Our little City stands quite tall in comparison to some of our neighbors. South Salt Lake is the second smallest city in the valley, but you wouldn’t know it from the big-city benefits we enjoy. Though small, we have our own police and fire departments, parks and recreation, sewer and water systems. We have all of this and more and have always put community first in our budgets.

SSL offers dozens of free and low-cost programs and services for residents. We have top-rated youth sports leagues and camps. Recreation also puts on 12 annual events designed to bring families and community together. The Daddy-Daughter Dance in February and the Senior Ball this month are two highlights – the costumes, sets, music, food, and games are first-rate productions. Many other programs are offered in community centers through our partners – ranging from the Columbus Senior Center to the Utah Refugee Training and Education Center, to the Head Start preschool, and of course Promise SSL afterschool and summer activities. All of these have been strategically located in our City with one common denominator – Investing in People.

With the theme **Invest in People** running through so much of the work we do, we regularly take stock of who we are and what services are needed. Most of our programs receive some form of local, state or federal funding or other grants. All of our funders want to know how many people are participating and who they are – young or old, high or low income, American-born or new citizens, and so on. We rely on this data both to design programs that are the right fit, and also to attract the funding to make them possible.

So where do we go to find this information? The US Census. The Census is a fundamental part of our country’s founding. In fact, it was set up by our Constitution, and endures today because it defines who we are as a nation, as a state, and even as a small City. The Census is happening this spring – Census survey information will arrive in your mailbox mid-March. The survey asks questions that help us understand our community and predict needs, such as classrooms, jobs, housing and elder care. Without this, we wouldn’t really know how to **Invest in People**. We need to know you to serve you. It is just that simple.

We need to make sure every single person is counted so we get an accurate representation. This information is used for allocating sales taxes, federal road funds, school district funding, federal afterschool funding, housing funds, and the list goes on. It also determines how many legislators our state gets in Congress. I can’t stress enough that our population number and characteristics have a tremendous influence on the revenue our City gets from other agencies, entities and grants.

I talk a lot about how to be an involved citizen and why it is so important. And now here is your chance – speak up for yourself and every member of your household in the 2020 Census. It only comes around every 10 years, so taking the census is one small action with a long-lasting impact.

So please, I urge you to watch your mailbox and take this step to invest in yourself and in your community – take the 2020 Census!
City Council Corner

By Sharla Bynum, City Council District 3

Recently, Utah House Bill 411 (Community Renewable Energy Act) provided cities a pathway toward using 100% renewable energy by 2030. Everyone on the Council was excited to move forward. But after a more detailed presentation from Rocky Mountain Power and Salt Lake City’s Sustainability Department, we unanimously agreed not to pass a resolution at this time for several reasons.

SSL is starting a few steps behind other communities. Many of the participating cities already had energy plans in place and have residents who opt in to current Rocky Mountain Power programs like Blue Star and solar energy. At this time, SSL has no sustainability plan and only about 1% of our residents participate in current energy-wise programs.

There are just too many unknowns at this point. HB411 makes no promises about the price of renewable energy – it could be cheaper, or it might be more expensive – only time will tell. But the commitment needs to be made up front. Some suggested passing a resolution, then withdrawing if needed. Because rates will be determined based on how many cities pass a resolution of support, not following through on our commitment wouldn’t be fair to others who are participating.

Additionally, HB411 is an opt-out program, meaning all SSL residents would be enrolled with an undetermined additional cost. Business owners and residents would be required to contact Rocky Mountain Power to let them know if they didn’t want to participate. Another concern, penalties might apply if too many residents opt out or if renters abandon contracts. Because of the high number of rentals in our City, we determined it was best to wait and join this effort when more details become available.

I cannot emphasize enough that our City goal is to become 100% reliant on renewable energy. Our first plan of action will be to create a sustainability plan with the support of Rocky Mountain Power. Part of that plan will include encouraging residents and business owners to individually change this conversation by going to rockymountainpower.net to participate in current energy-wise options. We invite all residents to be a part of this process. Please attend City Council meetings and share feedback with your Council representatives – we value your input.

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

South Salt Lake welcomes Judge Ryan Richards to the SSL Justice Court. Judge Richards has a breadth of experience which qualifies him for this position. Most recently, Judge Richards was an Assistant Attorney General with the Utah Attorney General’s Office. Prior to this position he was a prosecutor for both Salt Lake City and South Salt Lake. He also had the unique opportunities to intern at the Utah State Legislature as well as at the US Mission to NATO.

During his time as prosecutor for South Salt Lake, Judge Richards’ passion for law and justice became indelibly connected to the citizens and needs of South Salt Lake. Having seen and experienced the unique character of our City, Judge Richards felt strongly about applying for this position. In his words, “The Court should have a judge who strives daily to live up to the importance of the role, who understands the law, applies it correctly and who treats everyone who enters the Court with the dignity and respect they deserve.”

Thank you, Judge Richards, for your concern and commitment to the City of South Salt Lake. Welcome to your new position on the bench!
SMOKE ALARMS
SAVE LIVES!

Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

That’s why we’re installing FREE smoke alarms.

South Salt Lake

Saturday, April 25 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 29 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

No applications or qualifications are required. Simply call or text #2-1-1 to request your FREE smoke alarm installation from the American Red Cross. Spanish is spoken.

American Red Cross
SOUND THE ALARM
Save a Life

New Traffic Data Collecting Technology

For years the South Salt Lake Police Department has investigated complaints of speeding vehicles. We reacted in normal fashion by sending officers into the area to make an assessment of the problem and take enforcement action in necessary. Unfortunately, and frustratingly, our officers were often unable to detect any violations or even collect sustaining data that would validate the original complaint. But, thanks to one of our officers who believed there was a better way, we have a new tool to help us!

Officer Taylor of the Traffic Division began a search for a system that could help capture data to study vehicle traffic speeds on fatal traffic accident investigations. After extensive research, he found the Black Cat II Radar Recorder by Jamar Technologies, Inc. This new technology can collect traffic data which can then be used to identify specific traffic problems on our roadways. There are many advantages to such a system.

Other types of devices historically used, like road tube traffic counters, speed trailers and officer presence, produce less accurate results. Drivers often slow down when they see a tube across the road, a trailer or the presence of an officer. This means that inaccurate data is collected. With the Black Cat II, there is nothing in the roadway, and the box itself looks like any other utility box mounted on an existing utility pole. This allows officers to collect unaltered, unbiased data providing more accurate information about the actual traffic concern.

With the multiple capabilities of the Black Cat II Radar, departments have been able to track large vehicles on prohibited roadways by capturing a set length of a desired vehicle. More commonly, the Black Cat Radar is used to track the average speed and the highest speeds of vehicles. The data collected indicates the time of day and the number of vehicles in violation and generates an easy-to-read report for officers and complainants to review. This information is then used by our officers to better educate the community and to determine where and when enforcement actions are warranted, and can more efficiently analyze the cause of traffic problems to better identify long-term solutions.

The best feature of the Black Cat II Radar, it came at no cost to the City of South Salt Lake. Officer Taylor secured a Highway Safety Grant to obtain two systems, both 100% grant funded. If you have a traffic safety concern in your neighborhood, please call 801-840-4000 and ask to speak with a Traffic Officer.

Census 2020: Get Counted – It Affects Public Safety!

Many people probably never realized that Census data could affect how your City responds to a disaster. It’s true! The impending US Census, or Census 2020, is extremely important for the City of South Salt Lake. The information we receive will help us to better serve you in an emergency or disaster situation, as well as to secure funding for important programs and incentives for residents and stakeholders of South Salt Lake.

Census 2020 will determine congressional representation, influence federal funding and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. The results of the 2020 Census will inform decisions about allocating hundreds of billions of federal dollars to communities across the country -- for hospitals, fire and police departments, school lunch and other critical programs, as well as infrastructure and services. Census data will help identify potential vulnerabilities within our community to better prepare for disaster.

However, this data is only as good as the count taken during the Census. In short, help us help you. Be counted where you live on April 1, 2020. Make sure to include every member of your household, kids count. I invite you to help “Shape your Future” as you participate in the United States Census 2020!

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop is part of a national initiative to create a place for community members and police officers to come together. The South Salt Lake Chamber supports the program to help businesses increase their involvement in the community’s safety.

Delice Bakery 2747 S State on Wednesday, March 4, 9-10 a.m.
DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

ROOFERS SUPPLY COMPANY – NEW BUILDING
In 2018, Roofers Supply Company came to Community Development with a vision of a multi-phase redevelopment project of their existing facilities at 3359 South 500 West. Phase 1 included demolishing the building at 3379 South, formally known as Speedy Towing, and constructing a new office/warehouse headquarters. The new building is now complete and open for business. They will begin moving forward with phase 2, which includes the demolition of their current office building located just to the north. Phase 2 and 3 of the redevelopment will include new warehouse and storage buildings for their products, new parking lots, landscaping and curb, gutter and sidewalk along 500 West.

MILLCREEK STATION APARTMENTS
Located at 3196 S. Washington Street this affordable multifamily building is now complete and 100% leased. Millcreek Station has 70-units with a mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units. Fourteen of the units are market rate, the remaining 56 units 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 features a pool, fitness facility, children’s playground and public transit passes.

RIVERFRONT NEIGHBORHOOD
FINAL PHASE UNDER CONSTRUCTION
The last phase of new single family homes in the Riverfront Neighborhood is now under construction. The new phase includes approximately 80 additional homes. Richmond American Homes will be building approximately half of the development lots. The homes will be a mix of one and two story units, with designs matching themes of the previous phases of development. Home prices are anticipated to range $300,000 and up.
**Columbus Senior Center Spotlight**

The Columbus Community Center has been a hub for seniors for twenty years, offering activities, food and friendship to people over 60 years old. The SSL Recreation Department works in partnership with SL County Aging Services to help seniors stay active, engaged and informed.

Recreation Director Aaron Wiet has been working with the senior center for over a decade. “We offer free transportation to Columbus for SSL residents, and have activities that keep our seniors healthy – both mentally and physically,” says Wiet. “We are excited to be building a park adjacent to the Columbus Center this year. It will have pickleball, ping pong, and picnic tables designed with seniors in mind. We want to get people outside by creating a safe, comfortable and fun place to go.”

Jayme Haight, the Center Manager agrees. She is always encouraging residents to make friends, get outdoors, and take part in activities. Some patrons spend their time in the main room with tea, but many come for a fitness class or art instruction. A resident committee helps choose the activities and is working toward putting in a small garden outside.

The highlight of the year for many participants is the Senior Ball. The great music, decorations, food, and entertainment generate a lot of enthusiasm and dancing. It is the highlight of the year for many, so mark your calendar for March at 20 at 5:00 p.m.

**South Salt Lake Recreation Presents:**

### Tee-Ball

**WHO:** Boys & Girls 4 – 6 years old  
**WHEN:** Tuesday & Thursday Evenings from 6-7pm  
**WHERE:** Granite Park Junior High (3030 S. 200 E.)  
**Cost:** $25 for first child, $20 for second, $15 for third  
*Additional $5 non-resident fee for participants living outside of South Salt Lake*  
*S scholarships available to those who qualify - $10 with Free/Reduced Lunch Letter*

**Practices starting April 14th**  
*Coaches will call to inform players of first practice prior to April 13th*

**Season Ends May 14th**  
*Please note that all Dates and Locations are subject to change*

**Deadline:**  
**March 27th**  
Sign up for Tee-Ball & get:  
FREE Bees tickets, practices, 6 games, a team shirt, team picture, and a participation award!

**REGISTER ANYTIME MON-FRI 8:30AM-5PM AT:**  
SOUTH SALT LAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2531 S. 400 E.  
SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84115  
801-412-3217  
Or @ sslc.com

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### Youth Baseball

**WHO:** Ages 7-8 (MACHINEPITCH) – Games: WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY*  
Ages 9-10 (MINORS) – Games: TUESDAY & FRIDAY*  
Ages 11-12 (MAJORS) – Games: MONDAY & THURSDAY*  
(Date as of 4/30/20)

**WHEN:** Practices starting the week of March 16th  
Games start March 29th and end May 30th  
Weekday games start at 6pm/Saturday game times TBD  
WHERE: Home Field - Central Park Ball Field 2797 S. 200 E.  
Other practice times and game locations TBD  
*Please note that all locations are subject to change*

**Cost:** $25 for South Salt Lake Residents  
$30 for Non-Residents  
*Scholarships available to those who qualify*

**Sign up for Baseball & Get:**  
FREE Salt Lake Bees Tickets, practices, games, a team uniform, a team picture, and an award!

**Deadline:**  
**March 6th, 2020**

**REGISTER ANYTIME MON-FRI 8:30AM-5PM**  
SOUTH SALT LAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Columbus Center 2531 S. 400 E.  
SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84115  
801-412-3217 or online @ sslc.com

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### Pickleball

Central Park Community Center  
2797 S 200 E  
March 2 – March 26  
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Monday & Wednesday Evenings  
7 – 9 p.m.  
18 & Older  
Equipment for Checkout FREE to play  
**FOR REGISTRATION CONTACT:**  
Dustin 801.412.3209 or  
dpermann@sslc.com

**Spring Volleyball**

Youth boys and girls  
7th – 12th Grade  
Recreation play with emphasis on fun and learning.  
**Fee:** $20 per participant  
**Monday & Wednesday Games**  
5:15, 6:00 & 6:45 p.m.  
Play mid-March to first of May  
Team must have 1 adult volunteer coach  
Registration: January 20 - March 2  
Recreation Department  
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Columbus Community Center  
2531 S 400 E, SSSL, UT 84115  
Questions call: 801-483-6076  
or email: mclark@sslc.com

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**Community Happenings**
Who are Lions?
What do they do?
How do they serve?
How can you serve your community as a Lions member?

Join us for the South Salt Lake Lions Club OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, March 21, 2020
3:00-6:00 p.m.
Columbus Community Center
2531 South 400 East
RSVP by March 16
801-597-6165 or 801-487-3533

Creative Arts for Life in March
Art classes for seniors and adults
Floral Still Life
with Artist Maddie Christensen of Bad Dog Arts

You asked and we listened!
Come to the Columbus Senior Center on Wednesday mornings in March and learn how to draw and paint floral arrangements!
No experience necessary and all supplies provided.

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. March 4, 11, 18 & 25
Columbus Senior Art Room
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

Creative Arts for Life classes are free to SSL residents and Senior Center clients. $40 for all others. Supplies included. Registration is required by calling 801-412-3117 or emailing jkehrin@sslc.com.

Visit sslarts.org for more info

Creative Arts for Life in March
Art classes for seniors and adults
Intro to Zentangle
with Linda Rios, CZT

Zentangle Method, a fun, mindful art form that almost anyone can do. Using a pen and paper tile, even non-artists can create beautiful art. In 4 weeks, learn the Zentangle Method and create several pieces.

Likely, you will enjoy increased focus, creativity, self-confidence and a sense of well-being. There are no mistakes in Zentangle, no expected outcome, no top or bottom. And no experience needed!

Each student will receive their own Zentangle kit to keep!

Wednesdays 6:30 -8:30 P.M. March 4, 11, 18 & 25
Columbus Center Room 102
2531 S 400 East, South Salt Lake

Creative Arts for Life classes are free to SSL residents and Senior Center clients. $40 for all others. Supplies included. Registration is required by calling 801-412-3117 or emailing jkehrin@sslc.com.

Save the Date!!
Mural Fest 2020
May 16, 2020
We Still Need Walls!
Contact lallen@sslc.com for more info

SOUTH SALT LAKE CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ZONE
THEMURALFEST.COM

Community Happenings

5 Ways you can Celebrate International Women’s Day
1. Read up on HER-story and inspiring women from the past (or present)! Maybe start by googling one of these inspiring youth activists: Emma Gonzalez, Ruby Bridges, Jazz Jennings. DJ Switch, Autumn Peltier.
2. Support your local Girl Scout Troop! Promise Afterschool troops will be selling cookies this month in our schools and community centers.
3. Bust out Beyoncé, Taylor, Lizzo, JLo, or other top artists who get your heart pumping and listen to a Girl Power Playlist, ideally while doing something active.
4. Write a Thank You note to a woman who inspires you. For a mental health boost, ladies consider writing a thank you note to yourselves!
5. Contact your local representative about an issue impacting women in your community.

From the Promise South Salt Lake Equity Council
For more information, or to join the Equity Council contact bowen@sslc.com Se habla Español.

Happy Women’s History Month

LUNCH on the Move
Fry Me to the Moon
Wednesday, March 25
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SSL City Hall
220 East Morris Ave
Discover a new food truck each month and stop in to see what’s new at City Hall!
Afterschool Sports and Art at GPJH

Students in the Granite Park Jr. High afterschool program enjoy participating in both competitive and noncompetitive sports. Thus, the gymnasium and exercise room are always occupied during the second hour of programming with students preparing themselves to make it to the All Star or Intramural teams. Students who do not participate in sports during afterschool have different enrichment activity club choices which include: art, dance, music, Minecraft, chess, board games and cooking. Art Club is an enjoyable and creative activity run by Promise on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is taught by an amazing Promise staff member who shares new skills at every session and provides students new art knowledge. The hands-on projects and discussions continue to attract students to join the club. For more information about afterschool at GPJH contact: Joseph at jgenda@sslc.com

Robotics at Kearns St. Ann School

The Promise SSLAfterschool Program at Kearns St. Ann School is partnering with Learning Through Robotics to offer robotics classes to all K-5th graders enrolled in program this spring. Youth have built robots, learned programming basics, and practiced fixing mechanical errors in their work so far. This partnership gives our youth a chance to work in teams, build problem-solving skills, and engage with science, technology, engineering and math in a fun, hands-on environment. For more information about afterschool at KSA contact AnnElise at aacosta@sslc.com

Community Dinner

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-5

March 17th
5:30 PM
Columbus Center
2531 S. 400 E.
South Salt Lake

COMING AND SHARE
- Share about your experiences
- Interact with other parents
- Translators Available

BUILD COMMUNITY
- Dinner Provided
- Childcare Provided
- Prize Drawings

CALL US NOW
(801) 633-2682
SSL.COM/CITY-GOVERNMENT/2020CENSUS

GET INVOLVED

South Salt Lake has 14 neighborhood centers serving our community.

Hsr Ner Moo Community Center
2531 South 400 East (Columbia)
801-828-7245

Roosevelt Community School
3225 South 800 East
801-828-5219

Historic Scott School Center
3238 South 540 East
801-803-3632

Lincoln Community School
450 East 3700 South
801-657-0416

Utah International School
350 East Baird Circle
801-520-7175

Central Park / PAL Center
2797 South 200 East
801-386-4949

Columbus Center
2531 South 400 East
801-412-3217

Commonwealth Youth Center
2505 South State Street
801-803-3632

Woodrow Wilson School
2567 South Main Street
801-386-0589

Granite Park Jr. High
3031 South 200 East
801-440-4499

Meadowbrook Center (at SLCC)
250 West 3900 South
801-828-8219

Cottonwood High Promise
5715 South 1300 East
385-630-9748

Kearns Saint Ann Promise
430 East 2100 South
385-630-9754

Moss Elementary
4399 South 500 East
385-258-6350