

# ON THE MOVE

## South Salt Lake Newsletter



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SSL, UT 84115

### Public Meetings

For more info: [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov)

### Planning Commission

Thu, May 1, 7 p.m.

Thu, May 15, 7 p.m.

### City Council

Wed, May 14, 7 p.m.

Wed, May 28, 7 p.m.



**Mayor Cherie Wood**

## Building Our Future: South Salt Lake's Public Works Campus Breaks Ground

I am excited to announce a monumental step forward for our community: the groundbreaking of South Salt Lake's new Public Works Campus this July. After over a decade of planning and much persistence, this state-of-the-art facility will significantly enhance our city's operational efficiency and service delivery. Our current

facilities have long been inadequate, and this modern campus will provide the space and resources needed for our Public Works team, and other vital departments like Police, Fire, and Parks. This development will empower us to serve you more effectively, ensuring our equipment and public works staff are safe, secure, and prepared for any response, emergency or otherwise.

Securing the funding for this ambitious project required careful planning and collaboration. I'm proud to say the \$45 million bond required to construct the campus received very favorable interest rates and a 'AA+' S&P rating for our sound fiscal performance. We also passed the bond without raising taxes because we were able to secure it against future sales and use taxes. Many years of careful spending and financial prudence made this possible.

The need for this new campus was clear. Our existing setup, where maintenance tasks like servicing fire trucks happen in parking lots regardless of weather, is inefficient. The new facility will feature multiple repair bays and advanced equipment, improving the speed and quality of vehicle maintenance and saving the city money by better protecting our assets.

This project is more than just a new building; it's a symbol of progress and community pride. By consolidating operations under one roof, we will improve coordination and response times, ensuring better services for all residents. The campus will also be a beautiful addition to our emerging Downtown and Water Tower neighborhoods, fostering a sense of pride and belonging for the generations to come. Alongside this development, Public Works is undertaking several infrastructure improvement projects this year, such as road maintenance, water main upgrades, and stormwater enhancements. These projects will strengthen our city's infrastructure, making it more robust and reliable.

As we look to 2025 and beyond, our focus remains on enhancing public services, improving infrastructure, and ensuring a sustainable future. I invite you to join us in celebrating this significant milestone at our groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, June 25 at 10 am at the water tower off Main Street. Let's come together to mark the beginning of a new chapter for South Salt Lake Public Works.



One of the most exciting things that will accompany the Public Works Campus is the preservation and restoration of our most famous landmark—the South Salt Lake water tower—with a new Water Tower Community Plaza! I can't tell you how many people have asked me "when can we repaint the tower?" It's finally in the works—and painting is just the beginning.





# Spring Cleanup



Pick up begins Monday, May 5.  
Available only to City garbage  
customers. Visit [ssl.gov](http://ssl.gov) for more  
information about eligibility,  
accepted items, and pickup dates.

## Be Water Wise Outside

"Here in Utah we're either in a drought, or preparing for the next one." Visit [ssl.gov](http://ssl.gov) for tips, tricks, and resources to help you conserve water in South Salt Lake.

As you set your sprinklers for the summer ahead, remember that City Code prohibits the watering of outdoor landscapes and lawns between the hours of 10 AM and 6 PM.



Water Conservation  
[ssl.gov](http://ssl.gov)



## Celebrate South Salt Lake!



Apply for a mini grant from the South Salt Lake Arts Council to host an event celebrating our city's arts, culture, and diversity. Grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. Past events include dance and music performances, drum workshops, and art exhibitions. Share your creativity and culture with the community. Learn more and apply at [sslarts.org](http://sslarts.org)!

## Throw a Block Party, With Help from South Salt Lake

We know that good neighborhoods start with good neighbors. That's why we're offering residents the opportunity to apply for a Neighborhood Block Party Grant. Block parties are a great way for neighbors to come together, build relationships, and engage in family-fun activities. Whether you want to host a block BBQ, cultural event, or neighborhood kids' party, we are here to support you with financial help, permit applications, and answering questions. Certain rules and restrictions apply. Visit [ssl.gov](http://ssl.gov) or scan the QR code for more information!

**BLOCK PARTY GRANTS**  
Apply today at [SSLC.gov](http://SSLC.gov).



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## on STATE STREET



State Street isn't just a main arterial through South Salt Lake—it's a delicious journey through culture, resilience, and flavor. From Middle Eastern breads to Cambodian donuts, African spices and delicate French pastries, five beloved small businesses are serving up more than just food. They're sharing their stories! Visit them and learn more about the culture they bring to our culinary community.

**Fresh Donuts & Deli** – Brenda Le greets customers with a warm smile and thousands of freshly made donuts. Brenda and her husband Wilson, Cambodian refugees, have run this shop for over two decades. Their story is one of hard work, early mornings, and a community that shows up—rain or shine—for their unbeatable maple bars and sandwiches. You won't miss their shop, with the line of excited customers outside their doors each morning.

**Karim Bakery** – A few doors down you'll start to smell the aroma of freshly baked flatbread. Owner Sarah Abduljabbar, a single mother and Iraqi refugee, pours love into every beef pie and za'atar bread she bakes. Her pita has become a local favorite, and her market shelves are lined with Middle Eastern staples that bring comfort to newcomers and locals alike. If you're craving baklava or something sweet, this is the place.

**G & H African Market** – A place where family, culture and community come together, G & H African Market is run by Pinya Issa and Hellen Otto. The shop offers traditional African groceries and beauty products. It's a haven for homesick hearts, and a celebration of roots, resilience, and reunion.

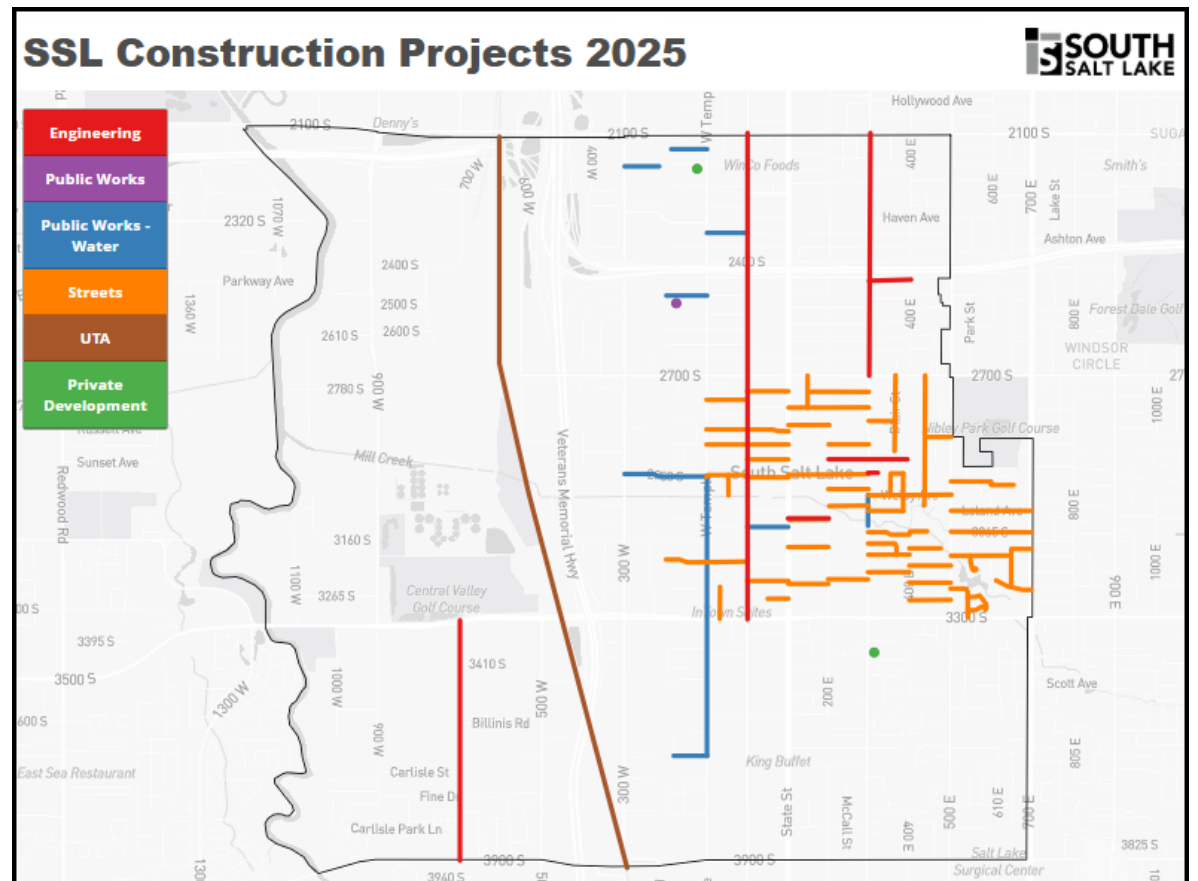
**Delice Cafe** – Craving something a little more indulgent? Step into Delice French Bakery & Café, where master baker JJ Grossi brings a taste of Paris to South Salt Lake. His croissants, cakes, and crusty loaves are crafted with precision and passion. The result of decades of experience is a taste as heavenly as they look.

**Square Kitchen Eatery** – The new kid on the block is a hidden gem featuring emerging chefs of varying cultures and flavors. This culinary incubator supports diverse startups, giving new food entrepreneurs a chance to bring their own sweet (and savory) dreams to life.

On State Street, every treat tells a story—and every bite is a taste of something bigger.

## New South Salt Lake Construction Projects Map

South Salt Lake is committed to improving our city's infrastructure, enhancing public amenities, and increasing housing availability through smart development. But progress requires construction. We know construction projects can be inconvenient and loud, and we will work to mitigate impacts when possible. We are committed to open communication and keeping residents and businesses updated so you can plan accordingly. With our new construction projects map, you can view locations and updates on current construction projects in South Salt Lake. Visit [sslc.gov](https://sslc.gov) to access this tool.



## Friends of Fitts Park



Join the **Friends of Fitts Park** group and connect with people, parks, and the planet. Scan the QR code for details.







## June Art Classes



### Phone Photography

- ✓ June 2nd
- ✓ 6 pm to 8 pm: \$15
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

### SSL Poetry Lab

- ✓ June 5, 12, 19, & 26th
- ✓ 6:30 pm - 8 pm: Free-Registration required
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

### Creative Aging

- ✓ June 4, 11, 18, & 25th
- ✓ 10:30 am - 12 pm
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

### Intro to Garlic Juice Gilding

- ✓ June 6th
- ✓ Single Session 4 pm to 7 pm
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

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801-483-6018  
arts@sslc.gov  
www.sslarts.org

 @southsaltlakearts

## South Salt Lake Senior Center

### EVENTS FOR MAY 2025



#### Live Entertainment

- **Time Steppers** | Fri, 5/9 at 10:30 am
- **Larry Turner** | Fri, 5/23 at 10:30 am



#### Health & Wellness

- **Monthly Blood Pressure Checks** | Machine check at Center
- **Vital Aging** | Wed, 5/21 at 10:30 am
- **Line Dance** | Fridays at 10:30 am
- **Living Well with Diabetes** | 6/12 - 7/17 from 12:30-3 pm




#### Workshops & Events

- **Craft with Vickie** | Thur, 5/8 at 10:30 am
- **Drums Alive** | Mondays at 9:30 am
- **Picnic in the Park** | Wed, 6/11 from 9 am-12:30 pm




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

## Registration May 8-June 9

## \$100 per team (5-7 players)

Visit [sslc.gov](https://sslc.gov) or scan QR to learn more and sign up





## Summer Sport Camps

### Volleyball Camp



June 9-12  
Grades 6-12  
\$10 - Closes May 27

### Basketball Camp



July 14-17  
Grades 5-7  
\$10 - Closes July 7

### Baseball Camp



August 4-7  
Grades 2-4  
\$10 - Closes July 25

Register online at [sslc.gov](https://sslc.gov), or scan the QR code.







**4th of July Freedom Fest**  
**Parade Registration Open Now**

Visit [sslc.gov](https://sslc.gov) or scan the QR to register

## JUNETEENTH

**SOUTH SALT LAKE**

**COMMUNITY BBQ**

**4:30 -  
6:30 PM**

Join us for an evening of celebration and community building including games, entertainment, food, and more!



**FRIDAY  
JUNE  
6  
2025**

All Ages

**FREE**  
Event

**SOUTH SALT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2531 S 400 E**



**MURAL  
FEST 2025**



**MAY 10 | 4:00-8:00PM**

Join us for our 8th annual Mural Fest with a self guided walking or bike tour. See the new 2025 murals, meet the artists, and celebrate community.



For more information,  
visit [themuralfest.com](https://themuralfest.com)  
or scan the QR code.



[themuralfest.com](https://themuralfest.com)



**MURAL  
FEST 2025**

**Artist Panel and  
National Mural Awards**



Join us for an Artist Panel featuring several of our 2025 muralists, followed by an award ceremony presented by the National Mural Awards.

**Where:**  
Commonwealth Room  
(195 W 2100 S)

**When:**  
**MAY 8 | 6:00-9:00PM**



[themuralfest.com](https://themuralfest.com)







## Get Involved



### South Salt Lake Public Safety Meetings

#### Civilian Review Board

Monday, May 5 at 6:30 pm

Monday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

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



#### Neighborhood Watch

Thursday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

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



#### Community Connect

Wednesday, May 21 at 10:00 am

Join us at IndieGo Coffee to have a treat and connect with members of the SSLPD and South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.



## Where can I take my dog to play in South Salt Lake?

#### OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS

- Lions Park: 361 E Robert Ave
- City Hall: 152 E Oakland Ave

#### ON-LEASH ONLY

- Bickley Park: 2508 S. 500 E.
- Fitts Park: 3050 S. 500 E.
- General Holm Park: 1050 Carlisle Park Ln.
- Harmony Park: 3760 S Main St.
- Kaleidoscope Park: 3116 S. 500 E.
- Lincoln Park: 3680 Lincoln Park Dr.
- McCall Park: 3728 S. McCall St.
- Promise Park: 2230 S. 500 E.
- Whitlock Park: 201 E. Whitlock Ave.

#### NO DOGS ALLOWED

- Central Park: 2797 S 200 E



## 2025 PD Youth Summer Camp

Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle



Dear South Salt Lake Families,

As your Police Chief, one of my greatest priorities is building strong, positive relationships between our police department and the incredible young people in our community. That's why I'm excited to announce our upcoming Police Youth Summer Camp—a week of learning, fun, and building new connections open to all N.O.V.A. 5th-grade students.

This free summer camp is more than just a few days out in the sun. It's a chance for our youth to build friendships, explore their potential, and connect with the officers who serve their community every day. Summer Camp activities include visiting the Hogle Zoo, Tracy Aviary & Botanical Gardens, Cowabunga Bay Water Park, a hike to the beautiful Donut Falls, and more!

The summer camp will take place in two sessions: June 10th-13th and June 24th-27th. Each day of camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should bring good walking or hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. Breakfast, lunch, snacks, water, and drinks will be provided. For more information about our Youth Summer Camp registration, please email our Youth School Resource Officer Amanda Johnson at [ajohnson@sslc.gov](mailto:ajohnson@sslc.gov). Spots fill up quickly, and the May 9th deadline is approaching, so make sure to turn in your application as soon as possible.

The youth of South Salt Lake are our greatest resource. When we invest in our youth, we invest in the future of our city. Let's make this summer one to remember. We can't wait to see you there!

## Celebrate Bike Month, Safely

May is National Bike Month. We encourage all community members to put some air in your tires, throw some oil on your chain, and get out for a ride. On May 10, the Jordan River Commission is hosting the Golden Spoke Ride, a free community biking event along the Jordan River with options for all ages and skill levels. Learn more at [GoldenSpoke.org](https://GoldenSpoke.org).

If you plan to get out and ride, please do so safely. While biking is a fun, healthy way to get outside, it comes with inherent risks. By following the tips below, you can minimize those risks for yourself, and those around you.

- 1. Wear a Helmet:** Your brain is irreplaceable. Protect it with a well fitted, CPSC-certified helmet. And remember, most helmets are designed for a single impact. If you've crashed in it before, it's time to get a new one.
- 2. Be Visible:** Equip your bike with a white headlights, a red tail light or reflector, and side reflectors, especially if you're riding at night. High visibility clothing can help you stand out at any time of day.
- 3. Follow the Rules:** Pretend that you're a car. Obey all traffic laws and ride with the flow of traffic, not against it. Even if your route doesn't have bike lanes, it's safer to ride on the road than the sidewalk.
- 4. Take Care of Your Ride:** Keep your bike in good repair. If you don't have a bike yet, consider buying one from a reputable bike shop (many sell affordable, used options), and if you don't feel confident in your mechanical skills, consider taking it to a bike shop for annual tune-ups.
- 5. Stay Alert:** Make eye contact with drivers at intersections, and always be aware of your surroundings to avoid unexpected situations.







# KEEPING OUR PROMISES

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## Help to Protect Afterschool Programs in SSL

Promise South Salt Lake was established 13 years ago in response to a tragedy in our community that highlighted the need for safe afterschool environments for our youth and families. At that time, all of our public schools were Title 1 and in turnaround status (identified as in need of significant improvement due to low student performance), and youth crime rates in South Salt Lake were high.

Today Promise South Salt Lake operates 14 programs with over 30 full-time employees. They serve over 2,000 K-12 students, offering meals, tutoring, and diverse, engaging, enrichment activities. Since the inception of Promise SSL in 2012, all of our city's public schools have pulled out of turnaround status and have made significant progress in student test scores, graduation rates for our refugee students have reached parity with their non-refugee peers, and juvenile arrests during afterschool hours have decreased by 85%.

Promise South Salt Lake relies heavily on federal funding to make this work possible. Grants provided by the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Federal Office of Family Assistance fund many of Promise's staff positions. They also provide budgets for program supplies and contracts with partner organizations.

Today, many federal funding sources face an uncertain future. It is unclear exactly how changes to the federal government will affect afterschool programs in Utah, or whether Promise South Salt Lake will be able to continue to provide the level of service that our community has come to know and expect.

As a member of our community, you have the power to make your voice heard. If you value the work that has been done by Promise South Salt Lake and wish for it to continue, we encourage you to contact your federal representatives and express the value that you find in afterschool programs. You can also make a direct impact to Promise by volunteering and/or making a tax-deductible donation to fill in funding gaps that will help us continue delivering these vital services to those who need them most. For more information on getting involved, contact us at [promise@sslc.gov](mailto:promise@sslc.gov) or call 801-483-6057.

## Promoting Literacy in the Community

The stars aligned when the Promise SSL Co-Op was reinventing itself in August 2022 and Project Read was looking for space for their first literacy labs in Salt Lake County. The Promise South Salt Lake Staff, and particularly those at the PSSL Co-Op, have been so supportive of Project Read's mission and their students and have gone out of their way to make the program feel welcome and needed. They have worked to meet the variety of needs and expanding classes Project Read has brought to the space. Project Read acknowledges that their programming in the Salt Lake area would not be where it is without the PSSL Co-Op and was pleased to present them with the award.



## 2025 SUMMER CAMPS

**JUNE 9 - JULY 18**

All programs are free and include daily meals

### SOUTH SALT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER

**2530 S 500 E. SSL**

9 AM - 5 PM | Elementary  
(incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up)

12 PM - 6 PM | Teens (13 years and older)

### LINCOLN ELEMENTARY

**3280 S 540 E. SSL**

9 AM - 1 PM | Elementary  
(incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up)

### CENTRAL PARK

**2797 S 200 E. SSL**

9 AM - 5 PM | Elementary  
(incoming 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up)

1 PM - 5 PM | Teens (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up)

### UTAH INTERNATIONAL

**3761 S 1100 E. Millcreek**

June 16 - July 23

9AM - 12 PM | Teens



Join a Soccer Team! Games on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Central Park.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Up

### APPLY HERE



Completing an application does not ensure enrollment into program.

Staff will contact you to confirm your spot.



Questions?  
801-483-6057  
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## SOUTH SALT LAKE THRIVE FEST

Be Kind to Your Body and Mind

Enjoy an evening of health, wellness, and art activities, resources, recreation, giveaways and refreshments.

**MAY 8, 2025 | 6-7:30 PM**

**CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2797 S 200 E, SOUTH SALT LAKE, UT 84115**

Free & open to the public

