Keeping South Salt Lake Safe, Strong and Healthy

We are in a fast-changing and confusing moment in the midst of a global response to a serious health threat – COVID-19. With the right precautions and compassionate actions, we will make it through. As of this writing (March 22, due to print deadline), we have begun a proactive response to the pandemic and I am sure that as this newsletter arrives in early April, many things may have changed.

Different agencies and organizations are taking the steps they can to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and disruption to daily life. Here are the top three things the City is doing:

1. Providing essential city services: Police and Fire will continue to respond to 911 emergency calls and non-emergency dispatch calls to keep our community safe. We will continue to provide safe drinking water, sewer service and garbage collection. We will keep streets, sidewalks, parks and trails open.

2. Changing business practices to minimize contact between people: The city closed buildings to the public and postponed large events and meetings. City business continues, but communication is online, on the phone or via mail.

3. Connecting people to services: The city shares information from service providers and encourages residents to check on neighbors, family and friends who may need extra help to ensure they are cared for. This includes people who are not able to get regular meals, prescriptions, medical appointments or daily essentials. Service providers make an extra effort to have these items available for pickup or delivery without having to visit a public place.

In the middle of uncertainty and danger government plays a critical role to protect community health and welfare. For this reason, on March 18 I declared a Local Emergency. The city has well-trained and prepared staff who are on the leading edge of managing crisis. We are following the lead of our emergency preparedness professionals and sharing all information and updates we have. Please heed the warnings and advice and communicate with us if you see a problem. We are here to be proactive and vigilant. Your help is valuable!

I appreciate the efforts of every resident to be a good citizen. We are a community of caring individuals who will make it through these trying times. In your actions, please think both of how it may help or impact you, as well as how it might impact other people. Caution and compassion are equally important. My personal motto for the city, “What I wish for myself and my family, I wish for everyone in my community,” ring even more true this spring. I hope you take it to heart – my thoughts are with you and your family as we pull through this together.

On The Move

State of the City Postponed

I have a lot of confidence in our little city on the move and was prepared to deliver the State of the City Address, with some critical calls to action. Our community has come a long way, but has some big undertakings this coming year. Now, with the addition of the COVID-19 crisis, I have even more to share about the city’s goals and direction. Unfortunately, I had to postpone the address. We will be rescheduling this annual event. Stay tuned for updates.

The Best of South Salt Lake

It is one of my greatest pleasures each year to recognize the best and brightest of our little city. Sadly, this fun and touching ceremony had to be postponed, but the winners are still taking home a plaque and my undying gratitude. We are looking to reschedule and celebrate, but are still delighted to announce the winners here. Please join me in congratulating, thanking and patronizing the people, organizations and businesses that gave it their all this year. They are truly the Best of South Salt Lake!

Citizen of the Year – Lisa Burke

Lisa has been a resident for 27 years. After retiring from a 40 year career at UTA, Lisa didn’t take a break and quickly applied for a part-time gig with our Recreation Department. Lisa can be found two days a week driving our Senior Citizen bus. She is patient, caring and goes above and beyond to make sure our seniors are safe. Lisa is a dog lover! She advocated for and attends the dog park nearly every day. Lisa was the first to speak up and attend City Council meetings when her neighborhood friends encountered an accessibility issue at the dog park. Lisa diplomatically advocated for a quick fix to make the park accessible for all. Lisa Burke is the neighbor we all want and our Citizen of the Year!
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Legacy Family of the Year – The Dahir Family
The Dahirs are a Legacy in the Making. In the early 90’s Ali and Fatuma Yussuf fled Somalia for a refugee camp in Kenya. Fatuma was first to arrive in America, while pregnant with twin girls. Hard work and perseverance are traits that each member of this family embodies. Each child has set their sights on extraordinary paths. Nearly all of the children have attended after-school and then worked for Promise SSL. Collective accomplishments of these high achieving siblings include – serving on Youth City Council, Student Body President at Murray High, first-generation college students, a Gates Scholar, Legacy Scholars, an Engineer, a Surgical Technician, a poet, activists and future Doctors and Health Educators. We are proud of the Dahir Family Legacy and will be for years to come.

Senior Citizen of the Year – Roy Turner
Roy Turner has had a vast and storied career. He’s lived, worked and served all over the world. But perhaps some of his most significant work has been right here in SSL. He and his wife Paula are long-time residents. He served on the SSL City Council from 2008 to 2016 and took his responsibilities seriously. Roy was a strong force on the Council, always advocating for the residents and their needs. He is most well-known and appreciated for his insightful thought process and his commitment to speak up. He sincerely has the best interest of the community at heart. He’s been a strong voice for decency and good works for decades. His many years of service to his congregation, neighborhood and our city, make Roy Turner the Senior Citizen of the Year!

Teacher of the Year – Lisa Price
The success of our youth is heavily dependent on their experience in the classroom. This year’s Teacher of the Year is someone who understands the value of true education, not just academic success. Along with her fulltime work as a 5th grade teacher at Moss Elementary, Ms. Lisa Price spends multiple extra hours each week with Promise SSL afterschool youth. She tutors students in math and helps them get back on track. She has done exceptional work with students and is extremely supportive of Promise staff, taking time out of her own schedule to plan lessons, mentor staff and teach sessions on Common Core math at Promise training sessions. This past fall she assisted students in writing and performing their own original school play called “A Day at Moss.” Lisa is kind, patient and always positive. We are extremely thankful for the work that Ms. Price does for both the students at Moss Elementary as well as Promise South Salt Lake staff.

Young Leader of the Year – Sevara Frederico
Sevara lives in SSL and is a 9th grade student at West High. We first met Sevara when she approached Mayor Wood two years ago wanting to discuss recycling in South Salt Lake. It is awfully rare for a 7th grader to approach an elected official. Not only did she make the approach, but she knew exactly what she wanted to discuss upon arrival! She had recently learned of the effects of plastics on the environment and the economy. Her ideas centered on re-imaginging garbage and recycling. When she found her initial thought of replacing our current garbage cans with smaller ones was unfeasible, she changed her approach to placing labels on the lids of recycle bins to inform users of what can and cannot be recycled. It seems like a small change, but any step we take leads to a bigger solution! We are pleased to report that Ace Recycling has labels in the works, coming to a recycling bin near you. Sevara is currently working to educate about single use plastics and recently spoke at a City Council Meeting. Keep your eye on Sevara Frederico – we’re going to see big ideas for positive change from the mind of this Young Leader!

Promise SSL Innovation Partner – Best Buy
Even with our robust afterschool offerings, innovation is required to keep Teens actively engaged in high quality programming. That is where our partners at Best Buy caught our vision and stepped in to level up programming, providing for our teens in a tangible way. The Best Buy Teen Tech Center officially opened its doors October 1, 2019. The center provides teen’s access to an unprecedented variety of technology and maker-space tools. All while using the Clubhouse Network Learning Model to empower youth from all backgrounds to become more capable, creative, and confident. Simply put, it is a cool place for teens to learn! The tools and technology are preparing our youth for the careers of tomorrow through hands-on learning experiences. Thank you Best Buy for your remarkable commitment to community and for creating the most vibrant, tech savvy space in SSL!

United Way & Promise SSL Partner of the Year
Learning for Life
The success of our work is strong partnerships. Beginning in the fall of 2011, the Learning for Life organization has provided daily programming for lower elementary-aged students in two of Promise South Salt Lake’s afterschool programs. Their work is a pillar of strength in the school communities, fueled by the expertise and energy of mature and responsible staff. They are always prepared, punctual, and thorough. They provide such necessary early learning literacy development that at times they are referred to as “child-whisperers”. A number of the staff are ambitious high school students with notable GPAs and impressive career goals. They are well adored by afterschool staff, faculty and the youth they serve. Thank you Learning for Life for making a difference for SSL youth and families!

Community Builder – Karen Wiley
For over 30 years, Karen Wiley worked for Salt Lake County, much of that time as the coordinator of the Community Development Block Grants. As director of Salt Lake County’s programs on housing and community, Karen saw both the need and the opportunity in our community and became one of our biggest fans. She has been a cheerleader for Promise SSL, Community Connection and CDBG projects. She championed the Fits Park expansion, coordinating efforts among the federal government, county and our city, to get the property designated as a park, and the money to build all the fun stuff – zip-line, bike safety course, fitness course, and Mill Creek Trail. We always knew we had a champion, sharing insights about South Salt Lake’s needs and making sure those without a voice were heard. Karen is proof that one person really can make a difference. Karen is our 2020 Community Champion and we wish her well in retirement!

Employee of the Year – Ariel Andrus
Ariel began working as the Deputy City Recorder in October of 2016. In her relatively short time with the City, her responsibilities have grown significantly. She takes every task head-on and accomplishes prompt, quality work. This past year, her duties expanded to providing administrative support to the Legal Department. She also assists Public Assets with walk-in traffic and volunteers to assist in planning city events. In her “spare time” she served on a Municipal Clerks Association Committee to update the handbook to include current state legislation. Ariel always displays a cheerful attitude and willingness to help and take on any task. Her diligent work ethic and positive outlook make her a highly valued part of the SSL team.

Best Business Volunteers
Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation
For several years now, Marriott Vacations has been a consistent force for good in our community. Their volunteer coordinator, Tracy Henson, brings with her a huge contingent of 50-60 volunteers every time they take on a project. They’re skilled, tireless, and not afraid to get their hands dirty. And even more importantly, they’re cheerful – we can feel and see their sincere desire to serve and give back to the community where they live and work. The results of their efforts can be seen in our parks, most recently Central Park, where in 2019 they planted trees and tended to flower beds. Marriott employees really know how to make hard work enjoyable. We appreciate their efforts and that they make it look so much fun!
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Council Champion – Portia Mila
In 2019 Portia Mila was re-elected to the City Council with 67% of the vote. Her constituents in District 4 know that she represents their interests, and has done so for the past four years. Portia is also a dedicated professional to her day-job, where she travels often to fulfill her duties. She makes certain to call-in for City Council Meetings and promptly respond to citizens via email – never missing a beat, even while on the road. Representing her district and guiding the future of SSL are her priorities. Over the years, she has been an active Chamber Women in Business member, SSL Police Department Honorary Colonel and above all – engaged citizen. Portia is a passionate advocate for Public Safety and prioritizes local control so SSL needs are met. She is approachable, values resident engagement and cares deeply about the City she serves.

Volunteer of the Year – Jason Ekstrom
Jason has been volunteering with South Salt Lake Recreation for over 6 years. He coaches soccer, basketball and flag football. Jason is always quick to jump in and help even if he hasn’t signed up as a coach and brings high energy to every practice and game. He has three children who participate in sports and they definitely have the same demeanor as their dad, always smiling and having fun. Jason deals equally well with both players and parents. He is approachable and goes out of his way to make sure every child is included and that every family feels like they are part of the team. Jason has a knack for magically healing the bumps and bruises that happen as children play. If a player goes down, often they are back up, laughing and ready to play again if Coach Jason is on the scene. The hard work and dedication to the youth of our community make Jason Ekstrom the Volunteer of the Year!

Equity Champion – Chief Terry Addison
Not too long ago, at the 2018 Promise SSL STEM Fest a little girl approached one of our SSL female firefighters volunteering at the event with intrigue. Confused, the girl said “I thought only boys could be firefighters?!?”

When Terry Addison became Interim Fire Chief in early 2019, he was quick to see opportunity and act on it. He wanted members of the community to see themselves reflected in their first responders. He wanted our youth and residents to see firefighting as a career possibility for all. Not satisfied with the status quo, Chief Addison talked openly about his goal to increase the number of women firefighters in South Salt Lake. It meant overcoming perceptions of firefighting as a male-dominated career, ensuring that women were welcomed into a safe work environment and actively recruiting and interviewing female candidates to fill open positions. Since he took over, the fire department has hired 21 new firefighters, five of whom are female. This represents a 500% increase in women hired over the previous year. The number of women firefighters in SSL is nearly 6 times higher than the national average. Thanks to Chief Terry Addison, SSL is leading the charge to create inclusive and representative fire houses and is an example for communities all over the country.

Best Creative Industry – Level Crossing Brewing Company, 2496 South West Temple
Mark Medura knew he wanted to create a space where beer, art and music would cross paths. He found just that in a 1980’s warehouse, located just under SSL’s iconic water tower. He and a crew of devoted friends spent nearly a year remodeling the space. With a background in distilling, he had the business mapped out. He planned for growth and was committed from the onset to the location, he and his investors were all in. Mark has poured his heart and soul into the tap room and 15-barrel brew house. The finished space displays exposed brick, hand finished wood, metal accents and ceiling-height windows that give customers a view into the neighborhood Mark has worked so hard to build. Welcome to Level Crossing Brewing Company, a crossroads where people can meet to share their stories and enjoy a laugh! We’ll save you a seat!

Best Local Artist
Sugar Post, 80 West Truman Ave
Before the creative industry zone was even a thought – Sugar Post was there monsters and all standing tall making certain to represent the Creative Industries! These talented makers describe their products as reactionary, whimsical and pretty much irreverently awesome – and we agree! If you travel down Truman Avenue, you will encounter ornate fencing and a building featuring an assortment of metal works and creatures all made from reclaimed or repurposed metal. The pieces are captivating and simply a must see. They take on custom metal projects and can make anything a consumer can dream up. Fred and Taya Conlon and their team are the Best Local Artists in South Salt Lake!

Best Legacy Business
Orson Gygi Company, 3500 South 300 West
In 1945, the Orson H. Gygi Company was founded by its namesake, an experienced and successful salesman, Orson Gygi. This family owned and operated restaurant wholesale and kitchen supply store has been operating in South Salt Lake ever since – except for a 2-year period during a remodel due to a fire. Gygi has many call it, has been at their current location since 2000. Having grown in poverty Grandpa Gygi knew what it meant to work hard, to show up, and to hustle. With his picture on their wall, he still oversees the future of The Orson Gygi Company. The company today is overseen by Orson’s grandson, Brad McDonald, General Manager. People come from all over the valley to shop at Orson Gygi! It has become a destination – especially during the holidays. Gygi offers specialty supplies you can’t find elsewhere. Whether it’s at their brick and mortar store or online, if its kitchen supplies you need, Orson Gygi has it!

Best Friend of Youth
Free Bikes 4 Kidz
Without a doubt the best thing on 2-wheels in SSL is – Free Bikes 4 Kidz (FB4K) Utah. This group of cyclists enjoys giving as much as they do riding. They take dusty, rusty bikes, refurbish them and hold giveaways for youth all across the valley. For many kids, this is their first ever opportunity to have a bike. Additionally, they make certain every kid has a helmet and is ready to ride safely. They have partnered with Promise SSL to give our youth the freedom of transportation and the joyful experience of riding. We are grateful that Nick Ekdahl and his team at FB4K are keeping our youth On the Move!

Best Transit-Oriented Development
Ritz Classic Apartments, 2265 South State Street
The iconic bowling pin on State signals your arrival at Ritz Classic Apartments. Greeted by a spiral staircase you quickly learn this complex is a STRIKE! The project is seamlessly integrated into the S-Line streetcar corridor and Parley’s Trail. Featuring 60,000 square feet of open space on top of the parking structure, the interior has an entirely different perspective from the exterior. Amenities include a pool, hot tub, patio with grills and area to entertain guests, bocce ball court and a massive turf area for pets to play. Ritz takes advantage of the walkability of the area and has stepped into this vibrant neighborhood in style. Weidner Apartment Homes hasn’t just built a project, but a place. The 2020 Best Transit Oriented Development design is Ritz Classic Apartments.
City Council Corner: Earth Day – How to Protect our Environment

By Ray deWolfe, City Council At-Large

April 22 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, a worldwide event focusing on environment protection and stewardship. This is a great time to consider how we impact the environment with our actions or inactions.

For example, water flows down our gutters and into our storm drains each time it rains or when the snow melts. That water flows through a series of pipes until it discharges into the Jordan River. As a member of the Jordan River Commission, I am very mindful of water quality and how it impacts the natural beauty and wildlife of the Jordan River. Here’s how you can help keep the Jordan River clean:

- Pick up after your pet and dispose of waste in a trash bin
- Dispose of litter in the proper containers (trash, recycling)
- Never pour or dump hazardous liquids (oil, fuel, paint, anti-freeze) down the gutter or storm drain
- Dispose of yard waste and debris appropriately. It is unlawful to sweep green waste into the street or gutter
- Repair leaking vehicles

As a city council, we’ve considered additional action to help protect our environment including:

1. Starting a glass recycling program
2. Passing a plastic bag ban ordinance
3. Starting a stormwater utility fee

I encourage you to contact your council member expressing how you feel about these items and other actions you’d like discussed.

Earth Day serves as a reminder we need to protect this precious earth. I argue it is all our civic and moral duty to protect the environment year-round.

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

Keep Labels On!

You do not have to remove labels. Just make sure your cans and bottles are empty and dry!

Recycling Tip!

Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting

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SSLPD Personnel Honored at Police Appreciation Banquet

For the past six years the South Salt Lake Police Department has hosted an annual Police Appreciation Banquet for officers and support personnel. Department members and their families are invited. The event is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Police-Lodge 15 and our South Salt Lake Honorary Colonels Association. Our Officers and support staff share the night with City officials, to include: Mayor Wood, City Council members, Chamber of Commerce, Honorary Colonels and our own F.O.P. Lodge -15 Board Members. The night consists of a dinner, award ceremony and an F.O.P prize drawing to conclude the evening.

This year, in addition to the appreciation of all our staff, the following employees were recognized for going above and beyond their normal service to the City of South Salt Lake. To quote Mayor Cherie Wood, “Everyone here at the banquet is deserving of an award.” I personally echo the sentiments of our Mayor and couldn’t agree more. As each year passes I watch how professional they are with our staff, both Public Safety and Public Employees excel in what they do daily and I watch how professional they are with our community. It is an honor to be associated with each of them.

The follow awards were presented at this year’s banquet.

HONORARY COLONELS AWARD
Awarded to: Officer Jose Calvario, Officer Daniel Zajonc, and Officer Gabriel Zuluaga
Awarded to an officer or employee who in the course of his/her daily work contributes to the citizens of the City of South Salt Lake in a remarkable way and embodies what it means to serve the community they are sworn to protect.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD
Awarded to: Officer Chase Hermansen
Awarded to an officer or employee who in the course of his/her work shows undefined extra efforts in assisting the business community of South Salt Lake.

MEDAL OF MERIT
Awarded to: Officer Gary Keller
Awarded to an officer or employee for exceptional service in a position of critical importance to the South Salt Lake Police Department.

MAYOR’S SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD
Awarded to: Officer Cody Cogge
Awarded to an officer who in the course of his/her daily work contributes to the citizens of the City of South Salt Lake in a remarkable way and embodies what it means to serve the community they are sworn to protect.

BLUE KNIGHT MEDAL
Awarded to: Sergeant Matthew Oehler, Officer Quinton Addison, Officer Jordan Lenz, and Officer Michael Street
Awarded to a peace officer(s) whose meritorious or outstanding acts demonstrate a true example of police professionalism under stressful or diverse conditions, or acts of noble or humane character.

MEDAL OF BRAVITY
Awarded to: Officer Casey Hadfield and Detective Tyrone Boyd
Awarded for courageous acts under circumstances which pose imminent threat to your own life, for the purpose of apprehending a person who committed an act that exposed a person to death.

LIFESAVING MEDAL
Awarded to: Officer Zachary Hutto
Awarded to a peace officer(s) for saving the life of another person, under conditions which posed a risk of serious personal injury to the officer.

CHIEF’S STAR
Awarded to: Tiffany Kelson
Awarded by the Chief of Police for undefined, extraordinarily superior acts, service, or conduct, to the community of South Salt Lake and the South Salt Lake Police Department members.
Community Values Survey

The City is currently working with Y2 Analytics, an independent research organization, to conduct a scientific survey about your quality of life and important issues in our community. In the coming weeks, you may receive an email or postcard invitation to participate in this survey – we encourage you to follow the instructions provided to share your opinions with us. We value your time and input. Your participation will help make the survey results accurate. If you have questions contact your City Council Representative or the Mayor's Office.

Due to COVID-19, the Mural Fest Celebration is on hold. Our commitment to building a vibrant community enlivened by street art is unwavering. We look forward to the addition of 10 new murals in downtown SSL. Please check: www.themuralfest.com for updates on the 2020 murals and the festival.

Community Happenings

Love the Earth, Care for Your Community

2020 is a big year – it marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day and the 20th Anniversary for South Salt Lake achieving Tree City USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation. The city is fortunate to have many terrific natural resources – mature urban trees, numerous city parks, the Jordan River, and Mill Creek. The benefits of natural assets on public health and personal wellbeing are well researched and motivate the city to continue to improve our “green infrastructure.” For South Salt Lake, care for the environment and care for community are intertwined, inseparable goals.

Our community is considering more to protect resources and the environment – including alternative energy, low-emissions vehicles, sustainable design standards, stormwater fees and more. Everyone can take steps to make a difference.

Here are some ideas for sharing your love for the earth and your neighbors:

1. Plant a tree – In your yard or in a public space as part of a volunteer project
2. Pull weeds – Many noxious weeds and trees invade natural lands and waters and crowd out native species
3. Support renewable energy – many people have installed solar panels to save money and energy, or you can sign up for Rocky Mountain Power Blue Sky credits
4. Clean a storm drain – Remove leaves, garbage and wash your car on the lawn – We all live downstream!
5. Keep your sewer clean – Don’t flush wipes, don’t flush drugs down the drain, and put food scraps in the garbage
6. Enjoy the outdoors – Time in nature is good for your health
7. Travel clean – Walking and biking are always emissions-free. When you drive, group your trips and avoid idling
8. Vote for the environment – Local, state and federal agencies adopt and enforce regulations that keep our planet clean. They also budget for maintenance and construction projects that improve our natural world. A surprising number of city ordinances and budget items are targeted to keeping our city and the environment clean and safe. Your mayor and council are listening!

There are many community advocates working to protect and improve natural open space and green space in our community, and many are hosting celebrations this month. Check them out!

Tree Utah: treeutah.org
Seven Canyons Trust: sevencanyonstrust.org
Tracy Aviary & the Jordan River Nature Center: jordanrivernaturecenter.org
Jordan River Commission: jordanrivercommission.com

Trees Need Water to Thrive.

Here’s how you can help.

1. Begin watering trees in spring.
2. Water once per week.
3. Water less after rain and more during heat waves. (Example – a 3” wide trunk needs 45 gallons.)
4. Don’t over-water. Wet soil makes it hard to trees to get oxygen.
5. Water the drip line area (the area on the ground that matches the tree crown). Water further from the trunk as the tree grows and crown expands to help new roots spreads.
6. Soils and mulch are a secret to success!

Spray irrigation sprinklers are not enough to fully water Utah trees. Supplement with additional watering methods.

Urban Trees Need You!

3” of mulch protects tree roots and keeps them hydrated.
Flowers and grass take water and nutrients away from tree roots. Mulch is a tree’s best friend.

Mulch rings should be as wide as the drip line so roots can grow freely.

Work it South Salt Lake

Looking for a Job?

We are hiring!

Apply at: www.sssl.com
or in person: Human Resources 220 E Morris Ave, 2nd Floor Questions: hr@sslc.com

SOUTH SALT LAKE Arbor Day Foundation
Salt Lake City Urban Forestry
Interfaith Event Brings Community Together

“In Harmony Together: A Sacred Music Event,” held on March 4 at the Columbus Center, was hosted by the South Salt Lake Interfaith Council. This brought residents of all religious backgrounds and beliefs together to feel a sense of belonging in our community. The well attended musical event featured 10 different performances by various faith-based communities throughout the City, including dances, prayers, choirs, and instrumental music. Participants in the event included Emerald Hills Institute, the Mesopotamia Community in Utah, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Tibetan Community, Victory Outreach, and a few non-denominational groups and performers.

The South Salt Lake Interfaith Council is extremely proud of the success of this event, and even more grateful to all who participated and attended. For questions about the South Salt Lake Interfaith Council or any upcoming events, contact Lauren Levorsen 385-258-6360.