

# ON THE MOVE

## South Salt Lake Newsletter



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**Cherie Wood, Mayor**  
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In order to keep our community members informed of everything happening in our city, we're enhancing our monthly e-newsletters: the City Scoop, Mayor on the Move, Art Strokes, and Rec Updates. Visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) or scan the QR code to subscribe!



### City Offices

Monday - Friday • 8 am to 5 pm  
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SSL, UT 84115

City Offices & Community Centers  
will be closed on Mon., June 16 in  
observance of Juneteenth.



**Mayor Cherie Wood**

and cherished memories right in your neighborhood. This season is a time to really get to know and enjoy our City, and here are a few ways you can:

**1. Attend the 4th of July Parade.** Great neighborhoods begin with strong community bonds. Getting up early to greet your neighbors along the parade route on July 4th or at the Fitts Park Celebration is a hometown tradition that truly allows us to celebrate. Slather on the sunscreen, bring the kids and your pup, and get ready for lots of candy. I hope to see you there.

**2. Meet with me for Mondays with the Mayor.** I am pleased to invite you to meet with me for a fun and casual event, called "Monday with the Mayor". These evenings provide

### Summers in South Salt Lake are for Getting Out and Celebrating Community

Summer in South Salt Lake is my favorite time of year. It's a time of community connection, outdoor adventure, and opportunities to create new memories. As the days grow longer and the sun shines brighter, our city provides a host of activities for both residents and visitors to enjoy. Imagine a summer filled with laughter, new friendships,

opportunities to discover new areas and gain insights about our city. Our inaugural meeting is set for July 14 starting at 6 p.m. at Fitts Park, where we will continue our tradition of an ice cream social, now in its third year. Drop by, converse with me and the City team, and get to know some of your neighbors.

#### 3. Take Advantage of SSL Parks and Community Centers.

While at Fitts Park, I love to see groups reserve a pavilion for a special occasion, or watch as friends walk along the Mill Creek. Our pickleball courts at Central and Bickley Park await your game, while our other community centers and playgrounds provide fun places for families and their kids to swing, climb and slide. Additionally, our dog parks, like Lions Park on Robert Ave and the SSL City Hall dog park, are perfect for letting your furry friends socialize and stretch their legs.

This summer, I hope you'll connect with the natural beauty and community spirit of South Salt Lake. Our city is fully dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all residents, and we hope you know that you are an integral part of this journey. Our community is enriched by the diversity and involvement of every resident, and we invite everyone to participate in making this summer unforgettable.



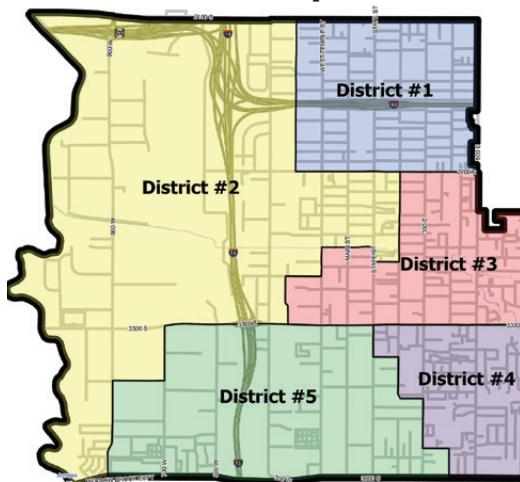
One of my favorite SSL Summer traditions is the Beautiful Yard Award contest! Nominate your neighbors for this prestigious award by visiting [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov). More information on page 3.

## Mural Fest Gives South Salt Lake City Hall a Makeover



In the weeks leading up to Mural Fest, 13 world-class artists descended on South Salt Lake to leave their marks as part of this internationally-renowned public art celebration. The resulting works premiered at Mural Fest on May 10, and while each one is unique and exciting in its own right, there's one that we here at South Salt Lake City Hall are particularly excited about. If you haven't been by City Hall lately, you're in for a surprise: a 10,000 square foot mural wrapping around three sides of the building. This is the work of DAAS—an Austin-based muralist known for his large scale works found around the world. If you weren't able to make it out to the event, we have good news: the new 2025 murals aren't going anywhere. Visit [themuralfest.com](http://themuralfest.com) to find an interactive map of all South Salt Lake murals and create your own self-guided mural tour.

## Ranked Choice Voting for the 2025 Municipal Election



The City of South Salt Lake will hold the Municipal Election on November 4, 2025. The City Council opted to continue Ranked Choice Voting for this election. Elected positions that will be voted on during this election include Mayor, City Council District 2, District 3, and At-Large. A special election will also be held for a 2-year term in the other City Council At-Large seat left vacant in December 2024. Interested candidates must file their Declaration of Candidacy between August 12 and August 19, 2025. For more information about running for office in South Salt Lake, please visit the Elections page at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov).

## South Salt Lake Public Works Campus

The City of South Salt Lake is set to break ground on a new Public Works Campus on June 26. After years of planning, this facility will improve the efficiency and capacity of the Public Works Department, as well as other departments who depend on a reliable fleet and strong city infrastructure.

The project is made possible by a \$45 million bond against future sales tax, meaning that this crucial improvement can be made without raising taxes on residents or businesses.

The ground breaking ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 26, at 10 AM. Join us beneath the historic South Salt Lake Water Tower (2500 S West Temple) to hear remarks from Mayor Wood, followed by the ground breaking ceremony and refreshments.



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## Know Your CITY COUNCIL

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Subscribe to our monthly email newsletter for the latest city news and public meeting information.



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## Business Spotlight

### Rusty Birds Joins Square Kitchen Eatery

It's been a year since Square Kitchen Eatery opened its doors in South Salt Lake, and we continue to be impressed and satiated with the mouth watering culinary flavors they produce. Last month they introduced a new food option to the mix. Rusty Birds is serving up fresh and healthy chicken, salads, wraps, and sandwiches. Rusty Birds joins the coop with the other delicious food fare from Hispaniola Bistro, Comfort Bowl, and Argentina's Best Empanadas. Visit Square Kitchen Eatery at 2435 S State St for a treat-yo-mouth day. Follow them on Instagram @squarekitcheneatery.



**MONDAYS with the MAYOR**

Get to know your city with Mayor Cherie Wood!

FREE: Ice Cream Social

Monday, July 14  
6:00 pm  
Fitts Park  
3050 S. 500 E.

**Udder Rivals**  
Ice Cream

## Community Value Survey Results

This spring, South Salt Lake partnered with Y2 Analytics to complete a comprehensive and statistically valid survey of South Salt Lake residents on a range of topics, including public safety, satisfaction with city services, and FY 25-26 budget priorities. The information that was gathered is an invaluable tool that will guide decision making in the years to come. Some of the key findings from this survey can be found below. For those who are interested in learning how this feedback will be used to improve our city, please subscribe to our monthly "City Scoop" E-Newsletters, where we will be detailing the plans to incorporate this feedback into our planning process.

### COMMUNITY VALUES STUDY 2025 SURVEY RESEARCH 4 KEY FINDINGS

1. Overall quality of life remains high.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of respondents say South Salt Lake is headed in the right direction. 55% say they are optimistic about their own wellbeing.
2. Housing affordability is a top concern. The percentage of respondents who believe they can afford to stay in South Salt Lake has decreased by 20 percentage points from 2020.
3. Most residents feel safe in South Salt Lake. Over 90% feel safe walking in their neighborhoods during the day or visiting public buildings. However, nearly 50% feel unsafe walking in their neighborhood at night.
4. South Salt Lake Promise Programs are very popular. All programs show at least 70% of respondents saying the program is extremely or very important.

## Beautiful Yard Award Celebrates Vibrant, Waterwise Landscapes in South Salt Lake



South Salt Lake recognizes city residents who go to great lengths to cultivate beautiful, water efficient yards. Winners of the beautiful yard award will receive an honorary yard sign, a \$300 gift card to Millcreek Gardens, and bragging rights that last all year long. Nominations now open to recognize a friend, neighbor, or even yourself! Submit a nomination by visiting [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov).

## Tree of the Year Award Winner



Each Spring, South Salt Lake hosts a Tree of the Year competition where community members can nominate their favorite tree in the city. This year's winner is a Pix Zee Peach Tree, self-nominated by Lindsay. The tree was a gift from her grandfather and has flourished in their front yard. Planted as a mere stick in the ground seven years ago, she's watched it grow alongside her children, providing beautiful flowers every spring and delicious fruit every summer. Congratulations Lindsay, and thank you to all who submitted nominations! Learn more about our city's Urban Forestry at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) under Neighborhoods.



## South Salt Lake **POETRY LAB**

FREE poetry group led by Cadence Summers.

Join other people who love words as much as you do. You'll get daily poetry prompts via text or email and weekly group discussions to help you grow your poetry skills.

**Registration Required**

Thursdays in June 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
Historic Scott School 3280 S 540 E, SSL

**TALK TO US**  
801-483-6018  
arts@sslc.gov  
sslarts@org



## South Salt Lake Senior Center

### EVENTS FOR JUNE 2025

- Live Entertainment**
  - Old Time Fiddlers | Wed, 6/11 at 10:30 am
  - Hula Dancing | Wed, 6/25 at 10:30 am
- Health & Wellness**
  - Vital Aging | Wed, 6/18 at 10:30 am
  - Line Dance | Fridays at 10:30 am
  - Living Well with Diabetes | 6/12 - 7/17 from 12:30-3 pm
  - Mind Over Matter | a 3-part class starting July 30
- Workshops & Events**
  - Craft with Vickie | Thur, 6/12 at 10:30 am
  - Picnic in the Park | Wed, 6/11 from 9 am-12:30 pm @ Fitts

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



**South Salt Lake  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT**



**Registration closes June 9**  
**\$100 per team (5-7 players)**

**Visit [sslrc.gov](http://sslrc.gov) or  
scan QR to learn  
more and sign up**





**Summer Sport Camps**

**Basketball Camp**  
July 14-17  
Grades 2-7  
\$10 - Closes July 7

**Baseball Camp**  
August 4-7  
Grades 2-4  
\$10 - Closes July 25

Register online at [sslrc.gov](http://sslrc.gov), or scan the QR code.





## 4th of July Freedom Fest Parade Registration Open Now

Visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) or scan the QR to register

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SOUTH SALT LAKE COMMUNITY BBQ

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of celebration and community building including games, entertainment, food, and more!



FRIDAY JUNE 6 2025

All Ages FREE Event

SOUTH SALT LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER  
2531 S 400 E



**COMMUNITY RESOURCES**  
SOUTH SALT LAKE JUSTICE COURT

**Community Legal Education**

June 3, 17, 24 | 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Free classes on legal terms and procedure. For anyone navigating the legal system, or interested in learning more.

**Community Resource Fair**

Tuesday, June 24 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Connect with community resources. For those navigating the legal system, or working through housing, mental health, or substance misuse challenges, and their loved ones.

All events at the Granite Library!  
3331 S 500 E, South Salt Lake, UT 84106

For more information, please contact  
Evangelina Marquez (801) 483-6083

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## SAVE THE DATE World Refugee Day

Friday, June 20, 2025  
4 – 10 p.m.  
Big Cottonwood Regional Park  
4300 S. 1300 E.  
Millcreek, UT



Free family fun, entertainment, international cuisine, global market and more!

**WORKFORCE SERVICES**  
REFUGEE SERVICES

[jobs.utah.gov/refugee](http://jobs.utah.gov/refugee)

## Is Your Pet Prepared for an Emergency?

When creating emergency preparedness plans, it is essential to account for the needs of all members of your family, including the four-legged ones. To ensure that your pet will be safe in an emergency, follow the steps below:

- Include in your disaster supplies at least four days of pet food and water, medicine, a leash, toys, kennel, waste disposal tools, as well as copies of up to date medical information (vaccines, microchips, etc.).
- Take pictures of yourself with your pet that show key markings for identification in case you become separated.
- Pre-identify evacuation locations that accept pets.



Pets can be an invaluable source of emotional support. Ensuring that they are safe in an emergency situation will be helpful for you and them.

## Get Involved

### South Salt Lake Public Safety Meetings

#### Civilian Review Board

Monday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

Monday, July 7 at 6:30 pm

Visit [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) to learn more about the Civilian Review Board, or apply to be a member.

#### Neighborhood Watch

Thursday, June 5 at 7:00 pm

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

#### Community Connect

Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00 am

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



## Project Safeguard

*Message from SSLPD Chief Danielle Croyle*

As Chief of Police, I'm excited to share a valuable initiative designed to help us better serve and protect our South Salt Lake residents with special needs, such as autism, dementia, and other cognitive disabilities.

Project Safeguard is a collaborative multi-agency roster that allows law enforcement personnel throughout the entire Salt Lake Valley access to important information about individuals with special needs during emergency responses. By voluntarily enrolling a loved one in Project Safeguard, families can help first responders understand key needs, communication preferences, sensitivities, calming techniques, and other important information before a crisis occurs.



We understand that individuals with autism may experience heightened anxiety or struggle to communicate clearly in unfamiliar or high-stress situations. Project Safeguard helps to bridge this gap by providing our officers with extra information so they can approach the situation with understanding, respect, and the appropriate response.

Project Safeguard also helps individuals with dementia or other cognitive abilities that impact memory. Registrants can provide information about wandering locations, hiding spots, and past wandering events to help our officers locate high-risk individuals when they are reported missing.

Participation is simple, free, and confidential. Registrants submit an electronic questionnaire form found on the SSLPD webpage. The data from the form is then inputted into South Salt Lake's record management system, which an officer can access when identifying an individual. This vital information will help officers better serve our community.

To register with Project Safeguard, please visit <https://sslc.gov/495/Project-Safeguard>.

## Keep Your Neighborhood Clean, Report Code Violations

The City of South Salt Lake employs a team of four code enforcement officers tasked with promoting and protecting the overall health, safety, and welfare of our residents and businesses. They accomplish this by enforcing city codes, which aim to preserve residential and commercial areas against hazardous and deteriorating conditions and deter crime.

Common violations of city code include outdoor storage, accumulation of waste/litter, junk vehicles, overgrown weeds, improper parking, and daytime watering.

Due to the size of our city, our Code Enforcement Officers rely on community members to report violations or concerns in their neighborhoods. To report code violations, or learn more about what constitutes a violation, please visit the Code Enforcement page at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov) or call the SSL Neighborhoods Connect Line at 801-464-6757.





# KEEPING OUR PROMISES

## Education | Safety | Opportunity



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### South Salt Lake Cares Coalition



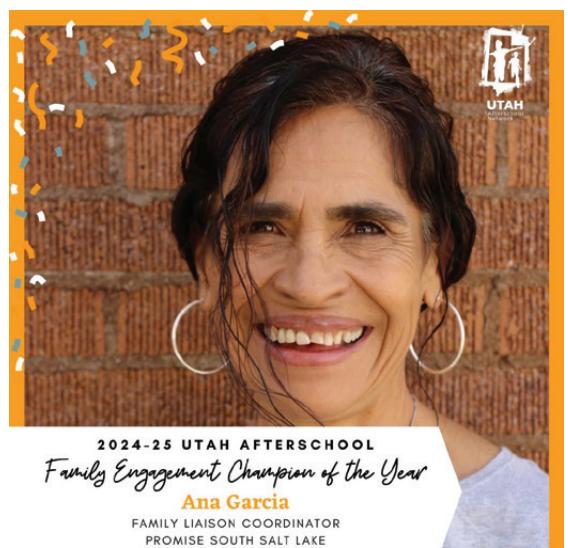
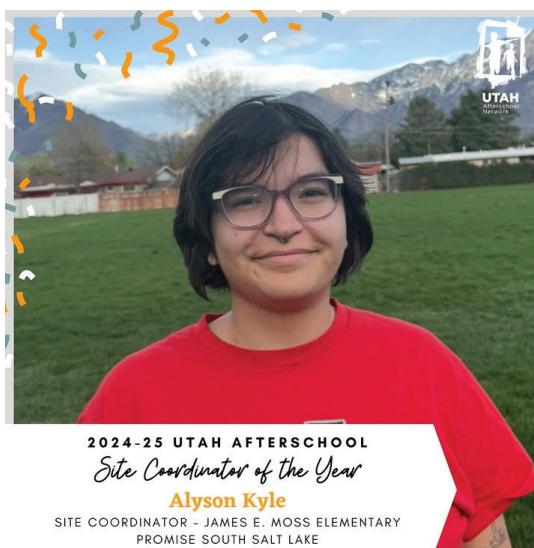
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead.

At the inaugural South Salt Lake Cares Coalition luncheon, community leaders came together with a shared mission: to focus energy and resources towards "The Road to 100%" -- a community initiative to reach 100% high school graduation rates, and to ensure that 100% of basic needs are met in our community.

The work of the SSL Cares Coalition is divided into nine community councils, all centered around a different pillar of healthy communities. These include health, safety, housing, and education, among others. For more information about this initiative and to learn how to get involved, please contact cfrost@sslc.gov.

### Utah Afterschool Network Recognizes Promise SSL Staff

We are proud to announce that two of our Promise SSL team members were recognized by the Utah Afterschool Network for outstanding work in the afterschool field. Congratulations to Ana Garcia, Family Engagement Champion of the Year, and Alyson Kyle, Afterschool Site Coordinator of the Year!



### Best Buy Teen Tech Center Fashion Week

The Promise SSL Fashion Week was a success! This five day event at the Best Buy Teen Tech Center brings together fashion industry professionals, local thrift stores, and local teens eager to learn about clothing design, styling, and makeup. The week culminates with a community fashion show where the teens have an opportunity to showcase their own designs, highlighting their personal styles, and the expertise that they've picked up over the week. Thank you to all who participated in and supported this year's event!

