It is an honor to be a part of a community that never forgets its roots and never shies away from the future. South Salt Lake was born a thoroughly modern city in 1938 and has always fearlessly walked a line between rooted traditions and a changing society – in businesses, in our homes, at church, and in our civic groups. What keeps us grounded and successful is our sense of community.

We have an abundance of committed citizens, deep-rooted civic and religious organizations, and innovative businesses who are all committed to the spirit of community. They are always reaching out a hand to build a bridge, lift someone up, or reach an agreement. They pay attention and speak up. We are bound together by our shared stories – about ourselves, our history, where we spend time together, and the places we have built together. This newsletter edition celebrates these traditions and highlights some of the ways South Salt Lake is working to protect our past while keeping up with the times.

I felt the heartbreak of losing a beloved landmark as Granite High School was removed from its historic site in our city. Despite years of fighting for what so many residents valued deeply, the buildings are gone and a piece of our history is gone. The original Granite High School still stands across the street because we purchased and adopted protective zoning at Historic Scott School to ensure its preservation. I am more motivated than ever to ensure we protect the things we treasure so much.

This year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Columbus Center, we are seeking to put permanent protections in place here. We also have an opportunity to celebrate our industrial heritage as we launch a plan for a creative district centered around South Salt Lake’s historic water tower. Local artists and creatives have started a rally cry to refurbish the water tower with an artistic flair. They are also taking a second look at some of the interesting old buildings and converting them to new businesses, studios, craftsman shops, breweries and the like. This neighborhood is not only being seen as a desirable place to work, but as an up-and-coming place to live.

If it’s true that “everything old is new again,” South Salt Lake is certainly the place to be. Keep watching as our city melds the old with the new in our downtown, streetcar blocks, and countless places in your neighborhood. Share your story with me - I am eager to hear it. It is all a part of continuously building our community together.

Mayor Cherie Wood has proclaimed Monday, October 16, 2017 as the 100th anniversary of the Columbus Center. The Mayor is urging the community to take steps to ensure the preservation of this landmark and legacy in perpetuity.

Come celebrate with us and share a slice of birthday cake and a photo opportunity celebrating the Columbus Center and how it brings our diverse community together. The event will be held Monday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. on the east lawn at 2531 S 500 East. It is free and open to the public and we encourage you to join us in the photo!

The Columbus School opened in 1917 as an...
Fitts Park- A Really Big Idea

Fitts Park will have a banner year in 2018, as the city gears up for a major expansion and new amenities. Funding has been secured to transform the area west of Spring Creek, currently off-limits, into 3 additional acres of park space. There will be a new bridge connecting the two sides of the park, and a new segment of Mill Creek Trail through the park to encourage biking and walking for fun and transportation.

This progress builds on a bold move to start the park in the 1980s. Unlike many parks in the area, Fitts Park was not originally a park. There were a handful of old homes here in the 1980s facing 500 East and Front Street. The floods of 1982 made the three creeks here (Mill Creek, Nibley Creek and Spring Creek) overflow their banks, and many homes were saved only by the teamwork of concerned neighbors sandbagging through the night. Soon after, a new plan for the creeks was drawn up to bolster flood protection on Mill Creek and re-route the other creeks. At this time, Mayor Jim Davis and the City Council also decided it was high time the city had a premier park, and thought this site, rich with trees, and views, water and wildlife, was the perfect place for it. ‘Duck Park’ as it was first known, would also help with flood protection. At the time, only Lions Park existed in city boundaries and people typically went to Sugar House Park, Murray Park or Granite High to gather or recreate. City leaders felt city parks would attract and keep families in the city and boost home ownership.

Today is no different. South Salt Lake is growing and flourishing and the push for parks has been renewed. In addition to the Fitts Park expansion and Central Park, new parks are in the works next to the Columbus Center, west of State Street, and in the Riverfront neighborhood. The goal is for every resident to be within walking distance (1/4 mile) of a park, open space, trail and community center. It is a goal within our grasp with new funding and dedication to the vision.

Creative Industries Zone is taking off in South Salt Lake

Creative industries, such as art, design, fabrication, food and drink, and hand-crafted items are finding a home in South Salt Lake. The DIY and make-it-yourself sector is booming, and many people are discovering this can be not just a hobby, but a business, too. And many of these small businesses find themselves locating in South Salt Lake. Recognizing this, the South Salt Lake Arts Council undertook an arts district study and worked with dozens of people, businesses, arts organizations and non-profit partners to identify the best ideas for making South Salt Lake the place to be.

The Creative Industries Zone Master Plan is now complete and available at sslarts.org. The ideas and recommendations are a guide to future investment in public places, building, arts programs, and economic supports to help this area thrive. The plan is centered on the area along West Temple from 2100 South to 2700 South. Four “big ideas” include:

1. A major downtown park, plaza and stage, set inside the Commonwealth District neighborhood
2. A park and art space around the Water Tower, and turning the tower into a work of art.
3. A park and art space at the former Buehner Block building
4. Streetscape, branding, pedestrian updates and landscaping along West Temple.

All of these public investments support the people who have already made the neighborhood their home and attract more people to live, work, invest or simply visit and enjoy the neighborhood. But it takes private investment too, in growing businesses and keeping them in the neighborhood.

The project was aided by the expertise of the Creative Community Builders team who helped stakeholder identify their greatest assets and their highest hopes and dreams. They are known around the world for the Creative Community Builder’s Handbook, a DIY guide to successful creative economies and cultures. “If we dream it, we can build it,” is the attitude of the South Salt Lake Arts Council and they look forward to making it happen step by step.

South Salt Lake City Council Meetings
220 E. Morris Ave., 2nd Floor
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.

South Salt Lake City Planning Commission Meetings
220 E. Morris Ave., 2nd Floor
Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.

Business Watch
We strengthen our community by reporting all suspicious activity to the South Salt Lake Police Dept.

There will be a Business Watch meeting on Monday, October 30 at 5:00 p.m. at BCI National, 3158 South Main Street.

Neighborhood Watch
We strengthen our community by reporting all suspicious activity to the South Salt Lake Police Dept.

The following Neighborhood Watch Meetings will take place in October:
Tuesday, October 10, 2017,
Columbus Community Center,
Room 101, 7:00 p.m., Community Policing Zones 3-4

Thursday, October 12, 2017,
Columbus Community Center,
Room 101, 7:00 p.m., Community Policing Zones 1-2

Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Waverly Townhomes Clubhouse, 7:00 p.m., Waverly, Plymouth and Huntsy Manor Townhome communities, Community Policing Zones 5-6

A recording with updated information on Neighborhood Watch Meetings can be heard by calling 801-412-3668.
United Way Day of Caring

United Way made South Salt Lake shine once again with its annual Day of Caring on September 14. Company volunteer crews from Zions Bank, Savage Services, Comcast, Jacobsen Construction, Rocky Mountain Power, Bard Access Services, Swire Coca-Cola, O.C. Tanner, and UPS took tools in hand to put some sweat equity into our city. Projects were completed along the Jordan River Parkway, Central Park, and at nine homes in the Community Connection neighborhood. Thank you to every volunteer for being a part of our community of caring!

Homeless Issues Update

“Homelessness is not a crime, but the activities that often surround it are illegal. We must balance services and enforcement. Our entire city staff is working on identifying and responding to problems, while we proactively work toward permanent solutions.”

Chief Jack Carruth

Current focus areas for South Salt Lake include:

1. Proactive enforcement
   - Participating in Operation Rio Grande as a local partner. This coalition of police forces includes Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah Highway Patrol, South Salt Lake City, and County Sheriffs from neighboring counties.
   - This enhanced enforcement effort is to remove the criminal element to create a safer environment to provided homeless resources.
   - Operation Rio Grande is clearing out the criminal activity in public areas around Rio Grande.
   - South Salt Lake is focused on handling the problems with individuals booked and released into the Salt Lake County Jail, as a result of Operation Rio Grande.
   - Booking offenders into jail, and keeping them in extra jail beds in Salt Lake and surrounding counties.
   - This effort has been a training ground for our city to deal with increased presence of homeless and implementing service and enforcement principles.
   - Clearing out encampments – working with Salt Lake County Health Department.
   - Call to Action – See something, say something – call Dispatch at 801.840.4000.

2. Pedestrian safety - Roadside donations
   - Recent legislative amendments to Utah Code 41-6a-1009, through House Bill 161, now prohibit donations from a vehicle on certain roadways, to include: Off-ramps, on-ramps, state routes, medians and other described road ways.
   - Both driver and pedestrian can be cited and fined.
   - Better ways to make donations. Seek out social service providers – sichost.org. Help the homeless not the addictions.
   - Call to Action – Refrain from handing money to people on the street from your vehicle, it is dangerous and counterproductive.

3. Requesting funds to increase public safety force
   - We need more public safety staff to manage the problems. We are formulating a budget and request to the State of Utah for funding directly to South Salt Lake. Our city is putting this request to the legislature.
   - It is not fair for South Salt Lake to bear this burden alone. We are asking the State of Utah for a permanent appropriation to cover this.
   - The State Homeless Coordinating Committee said they would find this effort has been a training ground for our city to deal with increased presence of homeless and implementing service and enforcement principles.
   - Call to Action – Contact your Utah State Legislators and let them know South Salt Lake needs this funding. Contact House Speaker Greg Hughes, Senate President Wayne Niederhauser, Rep. Steve Eliason, Rep. Mark Wheatley and Sen. Gene Davis.

Community Policing – Safety in Numbers

Sergeant Bill Hogan spends his days in uniform, but not writing tickets. His job is to shake hands, make friends, and keep his eye out for people doing good things. Why? He is the Sergeant of the Community Resource Division for the City of South Salt Lake, tasked to keep the city safe through crime prevention, not call response or enforcement. The community policing model has become a cornerstone of the SSL Police Department in the last decade and has led to many positive relationships and outcomes.

Community policing is the philosophy that police officers and citizens can work together in creative ways to solve community problems such as crime, social disorder and neighborhood conditions. Programs led by the division include Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Crime Free Rental Housing, and School Resource Officers. You are invited to participate in a “watch” meeting, Coffee with a Cop, or to simply call your community policing officer to help them get to know your business, home or neighborhood better so safety is ensured. Find more on the Police Department tab at sslc.com or contact Bill Hogan at 801-412-3631 or bhogan@sslc.com.

October 2017
Meet the Family Liaison Team

Promise South Salt Lake provides a team of Family Liaisons to support families, youth, or any community members who live, work, and worship in South Salt Lake. Family Liaisons can help with home visits and connect the community to resources and programs, such as:

- Afterschool
- Employment
- Clothing
- Food
- Early Learning
- English Classes
- Citizenship Classes
- And More!

For more information contact Edward Lopez (#1) at 801-455-1729 or elopez@sslc.com
Supporting the Hser Ner Moo Community, Ciara Gregovich (#2) - family.hnm@sslc.com
Supporting the Lincoln Elementary Community, Atusa Ghadikolai (#3) - family.linc@sslc.com
Supporting the Moss Elementary Community, Keith Keyser (#4) - family.moss@sslc.com
Supporting the Central Park Community, Elda Chaparro (#5) - family.cpcc@sslc.com
Supporting the Meadowbrook STEM Community, Kitenge Kasongo (#6) - family.stem@sslc.com
Supporting the Cottonwood High School Community, Megan Asadian (#7) - family.ctwd@sslc.com

Family Liaison Coordinator, Edward Lopez - 801-455-1729, elopez@sslc.com

PAL Thanksgiving Dinner Kits

PAL Youth, Police Officers and community/business partners are preparing Thanksgiving Dinner kits for South Salt Lake residents in need. If you or someone you know needs a meal on this day contact Jerry Silva 801-412-3650.

Dinner Kit includes: Turkey, stuffing, onions, celery, potatoes, butter, chicken stock, gravy, corn, yams, cranberry sauce, brown sugar, rolls, pie, foil, roasting pan and peeler.

Deadline to sign up is Nov. 7, dinner kits will be available for pickup or delivery on Nov. 21.

Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

Fire Prevention Week is on record as the longest running public health observance. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, beginning a tradition of Presidents recognizing the occasion. It is observed, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began October 8, 1871, and did most of its damage October 9. The horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy. The fire department would like to teach children how to escape out of the home on their own. We are willing to schedule a time for parents and children throughout the community to go through our state-of-the-art fire prevention trailer and learn valuable life-saving skills such as: cooking safety, fire extinguisher use, and how to escape from a bedroom.

If interested please contact the SSL Fire Department at 801-483-6043 to schedule this fun and exciting training opportunity.

Optimism

Definition: the tendency to expect the best and see the best in all things

Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier.

- Colin Powell
Rock Star – Ben Vaea

Ben Vaea is a new and now indispensable member of the South Salt Lake Engineering Team. One of Ben’s greatest strengths is that he rose up through the ranks at Public Works. He was hired in the Streets Division on the concrete crew where he proved his worth as an exceptional employee. He proved his knowledge and abilities during the interview process and moved into the Engineering Department as Public Works Inspector.

To do his job, Ben has had to earn training and certifications in all aspects of Public Works — including sewer, water, stormwater and pavement. This hard work is paying off for Ben and for the city as he ensures we meet the design standards and enormous regulations for each of these types of construction.

Ben is also a great people person. He gets along well with others and can quickly resolve conflicts with contractors in the field before they become major problems. But, Ben will also hold his ground to make sure that projects are built correctly. Ben Vaea is our Engineering ROCK STAR!
SAVE the DATE!
FALL CLEAN-UP: First two weeks of November

Boxed, Bundled and Bagged Curbside Cleanup
The citywide cleanup program is available to all South Salt Lake City residents who currently receive City garbage service. Curbside pickup will be provided for approved items that are boxed, bundled or bagged. The intent of this program is to reduce pollution in our streams, rivers and lakes and will keep our city clean. When utilizing curbside collection, residents are reminded that hazardous materials such as oil, batteries, paint, tires and other pollutants will not be collected. Ace Recycling and Disposal, the city’s garbage and recycling contractor, will be collecting bulky waste items during the first two weeks of November. Property prepared items must be placed on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. The pickup schedule will be delivered to your home in advance.

Leaf Bags
South Salt Lake residents can participate in an annual leaf bag collection program. Each fall season, five (5) leaf bags are supplied to residents at no cost. Bags can be picked up at the Public Works building located at 195 W Oakland Ave beginning in October. Residents must show a valid ID with a South Salt Lake address in order to obtain city provided leaf bags. The leaf bags will be picked-up curb side through the end of November and taken to the landfill for use in their composting program.

Volunteers Needed
The SSL Victim Services Unit is looking for volunteers to help in the office, in court, with special programs, with language interpretation and on crisis response teams. We work with and serve victims of violent crime. If you want to make a difference in the SSL community, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Tina, at 801-412-3624.

**COMING SOON**

South Salt Lake Recreation 2017 - 2018

**BASKETBALL**
Who: 4 years old - 6th grade
When: PK-K - 1st/2nd grades – Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm
3rd/4th grades – Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6-8pm
5th/6th grades – Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6-8pm

Practices starting the week of Nov. 27th. Practices and games are approx. 1 hour.

Coaches will call to inform players of practice date prior to November 24th.

Location: PK-K, 1st/2nd grades @ Central Park Community Center (2797 S. 200 E.)
3rd/4th grades @ Columbus Community Center (2531 S. 400 E.)
5th/6th grades @ Granite Park Jr. High (3303 S. 200 E.)

Fee: $25 for 1st child, $20 for 2nd child, $15 for 3rd child.

Additional $5 non-resident fee for 2nd participant brings outside the boundaries of South Salt Lake.

Scholarships available to those who qualify.

Deadline: November 9th (Space is Limited!)
*$5 late fee for registration after November 9th

Registration: Complete the form on the back and return in person with your payment to:
South Salt Lake Recreation Office
2531 S. 400 E., South Salt Lake, UT 84115
Office hours: M-F 8:30a-5:00p

For more information call 801-412-3217

**CHESS TOURNAMENT**

SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY
Cheese Tournament
Columbus Center
2531 S. 400 E.
South Salt Lake, UT 84115
November 4th, 2017
This non-rated tournament is open to all K-8, 9-12, 10-12 players.

5 Sections:
Sec. 1: Kg, 1st-2nd graders
Sec. 2: 3rd/4th graders
Sec. 3: 5th/6th graders
Sec. 4: 7th-8th graders
Sec. 5: 9th-10th graders

Additional $5 non-resident fee for participants living outside the boundaries of South Salt Lake.
($10 with free/reduced lunch letter at time of registration)

$5 late fee for registration after November 9th

Deadline: November 9th (Space is Limited!)

Pre-Registration: Information must be received by Nov. 1st, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.
All students must check in by 8:30 a.m. Early registration can be paid online or during check-in at the door.

Cust: $10.00 per person entry fee for pre-registered players. All players must be pre-registered by Nov. 1st, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.

$15.00 fee at the door. Make checks payable to: South Salt Lake Recreation.

**Scholarships available for South Salt Lake City resident w/ proof.**

**Trophies: 1st-5th place for each grade and top team trophies.**

**Participation medals awarded to all contestants without trophies. Home school must play for the neighborhood school the individual student would attend.**

Small mail: Send students Name, Grade, and School To: South Salt Lake City Recreation c/o Myrna Clark
2531 S 400 E.
South Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Online registration at: ssrc.com/payonline then select special events for registration and payment.

Phone: For any questions contact: Myrna Clark 801-483-6076
mclarke@ssl.com

Food: Pizza, hot dogs, chips, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase.

**November 20th**
SAVE the DATE!

SSL HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!
Columbus Center, 2531 South 400 East
FRIDAY OCTOBER 20 2017
6-9 P.M.

Superheroes and Villains

WOW!

$2/per hero or $1 with a steel receptacle of non-perishable food item

ACTIVITIES:
- Kryptonite castle
- Wonder-ful entertainment
- Flash photos
- Find the Green Lantern ring
- Age games
- Lots of fun!

Super Heroes and Villains

Come One! Come All! To
BOO!

City Hall
Tuesday, Oct 31, 2017
3:00 - 4:45 P.M.
220 E Morris Ave (2430 South)
South Salt Lake
Ages 12 and Under, Costumes Encouraged

Bring all your little boys and ghouls

WOW!