

# ON THE MOVE

## South Salt Lake Newsletter



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City Offices and Community Centers will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents 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](http://www.sslc.gov)

#### Planning Commission

Thu, February 6, 7 p.m.  
Thu, February 20, 7 p.m.

#### City Council

Wed, February 12, 7 p.m.  
Wed, February 26, 7 p.m.



**Mayor Cherie Wood**

Where we live profoundly shapes our quality of life. Our homes are more than just structures; they are where we begin our days, share time with our families and pets, and find rest, relax, indulge in our hobbies, and renew our spirits. My hope is for every resident of South Salt Lake to experience this sense of home.

As part of my commitment to improving life in our neighborhoods, we're tackling important issues like the rise of short-term rentals (STRs). A short-term rental is a unit that is rented out for less than 30 consecutive days. In South Salt Lake, we've seen a shift towards investment properties, with some STRs operating without the necessary licenses. Currently, we have 45 licensed STRs, 916 long-term rentals, and 169 suspected unlicensed STRs. Of the 45 licensed STR owners, 22 or 49% of the owners reside in South Salt Lake, 78% live in Salt Lake County, and 22% live elsewhere.

#### Safeguarding Community Values: Short-term Rental Ordinance

To keep our community strong and welcoming, we're working on introducing a Short-term Rental Ordinance. This is all about finding the right balance between the economic perks of STRs and the safety and well-being of our community. Since 2023, we've been discussing this plan at City Council, and we have also been researching what other neighboring municipalities like Millcreek and Murray are doing to address this. Our focus is on requiring STRs to be owner-occupied and necessitating a business license to operate. The ordinance aims to promote homeownership and long-term rentals, helping our neighborhoods stay cohesive and sustainable. The full proposed ordinance will be posted on the website closer to the February meetings. There is also a public hearing set for Thursday, February 20 at 7pm at the Planning Commission (info at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov)), and it's a great chance for residents to be heard.

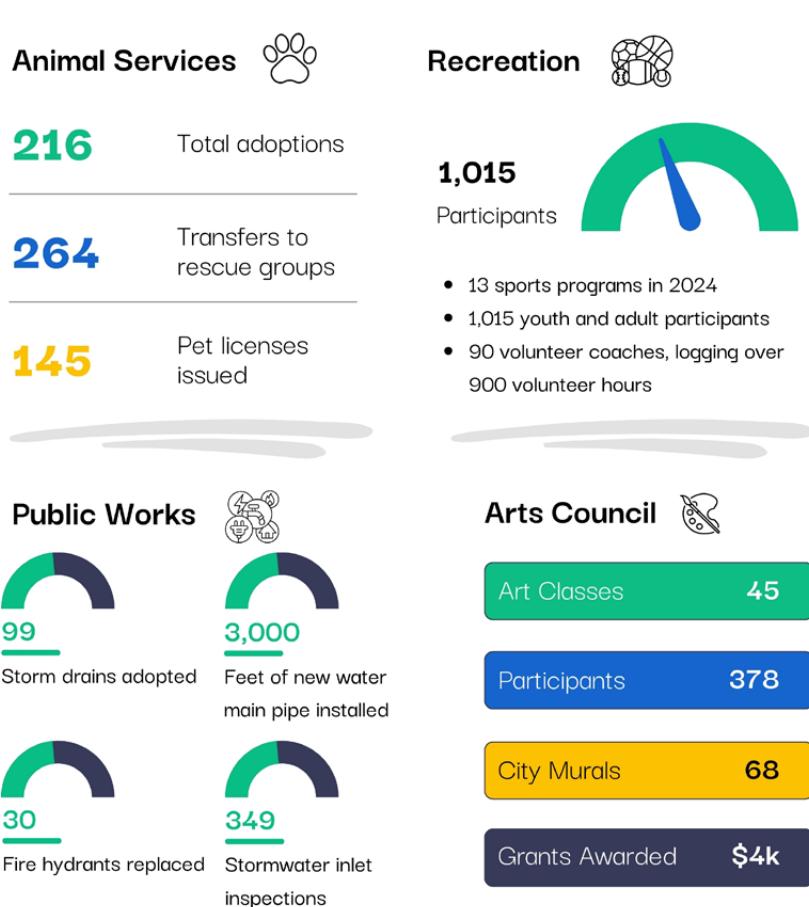
Improving the lives of those who call South Salt Lake home is at the heart of this endeavor. By addressing the multifaceted impacts of issues like short-term rentals, we are taking actionable steps to enhance neighborhood stability and preserve the character and affordability of our community.

The city welcomes your feedback to ensure the safety and accessibility for all in our neighborhoods. Join us at our City Council or Planning Commission meetings to learn more and share your thoughts. You can also connect with me, your City Council representatives or SSL Neighborhood Connect to make your voice heard.



## SOUTH SALT LAKE 2024 Impact Highlights

These impact numbers help illustrate the ways in which South Salt Lake staff work each day to enhance the quality of life for residents and create a stronger city for you to live, work, and play.



## Thank You, Ed!

After 40 years of service to South Salt Lake, Senior Engineering Inspector Ed Rufener has hung up his orange vest and hard hat for the last time and set out for a new adventure: retirement. As the longest serving employee in our city's history, Ed is known among staff as the "Human GIS System". His encyclopedic knowledge aside, Ed will be missed for his humor and steadfast dedication to our city. Enjoy your retirement Ed, you have earned it.



## New and Improved City eNewsletters

The City of South Salt Lake is switching to a new platform to send our monthly email news. If you are already subscribed to a city e-news, please expect a new and improved look starting in March. If you would like to sign up to receive the City on the Move, Mayor on the Move, Arts Council, or Recreation newsletters in your inbox, please visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) or scan the QR code.



## South Salt Lake Receives JustServe City Designation

The City of South Salt Lake has been recognized by the organization JustServe as a designated JustServe City. This designation highlights our commitment to making a difference through service and collaboration with incredible volunteers and partners. Together, we can achieve even more to strengthen our community and support those in need. The "City on the Move" is dedicated to continuing to foster connection through service and progress. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities in our city, please visit the "Volunteer With SSL" page at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov).



## Know Your CITY COUNCIL

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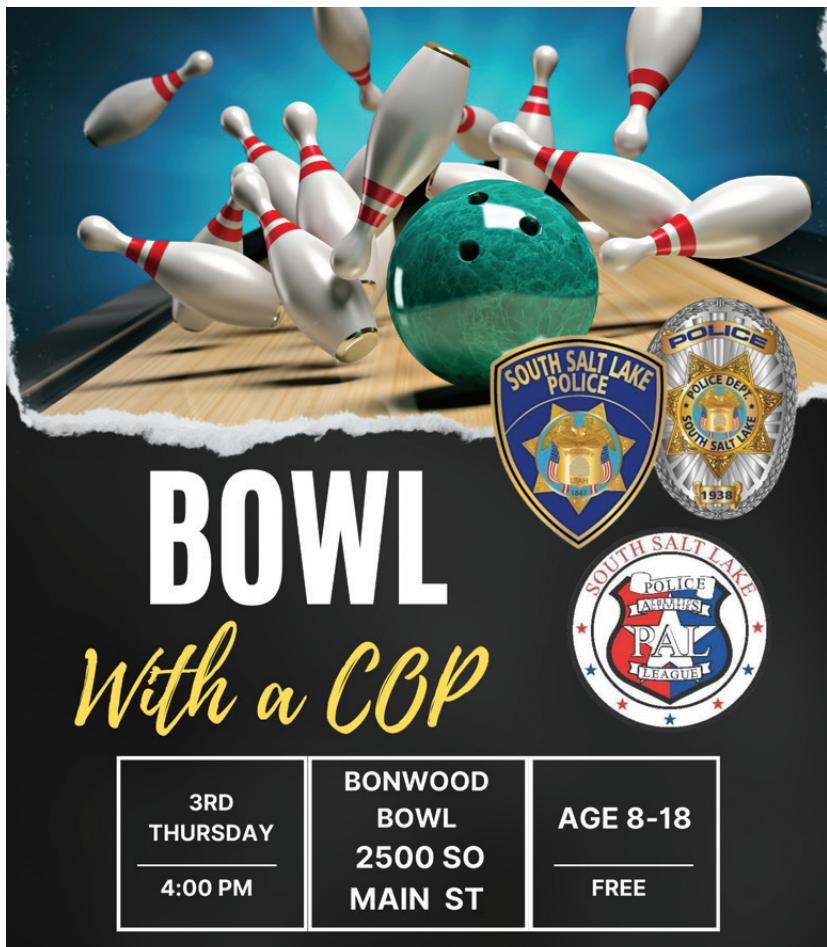
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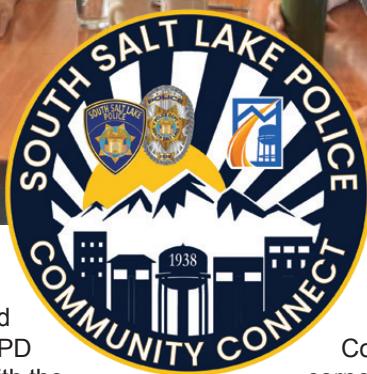
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South Salt Lake Police Department badge

South Salt Lake Police Department PAL League badge

## SSLPD Launches New Community Connect Program in Partnership with the SSL Chamber

Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle



This year, I'm excited to announce a new community outreach program called Community Connect! The SSLPD has renewed its partnership with the South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, and we are both excited to strengthen the bonds with our community members in 2025!

Community Connect events will be held at various coffee shops around our city in addition to events at the South Salt Lake Senior Center, Co-Op, and Granite Library. These new social events aim to bring together community members, local businesses, and members of law enforcement.

Community Connect aims to create a platform for residents to engage with and learn from local law enforcement. We want to build relationships with our city's amazing residents

and address any concerns brought to us.

Our first Community Connect event is just around the corner, and we would love for you to join us! It will be held at Delice Bakery on February 19th from 10 to 11 a.m. It's the perfect opportunity to meet your neighbors, share ideas with our officers, and contribute to a safer South Salt Lake.

Make sure to follow the South Salt Lake Police's social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated about events! You can also find all Community Connect events on the city's website.

We are beyond excited to launch this new program and learn how we can better serve the people of our city. We hope to see you at Community Connect in 2025!

## Don't Wait Until Disaster Strikes: Create an Emergency Kit Today

In light of the terrible fires that have recently occurred in California, we encourage South Salt Lake residents to take a moment to evaluate their own preparedness in case of emergency. A great place to start is to create, or refresh, an emergency kit. Emergency kits are highly personal, as each household and individual will require specific items for you and your family to stay safe and healthy in the face of disaster. Consider including everything you need to survive for several days if you are forced to evacuate your home without access to food or water. Please visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) > Emergency Management for a complete list of items that we recommend including in an emergency kit, as well as other disaster preparedness tips.





### Get Involved

#### South Salt Lake Public Safety Meetings



**Civilian Review Board**

Monday, February 3 at 6:30 pm

Monday, March 3 at 6:30 pm

Visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) to learn more about the Civilian Review Board, or apply to be a member.

**Neighborhood Watch**

Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch meets virtually on the first Thursday of every month. Visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) for the zoom link or more information. Please call 801-412-3600 with questions.

**Community Connect**

Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 am

Join us at Delice Bakery (2747 S State Street) to have a treat and connect with members of the SSLPD and South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.



CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD

Apply Today!

Scan the QR code or visit [SSLC.gov](http://sslc.gov)



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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



Western Theme

## SENIOR BALL

Join us for games, dancing, and a rootin' tootin' good time.

Dinner will be served.

Friday, March 7th. 3:00-5:00 PM

South Salt Lake Community Center  
2531 S 400 E, South Salt Lake, UT 84115

To RSVP: Call South Salt Lake Senior Center  
385-468-3340



## March Art Classes

### Acrylic Painting - Bad Dog Arts

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

### Kintsugi General Loss Group

- March 15th
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm: \$20 for residents
- SSL Community Center Co-Op

### Creative Aging: Express Through Paint

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

### Zentangle Club

- March 31st
- 6 pm to 8 pm - \$5
- SSL Community Center Co-Op

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2531 South 400 East  
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Congratulations to the winners of SSL Pickleball Club's 3rd Annual Winter Tournament, Annie and London! The Pickleball Club meets Monday and Wednesday nights at Central Park Community Center at 7:00. Whether you're well-seasoned or just learning the game, all are welcome! Paddle up and join the action!

South Salt Lake Chamber

**Workshop Series****Keep Calm and Plan On:  
Crafting Your Continuity  
of Operations Plan**

A free workshop by SSL Emergency Management to help businesses plan for disaster for a quick and confident recovery.

Details and registration

**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](http://www.sslc.gov)
- Call 801-412-3217
- Scan the QR code

**CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED****Saturdays: January 11th - March 8th  
8:45AM - 12:00PM**

Supported by Promise Partnership Utah



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](http://sslc.gov) > volunteer or scan the QR code.

**MURAL  
FEST 2025**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
**May 10, 2025**

Follow us on social media for updates.



@themuralfest

# Community & Economic Development



## New Year, New Businesses in South Salt Lake

2025 is on track to be a landmark year in our South Salt Lake business community. With so many great businesses recently opened and on the horizon, we want to take a moment to highlight a few of the many that we are happy to welcome into our city.

### CHAMPS GYM

If your New Year's Resolution involves getting strong, Champs Gym is the place to do it. This new South Salt Lake boxing gym opened up in October and trains boxers of all ages and skill levels. They offer a free trial to newcomers before deciding if you want to be the next Champ. Visit their website at [champsgymslc.com](http://champsgymslc.com) for information.



### IN-N-OUT BURGER

In-N-Out Burger, the legendary drive through burger joint synonymous with Southern California sun and good simple food, is coming to South Salt Lake. Their newest Utah location is located on the corner of 2100 S and Main Street, serving up those patties, fries, and shakes they're well known for.



### BONSAI BAI ME

Bonsai Bai Me is an experience-based bonsai store. They offer private instruction for individuals and groups who would like to learn more about the ancient art of bonsai and try their hand at potting and cultivating their own bonsai tree. They opened their first location in Pleasant Grove two years ago, and expanded to South Salt Lake on September 27 of last year!



### PLUNJ

Coming soon to the Bowers Residences at 55 W. Utopia Ave, Plunj is a nordic-style bath house that specializes in contrast therapy—a wellness routine that involves alternating between hot and cold temperatures to promote a range of mental and physical benefits. Plunj recommends a specific regimen of 8-15 minutes in the sauna, 2-5 minutes in an ice bath, 5-10 minutes of rest, and repeating the cycle 2-3 times. Follow along on Instagram at [@plunj\\_saltlake](https://www.instagram.com/plunj_saltlake) to track their opening date.



## SOUTH SALT LAKE CHAMBER CORNER

### MEMBERSHIP | NETWORKING | EVENTS

To connect with the SSL Chamber, email:  
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[sslchamber.com](http://sslchamber.com)



CELEBRATING FEMALE OWNED

## Workshop SLC

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

FEMALE LED BUSINESSES



Scan the QR code to register  
or visit [sslchamber.com](http://sslchamber.com)





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## THE WELLNESS BUS

The Wellness Bus mobile health program helps communities, families and individuals by teaching them to make healthier lifestyle choices. This program provides free screenings, counseling/coaching, referrals to needed services, and health education. Every service is **FREE, FAST, and SAFE**.

**When:**

1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of every month  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Where:**

Central Park Community Center  
2797 S 200 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

For more information go to [WellnessBus.org](http://WellnessBus.org) or call 801.587.5257. For our most current locations and times check our Facebook: Utah Wellness Bus



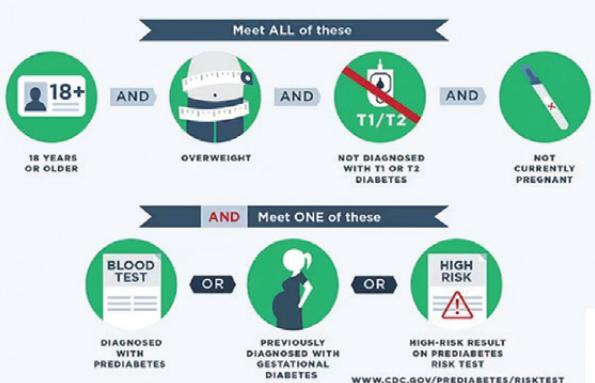
The PreventT2 lifestyle change program can help you lose weight, become more physically active, and reduce stress. This year-long program provides weekly and monthly meetings with a lifestyle coach.

Starting February 2025 at Central Park Community Center

Contact Miranda: [mirandaurb@sslc.gov](mailto:mirandaurb@sslc.gov)



TO JOIN CDC'S NATIONAL DPP\* LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM:



# Thank You!

## SEASON of SHARING 2024

Thank you for your contributions to our annual Season of Sharing efforts. Your donations and support made all the difference. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, we were able to spread holiday cheer to 88 families in need with 436 individuals in them! Several individuals shared with us that it was only because of these programs that they were able to make ends meet and have meals, basic needs, and gifts for their families. This would not have been possible without our amazing community.

A special thank you to South Salt Lake Business Licensing, South Salt Lake Mayor's Office, South Salt Lake Community and Economic Development, Habitat for Humanity ReStore, and bioMérieux for their help in providing support, materials, and volunteers to make sure everything ran smoothly.



**436**  
individuals helped