

ON THE MOVE

South Salt Lake Newsletter



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Cherie Wood, Mayor
801-464-6757
mayor@sslc.gov

City Offices and Community Centers will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas.

City Offices

Monday - Friday
8 am to 5 pm
801-483-6000
220 East Morris Ave
SSL, UT 84115

Animal Service 801-483-6024
Building Permits 801-483-6063
Business Licensing 801-483-6063
Code Enforcement 801-464-6757
Fire Administration 801-483-6043
Justice Court 801-483-6072
Police Admin 801-412-3606
Promise 801-483-6057
Public Works 801-483-6045
Recreation 801-412-3217
Utility Billing 801-483-6074

Emergencies 911
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



Mayor Cherie Wood

Building a Safer and More Inclusive South Salt Lake

As a dedicated advocate for our City's well-being, I am often asked about the needs of our community. I take this question seriously, drawing insights from City events, neighborhood gatherings, and meaningful conversations. At the top of my list, I believe South Salt Lake residents need to know and believe that our City is a safe and welcoming place to call home.

Being a third-generation resident, my roots here run deep. My connection began in childhood, influenced by my mother's tenure at City Hall and my friendship with the daughter of former Mayor Jim Davis. I fondly remember visiting the Davis' home. Sometimes, her dad would ask us to join him while he "Put the City to Bed", which he did every night to ensure that all City offices, parks, and facilities were secure. Throughout my upbringing, by participating in various City events, engaging in volunteer opportunities, and interacting with my neighbors have all significantly deepened my appreciation for civic duty and the importance of community care.

While much has changed since then, as your Mayor, I remain committed to safeguarding our city and nurturing the close-knit community I cherish. Your safety is my top priority. This year, despite its challenges, we made significant strides in infrastructure, public safety, and laying the foundation for new affordable housing. We're just beginning to bring these improvements to fruition, enhancing life for South Salt Lake residents.



I invite you to attend one of our Promise SSL monthly tours, held on the third Thursday of each month (posted on the calendar at sslc.gov) at the Promise SSL offices in City Hall, to witness firsthand how this city department is fundamentally improving lives and connecting our community.

But as your Mayor, I also strive to bring you the little things that enhance your everyday life. If you haven't heard of our Promise SSL program, I encourage you to take a moment to learn about this afterschool initiative that touches the lives of so many youth and families in South Salt Lake. Soon after taking office in 2009, I recognized the need for safe and inclusive afterschool programs that offer not only security but also a nurturing environment. Through hard work and dedication, we secured funds to provide free afterschool care for our community. These programs offer enrichment activities, evening meals, and positive social interactions in 14 of our schools and community centers.

By communicating and listening to your needs, we can make our city better and more inclusive. There's always room at the table for everyone as we strive to nurture our community and I welcome and appreciate you being here.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!



A place for our community to work and gather with access to the tools that can help them connect, advance, and support one another.

PROGRAMS



SERVICES

Free Wi-Fi
Computer Lab
Meeting Spaces
Reservable Rooms
Co-working Spaces
Community Classes



2530 South 500 East
South Salt Lake, UT 84115
(801) 412-3294
sslcoop.org



Connect, Learn and Grow. Promise SSL is not just about our kids, in the last few years we've increased our ability to serve our adults and young adult community by opening up the Promise SSL Co-Op a place that is free and open for co-working space, art classes, and access to free wi-fi and hosts a myriad of services and events to you to take full advantage of.

Public Meetings

For more info: www.sslc.gov

Planning Commission

Thu, Dec 5, 7 p.m.

City Council

Wed, Dec 11, 7 p.m.

City Council Members

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

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If you missed last month's City Council meetings, please visit the City Council page at sslc.gov for a full Action Report Summary. You can also watch past meetings, view agenda and minutes, and connect with City Council members. sslc.gov/160/City-Council

Merry & Bright Yard Awards



'Tis the season to spread some holiday cheer! The South Salt Lake Merry and Bright Award recognizes those who go above and beyond to brighten up the dark winter months—the most “lit” houses in the City, one might say. Winners of this prestigious award can enjoy a festive yard sign and bragging rights that last all year long. Nominate the best-decorated house in your neighborhood (even if it's your own) by filling out the Merry and Bright nomination form at sslc.gov

Stay Safe on the Road

- Avoid parking on the street during or after a snow storm. Give snow plows plenty of space to do their job effectively.
- Keep an emergency kit in your car. Winter driving can be dangerous--keep essential supplies in your car that can keep you safe if you become stranded in the cold.
- Give yourself plenty of time to clear snow off your car and fully defrost your windshield.
- Visit sslc.gov for more winter driving tips



Snow Shoveling Tips and Tricks

- Shovel within 24 hours of a snowstorm. The longer you wait, the harder it will be!
- Don't shovel into the street. Pile snow onto your yard where it won't interfere with traffic and can melt into the ground.
- If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, help firefighters by keeping it clear of ice and snow. Maintain a path from the hydrant to the street, and clear a perimeter three feet around the hydrant.



Congratulations, Natalie!

As Natalie Pinkney leaves the South Salt Lake City Council to join the Salt Lake County Council, the City now has a vacant At-large Council seat to fill.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this role as the interim Council member until a special election is held, visit our website to learn more.

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Public Works will collect Christmas trees curbside during the month of January. Learn more at sslc.gov.

Public Safety

Fire Department Welcomes New Chaplain to the Team



The SSL Fire Department has a new volunteer chaplain. Mont Roosendaal has a long history with the City of South Salt Lake. He enjoyed a storied 28-year career with the City as a Public Works mechanic, Fleet Manager, and Public Asset & Fleet Director. During that time, he worked closely with the Fire Department to design and maintain their firetrucks and other vehicles. Now, three years after his retirement from the Public Works Department, he is supporting firefighters in a different way as the department's volunteer chaplain.

Roosendaal is a non-denominational chaplain, which means that he doesn't work within the confines of one religion. In fact, he says he dislikes the word religion in general. He strives to meet people where they are and offer assistance and comfort in any way he can.

His work as chaplain includes rotating among South Salt Lake's three fire stations and responding to calls with the department to assist emergency victims and their family members. Roosendaal places great value on family—a term that he defines broadly. He wants to help families in times of crises, support the families of firefighters around the grueling schedule and stress of the job, and strengthen the family bonds of the department itself. In his own words, "I'm dedicated to this city. It's family to me."

**Sign up for
Emergency Alerts**



sslc.gov > Notify Me

Protecting Yourself & Your Property During the Holiday Season

Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle

We all love the holiday season—including criminals. One issue that has become increasingly common during this time of year is holiday package theft. Remember the importance of crime prevention and taking the necessary precautions to protect yourself and your belongings.

- **Report Theft to the Shipping Carrier.** If your package is stolen, make sure to report it immediately to the shipping carrier (UPS, FedEx, USPS) to help them investigate and take appropriate action.
- **Consider Insurance.** It is always a good idea to invest in shipping insurance for valuable items just in case they get lost or stolen.
- **Use a Lockbox.** If you are expecting a delivery and won't be home to receive it, consider getting a lockbox to secure your package so the delivery person can drop it off without leaving it unattended.
- **Deliver to a Place Where Someone Is Home.** If possible, have your packages delivered to a location where someone is present to receive them, such as a friend or family member's house or your workplace.
- **Consider Having Packages Delivered to a Business.** Many businesses, such as post offices and shipping stores, offer package receiving services. This can be a good option if you won't be home to receive a package.
- **Call the South Salt Lake Police to Report the Theft.** If you do fall victim to package theft, be sure to report it to the police so they can investigate and take appropriate action.



**JANUARY 2025
HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) COUNT**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



SCAN to register

Salt Lake County PIT Count
January 30 - February 1, 2025
4:00 am - 6:00 am

Volunteers are encouraged to form teams of 3-4 people.

For questions, email Joan at
JRemund@saltlakecounty.gov

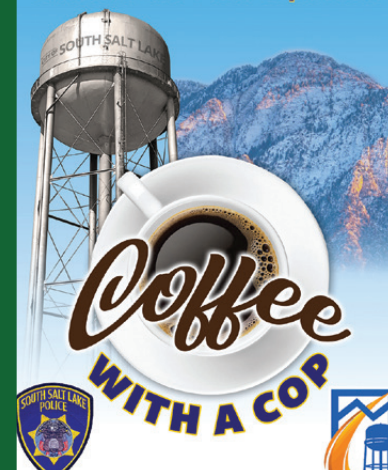
VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP:

- » Count and interview individuals experiencing homelessness.
- » Count and record survey responses using a smart phone app.

Virtual trainings provided.



South Salt Lake Police Department



Coffee with a Cop

Dec 4, 9-10 a.m.

In-Person

Délice Bakery & Café

2747 S State Street

Business Watch

Thurs, Dec 5, 5-7:30 p.m.

Location TBD

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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

Neighborhood Watch

Thurs, Dec 5, 7-8 p.m.

Go to sslc.gov for the virtual link

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD



Apply Today!

Scan the QR code



or visit
[SSLC.gov](https://sslc.gov)

Civilian Review Board

Mon, Dec 2, 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.



**WEDNESDAYS FROM
10:30 AM TO 12 PM**

CREATIVE *Aging*

55+

WITH ROBIN LUKER
2250 S 500 E
CO-OP ART ROOM



**SOUTH SALT LAKE
ARTS COUNCIL**



NEW COURT SURFACE

Check out the new pickleball court surface at Central Park Community Center.

Join us Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7-9 pm for adult (18+) open play and instruction with other SSL residents.

Learn more at sslc.gov.



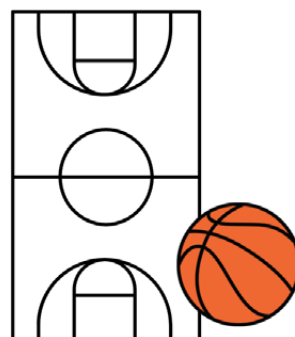
Adult Open Gym Basketball

**Tuesdays and Thursdays
7:00-9:00 PM**

- **\$1 per night**
- **\$15 seasons pass**
- **Scan the QR code to register or visit sslc.gov > Recreation**



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South Salt Lake Senior Center

EVENTS FOR **DECEMBER 2024**



Live Entertainment

- **Dieter Wachtel** | Wed, 12/11 at 10:30 am
- **Time Steppers** | Wed, 12/18 at 10:30 am
- **SSL Choir** | Fri, 12/20 at 10:30 am (*Winter Holiday Meal Day*)



Health & Wellness

- **Monthly Blood Pressure Checks** | Wed, 12/11 at 9:15 am
- **Vital Aging: Beating the Holiday Blues** | Fri, 12/06 at 10:30 am
- **Line Dance** | Every Friday at 10:30 am



Workshops

- **Craft with Vickie: Gnome** | Wed, 12/04 at 10:30 am
- **Make Yule Log with Jill Smith** | Thur, 12/12 at 10:30 am

Mon - Fri | 8:30 am - 4 pm
2531 South 400 East
(385) 468-3340
slco.org/aging





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SAT DEC 7TH

From 8 AM Until 11 AM
SSL Community Center 2531 S 400 E

\$5 a person, \$20 family of 5
Gifts for kids under 12
Live entertainment and activities
Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus for nominal fee



Special thanks to
SSL Lions Club



Skip the line
Pre-register here



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Be part of the biggest public art event in Utah.

Applications are now being accepted for Mural Fest 2025. Artists should apply online at themuralfest.com before December 13.

CALL FOR WALLS

Turn your business exterior into a work of art!

Host a mural and become part of Utah's largest outdoor mural festival. Your business could be the talk of the town.

Email Jody at arts@sslc.gov or visit the website.

themuralfest.com



South Salt Lake Animal Services Angel Paw Tree

Give our SSL shelter animals some extra love this holiday season! We need everything from beds and toys to food and cleaning supplies.

- 1 Grab a Wishlist tag off the Angel Paw Tree at the South Salt Lake Animal Services Shelter, or visit our online Amazon wishlist at sslc.gov.
- 2 Purchase the wishlist item(s) to help out our furry friends.
- 3 Visit Animal Services to drop off your items, and give some love to our shelter pets.



TREE UPDATE!

SOUTH SALT LAKE URBAN FORESTRY

We're wrapping up our inventory and canopy assessment to better understand the trees in our city!

So far, we've counted and mapped 3,347 trees found along streets and at city parks and facilities.

Our next step is to create a management plan to continue to care for and expand our urban forest.

Follow along and see more tree data at sslc.gov > Neighborhoods

The most common tree species we've found are Bradford pears, Honeylocusts, and Crabapples.



Community & Economic Development



South Salt Lake is the Busiest It's Ever Been – Let's Help Keep Them Busy

Small businesses are the cornerstone of the American economy, and it's no different here in South Salt Lake. Our local business community is part of what sculpts our identity: small, tenacious, and gritty. They are vital contributors to the tax base and help keep dollars in our local economy. The majority of new jobs come from small businesses, and their local touch provides an elevated customer service experience.

The South Salt Lake Community and Economic Development Department works hard to support the more than 3,000 businesses in our City, and we hope you join us this holiday season...and beyond. Next time you want to dine in or take out, buy a car or get one serviced, shop for the perfect holiday present or house warming gift, or anything else you may need, check South Salt Lake first and support local when possible.

The South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce is working with our business community to offer special deals and perks over the holiday season. See the offerings on the Chamber website at sslchamber.com. When you support our local community, you're helping build opportunity.



SOUTH SALT LAKE CHAMBER CORNER

MEMBERSHIP NETWORKING EVENTS

To connect with the SSL Chamber, email: tereza@sslchamber.com
sslchamber.com

Why Join the South Salt Lake Chamber?

The South Salt Lake Chamber helps South Salt Lake businesses succeed. In partnership with our members, we provide leadership that strengthens our economy, convenes our community, and promotes collaboration so people can live, work, and thrive in our city. Memberships are affordable and tiered for every business level. Learn more and join today at sslchamber.com.

Strategic Networking Opportunities

Enjoy exclusive access to a vibrant network of local businesses and decision-makers, opening doors to valuable partnerships, collaborations, and new business opportunities.

Business Advocacy and Support

The Chamber is your ally in the local business landscape, offering advocacy, pro-business policy support, and access to resources like expert advice, workshops, and seminars to fuel growth in your business.

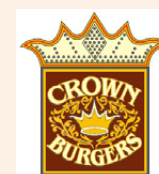
Visibility and Brand Exposure

Boost your brand's visibility through the Chamber's directory, sponsored events and social media, expanding your reach and strengthening your presence in the South Salt Lake community.

Educational Resources

Gain an edge with exclusive access to educational resources and development programs. The South Salt Lake Chamber provides industry insights and leadership workshops to help members thrive in the changing business landscape.

WELCOME to our new MEMBERS



sslchamber.com

Hosted by

Level Crossing Brewing Co.

December 19 from 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Level Crossing - 2496 S West Temple

Network with Chamber and community members in a relaxed setting, perfect for unwinding and making new connections.

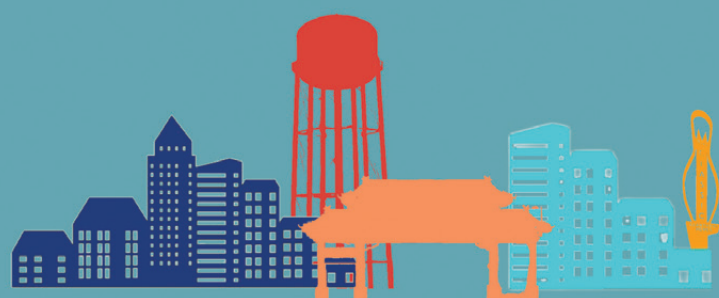


Register



SHOP LOCAL

South Salt Lake!



2024 SSL Business Report

3,194 Total number of businesses in SSL (as of Nov 2024)

335 Business licenses issued in the past 11 months (Jan-Nov)

31 Pending business license applications (to date)



KEEPING OUR PROMISES

Education | Safety | Opportunity



801.483.6057



promise@sslc.gov



@PromiseSSL

Woodrow Wilson Afterschool Takes On City Clean Up



The Woodrow Wilson Afterschool Program has taken on a unique service project to benefit the City of South Salt Lake by adopting local storm drains! Since adopting these drains on Main Street, affectionately named Shrek, Bill and Georgie, youth have learned about the importance of storm drain maintenance and cleaning to protect our local waterways. This hands-on project not only benefits the immediate surroundings of our program participants, where they go to school and live, but it teaches the youth about environmental stewardship and how small actions can make a big difference.

Bimbo Bakeries Helps Freshen Up Hser Ner Moo Afterschool Program

The Hser Ner Moo Afterschool Program got an upgrade thanks to Bimbo Bakeries and their amazing staff! With incredible energy and dedication, they spent a few hours building new furniture, organizing, and helping to update our classroom space at the South Salt Lake Community Center. Their support means our youth can now enjoy a refreshed, welcoming environment that enhances their learning each day. It is now a brighter and more inviting space that the youth have fully embraced. Thank you, Bimbo Bakeries, for helping us make a difference for our youth and families!



SEASON of SHARING



HELP SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER!

Donate for families in need to be able to experience the magic of "Santa's Workshop" as they go through to pick gifts, clothing, and other household items.

Give back this holiday season by Tuesday, December 10th. Contact Edward at elopez@sslc.gov or 801-455-1729 with questions.



1. Make a tax-deductible donation

Let us do the shopping. Scan the QR code and add a note that says "Season of Sharing"



2. Sub for Santa - Host a toy/clothing drive

Donate new and unwrapped items - toys, gift cards, basic needs items, giftwrap, etc. Donate single items or host a drive. Scan the QR code to see details and sample wish list.

Save the Date BABY & YOU

The new Baby and You program is designed for parents to gain knowledge about child development and build the confidence to support the social, emotional, academic, and developmental needs of their children 0-3.

Join us on Saturday mornings over 9 sessions to learn about various topics from content area experts.

STARTING JANUARY 2025

More details to come
Contact promise@sslc.gov

