

ON THE MOVE

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Public Meetings

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Planning Commission

Thu, April 2, 7 p.m.
Thu, April 23, 7 p.m.

City Council

Wed, April 12, 7 p.m.
Wed, April 26, 7 p.m.



Mayor Cherie Wood

From Cradle to Career: How Promise SSL is Transforming Lives in South Salt Lake

Inspired by a visit to the Harlem Children's Zone in 2010, we embarked on a mission to transform South Salt Lake through our own afterschool program. Our vision was to create a comprehensive "cradle-to-career" pipeline that focused on holistic community support, serving youth and families beyond the typical city services and physical infrastructure. This mission was fueled by the tragic loss of seven-year-old Nser Ner Moo, which highlighted the urgent need for a safe afterschool environment for our youth and to support families. At the time, all of our public schools were Title 1 and in turnaround status (identified as needing significant improvement due to low student performance data), so the timing couldn't have been more critical to start our Promise South Salt Lake journey, which began with just a single site at a community center and elementary school.

Our initial funding strategy blended state, federal and philanthropic resources, leveraging grants and health service partnerships. Institutionalized as a city department in 2012, Promise SSL's expansion continued where the need was greatest or where funds were available. Today, Promise SSL's high-quality programs serve over 2,000 K-12 students, offering meals, homework tutoring, and diverse enrichment activities. Promise SSL now operates 14 programs with over 30 full-time employees.

The success of Promise SSL since its inception in 2012 is in the numbers, and these statistics are only a few of the many remarkable ways these programs have influenced the lives of

our youth and their families, and how it continues to transform our community.

- All of our local public schools have pulled out of turnaround status and have made significant strides in improving student scores.
- Graduation rates for our refugee students have reached parity with their non-refugee peers, all pointing to our success in enhancing educational opportunities.
- Juvenile arrests during afterschool hours have decreased by 85%.

But what about our littlest residents? Building the cradle-to-career pipeline has been a gradual, piece-by-piece endeavor, culminating just this year with the launch of the "Baby and You" program. Baby and You marks the final piece of our vision, supporting new and expecting parents with a 9-week workshop focused on child development, confidence-building, and family engagement. The first cohort's graduation, with 23 participants, emphasizes the importance of nurturing families as the foundation of strong communities. Our commitment to early childhood education and family support ensures every child can reach their full potential.

Now that we've gone broad from cradle to career, it's time to go deep. As Promise SSL continues, our aim is to deepen our programs and enhance their impact, striving for a stronger South Salt Lake. I wish to convey to you that our dedication to sustaining and expanding Promise SSL remains unwavering, as we continue to create a healthier, opportunity-filled life for everyone in our community.



CITY COUNCIL CORNER

Understanding Municipal Government: Budgeting 101

Sharla Bynum, District 3

Creating and passing the city budget is a collaborative effort. Our process starts with collecting information from stake holders; department heads prioritize critical needs; City Council members share their vision and priorities; and residents are surveyed to identify personal and community needs. Mayor Wood then uses this feedback to create a tentative budget that is presented to the Council on or before the first regularly scheduled meeting in May. The Council accepts the tentative budget but has until June 22 to make changes and take final action. Long-term plans for infrastructure, staffing, public safety, public amenities, community events, and housing should be considered throughout the process.

Residents and business owners have opportunities to make additional comments concerning the budget by attending City Council meetings and speaking during the public comment portion or public hearings. If you can't attend a meeting, contact your council member to share your feedback. Don't miss your opportunity to participate, and let us represent you in this process.

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



Localscapes: Creating Your Ideal Yard



Free Waterwise Garden Workshop

South Salt Lake Community Center

• April 17, 6 PM




Scan QR to register



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South Salt Lake Housing Manager



Here in South Salt Lake, we've got affordable housing on the mind. The City recently hired Steve Lyon as our new Senior RDA Project and Housing Manager. This role is designed to promote the development of affordable housing options in our city. Steve sees affordable home ownership as a cornerstone of building community and strong neighborhoods. He brings a wealth of experience to this position, having worked on community development projects across the country, and as a Salt Lake County native, is looking forward to building community closer to home. South Salt Lake has a unique potential for development due to our burgeoning downtown and historic single family bungalows, and Steve looks forward to realizing that potential through community partnerships and collaboration.

Short-term Rental Ordinance: Maintaining Community In SSL

On March 12, the South Salt Lake City Council unanimously approved an ordinance regulating the ownership and management of short-term rentals (STRs). Due to our central location in the Salt Lake Valley and our blossoming arts and culture scene, South Salt Lake is an in-demand location for STR services. While tourism is an important industry that breathes fresh energy and revenue into our City, a balance must be maintained so that it does not come at the expense of our limited single-family neighborhoods. This ordinance aims to strike that balance by enforcing all STRs to operate with a business license, limiting the amount of STRs per city block, and placing a requirement that all STR owners live in or near South Salt Lake. To read the full ordinance and learn more about business license requirements, visit sslc.gov.



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SSL Welcomes New Justice Court Judge

Judge Mark Flores joins the bench at the new South Salt Lake Justice Court. While this position will be Judge Flores' first appointment as a judge, throughout his legal career he has worked both sides of a courtroom as prosecution and legal defense. He has seen the difference that a good judge can make on people's experience with the legal system, and has taken note of the qualities that he strives to emulate. To Judge Flores, a good judge is one who is patient and kind. They are respectful and thoughtful, even when delivering difficult sentences, and they are always fair. Judge Flores looks forward to the challenges of this job. He understands that the court system is an invaluable tool in addressing the mental health and homelessness crisis in our country, and looks forward to working within the collaborative framework that our Justice Court has established to address these issues in our community.



National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle

April marks National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect and to renew our commitment to protecting our most vulnerable community members—our children. As Chief of the South Salt Lake Police Department, I want to emphasize that keeping children safe is a responsibility we all share. Child abuse and neglect are heartbreaking realities that affect far too many families, and their impact can last a lifetime. As a city, we are dedicated to working closely with families, schools, social services, and community organizations to identify, prevent, and stop child abuse in all forms. Our officers are trained to respond with compassion and urgency when children are at risk. We work hand-in-hand with Child Protective Services, the Children's Justice Center, and other partners to ensure victims receive the support and protection they need. But we cannot do this work alone. We need the help of every community member to watch for signs of abuse such as unexplained injuries, sudden behavior changes, or fearfulness. Report concerns immediately. This month and every month, let's stand together to protect our children and create a safe, nurturing environment for them to grow and thrive. If you suspect abuse, call the South Salt Lake Police Department at 801-412-3600, or the Utah Child Abuse Hotline at 1-855-323-3237. Together, we can make a difference.



Get Ready to ShakeOut.

April 17, 2025

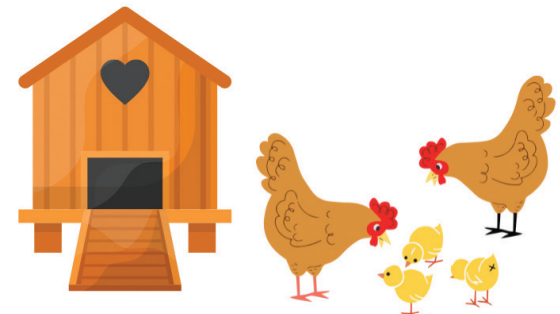
Register: ShakeOut.org



Are You Ready For Our Next Earthquake?

The Great Utah ShakeOut is an annual statewide earthquake drill, held on the third Thursday of April, where people across Utah practice earthquake safety by "Dropping, Covering, and Holding On" at work, school, or home. For resources and ideas about how you can participate, visit shakeout.org/utah.

Don't be Chicken, Apply for a Poultry Permit!



Are you a South Salt Lake Resident interested in keeping chickens? Come apply for a poultry permit!

Not sure if you meet the requirements? Our shelter staff can help answer any questions when you call

801-483-6024 ext 6

or check the requirements here:

<https://sslc.gov/369/Animal-Services>



Get Involved

South Salt Lake Public Safety Meetings



Civilian Review Board

Monday, April 7 at 6:30 pm

Monday, May 5 at 6:30 pm

Visit sslc.gov to learn more about the Civilian Review Board, or apply to be a member.



Neighborhood Watch

Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 pm

Neighborhood Watch meets virtually on the first Thursday of every month. Visit sslc.gov for the zoom link or more information. Please call 801-412-3600 with questions.



Community Connect

Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 am

Join us at Dali Crepes to have a treat and connect with members of the SSLPD and South Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce.





is SOUTH SALT LAKE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Easter Egg Hunt And Tiny Tots Fair

TINY TOTS FAIR
9-10:30AM

EASTER EGG HUNT
10 AM SHARP

APRIL 19TH
CENTRAL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
2797 S 200 E, SOUTH SALT LAKE



EVENTS GUIDE 2025

Visit sslc.gov for a complete guide to South Salt Lake Events in 2025!




is SOUTH SALT LAKE ARTS COUNCIL

May Art Classes



Mandala Magic - Bad Dog Arts

- ✓ May 7, 14, 21, & 28th
- ✓ 6 pm to 8 pm: \$20 for residents
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

SSL Poetry Lab

- ✓ May 1, 8, 15, & 22nd
- ✓ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm: Free-Registration required
- ✓ Historic Scott School

Zentangle Club

- ✓ April 28th
- ✓ 6:30 - 8 pm: \$5 for all
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

Kintsugi General Loss Group

- ✓ May 17th
- ✓ 3 - 6:30 pm: \$15 for residents
- ✓ SSL Community Center Co-Op

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South Salt Lake Senior Center

EVENTS FOR APRIL 2025



Live Entertainment

- **Heart & Soul** | Wed, 4/9 at 10:30 am
- **Deci' Belles** | Wed, 4/25 at 10:30 am



Health & Wellness

- **Monthly Blood Pressure Checks** | Machine check at Center
- **Walk with Ease** | Every Mon, Wed, & Fri at 10:30 am
- **Vaccine Clinic** | Thur, April 10 from 9am-12pm
- **Vital Aging** | Wed, 4/16 at 10:30 am
- **Line Dance** | Fridays at 10:30 am



Workshops & Events

- **Craft with Vickie** | Thur, 4/10 at 10:30 am
- **Fall Prevention Awareness** | Thur, 4/24 at 10:30 am




Mon - Fri | 8:30 am - 4 pm
2531 South 400 East
(385) 468-3340
slco.org/aging

SERVING MORE PICKLEBALL FUN AT BICKLEY PARK!

This spring, Bickley Park is getting a brand-new pickleball court, and the existing court will be resurfaced!

Construction of the new court begins in April, weather permitting, and should last 2-3 months. The existing court will remain open during the project, except for two weeks in June while both courts are surfaced.

Stay tuned for updates on the progress and the official opening date.



GET READY TO RALLY!



www.sslarts.org



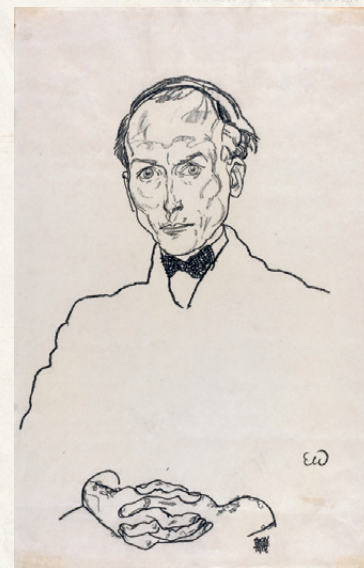
DRAWING *skills*

With Bad Dog Arts
Wednesdays in April
6pm to 8 pm



Graphite
Ink pens
Charcoal
Colored Markers
Drawing prompts

Scan the QR to
register, or
visit sslarts.org



South Salt Lake Pickleball Club

Every Monday & Wednesday
7:00-9:00 PM

Central Park Community
Center

Scan the QR code to sign up,
or visit sslc.gov.



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MURAL
FEST 2025

MAY 10 | 4:00-8:00PM

Join us for our 8th annual Mural Fest
with a self guided walking or bike tour.
See the new 2025 murals, meet the
artists, and celebrate community.



For more information,
visit themuralfest.com
or scan the QR code.



themuralfest.com





KEEPING OUR PROMISES

Education | Safety | Opportunity



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HOUSING Resource Fair

Tuesday, April 22

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Connect with resources and services available in the community for **renters**, **homeowners**, and those interested in becoming **first-time homebuyers**.



SSL Community Center Auditorium
2531 S. 400 E.



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HOME BUYER EDUCATION

Learn to navigate
the complexities
of buying a home

Saturday, May 3rd

9:30 am - 2:30 pm



Promise SSL Co-Op | 2530 S. 500 E.

Assess your financial readiness for homeownership and learn to work with realtors, lenders, inspectors, insurance companies, and title companies in the home buying process.

Limited to 20 households. Must pre-register and attend the entire session. Lunch will be provided



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The Promise South Salt Lake Co-Op is proud to partner with Proxima Careers and the Utah CNA Training Center to provide high-quality Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training and certification programs.

Currently, 22 students are enrolled in the program and are on track to complete their certification in early April. We are excited to announce a second round of training and certification courses beginning April 15 and 16 at the Promise SSL Co-Op.



THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN **HEALTHCARE** AND
WANT HELP GETTING THERE?



**MEDICAL
ASSISTANT**



**CERTIFIED
NURSING
ASSISTANT**

WE CAN HELP YOU BY:



Providing Resources &
Wrap-Around Support



Continued
Physician Assistant
Radiology Technician
Surgical Technologist
...
Healthcare Education



Connecting to
Job Opportunities



Application Support



Tuition & Supplies

YOU'RE A GOOD FIT IN OUR PROGRAM IF...

**YOU HAVE WORK
AUTHORIZATION**



**16+
YEARS
OLD**

**SOMETHING IS
KEEPING YOU
FROM GETTING
STARTED**



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2025 State of the City

South Salt Lake is a City of Kindness. This message resounded loudly during the annual State of the City Ceremony on March 17. While there was much to celebrate over the last year, we have to acknowledge that many in our community are feeling the uncertainty of these turbulent times. While it's important to celebrate our victories and innovation in providing city services, Mayor Wood pledged to continue focusing on stabilizing our neighborhoods for all residents, and ensure South Salt Lake is a place of safety; a community of solutions; a city of kindness. During the awards presentation, Mayor Wood presented 16 awards to recognize the people and businesses that embody the spirit of our City on the Move and display true dedication to South Salt Lake. See a few of the award winners below, and visit sslc.gov to watch a recording of the full address and read the bios of our 2025 award winners.

2025 Award Winners

Legacy Family of the Year
Dustin Family

Citizen of the Year
Leslie Jones

Teacher of the Year
Jaeleigh Mecham

Young Leaders of the Year
Najmo Osman and Mahnaz Mohammadi

Legacy Partner
Dry Creek Charity

Promise SSL Partner of the Year
The Mark and Kathie Miller Foundation

Community Advocate
Shelter the Homeless Executive Committee

Promise SSL Innovation Partner
SoFi

JustServe Volunteer of the Year
Cole Martin

Social Impact Champion
Mickaela Aliifua

Best Lunch Spot
Square Kitchen Eatery

Community Champion
Kim Welch, SLCO Granite Library

Best Local Art Advocate
Sunbelt Rentals

Community Builder
TreeUtah

Council Champion
Sharla Bynum

Employee of the Year
Abby Sherlock



City of Kindness & One Kind Act a Day Partnership



Youth Leaders of the Year



Employee of the Year



Legacy Family of the Year



Promise SSL Partner of the Year



Social Impact Champion