Mayor Brailsford is pleased to announce that Salem City has once again been honored by SafeWise as one of the 20 safest cities in Utah. Our Police Department was presented with an award for their efforts in community safety and crime prevention. The Spanish Fork/Salem Chamber of Commerce also recognized the Police Department for this honor. Thanks Chief James and Staff for your great work on our behalf!

The Salem City Office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage will be picked up on Tuesday, January 19th as usual.

Salem City will pick up Christmas trees the week of January 4th—8th. The pick up will be limited to these 5 days and there will not be a drop off for trees after the pickup so please have your trees curbside by 8:00 a.m. on Monday January 4th.

The Salem City calendars have been mailed out, 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 by keeping these pages where they are easily accessible. Additional calendars can be purchased at the City Office for $10 each.

Salem City Mayor, Council and Employees would like to wish all of you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!
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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASSES

Starting in January 2016, the Salem West Stake will be sponsoring a monthly one-hour class to help ALL citizens of Salem be prepared for an emergency. The classes will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Salem West Stake Center Cultural Hall. Casual Dress. Mark your calendars now, as we will be scheduling excellent speakers each month!

"Emergency First Aid - When There Is No Doctor"

Joseph Dinkins, M.D., Emergency Medicine, Payson Hospital

Friday, Jan. 15, 2016

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrating and ringing in a new year is always so exciting! Salem Youth Council had so many wonderful opportunities, not only the past month but the past year, and we look forward to another year of service!

Last month, we got to help with everything from the Pondtown Christmas lighting to lighting luminaries on Christmas Eve. It was such a fun month, and we hope you all had a beautiful holiday season.

Sub for Santa has always been my personal favorite service activity SYC does. We appreciated the donations from you and the community that helped us to provide Christmas for not one, but two families. It was a delightful experience for all of us to shop for presents, then wrap and deliver them.

Food donations were also collected thanks to the city and the local elementary schools. We collected 2060 lbs. of food! The food was donated to Tabitha’s Way.

Thanks again for the continued support, Salem Youth Council couldn’t do the things we do without the amazing community we have in Salem. As the New Year approaches us with hopes anew, here is to wishing you and your family a wonderful year ahead. Happy New Year!

Mayor Kyla Rogers

As communities grow and develop, more land is covered with impervious pavement. This means more water reaches streams more quickly and is potentially more contaminated. Communities working together can lessen the degree of contamination and help protect local water resources.

If you see anyone disposing of household chemicals, paint, oil or concrete truck wastewater into storm drains, ditches, gutters, streams or wetlands, please report it by calling the Salem City Offices at 801-423-2770.

Wade Reynolds
Storm Drain Coordinator/Safety Coordinator

Please help keep the snow removed from around the fire hydrants in your neighborhoods. The house you save may be your own!
The 1st annual Salem Reads was a huge success! The selected book was “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio. For 2016 we have selected the book “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown. This book celebrates nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. Salem Reads is a one community one book program that encourages everyone in the community to read the same book at the same time. The goal is for people to read, discuss and connect as a community. This book has also been adapted for young readers.

“The Only Available Person: Finding Personal Purpose in Life” - a presentation from BYU professor Evan Ward on setting goals for the New Year by learning from history. For teen and adults on Thursday, January 21 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Exciting kids leadership classes will be taught on Wednesday’s at 3:00 pm by Reta Tischner.

**Storytimes are Monday's at 11:00 and Tuesday's at 2:00 pm.**

Ask about our new classes being taught on how to help your child get Ready to Read.

**Get help with homework on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:30 pm.**

Teens! Photo contest beginning January 1st – redesign a book cover and don’t forget about our monthly Game Night on the 3rd Thursday’s at 7:00 pm.

As always, you can go to our website www.salemcitylibrary.org for more information.

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**Senior Spotlight**

To start 2016 off we’d like to spotlight Charley and Virginia Twitchell. Charley was born April 30, 1927 in Delta, Utah to Joshua Lafayette and Annis Bea Snider Twitchell. He is the 5th child of six children; two girls and four boys. They were living in Torrey, Utah in 1934 when his father died. As his mother didn’t have any way to support her family, she decided to move them to Provo, hoping she could find a job. She rented several homes in the Salem area, and in 1940 she bought the little white house on the corner of 300 South and 100 East in Salem. Charley was baptized in Salem Pond in 1935 by Chester Davis. When he was 13-years-old he took care of 13 acres of tomatoes with his brother. He picked 50 bushels a day for six weeks and earned $13.00.

Virginia was born on May 25, 1934 in Price, Utah to Albert Mathena and Virginia Haycock. When she was 5 her parents divorced and the children were put in foster homes. Virginia lived in Orem with several families. She is the oldest of six children, three boys and three girls.

Charley and Virginia met at a New Years Eve Dance on December 31, 1949 in Provo. They were married on May 18, 1950. They have been married for 65 years. After they were married they lived in Provo for 2 months, Orem for 8 years, Payson for 35 years, and in 1994 they moved to Salem where they built their home on property once owned by his mother, Bea Twitchell. They have been here for 21 years. They are the parents of ten children: Keith (Brenda), Payson; Del, Provo; Veloy (Helen), Washington (state); Edwin (Claudia), Fruit Heights; Brenda (Max), Springville; Jonathan (deceased); Calvin (Crystal), Pier Point, Idaho; Anita (Troy) West Jordan; Alison (Brod), West Valley; and Greg, Springville. Five of their children were born while they lived in Orem and five while in Payson. They have 26 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Just before WWII ended Charley joined the Merchant Marines. He was in the service for two years. He worked in the oil fields in Colorado for five months. Then he went to work for Geneva Steel and was there for 38 ½ years. In 1986 he was badly burned while at work and spent one month in the hospital. Virginia has been able to be a stay-at-home wife and mother. Their sons worked doing farm work.

They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have served a mission to South Dakota working with the Sioux Indians. They were able to travel to Italy to pick up their daughter, Anita, who was serving a mission there. They have had six children and ten grandchildren serve missions. Charley served as a Temple Ordinance worker in the Provo LDS Temple for 21 years and loved doing this. While on their mission he learned to do some bead work which he liked to do. He also likes to garden. Virginia used to quilt and she enjoys flower arranging but she says her hobby is her kids and grandkids.

Virginia doesn’t like Kipper Snacks, but Charley loves them. She also doesn’t like avocados. Charley likes everything. Their favorite foods are cucumbers, apples and ‘Poor Man’s Soup.’

They said they love their neighbors, their good LDS ward, and the atmosphere of the mountains and Salem Pond.

Charley and Virginia, thank you for the heritage you have brought to Salem.
Winter Hoopers - Open to 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls 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. 6:00 - 7:00pm session or 7:00-8:00pm session Tuesdays and Thursdays  FEE $30.00 includes shirt. Early registration deadline is January 1st *$5 late fee & $5 non-resident fee * Games will be played at the Salem Elementary School beginning January 5th.

January Hunters Safety - Classes will begin, Dates will be: Jan. 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th and 21st. The shooting test will be held January 16th. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. Instructor: Duane Hill. Participants must attend every class to complete the course. Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. Registration Fee: $10.00

Skyhawk Wrestling Club - This is a competitive wrestling team for grades 1st – 8th, that will work to improve skills while competing against top wrestlers throughout the state. The team will travel for weekend tournaments. Fee also includes 3-4 weekday *wrestle till you drop* matches. Wrestlers who desire to wrestle in weekend tournaments will need to purchase their own USA Wrestling Card. The team will be coached by Phillip Sorensen and Directed by Varsity Wrestling Coach Don VanTassell. This is a great place for kids that are excited about wrestling!! Practice will be held twice a week starting January 5th. Cost to register is $35.00 if paid by January 4th. ($5.00 late fee / $5.00 non resident Fee).

BIZZY BUDDIES - This class is for kids 3-5 years old, There will be a different theme each week for us to explore and celebrate through music, 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 once again offer this fun program for younger kids! This class will be 6 weeks long. Thursday mornings from 10:00—11:00am at the Salem Community Center beginning January 21st thru February 25th. Instructor: Cari Hansen

Little Girls Dance Class - Salem Recreation is excited to once again offer our beginning dance class for girls K-2nd grade. *Aubrey Snow will be our instructor! *Dance will begin Wednesday, January 20th. *2 sessions will be available. (5-6pm or 6-7pm)*Classes will be held Wed.@ Foothills elementary. *8 one hour sessions (Jan. 20th, 27th, Feb. 3rd, 10th,17th, 24th & Mar. 2nd.Cost for this class is $30.00 ($5 Non-resident will apply)***Space is limited so register early!!**

Salem Catchers Skills Camp 2016 - Salem Parks and Recreation is excited to once again offer a one day catcher skill development and drill camp! The camp will be instructed by former BYU catcher Casey Cloward. The camp will be 1 hour 30 minutes. Focus will cover drills that the youth can take back to practice as they work to become a more complete catcher. Cost for the clinic is $15.00 . Space is limited. This clinic will be held at the Utah’s Perfect Game Indoor Hitting Facility Payson Gym * 52 S 100 W Payson*