Welcome to home improvement season, once again. In South Salt Lake, we take home improvement to a whole new level with our Community Connection program. Now in its seventh year, the neighborhood revitalization effort started with the principle of fighting the downward spiral that often takes place in neighborhoods when one declining home affects another and can hurt a whole block. We know that the opposite is also true – that one home improvement project usually leads to another and inspires others to start theirs. We decided we could be the catalysts for this virtuous cycle by choosing a neighborhood each year and helping a few homeowners improve their properties, and thereby encourage others to join in.

Community Connection Support is offered at no cost to homeowners through generous volunteers and donations received every year from businesses, civic and church groups, residents and helpful neighbors. Our proven approach has also attracted significant support from Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The National Association for County Community and Economic Development (NACCED) has recognized Community Connection with an award for its innovative approach. We are now seeing an unparalleled rise in home values in South Salt Lake – proof that our approach is working.

Several projects were completed this spring with help from American Express, Larry H. Miller Companies, and Young Professionals Salt Lake City. This month we welcome over 1,500 volunteers on three church service project days and can’t wait to see the progress they make. If you know of anyone whose home could use a little boost, take the first step by contacting Community Connection and see what we can do when working together.

SSL Housing Update

South Salt Lake has always been one of the places along the Wasatch Front where people seek out an affordable place to live. In the last few years, though, home prices and rents in our city have increased dramatically: According to the Salt Lake Tribune, the median price of homes for sale in ZIP Code 84115 increased from $178,000 in 2014 to $245,000 this year. Rents are also high: in our newer apartments, rents range from around $900 a month for a studio to $1,500 a month for a two-bedroom apartment.

High rents and home values are not unique to South Salt Lake. In fact, Building Salt Lake, a local blog focused on regional development, reports that rents in the Salt Lake housing market grew nearly 8 percent from last year, making our housing market among the fastest growing in the nation. Rents and home values are increasing rapidly, mostly because demand is high and supply – construction of new housing units to accommodate the need – is slow to catch up. South Salt Lake is helping to meet the region’s demand for new housing in multiple ways: first, we are supporting new multifamily housing near TRAX and the streetcar lines, nearly 1,400 units are in planning or under construction along the streetcar line, in Downtown South Salt Lake, or adjacent to the Meadowbrook

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TRAX station at 3900 South and West Temple. This will provide housing options for people who are looking for their first home on their own, or who are looking to downsize, or who want to live close to transit. Nearly 500 of these housing units will be affordable to households that earn from roughly $20,000 per year to $59,760 per year, depending on household size. Considering that the median income for a South Salt Lake household is about $37,000 per year, this new development will help to address an unmet need for affordable housing for the region’s workforce. Of course, new residents attract new retail development too, which is one reason why WinCo foods is building a new grocery store in South Salt Lake.

In the next few years, South Salt Lake looks to increase its inventory of single-family homes by roughly 150 units. These units will not be considered affordable housing, and will probably range in price from $250,000 to $350,000. Most of the new homes will be built on the south end of the Granite High School site, and at the Riverfront neighborhood at approximately 3700 South and 900 West. These homes will meet the need for growing, middle class or affluent households who are looking for a new home in a stable neighborhood close to the region’s employment centers.

SSL also helps improve and renovate to ensure that housing remains affordable for residents. We partner with Salt Lake County to provide a critical needs home repair loan program to finance critical upgrades to homes, including roofs, furnaces, and air conditioning systems. Loans are available at low-to-no interest for income-qualifying households. The details of the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative can be found here: http://slco.org/green-healthy-homes/

In partnership with the Community Development Corporation of Utah (CDCU), we offer a homebuyer education and down payment assistance program for qualifying first-time homebuyers. Information for these programs can be found at https://cdcutah.org/.

We also work with CDCU to identify and refurbish vacant homes for resale to qualifying homebuyers. Together, we completed two IDEA homes, on Roberta Street and Whitlock Avenue. CDCU recently purchased a third vacant home on Baird Avenue, and will rehabilitate it this summer.

South Salt Lake is committed to increasing housing choice for both existing and prospective residents, by providing opportunities for new housing and commercial development near transit, and by supporting programs and initiatives to stabilize existing neighborhoods and to provide opportunities for existing homeowners to stay in and improve their homes. That way, South Salt Lake can be a community of choice for people looking for a great home or apartment in a great neighborhood – for a good price.
Promise Youth Highlight:  
Soe Meh

Soe Meh moved from a refugee camp in Thailand to the United States at the age of ten. Shortly after, her family located in South Salt Lake, where she has been highly involved in the Hser Ner Moo Community and other Promise South Salt Lake programs over the years. She has participated in the Youth-Linc-Promise SSL tutor/mentor partnership and currently serves on the South Salt Lake Youth City Council, where she has had the opportunity to volunteer at city events and develop her civic portfolio. These programs have helped shape Soe Meh into who she is today—the first generation in her family to attend college. Soe Meh writes, “I am driven to be a great example to children who are from refugee backgrounds like me. I want them to know that they can achieve any goal they set their mind to!”

Soe Meh has recently received a full scholarship to the University of Utah. She is also a finalist for Utah’s Young Humanitarian of the Year, the awardee will be announced on May 20th.

Youth City Council Update

This fall, the South Salt Lake Youth City Council have been working with the YMCA Youth & Government program to learn about bill writing, public speaking, legislative debate rules, legislative research, leadership, and teamwork. Youth across the state who have gone through this program are eligible to apply for a national conference. The 2017 Conference on National Affairs (CONA) will be held in July in South Carolina.

Neighborhood Center Spotlight: Meadowbrook STEM & Community Center

The Meadowbrook STEM and Community Center (STEM Center) is one of South Salt Lake fourteen neighborhood centers. STEM Center partners with the Utah Refugee Education and Training Center located on 3900 South 250 West to provide free afterschool programs to support elementary and high school students and their families in the community. The center currently serves about 40 students and their families. The program offers homework help, one-on-one tutoring, interest-based activities, arts, field trips, dinner, service learning, and civic engagement projects. Enrichment activities at the center are mostly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) focused.

Promise SSL Coordinator, Joseph Genda’s favorite things about the STEM Center are the diversity of the children who attend the programs, the support from their parents, and seeing those children gradually overcoming their challenges both academically and socially.

The center needs reading volunteer tutors from June 12 to August 4 for summer programs Monday – Friday, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to help students mostly English-language learners who are not reading at grade level. For more information please contact Promise SSL Coordinator, Joseph Genda at 801-518-5502 or email jgenda@sslc.com.

Generosity

Definition: readiness or liberality in giving

Gentleness, self-sacrifice and generosity are the exclusive possession of no one race or religion.

- Mahatma Gandhi
HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE

The phrase “It’s a marathon, not a sprint” comes to mind when thinking about the mitigation process for the Homeless Resource Center slated for our City.

While it may appear that not much is happening from the outside, rest assured that there are dozens of dedicated members of my staff and others preparing for this event. Here are some things to keep in mind:

• **We have time.** The Resource Center is not slated to open until sometime in 2019. The State and County have much work to do at the funding and organizational levels before a single shovel of dirt can be moved.

• **We have been promised funding.** Both Mayor Ben McAdams and the State Legislature have made numerous commitments to mitigate against local impacts. My public safety, transportation and economic development teams are meeting weekly and working very hard to accurately understand and prepare for potential impacts so we can demand the necessary funding that we deserve.

• **We now have a seat at the table.** Shelter the Homeless is the non-profit organization slated to oversee the new homeless resource centers in Salt Lake County. South Salt Lake has been promised a position on the board to ensure that we have a voice in all decision making. This is a major victory.

The first milestone in the process is this summer when we will present our funding needs to the State Legislature’s interim session. Legislators will be collecting information to prepare for a funding decision during their 2018 session.

I will be meeting with neighborhood and other stakeholder groups in June and July to gather information for this process. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time with questions or suggestions. We are in this for the long haul.

Sincerely,

Cherie

Mayor Cherie Wood

June is National Safety Month!

**Master Water Safety**

Water related activities are popular for getting physical activity and have many health benefits. Here are some tips to stay safe while having fun:

• Always supervise children when in or around water. A responsible adult should constantly watch young children.

• Teach kids to swim. Formal swimming lessons can protect young children from drowning.

• Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Your CPR skills could save someone’s life.

• Install a four-sided fence around home pools.

• Wear a properly fitted life jacket every time you and your loved ones are on the water.

**Beat the Heat and Sun**

Heat related illness happens when the body’s temperature control system is overloading. Infants and children up to 4 years of age are at greatest risk. Even young and healthy people can get sick from the heat if they participate in strenuous physical activities during hot weather.

• Never leave infants, children, or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.

• Schedule outdoor activities carefully, for morning and evening hours.

• Seek medical care immediately if your child has symptoms of heat-related illness.

• Cover up. Clothing that covers your and your child’s skin helps protect against UV rays.

• Use sunscreen with at least SPF 15 and UVA and UVB protection every time you go outside.

South Salt Lake Lions Club Annual

**Chuck Wagon Breakfast**

Saturday, June 17, 2017

6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m

Reams Parking Lot

2783 South State Street

Cost: $5 per person
South Salt Lake CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Reported by: Bill Knowles, Community Ombudsman, South Salt Lake
Contact for questions/concerns: 801-580-2626; knowles.bill@att.net

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

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

2255 S State St – Ritz Classic – 287 units
Estimated completion date: spring 2019
Current status/activity: groundbreaking late spring 2017

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

2209 S Main St – Liberty Crossing – 167 units
Project owner: Cowboy Partners
Estimated completion date: spring 2019
Current status/activity: completing design review; construction beginning in late spring 2017

2100 S Main St – Liberty on Main – 120 units, 3,000 sf retail
Project owner: Cowboy Partners
Project description: mixed use, retail/residential
Current status/activity: undergoing design and engineering process

Rock Star – Christina Cline

Christina Cline joined South Salt Lake in 2014 in the Code Enforcement Division. From the start, she demonstrated an exceptional work ethic, leadership, dependability, punctuality, job knowledge and integrity.

Christina is very passionate about her work and strives to exceed expectations in service and support. She gets the job done and will not shy away from tough cases or asking tough questions. In the community she is attentive to residents and properties and is always willing to go the extra mile for them.

We appreciate all she has done for Urban Livability and for the residents and businesses of South Salt Lake City. Christina – you are a Rock Star!

Beautiful Yard Award

Nominate a South Salt Lake Beautiful Yard Today!

Mayor Cherie Wood's Beautiful Yard Award is her way of thanking SSL residents who have made exceptional efforts that impact their neighborhoods in a positive way. Beautiful yards make neighborhoods more attractive and vibrant. It's easy to nominate, please take a moment to contact the Urban Livability Department at 801-464-6712 or vlelo@sslc.com to recognize a deserving yard.

www.sslarts.org
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.

SSL Recreation
2017 Summer Sport Camps

Volleyball Camp
June 5 – 9
9:00 a.m. – Noon
4th-12th Grades
$10.00 – Deadline May 26

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

Boys and girls 12 and under, come fish for free and win prizes!!

South Salt Lake Animal Services
Presents

Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic
For South Salt Lake Residents
Saturday June 10th 11:00-1:00

Staff will be on hand to license pets
$15.00 spayed/neutered
$40.00 not spayed/neutered

Questions? Call 801.483.6024 ext. 6

Located at South Salt Lake Animal Shelter
2274 South 600 West