

# ON THE MOVE

## South Salt Lake Newsletter



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Cherie Wood, Mayor  
801-464-6757  
mayor@sslc.gov

### City Offices

Monday - Friday  
8 am to 5 pm  
801-483-6000  
220 East Morris Ave  
SSL, UT 84115

Animal Service 801-483-6024

Building Permits 801-483-6063

Business Licensing 801-483-6063

Code Enforcement 801-464-6757

Fire Administration 801-483-6043

Justice Court 801-483-6072

Police Admin 801-412-3606

Promise 801-483-6057

Public Works 801-483-6045

Recreation 801-412-3217

Utility Billing 801-483-6074

Emergencies 911  
Police/Fire Dispatch 801-840-4000



Mayor Cherie Wood



*"I've always loved the tangible impact that Public Works has on everyday life. Whether it's ensuring clean water, maintaining sewer systems, or improving street safety, the work we do directly affects the community."*

—Craig Giles, Director Public Works

implementing innovative solutions for infrastructure challenges. His top priorities are improving operational efficiency and enhancing the quality of public services our city offers with the following projects:

**New Public Works Campus:** "The current facility is outdated and cramped, affecting our ability to respond quickly and efficiently. The new campus will be energy-efficient and provide the space we need for equipment and materials. This will significantly improve our operations and the quality of our services."

### Welcome Our New Public Works Director: Committed to Building a Better South Salt Lake

The role of the Public Works Director is crucial for so many aspects of our everyday lives, from clean water and safe streets to efficient waste management. We're incredibly lucky to have Craig Giles join our team as our new Public Works Director.

With his extensive experience, hands-on approach, and genuine commitment to our community, I hope you'll take a moment to learn more about his vision for building a better South Salt Lake.

Educated at BYU with a master's in public administration, our new Director has a strong foundation in Public Works. He has previously served as Public Works Director in Coalville, and North Ogden, and held the role of City Manager for nine years. His career has been dedicated to enhancing public services, with a particular love for the hands-on aspect involved in Public Works.

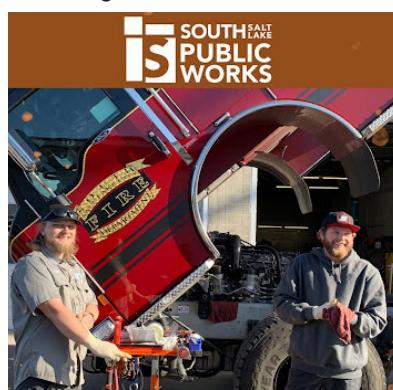
As the new Director, his role includes overseeing fleet, snow removal, stormwater, water, sewer, street services, and waste collection, ensuring quick response times in emergencies, and

**Traffic Safety Initiatives:** "We're tackling speeding issues by collaborating with Engineering and Public Safety teams to implement traffic calming measures. It's all about finding the best solutions as a team."

**Infrastructure Improvements:** "This summer, we're focusing on paving projects and addressing infrastructure needs, including the new Price Well. This well will ensure a sustainable water supply for the future."



**Sewer Line Upgrades:** "Over time, concrete sewer pipes can deteriorate due to cracks and holes, leading to groundwater infiltration and increased treatment costs. By utilizing new slip lining technologies, we can efficiently and effectively repair pipes without digging up streets. This is not only less disruptive to the surrounding neighborhood, it saves both time and money while achieving better results."



With a clear vision and a commitment to practical, efficient solutions, Craig Giles is ready to lead South Salt Lake's Public Works Department to new heights. His dedication to enhancing everyday services and improving our quality of life will undoubtedly bring noticeable benefits to our community, and we're happy to welcome him here.

## Public Meetings

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

### Planning Commission

Thu, July 11, 7 p.m.

Thu, July 18, 7 p.m.

### City Council

Wed, July 10, 7 p.m.

Wed, July 31, 7 p.m.

### Closed - City Offices & Community Centers

Thu, July 4, 2024

Wed, July 24, 2024

### City Council Members

Find out more about who your City Council representative is by visiting [sslcc.gov](http://sslcc.gov).

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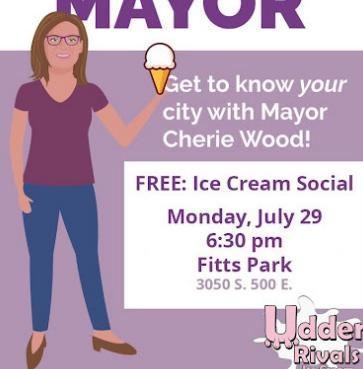
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## MONDAYS with the MAYOR



Get to know your city with Mayor Cherie Wood!

FREE: Ice Cream Social  
Monday, July 29  
6:30 pm  
Fitts Park  
3050 S. 500 E.

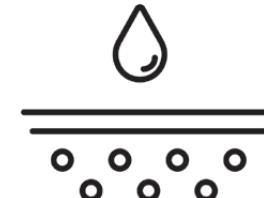


## You're Invited to Udder Rivals

During July, the tradition is to gather at Fitts Park to enjoy a warm summer evening accompanied by some delicious ice cream. Be sure to bring the family and join our Mayor and several others on Monday, July 29 starting at 6:30 pm.

## Infrastructure Improvements Causing Sediment in Water

As SSL Water works to maintain, fix, and replace old water lines, sediment can stir up and flow into residential homes and businesses. Sediment consists of tiny particles such as sand, silt, and minerals that can be naturally present in water. While sediment can affect the appearance and clarity of your water, it is not harmful to your health. The City actively works to reduce and prevent sediment issues by flushing water lines through fire hydrants. Residents can run their highest-flowing faucet, such as a bathtub faucet, for about 20 minutes to help flush out any remaining sediment from your pipes. Much of the City's water



lines are 50+ years old, which is why infrastructure improvements continue to be a priority for our FY 2025 budget. While the City works to keep water rates low, revenue from water utility bills and property taxes is what helps pay for infrastructure upgrades and improvements to ensure clean and clear drinking water flows to faucets. Your patience and understanding is appreciated as we continue our commitment to upgrade your public works infrastructure.

## Slow the Flow with USU's Water Smart and Check Programs

Watering too much? Too little? Have a Utah State University team visit your home or business to assess your outdoor watering habits and provide recommendations to improve watering efficiency. Water Checks are free and offered from early May through September. Register now for a water check through USU at [extension.usu.edu/cwel/watercheck](http://extension.usu.edu/cwel/watercheck). Don't forget to check out their free Water Smart Webinar Series and demonstration landscapes for you to replicate in your home landscape. Questions? Email [watercheckprogram@usu.edu](mailto:watercheckprogram@usu.edu).



## Fireworks in South Salt Lake

### Discharge Days

July 2-5 & July 22-25, until midnight

Respect your neighbors. Follow the laws.

Learn more at [SSL.gov](http://SSL.gov).

## South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts, and video recorded meetings available at: [www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council](http://www.sslc.gov/160/City-Council)

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
6/5 RDA Meeting	Public Hearing	To consider adopting the annual budget of the Redevelopment Agency of SSL for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.	Approved	No further action needed
6/5 Regular Council Meeting	Unfinished Business	A Resolution of the City Council authorizing SSL to pick up the Public Safety and Firefighter Employer Retirement Contribution	Approved	No further action needed
6/12 Regular Council Meeting	Unfinished Business	Council action to adopt and operate on each fund budget of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 tentative budget as the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 interim budget separately by resolution	All 10 fund budgets approved as the interim budgets	Final action to be taken after Truth in Taxation
6/12 Regular Council Meeting	Unfinished Business	A Resolution of the City Council adopting a proposed tax rate for the General Purposes of the City	Approved as the interim tax rate for General Purposes	Final action to be taken after Truth in Taxation
6/12 Regular Council Meeting	Unfinished Business	A Resolution of the City Council adopting a proposed tax rate for the Public Safety Services Purposes of the City	Approved as the interim tax rate for Public Safety Services Purposes	Final action to be taken after Truth in Taxation

## Beautiful Yard Award



Submit yourself or a neighbor for an SSL Beautiful Yard Award for a chance to win a \$500 Home Depot gift card. Water conservation is the theme this year, and we are looking for yards that have gone above and beyond to ditch the turf and embrace waterwise landscape. Make a submission online at [SSL.gov](http://SSL.gov) or email [connect@sslcc.gov](mailto:connect@sslcc.gov).



## Building a Safer Community by Empowering Our Youth

### ***Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle***

At the heart of our mission in the South Salt Lake Police Department is a commitment to a comprehensive approach to public safety. We firmly believe that a safer community is built through proactive engagement, especially by empowering our youth. Positive interactions between our officers and young people are crucial for several reasons: they create trust, provide role models, and open up opportunities for communication. These positive relationships can also help to build a sense of belonging and collaboration, encouraging youth to contribute positively to their community.

This summer has been bustling with activities aimed at engaging with our young residents. The South Salt Lake Honorary Colonels recently hosted a lunch for participants of the South Salt Lake Police Athletics / Activities League (SSL PAL) and Promise SSL after their combined field day at Central Park Community Center. The event, filled with soccer, basketball, and pickleball, was a day of fun for everyone involved.

We also held a Youth Summer Camp, offering a variety of activities. Day one included a hiking adventure where participants spotted a moose. Day two featured visits to the Tracy Aviary, a water park, and a K-9 demonstration, while day three included a trip to Hogle Zoo. The camp concluded with a refreshing day of swimming and slides, thanks to the support of our Community Resource Unit.

Looking ahead, we invite the community to join us for the National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6. This evening will feature free food, kids' activities, family games, and more, all aimed at promoting police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

As Chief, my hope is to continue and build upon our efforts to interact and work with our youth, providing new opportunities and enjoyable experiences so that they can get to know each other—and us—better. Together, we can create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported.



### **Civilian Review Board**

Mon, July 1, 6:30 p.m.

Mon, Aug 5, 6:30 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend in person at City Hall in the Council Chamber, or through a virtual link at [www.sslc.gov](http://www.sslc.gov).

### **CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD**



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QR code



or visit  
[SSLC.gov](http://SSLC.gov)



**Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 5-7:30 PM**  
**Central Park Community Center**

Join South Salt Lake Public Safety officers and other City departments for a fun evening with free food, kids' activities, family games, and more.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

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## Building Futures: Promise SSL's Career Pathways Workshops

Utah's technical fields are continuing to expand due to the rise in need for construction workers, healthcare professionals, and childcare providers, just to name a few. Because of this, technical programs and pathway programs have been growing in popularity. According to the Utah System of Higher Education, Utah's public technical colleges rose 2% last year, putting system wide enrollment at more than 200K participants. More individuals are becoming interested in alternative education routes and the Promise South Salt Lake Co-Op is helping to be a connection point for community members.

Promise South Salt Lake's Career Pathways Workshop recently wrapped up its first cohort. This eight-week course was designed to help individuals who did not pursue traditional schooling opportunities to find careers in specialized fields. During this workshop participants learned how to create professional resumes, develop behavioral interviewing skills, learned about workplace rights, and interacted with a handful of career pathways providers.

The City of South Salt Lake would like to thank SoFi, the Department of Workforce Services, Proxima, and Utah Women in Trades for making this workshop series possible. They were



more than happy to jump at the opportunity to help our program participants practice their interviewing skills and provide critical feedback to ensure that participants are on track to land a stable job that will help with their economic mobility.

To learn more about Promise South Salt Lake's adult programming please visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov).

## SSL's Juneteenth Community BBQ



Promise South Salt Lake along with Project Success Coalition hosted the second annual Juneteenth Celebration at the South Salt Lake Community Center. It was a great success with around 200 community members coming through to enjoy a flag raising, performances from Promise Teen Tech Center and Utah International Charter School youth, great comfort food from Miss Essie's Southern BBQ, and to build connections with neighbors.



and unwavering resolve of those who fought for freedom and justice in the past and those who continue to fight today. We celebrate the progress we've made, recognize the work that remains, and draw inspiration from the heroes of the past to build a future where freedom and justice are truly accessible to all.

## Salt Lake County Senior Center EVENTS FOR JULY 2024

### Live Entertainment:

Time Steppers—Wednesday, July 3rd at 10:30 am  
Heart & Soul—Friday, July 17 at 10:30 am

### Special Meal

4th of July Special: Wednesday, July 3  
Birthday Special: Tuesday, July 9  
Pioneer Day Special: Tuesday, July 23

**Vital Aging:** Monthly Wellness Discussion  
Wednesday, July 17 10:30 am

**Presentation By Optum Bank:** Safe Banking  
Thursday, July 25 at 10:30 am

**Presentation By Reece Stein:** Bulgaria Travelogue  
Wednesday, July 31 at 10:30 am

**Mat Yoga** on Weds at 2:30 pm

**Chair Yoga** on Fridays at 1:15 pm

### Stronger Memory

Starting July 10, Weds at 12:30 pm  
10-weeks (Day 1 orientation is 1 hour, 9 follow up classes are 30 mins)

### Dealing with Dementia Workshop

Wed, Aug 14 & Thurs, Aug 15 from 1:00-3:00 pm  
\*Pre-Registration is required.  
Please sign up at the front desk or call 385-468-3340.

**SSL Community Center • 2531 S 400 East**  
**385-468-3340 • Hours: 8:30 am – 4 pm**



801.483.6057



promise@sslc.gov



@PromiseSSL

## #SheBelongs: Making Global Connections through Soccer

#SheBelongs is a global movement creating unique and lasting connections between refugee and non-refugee girls around the world through the game of soccer. Every girl, regardless of country of origin, age, or immigration status, matters. Every girl brings power, possibility, and progress to the world.



Promise South Salt Lake was proud to host a film screening of their new documentary where they shared the power of the #SheBelongs movement and introduced the amazing young women who showed the world the true potential of girls at the 2023 Women's World Cup in Auckland, New Zealand, with stops in San Francisco, and Tokyo, Japan. After showing the film, a few of the #SheBelongs players participated in a Q&A session as well as a friendly scrimmage with some youth from Promise South Salt Lake programs.

A big thank you to Refugee Soccer and #SheBelongs for their continued partnership in providing great opportunities for youth in our community.

## City Departments Jump into Summer

Summer programs always bring an extra special energy. We get to be a little more flexible and creative with the activities we provide and have the opportunity to combine and switch youth and staff from various programs. The beautiful weather also helps in getting us to enjoy the outdoors more and our city departments are joining in for the fun. Our youth have participated in engaging activities with our Police and Neighborhoods departments.

The South Salt Lake Police Department, Honorary Colonels, and Police Athletics and Activities League came together to host a fun summer field day with youth at the Central Park Community Center summer program. This was a great opportunity for youth to engage with police officers in a fun and safe setting. They played pickleball, basketball, and soccer. They also got to enjoy a BBQ together. We love that we can provide these opportunities to both our youth and officers to build connections with each other.

Our Neighborhoods department helped plan a day at the park to plant a tree, water plants, and learn about the role of nature in parks for public use. This hands-on experience provided youth with the opportunity to enjoy the park and be able to give back to our community. We believe it's important for youth to be able to explore a variety of activities and get involved in taking care of our community to build habits and skills they can use throughout their lives.



## ENERGY SAVINGS WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JULY 15 | 6-7PM

PROMISE SSL CO-OP  
2531 SOUTH 400 EAST



Join Utah Clean Energy to learn about how to save energy and reduce your utility bills. They'll share some easy, affordable ways to reduce your energy use at home, as well as some tax incentives and rebates that can make energy efficiency upgrades more affordable. We'll also have a discussion about how the upcoming Home Energy Rebate program and how those incentives could work best for you.

Questions? Contact: Rebecca Yund, Housing Navigator  
801.707.0953 | ryund@sslc.gov

\$20  
gift certificate for  
participants!!

## COMMUNITY ART CLASSES

   [SSLArts.org](http://SSLArts.org)

To learn more and register for Community Art Classes, visit [SSLArts.org](http://SSLArts.org) or call 801-483-6018. Create an account at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) and opt-in to receive our monthly SSL Arts Council E-Newsletter.

## ART55+ Creative Arts for Seniors

Every Wednesday  
10:00-11:30 AM  
SSL Community Center  
2531 S 400 East

### Art Classes for July

**Mindful Photo with Danielle Waters**  
\$10 residents - \$15 non-residents  
July 1 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
South Salt Lake Community Center  
Co-Op | 2530 S 500 E - Art Room

**The Bad Poet Society with Cadence Summers**  
No cost - Registration required  
Mondays July 8 through 29th  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Historic Scott School - Red Brick Building | 3280 S 540 E - Library

**Zentangle Club with Linda Rios**  
\$5 Single session  
July 1 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
South Salt Lake Community Center  
Co-Op | 2530 S 500 E - Art Room

**Bad Dog Arts: Scenes of Summer (Acrylics on Canvas)**  
\$20 residents - \$60 non-residents  
Wednesdays - August 7 through 28  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
South Salt Lake Community Center  
Co-Op | 2530 S 500 E - Art Room



**Fundamentals of Art with Robin Luker**  
\$20 residents - \$60 non-residents  
Thursdays - August 1 through August 22nd  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
South Salt Lake Community Center  
Co-Op | 2530 S 500 E - Art Room

## A New Name and Much More: Join us at the Nature Center!



TRACY AVIARY  
**NATURE CENTER**  
at Pia Okwai

The Nature Center at Pia Okwai (Jordan River) is now open Wednesday through Sunday. They offer many events and programs such as weekly nature walks, family nature club, art workshops, and more. The Nature Center also has spaces available to rent for your next party or event!

Nature Center at Pia Okwai - Tracy Aviary  
1125 W 3300 South, South Salt Lake  
[www.tracyaviary.org/nature-center/](http://www.tracyaviary.org/nature-center/)  
801-330-5488 | [@NatureCenteratPiaOkwai](https://www.instagram.com/NatureCenteratPiaOkwai)

## Dog Area at Lions Park Opening Soon

With summer in full swing, South Salt Lake knows how much you cherish time outdoors with your furry friends. We're excited to announce that the newly renovated off-leash dog area at Lions Park along Robert Ave. will be opening soon.. The area will be featuring separate play zones for pups both big and small, improved ground surfaces, agility equipment for showing off those skills, and drinking fountains for both dogs and their humans.

## Message from Corey Thomas, City Council District 2

Now that we are in the heat of the summer it is good to remember to take care of your pets properly. As a dog owner myself I want to make sure my pup is comfortable during the summertime. Here are a few reminders:

- NEVER EVER leave your pets alone in the car.
- Check the ground surface temperature before you allow your pet to walk on it. Feel it with the back of your hand for at least 7 seconds. If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your pet to walk on. Burned paws are one of the most common injuries during the summer. If it is over 100 degrees, the asphalt can hit up to 162 degrees & concrete can get up to 140 degrees.
- Make sure your pet always has access to plenty of water and shade when they are outside. Don't use metal water dishes outside. Avoid taking them out for long periods of time during the middle of the day and early evening.

## BASEBALL CAMP

Get ready to sharpen your skills at our exciting Baseball Camp! Camp is co-ed and includes a free t-shirt.

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
JULY 29TH - AUG 1ST

GRADES 2ND - 4TH  
10 AM - 11 AM  
GRADES 5TH - 7TH  
11:30 AM - 1 PM

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

CAMP PRICE: **\$10** /PERSON

**REGISTER NOW**



MORE INFORMATION:  
(801) 412-3217

## movie in the park

**Movies**  
TBD

**FRIDAY NIGHT AUGUST 2 & 16**

Central Park  
2797 S 200 E

**7:00 PM - Activities**  
**Dusk - Movie Starts**



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## Paws & Celebrate: Keep Your Pets Safe During Fireworks

On July 4th, more pets go missing than on any other day of the year. Keep your pets secure indoors, make sure they are collared and microchipped for help returning them if they get out. YES, we microchip at the shelter!



2274 S 600 W South Salt Lake, UT 84115  
801-483-6024 ext. 6

# Community & Economic Development



## Mark Miller Subaru Midtown Breaks Ground for Renovation

In June, Mark Miller Subaru embarked on an exciting new chapter with the groundbreaking ceremony for the remodel of their Midtown location at 3535 State Street. A new, two-story Subaru facility will soon appear in South Salt Lake under the campaign name "LOVE ELEVATED."

Mark Miller Subaru Midtown is a fourth-generation family-owned business that truly embodies the spirit of our community. Through their "Love Promise" Program, they have collaborated with hundreds of local nonprofits and donated to organizations like the Granite Education Foundation and Girls on the Run. Their commitment to sustainability is equally impressive, with initiatives such as installing solar panels and implementing a water-recycling car wash, earning them the Green Initiative Award from the City of South Salt Lake.

And when it comes to educating our youth, the Miller Family has been big proponents of supporting education initiatives like the i-Ready math program. Standing in partnership for the 100% graduation goal for Cottonwood High School, the Miller Family is currently collaboratively working on a summer math boost program to provide specialized math tutoring to incoming 7th grade students from Granite Park Junior High.

Thank you, Mark Miller Subaru, for being such an integral part of South Salt Lake.



## SSL's Business Licensing Division

The South Salt Lake Business License Division guides business owners through the process of starting or expanding a business in the city while building ongoing relationships to support businesses in our community.

This division also assists the public by ensuring businesses operating within South Salt Lake City are properly licensed and are compliant with all applicable codes such as health, safety, and zoning requirements. This process includes coordinating license application reviews and approvals from all appropriate agencies.

In addition, the licensing team answers inquiries for existing licensees, follows up on the approval and issues business license certificates. Business licensing also handles any enforcement that needs to happen and follows up on written business complaints.



## SOUTH SALT LAKE CHAMBER CORNER

### South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New President & CEO



After more than 10 years of serving the South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce as President and CEO, Gary Birdsall stepped down and transitioned into a new role that focuses on the growth of business membership and relations. Gary passes the baton to Tereza Bagdasarova, who has been the Managing Director for the past six months. The City of South Salt Lake owes Gary a debt of gratitude for his work in strengthening ties between businesses, government entities, and local community.

Tereza assumed the position of Chamber President on June 1, 2024, with unanimous support from the Board. "The Chamber has a bright future ahead and will work in tandem with the City of South Salt Lake through our unprecedented growth, particularly in the downtown area, to support our business community," said Tereza. "We're actively recruiting new members and encouraging South Salt Lake businesses to join the Chamber and have a voice at the table as we work to ensure the economic viability and growth of all City businesses."

## MEMBERSHIP | NETWORKING | EVENTS

### Grid City Music Fest Save the Date



Mark your calendars and get ready for the 3rd annual Grid City Music Fest, August 23-25, 2024. It's a weekend-long music celebration featuring local bands at Downtown SSL breweries and restaurants. Indulge in the good vibes of live music, outdoor murals, and delicious fare. Lineup information and details will be posted at [gridcitymusicfest.com](http://gridcitymusicfest.com).