monday, July 3rd, 2017

Columbus Center
2531 South 400 East
South Salt Lake

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Program at 6:30 p.m.

Information available on:
- Service Paws and Patriots
- Housing Improvement Resources
- Veterans Services

Evening will include:
- Flag Ceremony
- Light Dinner
- Meet & Greet

All Veterans and their families are invited.

Thank you for your sacrifice and service to our great country!

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**SSL Recreation**

2017 Summer Sport Camps

**Basketball Camp**

July 17 – 21
Grades 1-12
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$10.00 – Deadline July 7

**First Tee Golf**

July 31 – August 11
Ages 7-17
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Central Valley Golf Course
$25 – Deadline July 21

Registration at:
Columbus Center Recreation Office
2531 South 400 East
SSL, Utah 84115

Camps Locations TBD and Time are Subject to Change
For more information call:
801-412-3217

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**New Resident INFORMATION**

Did you miss “Spring Clean-up”? If you are a South Salt Lake Resident, receiving garbage pick-up through the City, for ONLY $25.00 you can rent a debris trailer to dispose of your old household items and yard waste.

For more information or to rent a trailer, go to the Finance Department at City Hall or call: 801-483-6000.