CITY NEWSLETTER
April 2019

The State of the City Address and Best of South Salt Lake 2019

Annually, we look back at the past year and celebrate our accomplishments as a City. I continue to Invest in People with the help of hard working staff, citizens, businesses and partners. Together we are building a stronger community. Each of the individuals, groups and businesses highlighted in this newsletter were honored with an award, as they are the Best of South Salt Lake!

State of the City is also my opportunity to share my priorities for the coming year. My three key priorities for 2019 are to:

1. Create a sustainable funding source for public safety
2. Continue quality economic development that benefits our residents
3. Update needed infrastructure that residents use every day

Margaret Wheatley says it best “There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about” we know that caring for people makes SSL strong.

The full text transcript and video presentation of the State of the City Address can be found on Mayor’s page at sslc.com

Education Leaders of the Year
Principals - Christine Christensen, Woodrow Wilson - Milton Collins, Lincoln Elementary - Malynda Cloward & Valerie Bergera, Roosevelt Elementary

State School Turnaround is an improvement program designed to help schools improve performance. In 2015, Woodrow Wilson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt Elementary schools were identified as turnaround schools. Based on 2017-2018 results, the Utah State Board of Education announced that all three schools raised their grades and met the criteria to exit school turnaround! We cannot think of a better way to invest in people and ensure the future success of our community. The many hours of hard work and commitment from the administration, faculty and staff of these schools is admirable. These efforts reinforce a thriving educational culture for our community and bright futures for South Salt Lake Youth. Thank you to these dedicated educators for a job well done!
Best of South Salt Lake

Volunteer of the Year
Brynley Graham

Our youth Recreation programs are successful because of the dedication of volunteer coach Brynley Graham. Not many moms can raise 4 little boys and still find time to coach sports. Brynley has been a volunteer coach for the past 4 years and has invested over 100 hours in our youth. She is frequently requested by parents to coach their kids. She positively engages youth and adults alike. Her husband Dean also coaches when time allows. Thank you Brynley for supporting our Youth!

Council Champion
Ray deWolfe

Ray deWolfe began his service on the South Salt Lake City Council in January of 2018. Prior to this he served on the Planning Commission. From day one, his commitment has been to community and progress. Ray doesn’t just say this, he lives it! Each and every day he looks for ways to better our City. Ray donates every penny of his City Council salary to nonprofits and those in need. Last year he donated $11,425 to local charities and needs in our community. He and his supportive wife Megan are continually investing in community! Ray seeks creative, thoughtful solutions to the challenges we face. He is an advocate for residents, contributes to valuable discussion, and frequently brings compromise to multifaceted issues.

Community Builder
Lesly Allen, SSL Arts Council

Lesly started with South Salt Lake in December of 2014 as our Arts Council Coordinator. Working part-time hours with no budget and no committee, she started from nothing, as all real artists do. She has since recruited an Arts Council Board, raised the annual budget to over $100,000 a year, and started new events that are the envy of the local arts world. South Salt Lake is now recognized for its Creative Industry Zone, Mural Fest, new breweries and distilleries, creative place making, and a thriving arts scene. Lesly has created opportunities for local artists to teach, create and perform. Art is alive and well in South Salt Lake because of Lesly Allen!

Equity Champion
Michelle Love-Day

Michelle is currently the Associate Director of Education Equality for Granite School District and has been an educator for 16 years. Michelle champions equity initiatives in South Salt Lake and across the district. Most recently, she organized a special event celebrating Black Excellence in our schools where youth joined their unique voices together in a celebration of student accomplishments. She helps to organize a monthly gathering between district and city staff and refugee-serving organizations to build greater connections for refugee youth and families. When she’s not championing equity in our schools, she’s doing it on stage. Michelle is an actor with the Salt Lake Acting Company and has appeared in countless productions.

United Way Promise Partner of the Year
Chevron

Three years ago, United Way introduced Chevron to the Promise South Salt Lake Meadowbrook STEM Center, which focuses on Science Technology Engineering and Math activities. Chevron now provides funding to promote high quality STEM activities citywide at all the afterschool programs. Now, more than 50% of youth surveyed each year report greater knowledge and skills in STEM and more than 75% report greater interest in pursuing a STEM-related education and career. Thank you for your support of our South Salt Lake Youth!

Employee of the Year
Leonela Robles

Leonela began working for Promise four years ago and has since moved to Urban Livability as a Code Enforcement Officer. She quickly made an impression on employees, residents and businesses alike. She can make the most tedious task lively and tackles difficult projects with a smile! She assists departments throughout the city. She cleans the Animal Shelter on weekends, hauls debris for the police department and picks up leaf bags for the Streets Division. She continues to go above and beyond her job duties to ensure that our City is clean, safe and beautiful!

Young Leader of the Year
Abdul Bari Ayubi

Abdul Bari is a senior at Cottonwood High School and active in our Promise Afterschool Program. Abdul and his family moved from Afghanistan just over a year ago and Abdul has not only adjusted to the challenges of resettlement and learning a new language, he has excelled and thrived in all areas of life. He leads the MESA (Math, Engineering and Science Achievement) Team and the FIRST Robotics Club at Cottonwood; volunteers each week mentoring refugee youth and assists with a robotics club for 4th-8th graders. Abdul will be graduating this spring and we cannot wait to see where his leadership abilities and determination take him!
Best Business Volunteer
Swire Coca-Cola

Led by Brian Small and Brenda Brown, since 2013 Swire crews have given in enormous ways. They have tackled residential revitalization and public green space all over the city. They paint, build, landscape and haul debris, stopping only for brief lunch breaks. We have watched them transform properties -- they dig in, get dirty and don’t quit until the work is done!

Best Coffee
Bjorn’s Brew, 2165 South State

There is a new aroma in town thanks to our newest local, family-owned coffee shop, Bjorn’s Brew. Looking to expand into a second location, they found the perfect spot on State Street and transformed a vacant fast food building into an attractive, community business. In true communal, small business fashion a portion of each sale is donated to local animal charities. Hit the drive-thru if you’re in a hurry or settle in for a cup in their café. Either way we can guarantee you will enjoy Bjorn’s Brew and the Best Coffee!

Best Creative Industry
Beehive Distilling, 2245 S West Temple

Nothing says Creative Industry like – small batch & hand crafted. Beehive is passionate about their craft and started with the notion that gin wasn’t being given the love it deserved. Beehive distilling launched the state’s first gin distillery since 1870. They landed on West Temple next to the S-Line in South Salt Lake. The work of three friends: Matt Aller, Chris Barlow and Erik Ostling have settled their business in the heart of our Creative Industry Zone. The owners come to distilling with skills in advertising, photography and woodworking. Their space features a 450-gallon still and they will soon be offering distillery tours.

Best Small Business
As U Wish Events & Catering
asurywishnow.com

This local business embodies what you hope for in a small business. Friendly, fair and always exceeding expectations. They can fix you up for an outdoor BBQ or bring the Prime Rib when the occasion warrants. Seldom will you find a business who can feed 250 people with less than 48 hours’ notice. Following Officer Romrell’s death in the line of duty, our police department and the Romrell family needed an opportunity to mourn together. The As U Wish team served up delicious comfort food and might we add they did so at cost. They saw the need in our community and stepped up in an amazing way!

Best Bakery
Délice Bakery & Café, 2747 South State

A true delight has made its way to South Salt Lake. This bakery and café has been the talk of the town since in landed in mid-November. A previously abandoned restaurant on State Street has been brightened with this fully remodeled, charming café. Open from breakfast until dinner – this is the perfect stop for a morning pastry, lunch with friends or business meeting. One look in their display case and you know you simply must come back or take a treat to go! Chef Jean-Jacques “JJ” Grossi was trained as a chef in France before coming to Utah in 1977. He now owns the café with Masoud Abbasi and Akbar Matinkhah.

Best Local Art Advocate
Derek Dyer

As the Executive Director and founder of the Utah Arts Alliance, Derek has helped establish art facilities and events all over town. As an artist himself, he has incorporated his passion into his daily work. Derek serves on the South Salt Lake Arts Council Board and helped launch the SSL Mural Fest. Local art and supporting local artists has always been a priority for Derek. He works on a large scale, in fact he has even been featured in the Guinness Book of World Records for his World’s Largest Disco Ball art Piece.
**Welcome from Interim Fire Chief Addison**

It’s my great honor to lead your community fire department into a new and exciting chapter. For the past 23 years, I’ve humbly had the opportunity to serve this great city in numerous capacities within the fire department, most recently as Deputy Fire Chief since 2014. As we prepare for big changes with the incredible growth South Salt Lake is experiencing, we have recommitted to the foundations that build strength in our members and community. Our department’s mission is to protect lives and property with dedicated people providing exceptional service to our community’s diverse needs. In support of our mission, we focus on the strength of our firefighters to develop proactive, safe, and exceptional emergency responders. We’re looking forward to our continued participation in community events and engaging with citizens. On behalf of the fine men and women of South Salt Lake Fire, I personally thank you for the incredible support you show us day in and out.

Respectfully,

Terry Addison, Interim Fire Chief

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**South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary**

Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting

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Community Happenings

**COMMUNITY PRODUCTION AND CARNIVAL**

Celebrating 90 Years of Granite Park Junior

Come celebrate with us!

Tuesday APRIL 16th 10:00 - 11:00 will be a student-led production celebrating our school's 90-year heritage in South Salt Lake. All alumni, former faculty, and community members are invited.

Wednesday APRIL 17th 5:30 - 7:30 will be a community carnival with food trucks, live music, student performances, games, and student displays. Please come to enjoy this free event.

Pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, and other items will be sold by our PTSA this night for its annual fundraiser.

To learn more about this event contact

Alison Wilson at awilson@graniteschools.org

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**Rabies Vaccine & Animal Licensing Clinic**

Saturday, April 13
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Animal Services
2274 South 600 West
SSL, UT 84115

**Free**
Rabies Vaccine & 1 year license for pets of South Salt Lake Residents

Staff will be available to license pets
$15 spayed/neutered
$40 non-spayed/neutered
$20 Microchips

Questions
801.483.6024 Ext. 6

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**EASTER EGG HUNT AND TINY TOTS FAIR**

Saturday, April 20, 2019
Central Park
2797 S 200 E
South Salt Lake

Tiny Tots Fair 9-10:30 a.m.
Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m. sharp!
Photos with Easter Bunny
$7 and up

See you there!

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**WANTED ALL SENIORS**

Boots & Bows - Senior Ball

YEE HA!

Dancing, Food, Fun

* FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH * 5-7PM
* COLUMBUS CENTER * 2531 S 400 E

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**LUNCH on the Move**

Smoke-A-Billy BBQ
Wednesday, April 17
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SSL City Hall
220 East Morris Ave

Discover a new food truck each month and stop in to see what's new at City Hall!

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**Mother and Son Game Night**

Friday, May 3, 2019
6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Central Park Ball Field
2797 South 200 East

In the event of rain:
Columbus Center, 2531 S 400 E

$3/couple, $1/extra son
Games, Food, and loads of fun!
Monoprinting
with Artist Laura Sharp Wilson
Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 & 30
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Columbus Center
2531 S 400 E #102

The image making possibilities of monoprints are endless. In this workshop each student will create a portfolio of prints using a gelli plate. Creative Arts for Life classes are free to SSL residents and Senior Center clients. $40 for all others. Supplies included. Registration is required by calling 801-412-3217 or emailing jhedin@sslc.com.