Gratitude and Respect carry us into the New Year

Our community ended 2018 with a tragedy – the untimely passing of Officer David Romrell. For the first time in our 80-year history, a South Salt Lake officer lost his life in the line of duty. Through the mourning and community sorrow, I grew to love this community even more. It is the greatest challenge I have experienced as Mayor of South Salt Lake. I have emerged feeling more responsible for every single person in our community and more indebted to those who serve and sacrifice in public safety.

Unfortunately, we hear stories like this far too often in cities across the country. But we can never be prepared for it to actually happen in our own community. David Romrell had just started his career and held so much promise and respect amongst his fellow officers and staff. The loss of a beloved brother has had a profound impact on our public safety departments, elected officials, City staff, residents and business community. The outpouring of love and support that residents have shown his wife Elizabeth and their baby, Jackson, is incredible.

I don’t know if I’ve ever been so moved as the day Officer Romrell’s funeral procession traveled from funeral services to the cemetery. Cars stopped on the highway and on overpasses, with passengers silently saluting. State Street was lined for miles with countless students, community members and veterans holding signs, saluting, and with hand to heart in honor of Officer Romrell. This tribute demonstrated the overwhelming gratitude and respect for the men and women who serve and protect our City and Country every day. It has carried me through a very tough time.

I am thankful for the support my fellow South Salt Lake residents have demonstrated during this trying time. I am so proud of Police Chief Jack Carruth and all of our incredible officers who are standing strong even while suffering from this loss. As we look towards 2019, I will work to ensure that the men and women who risk their lives for our safety know the depths of our appreciation. And I ask for your support in doing the same.

A Message to our Police Family

By Elizabeth Romrell
Statement originally read 12/13/18, Printed with permission.

To Chief Carruth and the South Salt Lake Police Department, their spouses, surrounding police agencies and first responders, that I now call family,

Your strength and love have allowed me to honor My David in the loving way that he honored and loved the people he served. You have made this journey important, significant, and memorable. You have extended your hearts, time, and energy, with all you had to give.

I have felt the love and support that each and every one of you have shown our family; it humbles me to receive such a gift, from such incredible people. I have seen so many of you offer anything and everything you have, even through the deep pain of your own grief and sorrow. I noticed and admired each tender act of kindness these past few weeks; they were needed and comforted us more than words can say.

This is the most challenging experience I have ever had to face and yet, I never felt alone. You have constantly reminded me that I am and will always be a part of your family; knowing that has helped me through more moments that I can remember and has brought me tremendous peace and comfort. David knew South Salt Lake was a special place the moment he set foot into your town. So many experiences these past few weeks have let me know that David had been preparing me for his departure for a long time now. Bringing me this family—our family—David knew we would always be safe here, loved here, and remembered here. I have already thanked David so many times for bringing us to you. If only I could find the right words to thank you each and every one of you. Jackson and I hope to spend a lifetime with you, getting to know you, showing you our gratitude and celebrating the life of My David.
On November 24, 2018, the South Salt Lake Police Department experienced the unimaginable loss of one of its own Officers. Officer David P. Romrell’s life was taken while serving the community he loved, and he became the first officer to lose their life in the line of duty for the City of South Salt Lake.

Officer David Romrell was born in West Valley City, UT. He graduated from Entrada High School in Sandy, Utah in 2006 and then earned a Bachelor’s of Science in Computer Hardware Engineering in 2015. David served in the United States Marine Corps from 2006 to 2014, and while serving his Country he married his wife Elizabeth in 2010. David continued his path of service by attending the Police Academy and was sworn in as a South Salt Lake Police Officer on January 30, 2018. David quickly bonded with the officers of the South Salt Lake Police Department as he successfully completed a rigorous field training program. Our staff and officers quickly learned that David was a caring, compassionate and professional person, as well as talented police officer. David was a perfect fit for our community and the example of what our officers are.

On November 24th, while responding to a report of a business burglary in progress, he and other officers encountered the suspects as they were attempting to leave the area in a vehicle. Officer David Romrell was in position outside of his vehicle as the suspect behind the wheel, a documented criminal offender, intentionally struck him with a vehicle. As we pieced together the events that took place, we know that David acted upon his training, and that our officers responded exactly how they should have. With no possible chance of escape, David and fellow officers fought righteousy in his last stand.

Within seconds South Salt Lake Fire Department personnel arrived on scene, providing medical aid and immediately transporting David to Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, UT. David was taken into surgery, where he fought for several more hours to stay alive. Sadly, David passed away just before 10:00 p.m. News of our loss spread quickly through out the law enforcement community, and officers from across the Salt Lake Valley and bordering Counties began to gather at the hospital to show their respects and to honor David. Inside the hospital, the halls were lined with South Salt Lake officers, officers from assisting agencies and David’s family, as we all shared one last moment with David. As officers escorted David from the hospital to the Medical Examiner’s Office, hospital staff, nurses and doctors lined the hall to show respect to David as well. Officers were with David when he passed away and remained at his side, standing watch, until he was laid to rest on December 5th.

When news of this tragedy reached the public, offers of support began pouring in from our community, surrounding communities and from across the state and country. Generous donations were made to Officer David Romrell’s family and aid was provided for all our officers. The communities we serve as officers came to our aide, in our time of need. We will be forever grateful for this support. As we navigated through the loss of one of our own, we quickly learned that there are truly no City boundaries when it comes to showing support for a fallen officer.

Now that we have honored David and have laid him to rest, we begin our own healing process. David’s memory will forever be memorialized at the South Salt Lake Police Department. We will never forget David’s sacrifice, and will all carry memories of David in our hearts. Just as officers stood watch over David until he was laid to rest, we will stand watch over Elizabeth and Jackson “Paul” Romrell forever.

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–Chief Jack D. Carruth

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City Council Corner

By Ben Pender – City Council District 1

SERVICE AND LOSS

Our community recently suffered a great loss with the death of Officer David Romrell in the line of duty. As a police officer and a father of a young police officer it affected me greatly. Although it’s a risk we take to serve our communities it’s also an honor.

The City Council was overwhelmed by all of the support given to Officer Romrell, his family and our police department by our community. We as a Council came together at this heart-breaking and tragic time. The City Council have unanimously promised to continue to support all of our South Salt Lake employee’s and to always remember Officer Romrell’s sacrifice and dedication to service first as a Marine and as a South Salt Lake Police Officer.

I want to share a poem I found:

A Hero’s Welcome
Time to come home dear brother
Your tour of duty through
You’ve given as much as anyone
Could be expected to do
Just a few steps further
The smoke will start to clear
Others here will guide you
You have no need to fear
You have not failed your brothers
You clearly gave it all
And through your selfless actions
Others will hear the call
So take your place of honor
Among those who have gone before
And know you will be remembered
For now and evermore

Elizabeth and Jackson we will never forget the sacrifice your husband and father gave to the City of South Salt Lake.

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

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 9:30 a.m.
EnhanceFitness
Tuesdays - Tai Chi
10:00 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
U of U Exercise Class
9:45 a.m.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 a.m. - Pickleball
Monday & Wednesday
Modified Yoga - 12:30 p.m.
Fridays - Line Dancing
10:30 a.m.
Daily Lunch - Noon
$3 suggested donation

Come check out what the Senior Center has to offer!
See us on Facebook: Columbus Senior Center

New Development
and Construction

Higrade Apartments is a 102-unit mixed use multifamily building located at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and West Temple. The building will be completed and available for rent this month.

Delice Bakery and Cafe located at 2747 South State Street is open for business! Delice is a French bakery with a modern touch that specializes in breakfast, lunch, coffee and desserts. For additional information, www.delicebakerslc.com

The corner of 3300 South and 500 East has redeveloped from an automotive shop to a new business. Bambu is a new dessert and drink establishment. They feature drinks including: Chè, Coffee, Tea, Smoothies, and Juices. For more information, visit their website at www.drinkbambu.com

The south end of the former Granite High School property is under construction. Granite Legacy is a 77-lot single family subdivision located at approximately 3400 South and 500 East. The model homes were featured in this year’s Parade of Homes.

The long-awaited ‘road diet’ for 2700 South has been completed. The new design gives equal treatment to drivers, cyclists and pedestrians by restriping the road. “Safety and comfort are important to everyone on the road, and we knew 2700 South could rise to a new level,” said City Engineer Dennis Pay. The study and designs for the new layout were completed in 2015, but the project was postponed to coincide with other street upgrades on the corridor, including a new intersection at Main St. Conversations with neighbors and businesses indicated that people had noticed an uptick in cycling and were concerned for safety. The new lanes and layout decrease the chance for dangerous turn movements and conflict with cyclists. They also encourage drivers to travel the speed limit while the traffic modeling showed only minor increase in travel time, due to changes in turning lanes. “2700 South is the spine of a neighborhood seeing lots of new development and investment. We expect this to boost people’s image of the neighborhood, helping revitalization efforts,” said Urban Design Director Sharen Hauri. “It’s a small investment with a big payoff.”

Congratulations to The Zeller!
The newest homes in the city were honored by a distinguished award from Utah Construction and Design. A panel of seven industry professionals award projects each year that exemplify both good design and quality construction. The Zeller Apartments received the “2018 Most Outstanding Multi-Family” award for top shelf amenities including the large pool, roof top patio, modern design, and prime location on the S-Line. The managers have been surprised by the diversity of residents and what they have requested. Residents are older and more educated than expected and have requested more access to scooters and bikes and shown less need for parking. Congratulations to local companies who contributed, including Pinyon 8, Jacobsen Construction, and Mountainland Design.
Community Happenings

South Salt Lake Recreation
Saturday Open Play

Adult Open Play Basketball

Who: Adults 18 Years and Older
When: Starting November 6th – March 14th
Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-9pm
Where: Columbus Community Center Gymnasium (2531 S. 400 E.)
Fee: $20 Season Pass
Must Register at the Columbus Center before playing
Players will be given a registration card at time of payment

Registration:
Complete form and return in person with your payment to:
South Salt Lake Recreation Office
2531 S. 400 E. South Salt Lake, Utah 84115
For more information call 801-412-3217

Snow Removal
Removing snow in a timely manner from your driveway and sidewalk provides for safe pedestrian travel and accessibility into and out of your driveway. Please place snow in your yard or park strip, not in the gutter or roadway.

On Street Parking Prohibited
All Night Parking on the street is prohibited on any night where snow removal shall be necessary on South Salt Lake roadways. Public Works is responsible for plowing over 70 miles of city streets. Keeping roadways clear of vehicles enables plows to effectively clear streets.

Pickleball
Central Park Community Center
2797 S 200 E
Jan. 2 – March 15
Mon, Wed & Fri 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday Evenings 7 – 9 p.m.
18 & Older
Equipment for Checkout
For registration contact:
Dustin 801.412.3209 or dpermann@ssl.com

Creative Arts for Life continues in January for seniors and adults:
Handbuilding Clay
w/ Bad Dog Arts Instructor
Ericka Cespedes
Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 am
January 9, 16, 23, & 30
Columbus Senior Art Room
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

Handbuilding clay offers endless opportunities for creating a variety of art pieces. You will be introduced to the basic techniques of pinching, coiling and slab building to facilitate the creation of your own unique art pieces. Each week we will also explore and experiment with texture, surface decoration and glazing. This workshop is perfect for beginners, and is an ideal way to get introduced to clay and have some fun while learning.

Pastel Chalk Drawing
w/ Artist Roger Whiting
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm
January 9, 16, 23, & 30
Columbus Center Room 102
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

Unleash a world of color with chalk pastels. An easy to learn way of illustrating in full color. Use your imagination and create a beautiful portrait or still life. Or re-create your favorite photo using chalk pastels.
This class is for adults of any skill level.

Contact:
Officer Jerry Silva
jerry@sslpolice.org
801-412-3650

Alli Lachowsky
alli@sslpolice.org

Visit sslarts.org for more info

Come BOWL with a COP!
Presented by South Salt Lake PAL

Where: Bonwood Bowl: 2500 S. Main Street, SLC
When: Every 3rd Thursday of the Month @3:30pm-5:00pm

OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18!

Go To:
www.sslpal.org
for more information!

Thursday
January 17th
The South Salt Lake Youth City Council would like to express their thanks to the community. Together we were able to make the holidays bright for over 75 families! This is the most families we have helped in one season. A special thank you to our community volunteers: Heart and Hands – Larry, Terri, and Emily Jensen & April Sorbonne. Additionally, SSL businesses, employees and partners generously give each year to provide for those needing a bright holiday season. The efforts of all giving together made for immeasurable joy!

Colts in the Kitchen is a revitalized club that has been extremely successful in the Promise South Salt Lake Cottonwood High afterschool program. The students work together to make a recipe that their leader, Colleen Bradburn – Promise Program Manager, has chosen for them before the club begins. Colleen is always taking suggestions from students for recipes, and she is often learning from them! The students enjoy seeing their hard work come together in delicious meals by the end of the activity time. For one of the club days this year, they participated in a Chopped edition of the club where they had friendly competition during an Apple Crisp bake-off. Their dishes were judged by the Center Coordinator based on taste, texture, and presentation. Some of the most popular dishes that the students made this year have been copycat Chick-fil-A chicken, tacos, curry, and pizza. Colleen tries to substitute some ingredients for a healthier component, such as using olive oil instead of vegetable oil, using fresh produce, and having turkey rather than pork. The students show their ability to work as a team and follow directions, especially since their reward is to eat their creation at the end of the day!

Muslima Nur has worked in the Utah International Charter School afterschool program since November 2015. She began as a Prevention Specialist and connected with youth right away. She brings a perspective to the afterschool program that the youth can relate to since she also came to the United States as a refugee. She has been a consistent support for the youth in South Salt Lake and has grown to know the youth and their families well. The youth count on her to be at afterschool every day and she is able to provide that for them. She rarely misses a day of work. In October of 2017 she was promoted to Program Manager where she is able to give even more of her time and expertise to the youth and their families. She is majoring in Social Work at the University of Utah. When not mentoring or attending school she enjoys dancing and playing sports.

Youth at Moss Elementary have been enjoying our partnership with the BreakThru Sports Club to bring us our first ever Chess Club! With 30 students, our Chess Club is one of our most popular clubs in the afterschool program. BreakThru has been great to provide all of the necessities for our chess club, and the Promise South Salt Lake staff have all been excited to teach! On November 3, our Chess Club sent 12 youth to the annual South Salt Lake Chess Tournament. Everyone loved their experience, and all received trophies! Without BreakThru providing the materials for us, attending the tournament wouldn’t have been possible. Thanks, BreakThru!