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On The Move

CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor Cherie Wood

This year, South Salt Lake is turning 85, and it's a year to celebrate. Our history can be found in a collection of books, articles and pictures, and a few of our senior residents still remember our early days. Did you know that South Salt Lake exists as a city because of the vitally important need for a sewer system? During the 1930's the population was growing rapidly, and sewage was held in septic tanks or cast into ditches. This became problematic, as waste would leak from tanks and contaminate waterways—people were getting sick. The solution was to create a sewage system but before that could happen, a decision had to be made. In 1938, a ballot was presented to citizens and business owners, to remain a part of Salt Lake (and to be taxed as a first-class city) or to disincorporate and build its own infrastructure. Those in favor of splitting off narrowly won, and on September 29, 1938, South Salt Lake officially became an incorporated township.

Growing Up in South Salt Lake

While I wasn't around in 1938, my grandparents, parents, aunts, and uncles decided to settle here in the 1960s. Growing up on Burton Ave, one of my favorite memories is walking to the former Madison Elementary through the field which is where City Hall is currently located. Ann Wilson was a long-standing and well-loved crossing guard and would help us cross 300 East. While living on Burton, we always had the best front-row seats for the annual 4th of July Parade. It's still the same route! At night, the fireworks would follow at the former Granite Park Jr. High Field (now Lincoln Elementary). The event grew more popular, as did the size of the fireworks, and eventually moved to the Granite High field. As a kid, I loved riding my bike along 400 East, where the S-Line and Zellar are now located. Each year the SSL Lions Club hosted a big breakfast at Ream's parking lot and would donate to the community, such as Lion's Park on Robert Ave. As a 'fun fact,' my mom and I are both Granite High School alumni and played as 'Lady Farmers' on the women's basketball team and shared the same coach.

At 17, I took a job placing orders at Free Wheeler Pizza. That was before I found out that the delivery drivers earned a whole lot more money. It's not uncommon to see females deliver food now. I was enrolled at the University of Utah when I applied for my first position with the city in their utility office. I found it interesting learning about the things the municipal government takes care of, but I found the most enjoyment in working with people and assisting them.

"Be the change that you wish to see."

I eventually earned degrees in business management and administration, I also applied and took on new city positions with accounts payable, the building department, and as the business licensing official. When Bob Gray became Mayor, he offered me the Chief of Staff position, which helped me to understand the role and its potential to bring about great change. When he decided not to run for re-election, he encouraged me to do so. It wasn't something I had even contemplated, as entering the political arena isn't easy, but I came to a realization. My passion and knowledge were here in South Salt Lake. I could come to work every day and bring about change in the trajectory of the community my family lives in. As I announced my candidacy, I was told by some, "You can run, but you won't win." Instead of discouraging me, it fueled my determination to win.

While campaigning, I spent a lot of time listening. There were a lot of concerns about the closure of our schools, and it got my attention. Taking office in 2010, it became one of my top priorities to build stability for our youth and give their families a reason to stay here. Having always felt a strong connection to the city, I wanted others to feel that way too. Promise South Salt Lake was a direct result of looking for solutions to support our local schools, our youth, and their families and taking on the challenges we face as a uniquely diverse and wonderful community.

Turning 85 is a great time to reflect and recognize our accomplishments and call out our amazing resiliency in facing challenges and moving forward. I believe South Salt Lake remains strong, as we are visionaries, problem solvers, and understand what building community is about—Join us in the celebration!



Public Meetings

For more info: www.sslc.gov

City Council

Wed, Sep 13, 7 p.m.

Wed, Sep 27, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thu, Sep 7, 7 p.m.

Thu, Sep 21, 7 p.m.

Civilian Review Board

Mon, Sep 11, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Leaf Bag Program



Fall is approaching and that means glorious temperatures and color changes. It also means leaves clogging storm drains. You can help keep our creeks and rivers clean by raking your leaves and clearing nearby storm drains. Take advantage of our free Fall Leaf Bag Program and get free leaf bags starting October 1. Residents may pick up five free leaf bags at City Hall. Visit SSLc.gov > Public Works to learn more.

SOUTH SALT LAKE WAYS TO CONNECT

Stay in the know

In an emergency, things can change quickly. Here are ways you can get the most up-to-date information.

ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

SIGN UP FOR
EMAIL OR TEXT
www.sslc.gov



GET INVOLVED



If you want to help your community email:
certsouthsaltlake@gmail.com



WATER SCAM ALERT



Beware of Water Quality testing payment scams. Some SSL residents have reported notices on their door or individuals visiting their homes claiming to represent a water quality testing agency and requesting payment for mandatory water quality tests. This is incorrect and a scam, please exercise caution. No SSL representative will ever request payment for water

quality testing. SSL tests water quality every year and publishes a free Water Quality Report on our website. Always ask if you are unsure. Contact SSL Water Division with any questions or if you would like your water tested for free. If you have any questions or need your water tested for free, contact our SSL Water Department at (801) 483-6014 or email water@sslc.gov.

Everyone can help prevent stormwater pollution.

WE ALL LIVE DOWNSTREAM



BAG AND TRASH
PET WASTE



MULCH OR COMPOST
MOWED GRASS.
CONSIDER XERISCAPING



PICK UP AND THROW
AWAY TRASH. RECYCLE
GLASS AND PLASTICS



RECYCLE OIL &
USE COMMERCIAL
CAR WASH



USE HOUSEHOLD
CHEMICALS SPARINGLY
& SAFELY DISPOSE



www.stormwatercoalition.org



CELEBRATING 85 YEARS AS A CITY Share Your Unique Story

SSL is collecting resident stories, memories, and photos to share online and during our 85th Celebration event, Friday, September 29th. Visit the SSLc.gov homepage to the Celebrate SSL Event news item to find the form. If you would like us to record your story on video or audio, contact us at connect@sslc.gov, 801-464-6757.

South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts, and video recorded meetings available at: www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
Regular Meeting				
7/26	Information Item: Civilian Review Board Quarterly Report	Civilian Review Board Chair, Joy Glad, gave the Council a rundown of the cases reviewed in the latest quarter.	Information provided to the Council	No further action needed
7/26	Appointment by the Mayor	Re-Appointment of Administrative Law Judge Steven Jones.	Approved	No further action needed
7/26	An Ordinance of the South Salt Lake City Council	An Ordinance of the South Salt Lake City Council Amending Sections 17.03 And 17.07 of the South Salt Lake City Municipal Code to Correct Technical Errors, Amend Certain Townhome Development and Design Standards.	Approved	No further action needed

Public Safety

Back to School Crosswalk Awareness in Utah

As the new school year is underway, it's crucial to prioritize the safety of our students as they head back to school. By following established state laws and city ordinances and encouraging others to do the same, we can help create a safer environment for our children and pedestrians to walk to and from locations in our community.

Crosswalk Laws in Utah:

- 1. Stop for Pedestrians at Crosswalks:** As a driver, you must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians who are already in a marked crosswalk or who are approaching a crosswalk on your side of the road. Always come to a complete stop and allow the pedestrians to safely cross before proceeding.
- 2. Yield to Pedestrians in Unmarked Crosswalks:** In Utah, pedestrians have the right-of-way at intersections, even if there is no marked crosswalk. Always be attentive and yield to pedestrians crossing the road at intersections.
- 3. No Overtaking Stopped Vehicles:** If a vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk to allow pedestrians to cross, you must not overtake or pass that vehicle. Wait patiently until the pedestrians have safely crossed the road.
- 4. No Driving on Sidewalks or Crosswalks:** It is illegal to drive on sidewalks or crosswalks unless it's an authorized driveway or access point. Keep these areas clear to ensure pedestrians have safe passage.

Back-to-School Safety Tips:

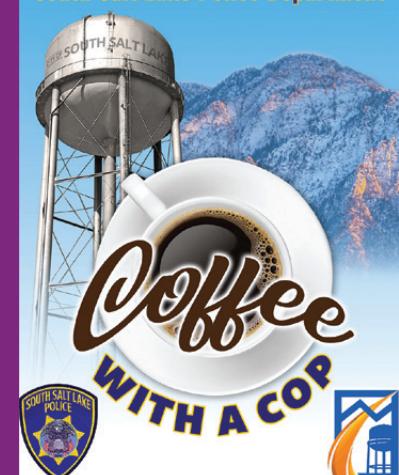
- School Zone Speed Limit:** Respect and obey the reduced speed limits in school zones to ensure the safety of children walking to and from school.
- Avoid Distractions:** Whether you are a driver, student, or parent, avoid distractions while crossing the road. Keep your attention focused on the road and your surroundings.
- Walking in Groups:** Encourage students to walk to school in groups or with a buddy. There's safety in numbers.
- Use Designated Crosswalks:** Always use marked crosswalks when crossing the street. Jaywalking can be dangerous and unpredictable.
- Crossing Guards:** Respect and follow the instructions of the crossing guards. They are there to help students cross safely.
- Be Visible:** If your child walks to school, wear bright, reflective clothing and carry a flashlight, especially in low-light conditions.
- Bike Safety:** If students ride bikes to school, remind them to wear helmets, follow traffic laws, and use bike lanes when available.

Remember, our students' safety is a shared responsibility. By being aware, considerate, and vigilant, we can make a positive impact on their journey back to school.

Message from SSLPD Chief Jack Carruth



South Salt Lake Police Department



Coffee with a Cop

Sep 6, 9-10 a.m.

In-Person

Délice Bakery & Café

2747 S State Street

Business Watch

Sep 7, 5 p.m.

American United Credit Union
3226 S Main Street

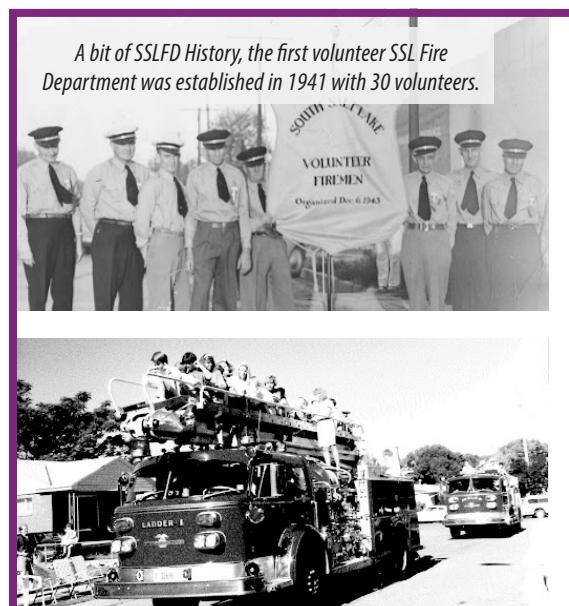
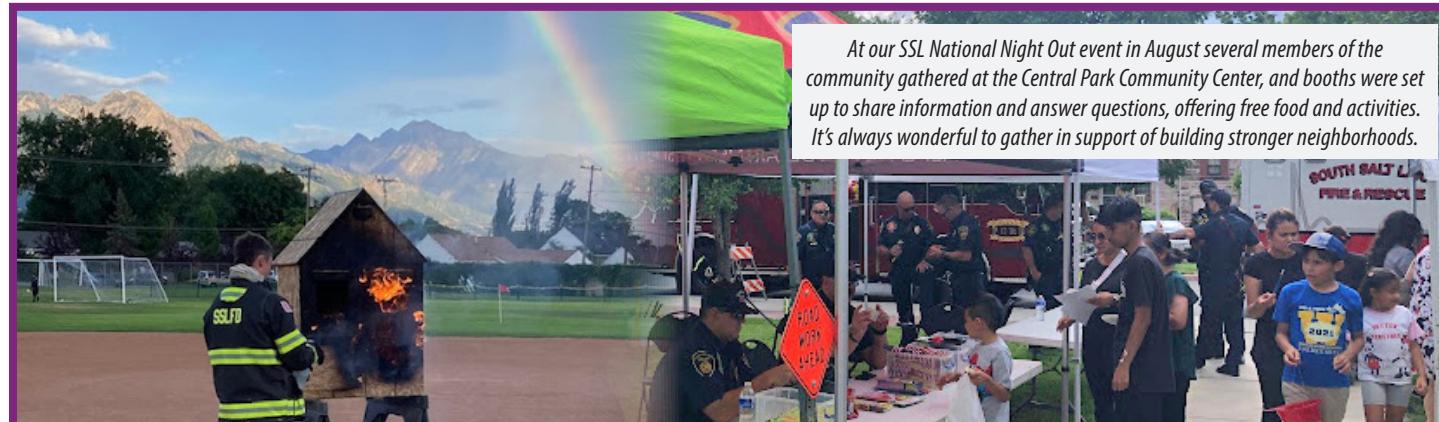
Neighborhood Watch

Sep 7, 7 p.m.

Go to sslc.gov for the virtual link

Volunteer at the Pamela Atkinson Resource Center

Want to get involved, donate, or find out more? Let's point you toward TheRoadHome.org to volunteer!



Our youth are heading back to school soon, so please remember, please drive cautiously and be mindful of student crosswalks around South Salt Lake. Locate all the current crosswalk locations at sslc.gov.

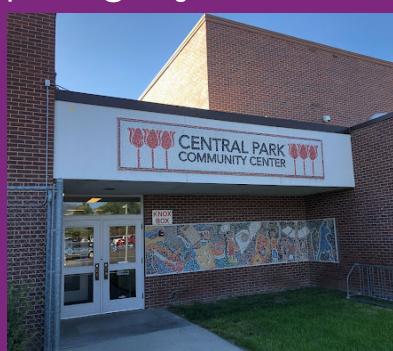


South Salt Lake Community Center

2530 S 500 East
 Contact Brooke Field:
 bfield@sslc.gov or 801-412-3217

Central Park Community Center

2797 S 200 East
 Promise Contact,
 Patrick Holman-Hart:
 pholman@sslc.gov or 801-386-4949



Historic Scott School Community Center

3280 S 540 East
 Promise Contact, Maisy Hayes:
 mhayes@sslc.gov or 801-803-3632



Finding Financial Freedom Through Financial Literacy

Financial literacy is the ability to take control of one's financial situation, make informed decisions, and navigate the complex world of money management. It transcends economic status, age, or background, offering a pathway for individuals to achieve stability, independence, and peace of mind. By embracing financial literacy and seeking out valuable resources and advice, we become better equipped to navigate the complexities of personal finance, avoid debt traps, and make sound choices.

Promise South Salt Lake is committed to empowering our community members with the tools and knowledge to achieve financial independence. We are lucky to have Mountain America Credit Union host free community financial empowerment classes at the Co-Op. These classes will cover topics such as managing and reducing debt, improving credit scores, creating a budget that fits your needs, and building savings accounts. In addition to these great workshops, you can schedule private one on one sessions that are tailored to your needs. All this is completely free to you!

We invite you to join us and take the first step toward your financial empowerment journey. Our classes are open to everyone, regardless of your current financial situation or background. Together, we will learn, grow, and build a stronger and more financially resilient community.

Free Little Libraries Bring Literacy to All

You may have noticed a few new free little libraries popping up around our community. We are excited to now have a total of 4 little libraries available right here in SSL. Our newest additions come from a partnership with Kids Read Salt Lake.

Lynda S. Brown, President of Kids Read Salt Lake says, "We are excited to partner with Promise South Salt Lake to provide great books

for elementary school-age children at our Read and Succeed libraries. Our goal is to help motivate them to learn, inspire them to dream bigger, and open their minds to infinite possibilities for themselves. From birth to grade three children learn to read. From third grade on they read to learn. Too many of our children stop reading well at the 3rd grade level and we want to change that so our children, who are our future leaders, politicians, business owners, neighbors, and friends will have as productive a life as possible."

While Kids Read Salt Lake will ensure there are a variety of books for youth, community members are also encouraged to share their own as well and make the little libraries their own by sharing appropriate books that cover different genres, topics, and languages for all ages. We hope the libraries will serve as a tool to foster a love for reading and a place for community members to gather, connect, and socialize.

Find Free Little Libraries at the following locations:

- Central Park Community Center
- Historic Scott School
- Bickley Park & Playground (Pirate Ship)
- Fitts Park (near the community garden)

FREE!



Financial Literacy

Workshops



What you will learn

- Manage and reduce your debt
- Improve your credit
- Create a budget that fits you
- Build your savings

12-1 PM @The Co-Op

In-Person or Virtual

- September 6
- September 20
- October 4
- October 18

Virtual



Schedule free 1-on-1 sessions tailored to you. No need to attend the group workshops.



2530 S. 500 E. SSL
 co-op@sslc.gov
 385-454-3977
 sslicoop.org

SL County Senior Center EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Live Entertainment Fridays at 10:30 am

- Kevin the Piano Animal - Sep 8
- Dieter Wachtel - Sep 15
- Waldis Bradley Duo - Sep 22
- BD Howes - Sep 29



Special Meal: Birthday Special

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Monthly Blood Pressure Checks with Fire Department

Every second Wednesday of the month.

Weds, Sep 13 at 9:15 am

Vital Aging: Monthly group Wellness Discussions

with licensed therapist

Weds, Sep 20 at 10:30 am
 Call 801-539-7069 to make a one-on-one appointment.

U of U Exercise Class (Strength Training)

Weds and Fridays at 12:30 pm, starting Aug 30

Vaccine Clinic Thurs Oct 5, 10 am to 1 pm

Mind Over Matter (MOM)

Thurs, Oct. 19, Nov 2, Nov 16, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Columbus Center – 2531 S 400 East
385-468-3340

New hours starting Sep. 5 8:30 am – 4 pm



Keeping our Promises of
education, safety, and opportunity
across 14 programs throughout the City.



801.483.6057



promise@sslc.gov



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PROMISE Tours are typically held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, except August. Contact us at promise@sslc.gov or 801-483-6057 to reserve your spot.



WELCOMING WEEK
We Belong Here
Salt Lake 2023

September 8 - 17, 2023

Welcoming Salt Lake

Welcoming Salt Lake is an annual celebration bringing together people and local events that celebrate the contributions of immigrants and refugees and highlight the role communities play in ensuring everyone feels welcome. Check <https://sslc.org/new-americans/programs/welcoming-salt-lake/> for a complete list of events and join us as we celebrate Welcoming Week here in South Salt Lake with our cultural showcase event - In Harmony Together.



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**IN HARMONY
TOGETHER**
South Salt Lake Cultural Showcase

Join us for an evening of community building as neighbors share their talents.
Light refreshments will be shared.

South Salt Lake
Community Center
Auditorium
2531 S. 400 E.

Friday
September 15, 2023
7:00 pm



COMMUNITY ART CLASSES

is SOUTHSALT
ARTS COUNCIL AOP

»SSLArts.org

To learn more and register for
Community Art Classes visit
SSLArts.org

ART55+ Creative Arts for Seniors

Instructor Laura Sharp Wilson
Every Wednesday
10:00-11:30 AM
SSL Community Center
2531 S 400 East
FREE!

Craftoberfest 2023 is
Coming Sat Oct 7th –
SAVE THE DATE!



Craftoberfest is a Free Public Event coming Saturday, October 7th from noon to 5 pm along Oakland Ave in South Salt Lake. Celebrating SoSaLa's Downtown and Creative Industries Zone, with live music, bring your family, support local art vendors, grab a beer or craft cocktail, and enjoy gathering as a community.



Lunch on the Move CLUCK TRUCK

Wed, Sep 20
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SSL City Hall
220 East Morris Ave, Northside
Discover a new food truck each
month!

Community Happenings



Congrats to our Rec team winners!

The end of the summer means the wrap-up of championship playoffs for many of our local softball and soccer leagues. Congratulations to all our winners, including our Central Park Teen Team who won the teen league! (Congrats to Purple People Eaters, Grizzlies, and Wofford's European Car!)





Saturday, September 23 | 10 am - 3 pm
Tracy Aviary Jordan River Nature Center

Paint the Parkway Storytime by the River Stories of Place (short film) Bird Walks Snacks & Drinks Seed Library Nature Exploration Bug Catching & Crafts

www.gettotheriver.org



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85
YEARS ON THE MOVE

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85th

CELEBRATION EVENT

Celebrating 85 years of serving our community. Activities and a spectacular drone show for all.

09/29/2023 | 5:00-8:30 PM
Central Park Community Center

FREE FAMILY-FUN CELEBRATION

Drone Show | Silent Disco | Food Trucks
Bounce Houses | Sports Tournaments
Games, Prizes & More!

SSL's 85th Celebration



Celebrating 85 Years—South Salt Lake



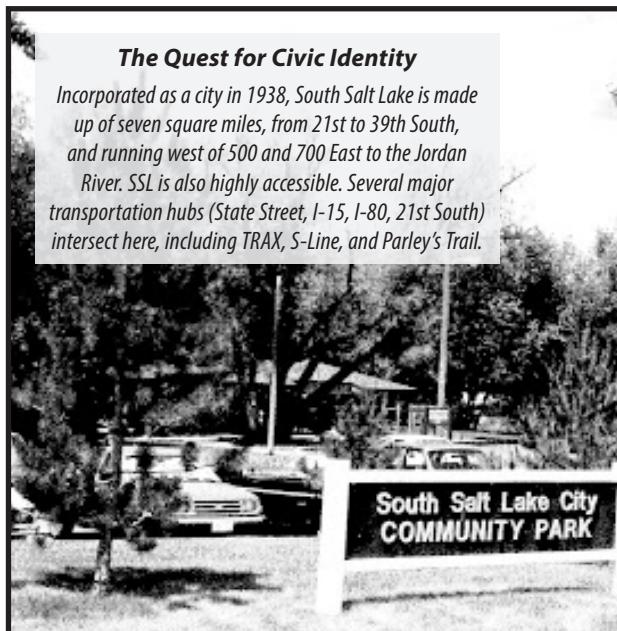
A lot has happened in 85 years. Let's take a moment to remind ourselves as a city where we started and where we are headed, as this City on the Move keeps expanding and improving as we grow. "Press Play!" was the theme for our State of the City in 2023, as several plans are now underway: large infrastructure projects, renovations at Historic Scott School Community Center, bringing about new and affordable housing investment to South Salt Lake, and much more. We look forward to these exciting new developments and have much to celebrate.



SSL POPULATION
1940: 1,599
2020: 26,777

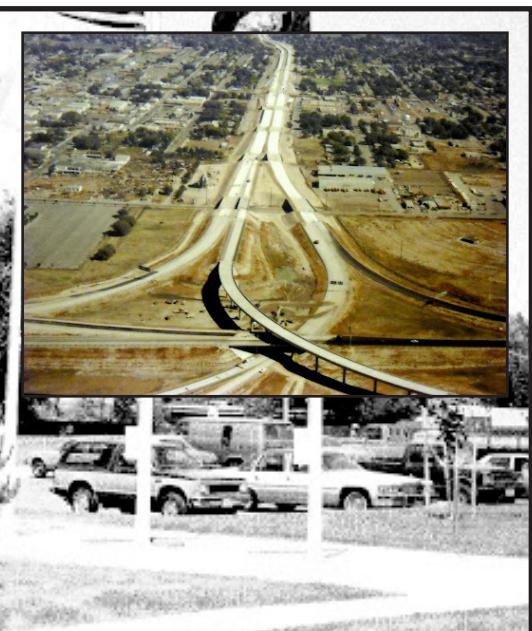


"Our City was first named Millcreek because of the Mill and the creek that ran through the land. Most of the land was suitable for farming and there was plenty of water to develop gardens and farms. But by the beginning of the 20th century, this area was growing by leaps and bounds, and areas previously farmed were being subdivided for the building of homes." —South Salt Lake History, 1997



The Quest for Civic Identity

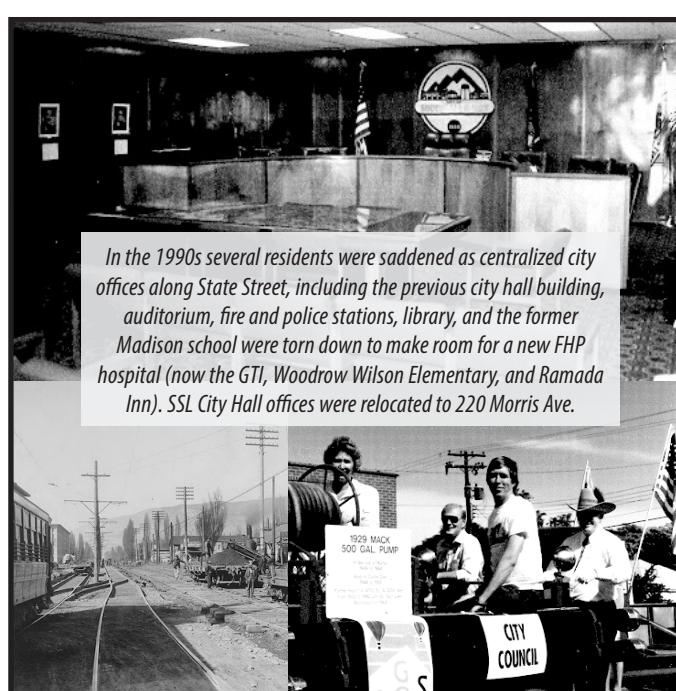
Incorporated as a city in 1938, South Salt Lake is made up of seven square miles, from 21st to 39th South, and running west of 500 and 700 East to the Jordan River. SSL is also highly accessible. Several major transportation hubs (State Street, I-15, I-80, 21st South) intersect here, including TRAX, S-Line, and Parley's Trail.



THEN: In the 1950s the population of South Salt Lake approached over 7,000 residents and was then recognized by the State officially as a City of the THIRD CLASS. South Salt Lake identified areas as "The Seven Villages," rather than as neighborhoods. The east side of State Street was primarily developed as residential, and the west mostly commercial and labeled the "Center of Industry."



NOW: Following the 2020 Census, the population of South Salt Lake was over 26,000. Adapted through SSL's 2040 General Plan, 16 Neighborhoods are now identified in South Salt Lake. Take a moment to find out which neighborhood you live in by going to a searchable neighborhoods map at sslc.gov.



In the 1990s several residents were saddened as centralized city offices along State Street, including the previous city hall building, auditorium, fire and police stations, library, and the former Madison school were torn down to make room for a new FHP hospital (now the GTI, Woodrow Wilson Elementary, and Ramada Inn). SSL City Hall offices were relocated to 220 Morris Ave.



HORTON THE WATER TOWER

Standing at 162 ft, Horton the Water Tower was built in 1949 and was the first of its kind both in its design and function. Horton held water for 40 years and is considered a symbol of the city. While no longer in use, the water tower now marks SSL's Creative Industries Zone, a new area in our Downtown SSL designated to open creative business and retail spaces.