

ON THE MOVE

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Mayor Cherie Wood

Discovering SSL: How Our Small City Achieves Big Impact

What do Fitts Park, your weekly trash pickup, the Mural Fest, and your drinking water all have in common?

They are all overseen by the City of South Salt Lake! While it's sometimes overlooked, local government deeply influences our daily lives in big and small ways every day.

I became Mayor because I truly believe in our city's critical role in everyday life and its potential for building better communities. It's important for residents to understand our city's form of government and how they can participate to keep our city strong. So let's spend a little time this month on "Civics 101: How does your city work?"

South Salt Lake has a Mayor-Council form of government (sometimes called a "strong mayor" form of government), which means I am elected by our residents and given administrative authority over the city's various departments. I oversee daily operations of those departments, enforce city laws, and manage the city budget.

Our Council acts as the legislative body – crafting and passing laws and ordinances to enhance the residents everyday quality of life. Our council members work with me to address community needs and ensure smooth city operations.

Our Municipal Court and Justice Court Judge make up the judicial branch of our government – upholding and enforcing the laws.

With so much attention on the national political environment, people often don't understand how much of their daily lives are being determined at a local level. Whether it's a street light getting installed in your neighborhood or the fire department responding to an incident next door, here are just a few of the ways city government serves you:

- **Safety:** Our Police and Fire Departments and Animal Control Officers all protect residents, respond to emergencies, and maintain public safety.
- **Infrastructure:** Our Engineering Department oversees new projects while our Public Works Department maintains roads, sidewalks, and bike lanes that citizens rely on for daily commutes.



Discover Mural Fest! Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 10, 2025 for the 8th annual Mural Fest in South Salt Lake.

Departments of SSL

- City Attorney
- City Recorder
- Code Enforcement
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Emergency Management
- Human Resources
- Engineering
- Finance
- Fire Department
- Homeless Strategies
- Justice Court
- Neighborhoods
- Police Department
- Promise SSL
- Public Works
- Recreation

Zoning and Land Use: Local ordinances determine how land can be used, affecting property values and community development. Our Community Development Department leads long-term planning efforts to help navigate growth and change in the city.

Utilities: Our Public Works provides essential services like drinking water, stormwater, sanitary sewer, and garbage collection. These are fee-based services with fluctuating rates to keep the utilities solvent through service fees.

Recreation: Our Parks Division maintains our 9 city parks and other public use spaces, and our Recreation Department manages the many sports programs and community events.

Make a resolution this New Year to be more engaged with your local municipal government. Learn ways to get involved at sslc.gov.



**Notify
Me**

Sign up for our Notify Me city e-news at sslc.gov.

City Offices and Community Centers will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

City Offices

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

Public Meetings

For more info: www.sslc.gov

Planning Commission

Thu, Jan 16, 7 p.m.

City Council

Wed, Jan 8, 7 p.m.
Wed, Jan 22, 7 p.m.



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



Vacant City Council At-large

Accepting Applications

The South Salt Lake City Council is accepting applications to fill a vacant At-large seat. Applications are due by January 16 and must be submitted in person to the City Recorder.

To view full details, qualifications and the application form, visit SSLC.gov. For questions, please call the City Recorder at 801-483-6019.



Congratulations Ariel!

Congratulations to City Recorder, Ariel Andrus, for becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk through the Utah Municipal Clerks Association Board. The purpose of Municipal Clerk Certification is to enhance the job performance of City Recorders and Clerks in areas such as meeting procedures, record keeping, government transparency, ethics, and election laws. This is a long, involved process which will raise the bar in our Recorder's Office, and ultimately benefit our city as a whole. Thank you, Ariel.

Utility Bills are Getting a Makeover

Residents who receive South Salt Lake utility bills should expect a new and improved look to their bills in the next few months. As always, we encourage utility customers to sign-up for paperless billing to save resources. Sign up for paperless billing and pay your utility bills online using Xpress Bill Pay. Visit sslc.gov for more information.



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- View Meeting Dates & Agendas
- Watch Virtually
- Read Monthly Summary Reports



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Igniting Excellence: SSLFD's Year in Review

South Salt Lake Fire Department released their FY 2024 Annual Report, detailing the lengths that the department goes to on a daily basis to keep our city safe. Between July 2023 and June 2024, the Department responded to 7,379 calls (1,255 fire and 6,124 medical). Among 74 personnel, a combined 5,260 hours were spent training on topics ranging from fire prevention and hazardous materials to pharmacology and emergency medical operations. You can find the whole report at sslc.gov > Fire Department.

January is National Radon Action Month

Have you tested your home for radon? Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that occurs naturally as chemicals in the earth break down over time. Radon is radioactive, and prolonged exposure can cause lung cancer—in fact, it is the second most common cause of lung cancer. The first step to protecting yourself and your family from radon is to test for it. You can get a free radon test kit from utahradonservice.com.

**PROTECT YOURSELF
AND YOUR LOVED
ONES FROM
RADON**



Get Involved

South Salt Lake Public Safety Meetings

Civilian Review Board
Monday, January 6 at 6:30 pm
Monday, February 3 at 6:30 pm
Visit sslc.gov to learn more about the Civilian Review Board, or apply to be a member.

Neighborhood Watch
Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Watch meets virtually on the first Thursday of every month. Visit sslc.gov for the zoom link or more information. Please call 801-412-3600 with questions.

Business Watch and Coffee with a Cop have been cancelled until further notice.

CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD
Apply Today!
Scan the QR code or visit sslc.gov

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

Are you a South Salt Lake resident who has a pet?

Get them licensed! South Salt Lake residents are required to register each pet on an annual basis. This allows South Salt Lake Animal Services to ensure you are in compliance with city ordinances, and helps us to return lost pets that are brought into the shelter.

To learn more about licensing, please visit our website, scan the QR code below, or call 801-483-6024 ext 6



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South Salt Lake Senior Center

EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2025

 **Live Entertainment**

- Music by BD Howes | Wed, 1/15 at 10:30 am
- Music by Deci' Bells | Wed, 1/29 at 10:30 am

 **Health & Wellness**

- Monthly Blood Pressure Checks | Wed, 1/08 at 9:15 am
- Vital Aging: Setting Better Goals | Fri, 1/03 at 10:30 am
- U of U Exercise Class | Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am (starting January 14)
- Line Dance | Fridays at 10:30 am

 **Workshops**

- Craft with Vickie: Card Holders for Arthritis | Wed, 1/22 at 10:30 am




Mon - Fri | 8:30 am - 4 pm
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February Art Classes

Oil Pastels - Bad Dog Arts

- ✓ February 5, 12, 19, & 26th
- ✓ 6 pm to 8 pm \$20 for residents
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

Kintsugi Healing Group

- ✓ February 4, 11, 18, 15, & 25th
- ✓ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: \$20 for residents
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

SSL Poetry Lab

- ✓ February 6, 13, 20, 27
- ✓ 6:30 - 8 pm: Free - Registration required
- ✓ Historic Scott School

Zentangle Club

- ✓ February 24th - Celtic Knots
- ✓ 6 pm to 8 pm - \$5
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

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(Including new and expecting parents, grandparents, foster parents, etc.)

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 Brain Development
 Developmental Milestones
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Learn effective strategies for supporting the social, emotional, academic, and developmental needs of your child. Build connections with fellow participants through shared experiences and enjoy a network of support.

January 11–March 8, 2025
Saturdays 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

South Salt Lake Community Center
2531 S 400 E, South Salt Lake



Complete the course and receive a 529 college savings plan for your child!

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturdays: January 11th - March 8th
8:45AM - 12:00PM

BABY & YOU
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Help provide childcare for our new Baby and You program which is designed for caregivers to gain knowledge about child development and build the confidence to support their children 0-3.

For more details or to sign up, visit [sslc.gov > volunteer](http://sslc.gov/volunteer) or scan the QR code.



is SOUTH SALT LAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

For youth 4 years old - 6th grade

Practice starting February 18

Register before February 10 (space is limited)

For registration and information:

- Visit www.sslc.gov
- Call 801-412-3217
- Scan the QR code





JOIN US IN WONDERLAND AT OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF

Ties & Tiaras

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

SOUTH SALT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER 2531 S 500 E

Admission

ONLINE: \$4 A PAIR
\$1 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON
AT THE DOOR: \$5 A PAIR
\$1 EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

MEET AND GREET WITH ALICE AND OTHER ROYAL FRIENDS AT 6:30 PM

Scan to Register
(801) 412-3217 sslc.gov





New Housing Facility Will Support Families Experiencing Homelessness



Shelter the Homeless and **The Road Home** are two critical service providers dedicated to helping those experiencing homelessness to find paths back to housing and into our community. You can support their work by volunteering or donating.

Learn more by visiting their websites at homelessutah.org and theroadhome.org.

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HOMELESS



Shelter the Homeless purchased the shuttered Motel 6 property in South Salt Lake in April 2023 with the intent to open a non-congregate housing facility for families experiencing homelessness, the first of its kind in the state. The Road Home will operate the facility, which will serve families with special needs including those with infants, youth recovering from medical conditions, and keeping students in Granite School District to avoid education disruptions. The new Family Interim Non-congregate Housing facility will make two homeless resource centers in the City of South Salt Lake. During the August 2024 public hearing, Mayor Cherie Wood and City Council members went on record saying enough is enough for our small community of 27,000 residents, drawing a line in the sand and calling on other Salt Lake County municipalities to engage and help find solutions for our homeless crisis.

The Public Process.

When the nonprofit organization submitted their building application and conditional use permit (CUP) in September 2023, the city cited several issues the applicant needed to address to ensure the health and safety of the clients. One of which was a requirement to install fencing along two high-traffic routes of the property, I-15 to the west and 3300 S to the north. Both roads are owned by UDOT and their approval was needed to install a fence. After several months of working the formal public process and addressing building and use permit concerns, Shelter the Homeless and The Road Home presented during a special joint meeting of the South Salt Lake City Council and Planning Commission in August 2024 to answer questions from government officials and the public. This public hearing was necessary before the applicant could move forward with final zoning approval from the Council and CUP approval from the Planning Commission. Three months later, progress was made when the City Council approved the zoning change for the property in their December 2024 meeting.

What's Next?

The Planning Commission will meet to review the final Conditional Use Permit from the applicant during a public meeting in January 2025. If approved, Shelter the Homeless will have authority to open the doors and work with The Road Home to start providing family housing services. While Shelter the Homeless was working on getting permits for their property at 315 West 3300 South, The Road Home was working on securing the necessary funding to open and operate the facility. They will soon start hiring and training staff for the new family housing facility and anticipate an opening date this spring.



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The SSL Chamber Business Education Committee builds partnerships between local businesses, city departments, and educational institutions to provide opportunities for our future workforce. Partners play a key role in connecting students to business resources that help them gain skills and insights that align with industry needs. For schools, these collaborations help students understand the value of community connections while raising awareness of potential future employment opportunities within local businesses and city departments. If you're interested in learning more about the Business Education Committee or in sharing insights about your industry to invest in our future workforce, visit the Committees and Programs page at sslchamber.com.



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Teen Tech Center Students Take 3rd Place



BEST BUY
Teen Tech Center

Last month, teens from the Promise South Salt Lake Best Buy Teen Tech Center participated in Change Reaction: Business for Social Change. This competition, hosted by Slyngshot and the Clubhouse Network, encouraged participants to pitch business ideas that could create a positive impact in their communities. The contest received 40 entries from four different countries. Among the Promise South Salt Lake participants were a top 10 finalist, as well as the third place winner!

One business proposal, entitled Sacred Spaces, is for a culturally inclusive holiday store. The idea was born out of this youth's own experience with difficulty finding Diwali candles in any local stores. They said, "I want to make a business that could represent more holidays in Utah so more people could feel represented."

The other winning proposal, called Woven Heritage, was for a store that specializes in Native American-designed fashion. Describing their vision, this youth said, "I want to start this to express the culture and emotions of Natives around the country through fashionable and comfortable clothes."

Keep an eye out for these young entrepreneurs at local craft markets in the spring and summer!

Westminster Lacrosse Team Visits Granite Park Jr. High



Members of the Westminster Men's Lacrosse Team visited with youth from Granite Park Jr. High. They spoke with our youth about what it means to be student athletes and the importance of secondary education, and provided some fun games and school supplies.

Girls on the Run Activate Star Power

Promise Program youth from Moss and Walker elementaries teamed up with the SSL Fire Department to conquer a cold November morning 5k run. This was the culmination of a partnership with Girls on the Run—a program that empowers youth through building confidence, strength, kindness, and above all, activating their "star power". Great job girls (and firefighters)!



FAMILY LAW SITE

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