



Salem City Newsletter



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The Salem City Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2014 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday as usual this week.

NOTE: Because the first Wednesday in January is the New Year's Day, City Council meetings will be held on Jan. 8th & 22nd and Planning & Zoning will be on Jan. 15th.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens,

In addition to the daily business of running a city, there are several big and potentially costly issues that your City Council will be dealing with in 2014 and the years following. Most of these issues are the results of Federal and State mandates and are largely out of our control. We are working hard with our State Representatives and State Agencies to minimize the financial impacts to our citizens, and frankly, to make sure these changes will actually make a difference and not just create "bigger" government and more programs. I would like to briefly discuss a few of them.

Pressurized Irrigation: We have been talking about water conservation and our Pressurized Irrigation System for years now, and we appreciate all the efforts that many of you are making to conserve water. After the last few years of dry weather and the increasing cost of irrigation water, it has become apparent that more stringent rules are needed to help encourage all of us to continue to use this resource wisely. This winter your City Council will be working on revising the penalty for Pressurized Irrigation abuse as well as finding ways to acquire more cost effective water.

Piping the Highline Canal: Discussions and planning for piping the Highline Canal have been going on over this past year. We have been actively involved with these discussions and making sure the citizens of Salem only pay their fair share. We are watching closely the Goshen Valley Project. This project is acquiring tremendous amounts of water and could drive the cost of water up for all of us. We are also watching the development of new water wells and making sure our aquifer and our water rights are protected.

Storm Water Drainage: In August 2013, the State of Utah added Salem City and 13 other cities to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) List. This requires Salem City to inspect, track, and enforce storm water issues throughout the city. Anything besides rain and snow melt in our storm drain system is considered an illegal discharge. If the City does not follow these new rules as outlined in our permit, we will be fined by the State of Utah. These rules will apply to all private and municipal construction projects, as well as all private and municipal operations within Salem City. This program will take a considerable amount of time and effort and could result in a monthly storm drainage fee. Over the next few months your City Council will be considering how to implement this program.

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Sewer Treatment: A few months ago a representative of the Utah Division of Water Quality attended our City council and informed us of a new EPA mandated ammonia limit for our Sewer Treatment Plant. Our Sewer Treatment Plant was constructed in the mid 1980's and was never designed to treat ammonia. This will require costly upgrades in the near future. To add insult to injury, the State is also working on a Phosphorus and Total Inorganic Nitrogen Limit wanting to implement that within the next 5 to 10 years. Again, our Sewer Treatment Plant was never designed for this and experts tell us that these limits will require an entirely new plant or force us to regionalize with several of our neighbors. These new limits are being driven by the need to stop the degrading of the water in Utah Lake. Utah Lake is currently considered impaired by the State of Utah and as such steps are being taken to improve this natural resource. Your City Council is working with the State of Utah to extend these time frames out 10 or even 15 years. We are also looking at all options including the regionalization of our sewer treatment plant.

Growth of Salem: Growth is another issue we are working on. Growth is needed, but uncontrolled growth can be harmful to the life style that we all enjoy. We are currently working hard to ensure that growth does not create a financial burden on the existing citizens. We all have to pay our own way and growth should as well. We are also making sure our infrastructure including roads, water, PI, sewer, public safety, parks, and recreation can cost effectively and safely handle these new developments. Some of the steps we are taking are making sure impact fees and development fees are appropriately set. We are currently updating our construction standards to ensure construction is of the highest quality. The economic development committee is working hard to attract commercial to help generate jobs and sales tax revenue. We are working with Utah County and planning for new roads to help move people in and out of town more efficiently while maintaining our rural feel.

We would like to thank a tremendous person, Councilman Sid Jorgensen, for his four years of service to the citizens of Salem City. Over the past two years, he has worked extremely hard to keep our water rates down and protecting & ensuring that we have water for the future. We wish him the best of luck in this new year. We would also like to welcome Soren Christensen as a member of our team.

May you all have a happy and prosperous New Year!

Mayor Randy Brailsford

SNOW REMOVAL— The priority of our snow plow drivers is to keep the main arterial roadways as clear as possible. To view a complete copy of the city's policy go to salemcity.org / City Departments/ streets/ snow removal. Please keep your sidewalks clear of snow and when you clear out your driveway, push the snow to the left side so the snow plow drivers won't push the snow back into your driveway.

You can also assist our drivers by removing all basketball standards and similar items from the streets and removing your garbage can from the curb as soon as possible after it is dumped. Thank you for your cooperation!



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Salem City will pick up Christmas trees from January 2nd—10th. Please put your tree by the side of the road but not in the lane of traffic. Thank you.



**LIBRARY****801-423-2622****LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
 Friday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Did you get a new gadget for the holidays? Stop by the library for assistance downloading ebooks and to learn about our other great programs like digital magazines, and eaudiobooks

Story Time is Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

The Library needs your help! We're looking for people who love the library, and would like to serve on our library board. Come in to the library for an application

Our 2nd annual Take Your Child to the Library day will be held on Saturday February 1st beginning at 10:00 a.m. Join us for crafts, games, storytime and more. We will have prizes to give away, and treats!

Senior Spotlight

We would like to introduce you to Vaud Hanks. He was born Feb. 4, 1930 and will be turning 84. His parents, Mel and Nelda Hanks, lived in the house just south of Mel Hanks and Sons store on Main Street in Salem. This is where he was born. At that time Salem's population was 660. He has lived in Salem all his life. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna Chapple, in 1949 in the Manti Temple. They had six children: Brent who lives in Salem; Jolene Andreason, Payson; LeAnn Hales, Spanish Fork; Susan Olsen, Spanish Fork; Lesa Swenson, Spanish Fork; and Laurie Hanks, Salem. They have 24 grandchildren and soon to be 45 great grandchildren. All 94 members of his family live within 10 miles of Salem. Donna passed away on July 18, 2012, just 9 days short of their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

When he was a kid, he milked cows for Reed Davis for a nickel. Jimmy Christensen had a grainery and would pay him a nickel for every mouse he caught. His grandparents would let him have two eggs that he could trade to the Salem Merc. for candy or ice cream. He said he can remember always having a job from a young age.

His dad had a grocery/furniture store. When he was 16 years old he started working for his dad. He started out as a butcher and worked for him for 30 years. His dad eventually got out of the grocery business but kept the furniture store. Vaud still makes his own sausage. In 1972 his dad sold the business to him and his brother Shirl. In 1976 Vaud opened his own furniture store in Springville. On March 1st he will have been in Springville for 38 years. He still goes to work every day and his daughters, Susan, Lesa and Laurie help him run the store.

Vaud remembers in 1956 the Salem L.D.S. First Ward was split and a second ward was made. It almost split the town in half. In 2000 he was made bishop of the Salem First Ward and served in this position for 5 1/2 years. He said this was one of his most enjoyable callings in the Church. In 2005 the youth from the Salem West Stake went to Martin's Cove. Because of Vaud's interest in Ephraim Hanks and having studied his life, he dressed up like Ephraim and told Ephraim's story to the youth. (He has not been able to link any of his genealogy to Ephraim.)

When he and Donna were married they both liked to ride horses. They even showed them around the area and in Idaho. In the summers he and Donna would go to Current Creek and spend 2 or 3 days riding horses with Dean and Ruth Cloward. Vaud with six other men from Salem organized the Wahoo Riding Club. He was a member for 25 years. In 1951 while his father was serving as mayor of Salem, he and several other men organized the Salem Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member for 30 years and served as Fire Chief for 6 of those years.

When he was 12 years old, he had an interest in oil painting. His dad asked Bessy Gourley to teach him. He painted until he was 16, then sports and girls became more of an interest and gave it up. In 1986 he started painting again. Clella (Porter) Gustin helped him as well as a friend from Provo. His does amazing paintings.

He has always had an interest in Salem and served as Mayor for six years from 1974-1979. His daughter, Susan, served as Miss Salem.

He loves gardening, especially flower gardening. In the 1960's while living in his home by the pond, he won the State Beautification Contest for Non-Professional Gardeners 5 years in a row. He loves the Christmas season. We hope you were able to drive by his home this year and see the beautiful decorations he had out. Don't miss driving by his yard in the summer and seeing his wonderful landscaping.

He doesn't know of a greater place to live than Salem. The people are honest and hard workers. We have good mayors and city council members who serve for the benefit of the city. He said he has tried to be a good example and share in civic work. Vaud said if you live the Gospel (of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and do what you are supposed to, you will be blessed. Some advice he would like to share is: It isn't what you have that brings blessings, it is what you give away.

Thank you Vaud for your service and influence to Salem and its citizens.

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

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Recreation 801-423-1035
Library 801-423-2622
Police (daytime) 801-423-2312
(after hours) 801-794-3970
Police, Fire & Medical
Emergencies 911

City Council

Jan. 8th 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 22nd 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning
Jan. 15th 7:00 p.m.

Bizzy Buddies – The Kids are having a blast! This is a great program especially as the weather is colder and there are less outside options! Kids burnin' energy, that's what Bizzy Buddies is all about. **This class is for kids 3-5 years old.** It will be held at the Salem Community Center on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00. There will be a different theme each week for us to explore and celebrate through music, super fun obstacle courses and interactive play. Bizzy Buddies will help your child in developing listening skills, the ability to follow instructions and interact with other children. We are excited to offer this fun program for younger kids. Depending on demand we may offer another session on Wednesday mornings as well. Sessions will last six weeks for a cost of \$20.00. Session Three: Jan. 23rd, 30th, Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Space is limited so sign up now! This will also be the final session until fall.

Winter Hoopsters - Open to 1st and 2nd graders ONLY. This is a clinic style introductory program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. Along with skill building, they will be on teams and play games! The program helps young players progress in their basketball development. **The 7:00 to 8:00 session still has spots available, it is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays FEE \$30.00 includes shirt** Early registration deadline is January 3rd.

* \$5 late fee & \$5 non-resident fee *

VIPERS WRESTLING - THIS IS A COMPETITIVE WRESTLING TEAM FOR GRADES 1ST-6TH, THAT WILL WORK TO IMPROVE SKILLS WHILE COMPETING AGAINST TOP WRESTLERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE TEAM WILL TRAVEL THROUGHOUT UTAH COUNTY AS WELL AS HOST TWO OR THREE HOME DUELS. WRESTLERS WHO DESIRE TO WRESTLE IN WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS WILL NEED TO PURCHASE THEIR OWN USA WRESTLING CARD. THE TEAM WILL BE COACHED BY BARRY FRAZIER. PRACTICES WILL BEGIN JANUARY 7TH. FEE: \$35.00 EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 3RD. (\$5 LATE FEE \$5 NON-RESIDENT FEE)

Girls Winter Dance Class - Salem Recreation will offer a dance class for girls K-2nd Grade. 8 one hour classes held Wednesday & Thursday Evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Foothills Elementary in the gym. Please enter through the South West Gym door. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 4th. **Cost for this class is \$30.00** Early registration. deadline is January 28th. \$5 late fee/ \$5 Nonresident will apply. **This is a great place for little ones to find their love for dance.** INSTRUCTOR: Carly Buys

Indoor Soccer - Season will run January 11th - February 22nd. Games will be played on Saturdays. 4 vs. 4 with NO goalie. Teams will be organized on January 1st. There will be two scheduled practices and 8 games. We will try and not have games conflict with Youth Basketball games of the same grade. Teams and leagues will be based on grade. Kindergarten - 1st - 2nd Graders Co-ed, 3rd - 4th Graders Co-ed, 5th-6th Graders Co-ed, 7th-8th Graders Co-ed. FEE \$30.00 includes team shirt. \$5 late fee / \$5 non-resident fee. Early registration deadline is Friday, December 27th. Sign up online or at the Recreation Office.

Hunters Safety – We will be offering a Hunters Safety class in January, the cost for the class will be \$10.00 (No Non- Resident Fee!) Students will also need a \$10.00 voucher from the state in order to take the course. Date for the course are Jan. 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 18th (shooting test), 21st (written test). You can sign up at www.salemcity.org or at the Recreation Office.

Catchers Camp with Casey Cloward – February 8th. Camp will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 in the morning. Fee for the Camp is \$15.00, there is NO NON-RESIDENT FEE for Camps. Registration available online at salemcity.org, or at the Recreation Office.