

ON THE MOVE

South Salt Lake Newsletter



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- Building Permits 801-483-6063
- Business Licensing 801-483-6063
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- Justice Court 801-483-6072
- Police Admin 801-412-3606
- Promise 801-483-6057
- Public Works 801-483-6045
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Emergencies 911
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



Mayor Cherie Wood

Our annual State of the City is a chance to connect with you, our community, and share the strides we've made together over the past year and outline our key focus areas for the future. During this year's address, I touched upon several important plans and projects we're working towards in 2024, to keep our neighborhoods safe and beautiful, expand affordable housing options, and invest in Public Safety. As a city, we are also ramping up our efforts to support a new long-term educational achievement program, as education remains a cornerstone of our vision of investing in our future.

One of my top goals has always been to ensure our youth have the opportunities and tools that they need to succeed in life. But we also know our youth and their families face unique and difficult real-life challenges. Understanding the pivotal role of quality education, we founded the Promise SSL after-school program 11 years ago. Our initial commitment was to ensure every child has the chance to attend and graduate from a college, trade school, or complete vocational training. Recognizing that a high school diploma is a crucial step towards post-secondary success, we must identify and eliminate the barriers impeding our youth's advancement.

The Road to 100% Graduation: A Brighter Future for Our Youth and Families

A Closer Look at Cottonwood High School

- Cottonwood High serves 1,700 students, one-third residing in South Salt Lake, with diverse cultural backgrounds and over 40 languages spoken.
- 12% of students are refugees, 18% are English Language Learners, & almost 50% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.
- In 2022, Cottonwood High reported a 77.91% graduation rate and an 18.14% dropout rate.
- Cottonwood High's performance ranks below 95.7% of high schools in Utah.

The City of South Salt Lake, Millcreek City, Granite School District, and Promise Partnership Utah are embarking on a journey known as The Road to 100%. This collaborative effort is our shared commitment to empowering the youth and families in South Salt Lake and Millcreek.

The Road to 100% goals are to:

- Achieve a 100% High School Graduation completion rate for all our youth.
- Ensure that 100% of the basic needs are met for our youth and their families.

Recognizing the critical role that partnerships play in achieving these goals, we understand that it truly 'takes a village'. The Road to 100% will better support our youth and families and help to eliminate barriers that may hinder their educational aspirations and pave the way for a brighter and more promising future. Together, we are committed to making a difference and ensuring success for all.



Leading the way at Granite School District: At this year's State of the City, Superintendent Dr. Rich Nye and Cottonwood High School Principal Mike Douglas were honored for their exceptional dedication to our youth, their support of the Promise SSL program, and their commitment to achieving a 100% graduation rate.

**State
OF THE CITY**

Discover our vision for a brighter future in South Salt Lake. Listen to this year's 'State of the City Address' at sslc.gov.

Public Meetings

For more info: www.sslc.gov

City Council

Wed, April 4, 7 p.m.

Wed, April 18, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission

Thu, April 10, 7 p.m.

Thu, April 24, 7 p.m.

City Council Members

Find out more about who your City Council representative is by visiting sslcc.gov.

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Apple and Google Pay for Xpress Bill Pay

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SSL residents can pay their utility bill online through Xpress Bill Pay. For convenience, you can download a mobile app to manage and pay your utility bills each month, as well as set up autopay for peace of mind. Xpress Bill Pay recently added two new payment options for customer convenience: Apple Pay and Google Pay solutions. Have questions regarding your utility bill? Visit sslcc.gov or contact the Finance Department at (801) 483-6000.

LEAD FREE SSLC

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2024 Event Guide

Check out our 2024 Event Guide for all the community events and activities taking place in South Salt Lake. You can view and download it at SSL.C.GOV.

Apply Now! SSL Block Party Grant Program



South Salt Lake residents can apply for a block party mini-grant again this year. There will be seven total grants available for 2024, up to \$500 each. Applications must be received before the end of June 2024, and block party events must take place before the end of October 2024. Plan ahead this year and submit your application as soon as possible. For full program details and application, visit SSL.C.GOV > Community > Block Party Grant



Adopt a Storm Drain

Help keep our neighborhoods clean and protect local waterways, like Mill Creek and the Jordan River. Join our new program and sign up to adopt a drain today!

www.adopt-a-drain.org

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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
2/21 Special Meeting	Resolution	A Resolution of the SSL Council denouncing the action of State School of Board Member Natalie Cline.	Approved	No further action necessary
2/28 Regular Meeting	Unfinished Business	A Resolution of the SSL Council amending the South Salt Lake City Council Rules of Procedure.	Approved	No further action necessary
3/6 Special Meeting		Discussion and possible action relating to alleged violations of South Salt Lake Council Rules of Procedure.	Sanctions were put in place for Council Member Sanchez for 90 days or until the end of their term based on compliance.	

Public Safety

Introducing New SSLPD Deputy Chief Ryan Cram

On February 1, 2024, along with being appointed the new South Salt Lake Police Chief, Ryan Cram was appointed as our New Deputy Chief. With early beginnings in South Salt Lake, young Ryan and his family resided here, and he attended Lincoln Elementary School until the age of 11. Soon after starting his career in law enforcement, he began working for the SSLPD. Now serving with the SSLPD for 17 years, Ryan has taken on various assignments, including Patrol, the Traffic Unit, SWAT, and Investigations. Initially, he found his passion in teaching and helping fellow officers develop and grow. Over the years he has held the positions of Field Training Officer, and as an instructor for Firearms, Emergency Vehicle Operations, and on the SWAT team. His desire to mentor officers continued as he was promoted to Sergeant in 2014. As a Sergeant, he supervised a crew of patrol officers, oversaw the firearms training unit for the department, and supervised the Field Training Unit.



Deputy Chief Cram also became the supervisor for the SSLPD's Special Victim's Unit, which expanded his education in law enforcement and increased his passion and understanding of victim-centered services. In 2021, he was promoted to Lieutenant over the Community Resource Division. There he oversaw the operations of the Homeless Resource Unit, the Community Resource Unit, and Crime Analysts in the department. With the creation of the South Salt Lake Civilian Review Board (CRB), Ryan was designated as the liaison for the Board. During that time he worked closely with CRB members to establish how it would operate, conduct training, and facilitate department resources to support the CRB and its mission.

Over the years and in my own experience working with Ryan, I have been impressed by his high level of professionalism and professionalism in his interactions with our team and with the public. Being fully dedicated to serving our community and a willingness to take the lead, I am confident that Deputy Chief Ryan Cram will enhance our ability even further as the Police Department to serve and protect those who work, live, and visit in South Salt Lake.



Message from SSLPD
Chief Danielle Croyle

Welcoming New SSLFD Deputy Chief Jared Christensen

We are thrilled to introduce our new Deputy Fire Chief, Jared Christensen, who brings with him a wealth of experience and a dynamic approach to leadership. With a career dedicated to firefighting and emergency response, Chief Christensen embodies the qualities of ambition, vision, and a true passion for serving our community.

Chief Christensen is not one to shy away from challenges. His ambitious nature has seen him rise through the ranks, constantly seeking new ways to improve and innovate within our fire department. As a visionary, Chief Christensen has a clear idea of where he wants our department operations to go, always looking ahead to anticipate the needs of our growing community.

In the face of adversity, Chief Christensen shines. Whether it's developing new strategies for fire prevention or co-ordinating complex emergency responses, he is a master problem solver. His ability to think on his feet and find effective solutions in high-pressure situations is truly remarkable.

One of the most inspiring aspects of Chief Christensen's leadership style is his dedication to motivating and educating our team. He understands that a strong department is built on the skills and morale of its members. He is always there to offer guidance, support, and a listening ear to our firefighters. His commitment to continuous learning ensures that our team is always at the top of their game.

But it's not all serious with Chief Christensen. He brings a sense of fun and camaraderie to our department, fostering a positive work environment where everyone feels valued and appreciated. Whether it's bringing our crews together or simply sharing a laugh with colleagues, he knows how to keep spirits high.

As we embark on this new chapter with Jared Christensen as our Deputy Fire Chief, we are confident that his leadership will propel us to new heights. Please join us in welcoming Chief Christensen, as we look forward to the exciting journey ahead under his guidance and expertise.



Message from SSLFD
Chief Terry Addison



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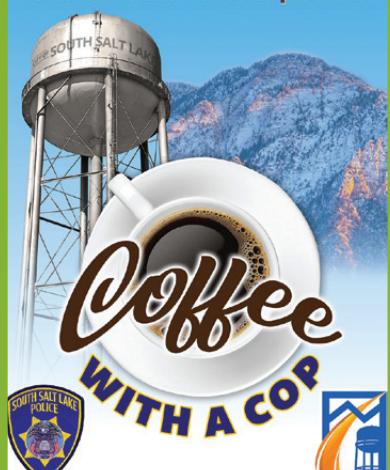
- 1 Take the online trainings.
- 2 Join us for the in-person training June 1 and 8.
- 3 Help your neighbors and community in times of need during emergencies.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT SSLC.GOV



South Salt Lake Police Department



Coffee with a Cop

April 3, 9-10 a.m.

In-Person

Délice Bakery & Café

2747 S State Street

Business Watch

April 4, 5 p.m.

Johnstone Supply
2940 S 300 West, A

Neighborhood Watch

April 4, 7 p.m.

Go to sslc.gov for the virtual link

Civilian Review Board

Mon, April 8, 6:30 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend in-person at City Hall in the Council Chamber, or through a virtual link at www.sslc.gov.

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!



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Best of South Salt Lake 2024

In our nomination for the State of the City Best of Awards, Promise SSL calls out the individuals, educational leaders, and organizations that contribute to our afterschool program as well as to our community members in valuable ways. We hope you'll read through these award winners and learn more about the amazing things that are being offered to those in our community. They are all truly remarkable! Discover all SSL's Best of Award winners at sslc.gov.



Equity Champion: Jaynell Hollins "Ms. J"



Jaynell "Ms. J" Hollins, a Special Education Teacher at Granite Park Jr. High, embodies the school motto "Inspiring Students to Dream of College and Beyond". She instills values of hard work and achieving dreams in her students, ensuring they feel welcome and confident to dream big. Ms. J's impact goes beyond her classroom as she advises the Black Student Union, where students explore historically Black colleges and universities, engage with local politicians, and discover various career paths. Through leadership clubs, she provides opportunities for students to connect with community and state leaders, fostering real-world experiences that enrich their educational journeys.

Young Leader of the Year Award: Angel Cayetano

Angel Cayetano, a dedicated 6th-grade student at Granite Park Jr. High, is a shining light in the Promise SSL after-school programs. Known for his unwavering positive energy and eagerness to learn, Angel's participation in various clubs like Lego Robotics and Sketch Comedy showcases his passion and commitment. He played a key role in establishing the News Club, where he excels both on and off camera, inspiring his peers with his confidence and presentation skills. Angel's eagerness to share his knowledge with others exemplifies his compassionate leadership and contributions to the program and community.



Promise Partner of the Year Award: The Wellness Bus



The Wellness Bus is a mobile prevention program run by the University of Utah Health that offers free health screenings and education without the need for insurance or ID. Since June 2018, it has been providing vital services at Central Park Community Center weekly, including screenings, nutrition counseling, lifestyle coaching, and referrals in 240+ languages. This resource, staffed by health professionals and students, supports diverse residents in accessing essential care and referrals for medical, dental, and social services.

The Wellness Bus

Thursdays, 9 AM - 1 PM
Central Park Community Center
2797 S 200 East
www.healthcare.utah.edu



2024 **AFTERSCHOOL PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK** 
RECOGNIZE • APPRECIATE • ADVOCATE

APRIL 22-26

NATIONAL
Afterschool
Association

April 22-26, 2024, is Afterschool Professionals Appreciation Week (APAW), a dedicated week to recognize, appreciate, and advocate for those who work with young people during out-of-school hours.

Research shows that skilled and knowledgeable program staff are the backbone of program quality and are key to desired positive youth outcomes. We hope everyone joins us April 22-26 in celebrating afterschool professionals and then continues to advocate for job quality in support of these essential professionals throughout the year.

Afterschool Professionals are skilled individuals who work with children and youth in diverse school and community-based settings to provide various positive developmental relationships and experiences during out-of-school hours. Thank you to our Promise South Salt Lake Afterschool Professionals!

COMMUNITY ART CLASSES

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ARTS COUNCIL** ACO AOP SSLArts.org

To learn more and register for Community Art Classes, visit SSLArts.org or call 801-483-6018. Create an account at sslc.gov and opt-in to receive our monthly SSL Arts Council E-Newsletter.

ART55+ Creative Arts for Seniors

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

Art Classes for April

**South Salt Lake
Community Center
Promise SSL Co-Op Art Room**
2530 S 500 East

Bad Dog Arts: Intro to Linocut
Instructor: Victoria Lyons
Wednesdays: April 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Mindful Photo
Instructor: Danielle Waters
MTFA
Monday: April 22, 2024
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Zentangle Co-Op Club
Instructor: Linda Rios, CZT
Monday, April 29
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



**7th ANNUAL
ARTIST
MEET &
GREET**

**Saturday, May 4
4-8 PM**

**South Salt Lake's
Creative Industries Zone**

THEMURALFEST.COM

Community Happenings **is State OF THE CITY**

Best Art Advocate: Michelle Markay Nelson



Michelle Markay Nelson has been an advocate of healing and strength in South Salt Lake since 2020. As a licensed clinical social worker, Michelle's journey began amidst the deepest grief following the loss of her son, Roan William McClain. In her pain, she found purpose by creating the Roan William McClain Foundation, also known as Roan Your Boat. Through this foundation, Michelle has planted seeds of healing in our community, starting with a tree-planting event at Fitts Park in 2021 to honor Roan and others lost to suicide.

Michelle's passion for healing extends to her role as an Art Instructor for the South Salt Lake Arts Council, where she leads Kintsugi Healing Groups. Through the transformative power of Kintsugi which means in Japanese 'Golden Joinery' or 'Repair', Michelle guides individuals on a journey of strength and beauty after loss. Michelle's dedication to healing and resilience in our community has touched hundreds of lives, making her a truly deserving recipient of this award.

Volunteer of the Year: Cameron Swensen



Let's take a moment to introduce our behind-the-scenes volunteer, Cameron Swensen. Cameron is a rockstar who selflessly donates 3-6 hours a week to volunteer at the Animal Shelter, come rain or shine.

During her volunteer shifts, she takes an active role in assisting with behavioral assessments, taking adoption photos, and putting together social media descriptions for the many dogs that come through the shelter. It's not just her time that she donates to our shelter animals,

Cameron also makes financial contributions to support them. When the shelter was bursting at the seams with dogs and we were in dire need of adoptions, she graciously sponsored our "Pet of the Week" program and paid for the adoption fees to incentivize would-be adopters. Even after leaving her volunteer shift, Cameron continues to support and help the Animal Shelter by networking at home with local and out-of-state rescue groups to move and place some of our animals where they will have a great chance at adoption. Cameron is well-loved and respected by everyone at the Shelter, animals and humans alike. Her dedication and commitment have made and continue to make a huge impact on our Shelter animals.

Ruff Day..

**The Lions Park Dog Park
is currently closed for
renovations.**

The Lions Park off-leash dog area will remain temporarily closed until June 2024 while we work on much-needed repairs and improvements.

While we work on these upgrades, please enjoy the dog park near City Hall at 150 E Oakland Avenue.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this project!



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**The dog park
near City Hall at
150 E Oakland Ave
will remain open
during this project.**

*There's still lots of
fun to unleash!*



SSL Employee of the Year: Eliza Ungricht

Eliza Ungricht started with South Salt Lake as a City Planner and is now the Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development. She is a consummate professional who excels in all aspects of her work. Eliza was the recipient of our 2023 Rockstar of the Year city staff award, but we felt her high performance deserved a more significant call out as our Employee of the Year Award. "Her positivity makes our work environment enjoyable," shared a team member. "She is always willing to help and communicate clearly to complete tasks." Eliza's commitment to

creating a better South Salt Lake through taking the lead with her team is truly inspiring and well deserving of SSL's Employee of the Year award.

Best Lunch Spot: Pho 33

285 E 2700 South • pho33utah.com



Our mouths watered when Pho 33 moved to South Salt Lake from Midvale in September 2022. It has quickly become a favorite among many residents, joining the ranks of all of their followers who have been frequenting the restaurant for many years. Pho 33 brings the authentic flavors of Vietnam to our community. Pho 33 stands out for its exceptional Pho (a traditional Vietnamese soup consisting of bone broth, rice noodles, and thinly sliced meat) that garnered high praise during a reputable social media Pho playoff event in 2023. Located conveniently in our Central Park neighborhood, this family-owned restaurant serves up perfectly balanced broth and tender, flavorful meat that keeps customers coming back for more. With several other menu offerings, including vegetarian and vegan options, Pho 33 is an exceptional lunch locale as it offers quick service, is tasty, affordable, and most importantly, going there is a great way to support our local businesses.

Best SSL Taco: Tacos Don Nico

500 East 3300 South
Mon – Friday, 10 AM • Sat, 10 AM – 6 PM



Yolanda and Alejandro Prado opened Tacos Don Nico a year ago near the Historic Scott School Community Center, quickly becoming local favorites. Their taco truck venture was driven by a desire for independence through business ownership, inspired by Yolanda's culinary talent. They offer classic Mexican fare like tacos, tamales, burritos, and quesadillas. The Prado Family have been active members of the South Salt Lake community for two decades and appreciate the area's resources and family-friendly ambiance. Engaging in Promise SSL programs, their children have benefited from PAL boxing at Central Park and afterschool activities at our Historic Scott School.

Best Hidden Gem: Parker Theatre

3605 State Street • www.parkertheatre.org

Parker Theatre started in 1985 to provide live theater performances for the public. In 2011, they found a permanent home in South Salt Lake at the former Avalon Theatre. They operated as the Utah Children's Theatre for most of their time here, but in 2018 they purchased the building next door and remodeled it into "The Studio" with a classroom and 99-seat theater to host their youth after school programs and summer camps. This opened up the old theater, which was transformed into the Parker Theatre mainstage that now hosts an outstanding bill of seasonal performances.



The Parker Theatre has a 78-year history of serving the South Salt Lake community with theater and cinema entertainment. It first opened in 1946 as the Apollo Theatre with 650 seats for patrons to enjoy live plays. In 1963, it changed owners and became Avalon Theatre, screening films, primarily second-run and classical, for 40 years.

Today, the building has never looked better! Michael Hohl and his team have poured a lot of love and resources into updating and maintaining this wonderful space. Parker Theatre seats 179 within the main floor and balconies and features a 1930s-style Soda Fountain where the on-site chef creates show-themed treats including house-made brownies, cookies, and handmade sodas.



Congratulations to all our Best of South Salt Lake 2024 Award Winners!

LEGACY FAMILY

Marshall & Draper Families

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Lillian Winn

AGING WITH PRIDE

James Brown

PROMISE PARTNER OF THE YEAR

The Wellness Bus

EDUCATION LEADER OF THE YEAR

Principal Mike Douglas, Cottonwood High

EDUCATION PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Superintendent Dr. Richard Nye, Granite SD

EQUITY CHAMPION

Jaynell Hollins

YOUNG LEADER OF THE YEAR

Angel Cayetano

COUNCIL CHAMPION

Corey Thomas, District 2

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Eliza Ungrich

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Cameron Swenson

TRAILBLAZER

Juan Arce-Larreta

BEST LOCAL ART ADVOCATE

Michelle Markay Nelson

BEST TACO

Tacos Don Nico

BEST LUNCH SPOT AWARD

Pho 33

BEST HIDDEN GEM

Parker Theatre