I love July. I love getting together with family, friends and neighbors to celebrate our nation’s independence. And something about the quiet of summer gives us the chance to really reflect on the good that is happening in our community. It’s a time to be especially grateful for the people who protect us and inspire us every day. We’re fortunate in South Salt Lake to be surrounded by men and women who do little (and big) things to make our community a better place.

One of those residents is Council Member Sharla Beverly Bynum who has spent the bulk of her career working with South Salt Lake youth. After spending some time working in a school outside our community, she requested to come back to Granite Park Junior High so she could work with students here – helping them prepare for college with the GEAR UP program. She understands the value of investing in our youth and “walks the talk” every day.

Another everyday hero is Charlie Inger. Last month, Charlie noticed that the flag was missing from the 9/11 Memorial at Fire Station 42. He went out of his way to purchase a flag with his own money and installed it on the Memorial.

And I can’t talk about heroes without mentioning our beloved Officer David Romrell who sacrificed his life serving South Salt Lake. Officer Romrell leaves behind a legacy of service and courage, not only with his wife Elizabeth and his son Jackson, but with our entire Police force.

So as we mark America’s 243rd birthday, I invite you to pause… to look around at all the good in our community and to think about how we can all do just a little bit more.

Finally, it wouldn’t be summer without our annual 3rd and 4th of July Celebrations. I hope to see you there!
City Council Corner – A Call for Compromise and Civility

By Ray deWolfe, City Council At-Large

The FY20 budget has been passed. The goal of this budget was to increase the wages for our public safety. Many of our dedicated public safety personnel are leaving South Salt Lake to join other cities offering more competitive pay. Finding the money to give our deserving public safety was not contentious, nor debated. However, finding a way to pay for the increases was contentious.

The administration proposed a property tax increase, which would provide a sustainable revenue stream. House bill 235 recently passed the Utah legislature and provided a funding vehicle dedicating the increased revenues directly to our public safety. Most of the council agreed a property tax increase was off the table, and instead would look for funding by cutting line items from the proposed budget. In the end, a 13% increase was given to public safety (9% market adjustment, 4% merit) and approximately $1.2 million was cut from the budget. No property tax increase for South Salt Lake.

Many residents/businesses opposed the tax increase. Many supported the tax increase. Everyone agreed the council and administration need to start working together.

It’s true- we haven’t been a City working together. I share the blame. This budget year highlighted that. There are many reasons for the contention, but only one path we must all take moving forward. We need to start listening and discussing openly. I’m calling on our council, administration, and the public to move forward on a path of compromise and civility. I believe we can do this by following three principles:

1. No personal attacks.
2. Focus on the facts.
3. Express opinions openly without fear of recourse.

Personal attacks do nothing but create more divisiveness. Focusing on the facts allows for smarter decision-making, benefiting you and the City. We’re elected to act in your best interest. But we’re also elected for our opinions on how to best move the city forward. Making decisions behind closed doors is not serving you, our fellow council members, or the spirit of democracy. Our job is to research the issues, listen to all the facts and perspectives, then debate as a council in the public forum. At the end of the day, I hope we can compromise, accept the result, and continue to move forward.

Remember, we’re all neighbors in our small City. Join me in committing to move forward with compromise and civility.

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

South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

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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.

South Salt Lake has contracted with Salt Lake County to conduct our 2019 municipal elections. This year’s election will be conducted using the vote by mail process.

Ballots will be mailed to all active voters approximately 21 days before Election Day.

Ballots can be returned by mail in the postage-paid return envelope and must be postmarked the day before Election Day. They can also be dropped off at any vote center, any ballot drop box located throughout the County, or the County Clerk’s Office through 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. For a list of drop box locations, early voting locations, and vote centers, please see the Salt Lake County Elections website. If they prefer, voters can also surrender their ballot at the vote center and vote on the voting machines on Election Day.

Citizens can register to vote or update their registration online at vote.utah.gov

The official ballot includes the following candidates:

**DISTRICT 1**
Jared Flits
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
Fireworks and Discharge Restrictions

**FIREWORKS RESTRICTIONS**

The fireworks season is here. With this in mind, please pay attention to the legal dates of discharge (see sidebar) and restricted areas in South Salt Lake for fireworks.

**DISCHARGE RESTRICTIONS**

- It is illegal to ignite any firework:
  - in any area of the City west of 900 West
  - within (20) feet of any residence, dwelling or other structure
  - on property owned by South Salt Lake City

Please be careful with LEGAL Class C common fireworks this season if you choose to enjoy them. Always be respectful of your neighbors while igniting fireworks and keep your fireworks away from property. Keep in mind the legal discharge times and have a safe, enjoyable fireworks season.

Open Burning and Recreational Fires

I am frequently asked by residents if they can burn tree branches and debris to eliminate waste. It’s unlawful to burn vegetation in South Salt Lake. Because of the close proximity of homes and property lines to one another, open burning is not allowed in the City as it does not meet code requirements.

The Fire Department allows some small recreational fires. These fires shall be in approved fire pits and used for cooking purposes such as hot dogs or marshmallows. Recreational fires cannot occur within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated before ignition. Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher or onsite fire extinguishing substance such as dirt, or equipment like water barrel or garden hose shall be available.

Recreational burning is prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make fires hazardous. Recreational fires cannot be conducted on yellow or red burn days. Where recreational burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation the fire code official is authorized to order the extinguishment of the fire. The fire shall be extinguished if neighbors complain that the smoke is offensive.

Have respect for your neighbors and tell them when you plan on having a recreational fire in your yard. The Fire Department wishes you a safe and happy summer season!

Recognizing our Everyday Heroes this 4th of July

South Salt Lake’s theme this year for Independence Day is “Everyday Heroes”. As I engage with our citizens and businesses I’m always meeting new people who help serve our community. We have several volunteers that are involved in City Initiatives and programs directly connected to the Police Department. Such as our Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, Police Athletic/Activities League and our Victim’s Advocates. These individuals that volunteer are just a few of our community heroes.

Teachers are the silent heroes of our community, they truly care about their students, your children, and they often step forward looking for ways to help our Police Department mission. Our officers have the privilege of working in partnership with the educators in our schools and have always had their support with our D.A.R.E. and now N.O.V.A Program. I have often stated that connecting with our youth will only strengthen the future of our community. Our teachers, our heroes help us make this possible.

Another group of heroes that often goes without recognition and often unnoticed are our own city staff. Departments across the City are full of skilled, hardworking professionals. These are our City Heroes that work hard in accomplishing the community needs and have always been true supporters of Public Safety. Each plays a critical role in providing effective policing; they are our city partners and have always been supporters of Public Safety.

Our Public Safety Heroes, Police and Fire! As the Chief of Police, I have a great deal of respect for our firefighters and I know that feeling is shared for our officers by the Fire Chief. I truly believe that South Salt Lake is fortunate to have such a collaborative Public Safety group. Our SSL Fire Department, are our own heroes.

Being the Police Chief I will, of course, recognize our own officers. Police Officers are a special group of people. They were given a calling to serve and protect and it’s ingrained in who they are. I don’t know of any officer who would be happy doing anything else but police work. Many of our officers have background and degrees in other fields, but yet have chosen police work. Or you could say it has chosen them. Police Officers are that thin blue line between chaos and calm, the first to respond to danger and to run towards violence. They are all heroes!

In 2018, 144 police officers died in the line of duty protecting the communities they served in our nation. All of them had families and all of them gave the ultimate sacrifice while doing what they loved. Sadly, the South Salt Lake Police Department experienced the loss of our own protecting our community. Officer David P. Romrell’s life was violently taken while protecting our community. We must never forget his sacrifice and he will forever be our hero.

So as we all celebrate this 4th of July, Independence Day, let’s not forget our own heroes here in our community as well as our nation. We might not know them all, but we owe them all for the daily freedoms we enjoy. Have a safe Holiday!
New Development and Construction

UNDER CONSTRUCTION
The final flex industrial building is under way in the Riverfront Neighborhood. This building is located at approximately 900 West and Fine Drive. It will be the future home to a corporate branch of a multi-state supply company.

NOW OPEN
Beehive Distilling located at 2245 S. West Temple has completed renovations to its new business facility. Beehive Distilling adaptively reused and remodeled an existing warehouse. The business also participated in SSL Mural Fest increasing public art along the S-Line corridor.

NOW OPEN
Ritz Classic Apartments located at 2265 S. State are fully completed and open for leasing. The total project investment is over $40 million. This 287-unit multifamily mixed-use transit-oriented development is located along the S-Line. The project provides over 60,000 square feet of private open space located on top of the parking structure. The project also has one commercial unit located on the 200 East corner.

NOW OPEN
Chartway Federal Credit Union located at 2210 S. State Street is open for business. This business is developed as part of the Crossing Master Plan. Chartway has 17 locations throughout Utah and is committed to the local success of communities.
**Community Happenings**

**Veterans Appreciation Reception**

All Veterans and their families are invited.

**Wednesday July 3rd, 2019**

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Program at 6:30 p.m.
Columbus Center
2531 South 400 East
South Salt Lake

Evening to include:
- Flag ceremony
- Speakers
- Musical numbers
- Light dinner
- Meet & mingle

Questions? Contact Myrna Clark 801-483-6076

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**COOL SUMMER NIGHTS**

**OUTDOOR MOVIE GAMES, ART, FOOD BICYCLE RODEO FREE FAMILY FUN!**

**7:00 PM MOVIE AT DUSK**

**JULY 12**

**JULY 26**

FITTS PARK  3050 South 500 East

Presented by: Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

For more information: 801-412-3217

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**LUNCH on the Move**

Wednesday July 17th

South Salt Lake City Hall
230 E Morris Ave
SSL, UT 84115

11 am - 2 pm

featuring: www.waffluv.com

**BE SAFE, HAVE FUN**

Keep your dog on leash.

Dogs must be on leash on all city property, parks, and trails.

Off-leash pet play permitted only at Lions Park Off-Leash area.

Help keep parks and trails clean & safe:
- All dog waste disposed in garbage.
- Sports fields free of dog waste.
- Healthy, long-lasting turf areas.
- Zero dog bites.
- Safe, comfortable public places.
- Positive interactions between dogs and people.

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Thank you for your support!

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**NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT**

Join neighbors for a free BBQ dinner and community conversation.

**Tuesday July 16**

6:00-8:00 PM

Fitts Park
Lions Pride Pavilion
at 3050 S 500 E

Hosted by: SSL Mayor, City Council, police, fire, and city planners

Bring:
- Ideas and questions

Take home:
- Connections, answers & tools to make an impact

**PHYSICAL DEPENDENCY TO OPIOIDS CAN HAPPEN IN JUST SEVEN DAYS**
Nominate a South Salt Lake Beautiful Yard

Mayor Cherie Wood’s Beautiful Yard Award thanks SSL residents who have made exceptional efforts that positively impact their neighborhood. Beautiful yards make neighborhoods more attractive and vibrant. It’s easy to nominate, please take a moment to contact the Urban Livability Department at 801-464-6712 or vlelo@sslc.com to recognize a deserving yard.

Congratulations to the Hughes and Vielstich families! Thank you for your commitment to a Beautiful Yard!
Central Park- 2019 PAL Banquet

The South Salt Lake Police Athletics and Activities League hosted a 2019 End-of-Year Banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of youth participating in the Boxing, Wrestling and Recreation programming at Central Park Community Center. The PAL Board of Directors, SSL Police Officers and Promise South Salt Lake staff and volunteers came together to celebrate a year of program success. Each of the youth received certificates of participation. The Central Park youth and families, along with Promise staff, prepared a special farewell slideshow for Officer Jerry Silva, a longtime PAL Director, to thank him for his hard work and dedication to our community.

Westminster College’s Step Out Program

The Woodrow Wilson summer program is very excited to have Westminster’s Step Out program at Central Park this summer. Step Out spends one day a week in teaching youth about the outdoors. Woodrow Wilson 5th and 6th graders will even have the opportunity of going on an overnight camping adventure with Step Out later this summer.

In the most recent lesson, youth learned about what kind of food to take hiking and camping. The youth loved learning about and sampling dried fruits and trail mixes. The youth were excited to put their new knowledge into practice during their hiking field trip. Woodrow Wilson youth have enjoyed Step Out’s activities and are always excited to have Westminster students working alongside them to build a love of outdoor-adventuring and a college-going culture.

Scales and Tails visits GPJH

This summer, Granite Park Junior High’s Camp Grizzly program offers Reptile Club weekly in partnership with Scales and Tails, a local organization offering encounters with reptiles and birds. Each Monday, Scales and Tails brings 5-8 reptiles to entertain and educate Promise youth. One week youth meet reptiles who make great starter pets and the next kids coming face-to-face with crocodiles and alligators. The Scales and Tails team are passionate about their work and their enthusiasm is infectious. Weekly our students are captivated as the Scales and Tails team handle each reptile, teaching about their lifestyles and answering a wide variety of questions. Often, our students can pet or hold animals. Youth recently were able to feed cockroaches to Gordon, a Cuban Iguana who visited during week one! We’re excited to continue working with Scales and Tails through the summer and into the school year.