For most people, most of the time, voting and civic engagement do not tend to be an important priority. As Mayor and a single mother of three sons I get it – people are busy working, caring for family members, keeping up their homes, managing school, healthcare and other matters.

But as Election Day 2018 nears, I am thinking a lot about our precious democracy. While we often think of voting as selecting our elected officials and deciding on ballot propositions – it really is more than that. It is an act of good citizenship and an opportunity to have a voice and make a difference. I urge you to vote, to let your concerns rise up into civic conversations.

Beyond voting, there are other important ways to influence local government. Nearly everything we do each day is touched by government in some way. Roads, parks, water, education, even our garbage. Many of these issues are discussed and decided upon at a local level. The good news is that local leaders want to hear from you, and we are just a phone call, email, social media post or text away.

Your City Council meets twice a month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) to talk about issues that directly impact your quality of life – issues like public safety, parks, water and sewer, and current developments like the homeless resource center. Our Planning Commission also meets twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays) to discuss land use issues like new residential developments, businesses and office buildings. You can attend and just listen, or take the chance to speak your mind during the public comment periods. You can have the agendas emailed to your inbox to see if there are topics that are of interest to you. Simply email the City Recorder at cburton@sslc.com to request.

If meetings aren’t your style, think about other ways to stay informed and involved. Attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting or Coffee with a Cop held monthly on the first Wednesday. Join us for a free BBQ dinner at one of our “Neighborhood Nights.” The final one is October 9 from 6-8 pm at the Columbus Center.

Or join me for a bike ride around our city’s terrific trail system each Monday night in October weather permitting (see my Facebook page for details), we will be riding the Parley’s Trail and discussing new development. In September, we rode the Jordan River Trail and saw the beauty of the Jordan River firsthand. With the weather getting cooler, I’ll be looking for new ways to engage with residents and would love your suggestions. But first, VOTE!
City Council Corner

In a recent council meeting I was disheartened by a citizen's comment. He mentioned there isn’t anything happening in South Salt Lake and all we do as a city is take. His comment was referring to the proposed Stormwater utility fee. Despite mixed feelings on the storm water fee, there truly are a lot of great things happening in SSL. I want to share a few with you now.

- Hundreds of volunteers built a KaBOOM! playground
- Get into the River Festival
- Free art classes at the Columbus Community Center
- SSL 80th Birthday Celebration
- Mural Fest
- Cool Summer Nights- free movies in the park
- Freedom Fest
- Huck Finn Day
- Coffee with a Cop
- Bowl with a Cop
- Neighborhood Watch meetings
- Night Out Against Crime and Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Neighborhood Nights
- Lunch on the Move – food trucks at city hall
- Weekly recycling

There are good things happening in this City if we care to find them. It’s easy to fixate on only the bad things. However, there is just as much to be thankful for. The same is true that there is much more we have in common than we don’t.

The responsibility to find the good in the world is incumbent upon us. There is good in the world, but we need to take personal responsibility to find it. And if we don’t find the good we’re looking for, then we must help lead the way. That’s why I chose to be involved with my City and run for city council. I made a personal choice to make change happen and serve my community.

I applaud the gentleman who showed up to the council meeting to express his feelings. I do hope in parallel with expressing our opinions and being involved, we can step back and recognize all the good in the world, the city and people. The times in which we can’t, I hope we help lead the way to make the change we wish to see.

Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.

Rock Star – Sheri Miller

Finance is one of our front facing, customer oriented departments. Sheri makes her job look easy and always has a smile to share with those who visit City Hall. She has been with the city for over 7 years working in the cash receipting and utility billing areas where she performs complicated financial and billing tasks on a daily basis. She excels at problem solving and addressing customer concerns. She is exceptionally kind and understanding and will go the extra mile to ensure that customers receive the best service possible from the City.

Sheri is also the most optimistic and happy individual one will ever meet. She always has a positive and uplifting message posted near her desk for all visitors to see. You can’t help feeling a little happier after being around Sheri for a few minutes. The Finance Department and the City are fortunate that Sheri is part of our group. Thank you Sheri for being a Rock Star!

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Illegal Camping

Our Police Department continues to address the threat to public health and safety and the environment created by the numerous homeless and transient camps throughout the City of South Salt Lake. While we are not the only City dealing with this issue, we have seen a significant increase in this activity; the problem has become more serious.

Several areas of the city have become regular locations for illegal encampments that become a haven for dumping, and illegal activity, including criminal violations for narcotics, alcohol, weapons, stolen property, thefts and vandalism. These camps also bring human waste and garbage that end up in our creeks, streams and the Jordan River, creating a significant health hazard for humans and wildlife. Human-set wildfires are also more common. The burden on the city to patrol, enforce, and clean up these sites is growing, but we are not backing down.

Our trained officers recognize there are many challenges related to this issue. We work closely with mental health professionals, social workers and our community partners to recognize the personal issues surrounding each situation and provide resources and services to those in need prior to enforcement action. We truly want to help people who are suffering. Some pursue a path with help to get off the streets. Unfortunately, many are ‘resource resistant’ and choose to continue to live on the streets and in encampments, some on private property and some on public property.

We have assigned officers to the Jordan River Trail and other locations throughout the City to enforce illegal camping violations and to prevent new camps. Pictured is just one of many sites near the Jordan River. We also find open bathroom areas with human waste and garbage dumps.

The latest clean-up operation was conducted in mid-September. Officers inspected dozens of illegal camp sites on the Jordan River and contacted the people camping where possible. A total of 21 arrests were made and over 12,000 pounds of trash were removed. We appreciate the support of Salt Lake County and the County Health Department in making this possible.

We need your help. If you are experiencing an illegal camp on your property or discover one on public property, please contact the South Salt Lake Police Department. Please do not approach the camp for any reason as these camps can be very dangerous. Officers have found some camps intentionally booby-trapped.

Fire Prevention Week
October 7-13, 2018

Each year we nationally observe prevention week in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy.

The majority of fire deaths in North America happen at home. During 2016, South Salt Lake experienced 112 total fires: 24 structure, 16 vehicle, 65 outside and 7 other fires. Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. There are multiple ways to be fire smart.

CREATE A HOME ESCAPE PLAN
Home fire escape planning and drills are an essential part of fire safety. A home fire escape plan needs to be developed and practiced before a fire strikes.

INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS
Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

PRACTICE COOKING SAFETY
Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.

HEAT YOUR HOME SAFELY
Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months.
Columbus Senior Center Highlights
2531 South 400 East
South Salt Lake, Utah 84115 • 385-468-3340

South Salt Lake CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Ritz Classic Apartment Homes (former Ritz Bowling)
Project description: 300 units
Estimated completion date: Spring 2019
Current status/activity: Construction in full swing. Phase 1 is set to open in October. This project remains on schedule.

2200 S, between State and Main
Developer: Cowboy Partners
Project description: 95 townhouse units
Estimated completion date: Spring 2019
Current status/activity: Construction has begun with the site being cleared and currently being prepped for foundation pours.

Former Hi-Grade Meat Plant, at Utopia & West Temple
Project owner: LD Investments
Project description: 100 Apartment units
Est. completion date: Spring 2019
Current status/activity: Under construction

Former Buehner Block
Project Owner: Lake Union Development
Project description: 218 Townhomes
Est. completion date: Phase 1 & 2 Spring 2019
Current status/activity: Site work, including excavation, footings and foundations and utility connections ongoing.

Richard Street Project
Project Description: 20 Townhomes
Est. Completion date: Summer of 2019
Current status: Eight units are under construction, site work is well on its way to being constructed.

Chartway Credit Union
South Salt Lake is pleased to announce the construction of Chartway Credit Union at 2210 S. State Street. Ground was recently broken for this new 5,000 square foot building to replace its current branch at 25 E. 1700 S. This new, modern, full-service branch will be completed in Spring 2019. Chartway Credit Union has over 180,000 members nationwide with 40 branches located in Florida, Texas, Utah and Virginia. The new credit building is part of The Crossing project being developed by the Boyer Company. To date, the Boyer Company has developed the new WinCo Foods site and sold land to the Cowboy Partners for residential development. Cowboy Partners is currently constructing 95 townhomes just south of WinCo’s parking lot.

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 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. Properly 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.

See us on Facebook:
Columbus Senior Center
ART CLASSES BRING OUT THE BEST IN US

South Salt Lake Arts Council began offering free art classes for adults as a way to invest in people. The classes are taught by professional artists, but attended by ordinary people who want to experience the joy of creating art. The benefits of creative activities are well known, but the testimony of students says it best. Here is one response from a student in a recent class.

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Commonwealth Program Moves

The Commonwealth Performing Arts and Youth Entrepreneurial Center has a new location. This school year, Commonwealth will be holding afterschool programming from 3-6 p.m. at the Hip-Hop Education and Resource Center (HERC) 2505 South State. Program includes a variety of dance, music, art, and business classes, with homework help and dinner offered daily. The program is offered for 6th-12th graders who live, work, worship, or go to school in South Salt Lake and is free of charge for all participants. Contact Lauren Levorsen, Promise Program Coordinator, 385-630-9753 or llevorsen@gmail.com.