



# Salem City Newsletter



City Office 30 West 100 South Salem, Utah 84653 801-423-2770 [www.salemcity.org](http://www.salemcity.org) December 2014

Salem City will be closed on Thursday & Friday December 25th & 26th for Christmas and January 1, 2015 for New Year's. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesdays as usual these weeks.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council and myself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope the New Year brings peace, good health, and safety to you and your family. I would like to thank the many employees for their talents and expertise who have worked so hard to put together our beautiful Pondtown Christmas display on our pond. I hope you, your family, and your guest enjoy this unique holiday exhibit. You can take pride in what our community does to make it possible. We will not be having the carriage rides around the pond this year. Mr. Bradford had shoulder surgery but promises to be back next year.

I would like to thank all of our city employees who have worked so hard this year to keep our infrastructure running, our roadways clear, provide recreational opportunities for young and old, and keep our safety their utmost priority. They have done a very good job this year and hope when you see a city employee, you will thank them also. It takes all of us to make a community a safe and beautiful place to live and retire in. We invite you to volunteer in our community to help make it safe we are in dire need of volunteer firemen and ambulance personnel. If you feel you could do this, stop by the City Office and pick up an application to be a member of these great organizations. We want to thank our public safety volunteers who have done an excellent job this past year. They have come to the rescue for our residents at time of need.

Last month I mentioned that we are pleased to welcome two new businesses to town and now I would like to also welcome Central Utah Medical Clinic. Their new facility will be built on the corner of 2000 North and 460 West just west of Olson's Greenhouses. This is a 30 million dollar facility with medical offices, orthopedic surgery and rehab, cardio-vascular, and a dialysis center. We are excited to have them in our community as well as an InstaCare. They will be a great asset to our community. They will have a ground breaking this month. It will be exciting to watch them over the next year build and grow in our community.

We encourage all of our residents to be good citizens and remove the snow from sidewalks in front of your houses. Also, please watch out for our children as they are walking to and from school. It is our duty to make sure our children are safe.

We ask for your patience with our snow plow drivers. We have over 50 miles of roadways to take care of with limited equipment and manpower. If we put snow back on your sidewalk or driveway please forgive us. We are doing the best we can as quickly as we can. If you pile the snow on right side as looking at road, will help keep the snow from getting pushed back into your driveway. Our snow removal policy and priorities are available on our website [www.salemcity.org](http://www.salemcity.org). Our priority is to keep the main roads clear to help keep traffic moving before we move into the neighborhoods so please bear with us as we try to get our roads cleared as quick as possible.

Next month I will be outlining some of the projects we will be doing in 2015 so I hope you will read my message. Once again, Happy Holidays and thanks to all of you for helping keep Salem a City of Peace.

*Mayor Randy Brailsford*



**REMEMBER:** As we approach another holiday season, it is important to remember to secure your possessions. Please make sure you lock your vehicles at home as well as in parking lots and take your purses, wallets, phones, tablets, laptops etc. with you. Thieves take advantage of carelessness. Also remind holiday guests to secure their valuables in the trunks of their vehicles or in a safe place inside your homes. Please make sure your homes are locked and secured too. Thank you.

*Chief Brad James & Staff*

**Please remove all basketball standards from the roadways.**

Remember the annual Candles at the Cemetery on Christmas Eve. For those of you who are not familiar with this tradition, you can go to the cemetery between dusk and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and leave a lighted candle or luminary on the grave of a loved one. If you do not have loved ones in our cemetery and you would like to participate, you can “adopt” a burial marker or put a candle on the Veteran’s Memorial.



Tessa Fitzgerald, Miss Salem, is sponsoring a shoe drive from December 1st until Christmas. You can donate shoes at any school in Salem and several Salem businesses (Stokes, Lifehouse Performing Arts Academy, South Valley Gym.) This is in conjunction with the organization Dando Amor, Shoes4Love which gives shoes to impoverished countries including Africa and Haiti. You can donate any kind of old but still useable shoes including church shoes (even really beat up shoes because they can be recycled.) After Christmas, Tessa will be collecting shoes until June. You can drop off old shoes anytime at 4 South Hillside Drive in Elk Ridge.

The Salem City Calendars will be mailed out soon, please note that there is also an emergency guide in the back of the calendar. If there is an emergency, these sheets will help our public safety people determine the needs in our community more affectively. Please help us help you and keep these pages where they are easily accessible. Additional calendars can be purchased at the City Office for \$10 each.

Happy Holidays Salem! In the month of November the Salem Youth Council helped out at Pond Town Christmas. Though the night was cold, our hearts were warm with holiday cheer, and the hot chocolate. Also, this Holiday season look for our Sub for Santa bottles at local businesses around Salem. These bottles are for money donations that will go towards buying Christmas presents for a family in need. In closing, I wish the city of Salem a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Youth Mayor, Adam Boden*



**Storm water tips for winter**, since winter is here it is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. Traction Agents help prevent slipping on ice, but don’t melt it. Sand, kitty litter and ashes can hurt habitats. Cracked corn has been suggested as an alternative because animals can eat it before it gets washed into the storm sewers in the spring. Deicers lower the melting point of ice to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product because it’s effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some deicers are a significant source of phosphorous. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Using the old fashioned approach of a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise.



*Wade Reynolds, Storm Drain Coordinator/Safety Coordinator*



**SALEM LIBRARY**

**801-423-2622**

**59 S. Main Street**

*Mrs. Claus will be here in time for our 11:00 story time on Monday, December 22nd. Bring your letters to Santa and she will deliver them to him herself. We'll sit by the fireplace, and drink hot chocolate!*



Every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m., We are going to have a computer class to educate anyone that is interested in computer use. If you are interested in helping teach this class, please contact Miss Salem Tessa Fitzgerald at [tessafitzgerald14@gmail.com](mailto:tessafitzgerald14@gmail.com)

The library is seeking volunteers to become part of the Board of Directors. If you are interested, please contact the library.

**Pick an ornament off our Christmas tree and find a new children's book from our wish list that is need for the library.**

**Senior Spotlight**

Keith and Gwen Barney never moved very far from where they were born. Keith was born in Lake Shore 81 years ago and Gwen was born in Spanish Fork 76 years ago. They were both born at home. When Keith was born it was 33° below zero and his Dad rode a horse to go find the doctor. When they got back Keith was already born. Keith has been told that there was a Yukon Express go through and the week of February 7-12, 1933 still holds the record for the coldest ever in the Strawberry Valley. Keith had two brothers and one sister and was the baby of the family. Gwen had one older sister and one younger brother. All their brothers and sisters are now deceased.

They have been married for 57 1/2 years and have lived in Salem for 38 1/2 of those years. They were introduced by Gwen's friend and Keith's friend who happen to be sister and brother. They have three boys, two girls and eight grandchildren. Their daughter Sheila lives in Salem, son Clark lives in Escalante, son Kelly lives in Lake Shore, son Scott lives in Spanish Fork and daughter Alison lives in Salem.

When Keith graduated from high school he went to work at the Utah State Hospital in Provo. He then joined the Army during the Korean War and was stationed at Valley Forge General Hospital. After returning from the war he attended Utah Trade Technical College and graduated as an electrician. He worked for Strawberry Water Users and they lived at the power plant (by Canyon View Park) for ten years. In the winter they couldn't get up the hill to the highway going up the canyon so they would come down and go through Salem. They commented how much they would like to live in Salem, but they owned a home in Spanish Fork and one in Lake Shore so they couldn't see moving to Salem. Gwen said growing up she was very quiet. The kids in Spanish Fork ignored her but the Salem kids always treated her good. She loved Salem because of the kids.

After high school Gwen worked for Dr. Thomas Judd. She started teaching piano lessons while still in school and continued for 30 years, and also sold Avon for 30 years.

They are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints serving in many positions. Gwen accompanied the Choralettes in Spanish Fork for 12 years. They have a grandson going on a mission to Halifax, Canada in January.

Gwen was a Johnson from Spanish Fork. Her grandfather and great grandfather built the Icelandic Monument on 300 South in Spanish Fork.

Keith assisted the Salem City Electrical Department in years past helping Bernell Lambson when the power would go out. At that time the power would go out quite frequently because the system was overloaded and in need of upgrade. He did all he could to help keep the system running. Gwen played the piano for several Salem Day Pageants when they first moved here.

Gwen said her favorite food is chocolate and dill pickles. Keith said he is a potato and gravy man. Gwen likes to crochet, knit, tat, play the piano and quilt. Keith likes to read, and in younger years he was an artist. This seemed to come naturally for him. They love the people of Salem and the peaceful surroundings. They like being out of the canyon winds and enjoy the cool breezes of Salem in the summer.

Thanks for your contributions to the City of Salem.

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City Office Hours:  
Mon—Thur 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

City Office	801-423-2770
Recreation	801-423-1035
Library	801-423-2622
Police (daytime)	801-423-2312
(after hours)	801-794-3970
Emergencies	911

City Council  
Dec. 10th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning  
Dec, 3rd 7:00 p.m.



**Winter Basketball Camp-** Salem Parks & Recreation, along with Coach DeGraffenreid & the Salem Hills Basketball team, are pleased to host a Basketball Camp on Saturday December 6th, for boys & girls 2nd—8th grades. Camp will help players progress in their development and skills as well as be a lot of fun!

**Camp Schedule:** Morning from 10:00am -11:30am ·Lunch will be served 11:30-12:00 (pizza and drinks) ·Afternoon 12:00pm - 1:00pm Camp will be held at the Salem Jr. High School, FEE: \$20.00 includes lunch, **NO** Non-resident fee on camps.

**Youth Basketball - Sign up now for Salem Youth Basketball! Leagues will be divided by gender and grade. · Drafts will be held on Dec. 2nd & 3rd. · Team practice will begin one night a week in December. · Games will be played on Saturdays beginning Jan 3rd. Cost for this program will be: 3rd—6th grades, \$35.00. 7th — 8th grades, \$40.00. 9th –12th grades, \$45.00.**

**Hunters Safety-** Dates will be: Jan. 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th and 22nd. The shooting test will be on January 17th. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. Registration Fee: \$10.00, no non-resident fee. Participants must attend every class to complete the course. Instructor: Duane Hill \*Participants will be required to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/License prior to the first class. Licenses can be purchased at any location that sells hunting licenses.

**Salem's Winter Softball Snowman Tournament-** Crazy Adults can still find a diamond in the Winter. Salem Parks and Recreation will offer the first tournament of the year. Thursday, January 1st, will mark the date. Teams will play 3 guaranteed games while enjoying free hot chocolate and donuts! Teams should be made up of adults, or anyone over 16 years of age. Teams may be made up of all male, all female or coed, everyone plays in the same bracket. Cost is \$150.00 per team. Call today to reserve your teams spot, 801-423-1035 Registration deadline is Monday, December 29th Special Rules: 1. Wood bats-must be used. NO metal. Bats may be baseball bats. Salem Recreation will supply 1 bat per field. Open home run rule. If you can hit it that far you are welcome to... We do not think you can. 2. A yellow 11 inch softball will be used. It is easier to throw with cold hands. 3. No one walks. Teams will pitch to their own batters. This is a 1 pitch tournament. 1 foul ball allowed. Come out and play in the snow with us!

**Tri-City Christmas Alumni Basketball Tournament - Salem Recreation and The Salem Hills Basketball Team will host the 2nd Annual Tri-City Christmas Alumni Basketball Tournament December 26th & 27th. We would like to invite graduates from Spanish Fork, Salem and Payson to put together a team for a two day tournament. Team members must be from the same graduating class, but keep in mind the team members DO NOT need to be former members of high school teams. Any member of your graduating class can be on your team! Please register by Dec. 23rd at noon. The team fee to participate is \$150.00. You may register online at salemcity.org or call Salem Recreation at 801-423-1035.**

**Christmas Craft Camp!** Monday, Dec. 22nd, 10:00am to 1:00pm. For youth 2nd grade and up. Younger kids may attend if accompanied by a sibling 10 years or older. Craft camp will be held on Christmas break and will be a great opportunity for kids to have fun while getting into the holiday spirit! As well as for moms to get some last minute shopping done! We will be making ornaments, a small gift as well as having a snack! Camp will be held at the Civic Center. All crafts and supplies will be included in the registration fee of \$15. There will be a \$5.00 late fee after December 18th. There is **NO** non-resident fee for this activity. Space is limited so sign up early!