Summer is a Great Time for “Kick the Can” but not “Kick the Can Down the Road”

It’s been a great summer in South Salt Lake with all the traditions and outdoor socializing that we’ve come to expect in our tight-knit community. The 4th of July Parade, Cool Summer Nights, Central Park Farmer’s Market, and Promise SSL youth summer activities help make South Salt Lake great.

I so appreciate the people that keep these traditions going and who understand their importance. As the Mayor, I see my job as supporting this type of community building by providing the infrastructure, public safety and basic services that are essential to our growth and prosperity. These things are literally the stable ground on which we build and improve our lives.

That’s why this year’s City Budget Season was a great disappointment for me, my staff and so many residents. After 10 years of belt-tightening and budget cuts, it is time to invest in our City. It’s time to invest in our public safety, our infrastructure and basic services. But instead of doing that, the majority of our City Council has put our city’s future at risk by kicking the can down the road. Here are a few examples:

• Our Public Safety Departments – the men and women who risk their lives to keep our community safe – are in desperate need of a sustainable funding source. We have lost too many officers and firefighters to other cities because we do not offer a competitive salary. The South Salt Lake Council cut other city budgets to partially raise public safety salaries for one year. This isn’t solving the problem. This is kicking the can down the road.

• Our stormwater program. It is essential that we manage our stormwater and comply with State and Federal water quality regulations – or risk fines, flooding and other greater costs. The Council has opted not to fund these maintenance issues but rather to “study” them for another 9 months. This isn’t solving the problem. This is kicking the can down the road.

• The South Salt Lake Council also used this year’s budget process to cut basic staff positions like parking enforcement. Street parking for residents has been an ongoing issue and creating a parking enforcement position is an obvious solution. But that position and others were cut from the budget. Again, we are kicking the can down the road with no plan for the future.

These are short-sighted, short-term “fixes” that will result in MAJOR budget problems for the City in the coming years. I know that several of our Council members understand the importance of investing in our future and I appreciate their support. I urge you to learn more about these issues and to think about the City we want to leave to the next generation. It’s going to take commitment and time, but I’m confident that if we work together, we can ensure that South Salt Lake remains a great place to live and work.
City Council Corner – Summer is Rich in Heritage

By Shane Siwik, City Council District 5

Celebrations are everywhere. This time of year, we seem to find ourselves constantly celebrating our rich diverse heritage. Fireworks light up the nights skies while we look back at our nation’s beginnings and one of the largest parades in the country marks those who settled our state. As well, this year we celebrate 150 years since the golden spike connected the country by railway. And by the time you receive this, we will have also since reflected on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission landing on the moon.

Communities up and down the state have themed events such as raspberry days, peach day and many more days named after all sorts of fruits and vegetables. (Yet nobody dares take on zucchini days,) South Salt Lake has our Freedom Fest. Taylorsville has Taylorsville Days and so many other cities have local events commemorating their heritage.

Not only are there moments for us to express gratitude for those who have come before us in framing this community, this state and this country, but there are also moments to celebrate those who have brought their traditions with them from other parts of the world. We also celebrate those who were here in this land ahead of us. Our diversity is what makes us great and is one of the things that makes us who we are as a people.

As the summer continues, may we find time to acknowledge all those who have come before us in helping to frame the land and local communities we enjoy. May we also take the time to recognize our own heritage within our families and acknowledge those whose DNA we share and who have made us as individuals who we are as well.

Happy Summer!

Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.

City Council Primary Elections

There will be a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 13 for Council Districts 1, 4, 5 and one At-Large seat.

The official ballot includes the following candidates:

DISTRICT 1
Jared Fitts
Paul Olsen
LeAnne Huff
Jeanette Potter

DISTRICT 5
Shane Siwik
Clarissa J. Williams
Brent Hadley

DISTRICT 4
Portia Mila
Addison Richey
George E. Kellogg

DISTRICT AT-LARGE
Rosemary Card
Mary Anna Southey
Natalie Pinkney

EARLY VOTING
All eligible voters may vote in the County Clerk’s Office (County Government Center, 2001 South State Street, South Building, First Floor, Room 200) weekdays beginning July 30th – August 12th from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION
There are several ways you can register to vote:

• Online Registration
  You can register online to vote by going to the secure. utah.gov/voterreg and completing the online form. In order to register online, you must have a current Utah Driver’s License or ID Card. If you are registering online, you must submit your registration at least 7 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

• By-Mail Registration
  You may use a mail-in voter registration form that can be found in the Salt Lake County Government office or at slco.org/clerk/elections. If you are registering to vote using a mail-in voter registration form, you must mail your completed registration form at least 30 days before the election to be eligible to vote in that election.

• In-Person Registration
  You may register in person at the Salt Lake County Election Division, 2001 South State Street, S1-200, Salt Lake City. The office is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is closed on weekends and legal holidays. You must register in person at least 7 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote in that election.

SAME DAY REGISTRATION
You may go to an early voting location or Election Day Vote Center and register and vote at the same time if you have not previously registered or updated your registration after moving. You will be asked to complete a provisional ballot form, which becomes your voter registration form. Once you provide Identification and proof of residency, you will be issued a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will be counted and added to the election results once the Election Staff has reviewed and accepted your provisional form for completeness.
Summer Fire Dangers and New Brush Truck

The State of Utah saw more moisture this spring then we have over the past few years. However, as warming weather turns swaths of vegetation into kindling, the possibility of brush fires increases. Brush fires can present a serious threat to lives and property. High winds, warmer temperatures, and drought conditions make fire seasons progressively worse. Please take time in and around your home to clear leaves, dead vegetation, and debris that can ignite from embers. Smoking items should be disposed in a fire-resistant container versus discarding on the ground. Outdoor grills should be at least 10 feet from homes and buildings. You can safely enjoying your summer vacations, camping, and family reunions by practicing a few of these fire safety tips.

Additionally, the South Salt Lake Fire Department is pleased to add a piece of equipment to our fleet and would like to express our thanks to Mayor Wood and the South Salt Lake City Council for funding our new Type-6 brush truck (pictured left) that will be used to combat brush and wildland fires.

Back to School: Slow Down and Stay Alert

August brings the need for extra precautions around schools, crosswalks and playgrounds. As our kids get back in the classrooms we all need to take steps to be prepared and keep them safe. The National Safety Council has many tips, a few of which I would like to share with you.

- It’s illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children
- Traffic must stop when the yellow or red lights are flashing
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus
- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

SHARING THE ROAD WITH YOUNG PEDESTRIANS
According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they’re walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping our children safe:

- Don’t block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, slow down to give ample time to stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection
- Always stop for a crossing guard holding up a stop sign, take an extra look even after they move to the side of the road to ensure you are clear to proceed
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas
- Watch for pedestrians at all times and be extra cautious when backing up

SHARING THE ROAD WITH SCHOOL BUSES

- If you’re driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car; this will give you more time to stop and yield when needed
New Development and Construction

“RIVERFRONT” ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
3751 South 900 West
The school is now under construction in the Riverfront Neighborhood. This will replace Roosevelt Elementary located at 3225 South 800 East. In conjunction with the school, the facility will include a new community center that will house a neighborhood center and afterschool program. The school is expected to be open for the Fall 2020 school year.

MILLCREEK STATION APARTMENTS
3196 S. Washington Street
Millcreek Station construction is progressing and will have 70-units with a mix of 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedroom units. Fourteen of the units will be market rate, the remaining 56 units will target households with incomes ranging from 25-50% of the area median income. Millcreek Station is across the street from the 3300 South TRAX station and will feature the following amenities: pool, fitness facility, children’s playground, and public transit passes.

MOUNTAIN WEST MOTHER’S MILK BANK
This business has re-located to South Salt Lake. Mountain West Mother’s Milk Bank is a nonprofit that collects human milk to serve and meet the needs of babies and their families in the community. For more information on their services, please visit their website www.giveyourmilk.org
Community Happenings

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Presented by: Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

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WHERE ART MEETS CRAFT

DOMESTIC POULTRY
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- Property must be at least 6,000 ft²
- Lot area 6,000 ft² - up to 4 hens
  - Additional hen per every 1,500 ft² of additional lot, max 6 hens
- Hen-house and run kept 5 feet from any property line
- Run must be cleaned regularly to avoid rodent harborage and other pests
  - Subject to inspection

Contact Animal Services for an application or questions: 801.483.6024 www.sslc.com

SOUTH SALT LAKE BEAUTIFUL YARD
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COVILI FAMILY! Thank you for your commitment to a Beautiful Yard!

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YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

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Fall Outdoor Soccer
Who: 4 years old - 6th grade
When: PK-K – Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm
1st – 3rd grades – Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7pm
4th – 6th grades – Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30pm
Practices starting September 10th or 11th (depending on age group)
Practices will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:30pm
Location: Central Park Ball Field (2797 S. 300 E.)
Fee: $25 for 1st child, $20 for 2nd child, $15 for 3rd child
- Additional 50% of fees for non-SSL residents
- Scholarships available to those in need
- Deadline: August 30th (Space is Limited!)
  *$5 late fee for registration after August 30th

Registration: Complete the form on the back and return in person with your payment to:
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2531 S. 400 E. South Salt Lake, UT 84115
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South Salt Lake Rock Star Employees

Annually the City recognizes employees who go above their daily duties serving the City of South Salt Lake. Their knowledge and skills, while exceptional, are often outshined by their hearts and dedication. They are passionate about public service and the City is lucky to have them. They take customer service to new levels, reach into their own pockets when the need warrants and save lives as if they aren’t heroes. We are proud to present our Rock Star Employees!

Lesly Allen
Arts Council
Art is alive and well in South Salt Lake because of YOU – Thank you for being a Rock Star!

BJ Allen
Finance
Your positive attitude and willingness to assist every City department is why you are the Finance Rock Star!

Tom Anderton
Public Works
You are a dedicated employee who has even earned the title of ‘department recruiter’, your commitment to the City is why you are a Rock Star!

Gabriel Zuluaga
Police
Your professionalism and commitment to keeping South Salt Lake safe makes you a Rock Star!

Karla Slick
Community Development & Engineering
Your dependability and coordination of numerous departments is why we call you a Rock Star!

Kaylee Miliner
Promise
Looking out for the good of SSL and seeking impactful projects that benefit our entire community truly make you a Rock Star!

Layne Schoenfeld
Fire
On multiple occasions you exemplify investing in our residents – The Fire Department is proud to have you be their Rock Star!

Leonela Robles
Urban Livability
Your enthusiasm and zeal for helping residents, businesses and employees is what lands you the title of Rock Star!
Promise South Salt Lake was awarded a grant from Best Buy, through the Clubhouse Network, to open a Best Buy Teen Tech Center. The Columbus Center will soon house the first of its kind maker and technology space in Utah. The construction is complete and the center is getting carpet, paint, new furniture, and last, but not least, awesome new technology! The space will truly be state-of-the-art.

At the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, teenagers ages 13-18 in our community will be able to participate in a variety of projects, including, but not limited to, recording an album in the recording studio, filming a movie with a green screen, taking photos and editing them in Photoshop, learning how to code, and so much more!

The center will open for the 2019 school year, and will operate from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10:00-2:00 p.m. on Saturday. The program is free and available to SSL youth. To register contact Kayla Mayers at kmayers@sslc.com