



Salem City Newsletter



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The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Loafer View Recreation Center, 550 E. Salem Canal Road. "This is for kids ages 0-10."



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens

I would like to discuss a few large issues that are facing the city at this time. But first of all I would like to thank our tremendous Youth Council and their leaders for putting on a very successful Valentine's Dinner for our Senior Citizens. We appreciate all the youth in our city no matter what project or program they are in and we would like to thank them for being a part of us. I have tremendous faith in all of our young citizens of Salem who are the future of this City. I would also like to thank Salem's Law Enforcement, Fire Department and EMTs who make Salem a safe place to live. They have recently been recognized nationally as an outstanding Public Safety team.

As spring approaches, I want to remind everyone to watch out for children who are walking or riding bikes to school or to the ballparks. We want our children to be able to go to their activities safely, so please pay attention.

Salem City's work force was recently recognized by Utah Local Government's Trust for outstanding training and safety in our community. I want to commend them for their efforts to keep both our citizens and employees safe.

One of the issues I want to discuss is our Green Waste. In past newsletters I have talked about this, The South Utah Valley Solid Waste District has decided to terminate their green waste program because it is very expensive to operate. Each city has to come up with their own solution as to how they are going to collect and dispose of green waste. I have asked the staff to give the City Council different options to look at. Councilman Craig Warren and I have talked to Payson City, to see what the cost would be to take it there. Payson City is not a part of SUVSWD. The City Council will be looking at the options and deciding this month which option is the most cost effective for our citizens. In April's newsletter I will explain what the new option will be. Be sure to watch for it so you will know what is going on with this issue. At this time, we would like to ask your help by not putting limbs & branches in our roadways until the city has made a decision.

The second item I want to talk about is our Pressurized Irrigation system; thank goodness this winter Mother Nature has given us a close to normal snow pack and our ground water is much better than it has been the past few years. We still have not reached a moisture level to make our aquifers completely full and our springs flow is still very low. We are still asking you to conserve water. Conservation of water is going to be very important for many years and we are all going to have to work together to conserve as much as we can on our outside watering. As you are aware, over the past several years we have been researching ways to conserve to make our PI system more equitable and effective for all of us. The cost of water delivery has risen which means some of the Canal Companies and Strawberry Water Users fees have gone up every year. Heavy exterior water use in our community is causing us to turn on our wells to fill our PI ponds to make sure there is enough water in there for residents to use. These factors are costing the city a lot of money. I would like to thank the Salem Canal Board for letting us put the water we have leased from the BYU Dairy into their facilities and for the Strawberry High Line Canal Board for allowing us to transfer water shares so the water can be put into our PI ponds. This has been a very effective and responsible way to help with the cost for the PI system throughout our community. We will be working with our recreation, parks and cemetery departments in our community to find an effective and best time to conserve water in those areas as well as the school district and LDS churches to find the best times for them to water for them to conserve water for all of us.

The next subject I want to talk about is something I hoped would never come is metering our PI system. Ultimately we are moving toward metering the system at every home but because of the cost, it will take several years to achieve this. Here is a description of the policy the City Council and Myself will be enacting: To begin with, all new homes being built in the city, will have a PI meter installed. It will be some time before we start monitoring these meters. The second group that will receive PI meters will be homes with large lots and people who have purchase 2 lots to have bigger yards. The next group will be the people who abuse the amount of water they use. It will take a few years to put all of this into place but the City Council feels like this is the way we need to proceed to start conserving water and I support their decision. Installing meters is the only fair way to address this issue. At this time, for those who are using the system properly, the fee increase should be minimal.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely, Mayor Randy Brailsford



SALEM READY CLASS

Friday, March 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Salem West Stake Center, 695 South 300 West
Casual Dress

"Be Prepared - The Square Foot Garden"

Jim Teahan

Miss Salem Scholarship Pageant
Information Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday March 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Salem City Office (30 West 100 South) to answer any questions that you may have about the Miss Salem Scholarship Pageant. We encourage the young women in our community, ages 17-24, and that have any interest in this scholarship to attend. Parents are welcome.

If you have any questions you can contact Celsie Long @ 801-372-1548

Foothills, Mt. Loafer and Salem Elementary Schools will be holding Kindergarten registration for the 2016-17 school year on March 23rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Children who will be turning 5 years old on or before September 1st need to register at their neighborhood school. You will need to bring 3 items: 1-Proof of Residency, 2-Birth Certificate, and 3-Immunization Records. If you have questions, please call the school your child will be attending. (Foothills--[801-423-9172](tel:801-423-9172); Mt. Loafer--[801-423-2705](tel:801-423-2705); Salem--[801-423-1182](tel:801-423-1182))

There's been a pretty big change within the Salem Youth Council... All of us from the youth council would like to express our appreciation for former mayor Kyla Rogers and all she did to make our city and council better. I hope I can live up to what she did.

On Feb. 11th, the Senior Sweetheart dance was held at the community center. It was a great success! The turnout was bigger than we have ever had, so thank you to all the senior citizens who came out! We'd also like to thank the current Miss Salem for coming and assisting us, she was a great help! It was a great time being around and serving all who were there.

In the coming month of March, the youth council will be attending a leadership conference at USU for youth councils all throughout Utah. Seminars will be held to teach how to further improve our leadership skills and anything else that can be useful to our community in anyway.

I'm beyond grateful for this opportunity to serve my community in whatever way possible and hope I will be a great mayor.

-Mayor Brian Stewart

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY for residents of Utah County will be April 9, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Provo Towne Mall west parking lot.

What to Bring:

- Medications
- Gasoline / fuels / motor oil / lubricants
- Batteries (auto, ATV, laptop, tools, hearing aids, Sealed lead acid / SLA)
- Antifreeze
- Solvents / paint thinners
- Aerosol cans / paints / stains
- Pesticides / herbicides
- Glues / adhesives
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Mercury thermometers
- Photographic chemicals
- Electronics (strict limit 2 per vehicle)
- Paper for shredding
- Glass



What NOT to Bring:

- Containers over 5 gallons in size
- Ammunition / explosives
- Compressed gas tanks / propane tanks
- Asbestos materials
- PCB—related materials
- Medical / biological waste
- Radioactive waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Business / commercial / construction waste
- Tires
- Gas cans (no gas can exchange)

Please do not mix wastes. Bring in original containers if possible. Waste must be capped or sealed. For more information call 801-851-7525 or go to www.UtahCountyHealth.org/hhw

**SALEM LIBRARY****801-423-2622**

Join us in welcoming Dr. Debra McClendon to the Salem Library Tuesday, March 8th at 7:00pm, to discuss anxiety and depression issues in a lecture entitled, "Anxious Anyone?" She will go over symptoms and treatments in a fun interactive presentation. Dr. McClendon has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is a licensed psychologist in the state of Utah.

Teens! Our annual "Get Your Nerd On" will be held on Friday, March 4 @ 5:30pm. Be the first to open, see, and review all of our new teen books. Oh, and eat food. For ages 12-16.

Kindergarten Readiness Classes are being held on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm. The presenters are: Darla Davis, Phyllis Peterson, Nicole Loveless, Mina Money, Wendi Pray, and Annie Buck. Each of the presenters are certified teachers and or licensed specialists and will be sharing valuable information to provide the tools parents need for readying their child for a successful Kindergarten experience. It is highly recommended that parents attend all six sessions. Please bring a 3 ring binder. Child care will be provided.

Senior Spotlight

March is a month to get to know Kenneth and Debbie Swenson. They are both 62 years-old. Ken was born at Utah Valley Hospital in Provo. His parents, John and JoEll, lived in Springville and that is where Ken grew up. Debbie was born in Brigham City and grew up there. Her parents were Darel and Janice Johnson. Ken has three sisters and one brother; he is next to the oldest. Debbie has two brothers and one sister and is the third child. They met while attending BYU. Debbie was dating a friend of Ken's and when they broke it off, Ken stepped right in. They were married on March 21, 1974.

Ken's dad owned a chain of "Mr. G's Gas and Goodies" and was business oriented. Ken was studying business at BYU, although he admits he didn't attend class as much as he should have. He was anxious to get on with life and in November of 1973 he had an opportunity to purchase a business. Because of his age (20) he and his father met with Frank O'Brien who was selling his scrap metal business on South Main in Spanish Fork next to the rodeo grounds. Ken bought the business and it became known as Swenson's Metal Salvage. He loved the business and learned a lot through hands-on experience. When he and Debbie got married, they moved into the apartment on the top floor of the office. Ken ran the business for 25 years, and then sold it to Western Metals in 1997. He continued to work for them until March of 2015.

Ken and Debbie moved to Salem in 1976 after their first child was born. They have six children: Laura (Justin) Finlinson, St. Louis, Missouri; Sam (Erica) Swenson, Orangevale, CA.; Shelly (Dave) Stoddard, Auckland, New Zealand; Matt (Amy) Swenson, Lehi; Robert (Kristy) Swenson, Pleasant Grove; Mick (Jessica) Swenson, Provo. They have 23 grandchildren with one more expected in May. Debbie reminisced that raising kids back then was certainly different than today. She told of the time when Sam was not quite 2 and Shelly a newborn and Laura not yet 3. She drove to the old Salem Merc just to get some potatoes. She left the car running (it was February) and hurried into the store. On her way to check out with the potatoes in hand she heard a loud crash. Her car had rolled into the front door of the Merc with Sam standing in front of the wheel! No one could get in or out until some good Samaritan stopped and backed her car up. "Those were the days." Ken said all the kids grew up working at the scrap yard, thus motivating them all to finish college.

Ken served as a Salem City Councilman from 1988-1992, two years with Mayor Allen Woodhouse and two years with Mayor Randy Brailsford. He served on the Board of Adjustment for 8 years. They were selected as Family of the Year in 2003. They have been involved with Salem Days with Debbie working with the Miss Salem Pageant. She spent many hours and made many friends serving in PTA at Salem Elementary and in the secondary schools in Spanish Fork. In 2002 she was elected to the Nebo School Board and served for 8 years. She is currently involved with Utah County United Way where she serves on the board of directors and works with Women's Leadership Council to increase early childhood literacy in Utah County. In 2006 they were able to take a trip to Libya with some friends. While there they were excited to see an eclipse which they said was awesome. They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and have spent many hours serving in various callings. One of the greatest joys they have experienced was seeing all of their children serve missions for the church and they hope to also serve one together someday.

Debbie likes sewing, gardening, traveling, and reading. Ken plays golf, goes 4-wheeling and motorcycling, and loves spending time at Scofield. The whole family loves boating. Ken said he loves the small town feel of Salem. Debbie likes the pond and the amazing beauty here: "Salem is a hidden gem." They both agree that it's the people that make Salem the best place on earth. They are madly in love and are taking advantage of senior discounts at the movies. Happy 42nd anniversary to both of you.

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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

The Youth Fishing Program is open to youth in the 1st to 6th grades:

This program is a joint venture between Salem Recreation and the Division of Wildlife Resource. The program focuses on educating youth about fishing and aquatic resources. The first class will be held at the Veterans Memorial Ballpark (downtown). All other classes will be held at Salem Pond. First session will be April 6th. Registration for this program will be \$15.00 if paid before the early deadline. Each participant should provide their own pole. This is a 6 week program. All participants will receive a Salem Fishing Club t-shirt.

Registration for Youth Fishing Program: Before March 22nd at the Salem Recreation office. An adult instructor will work with and supervise participants. The first 30 minutes will be spent learning fishing techniques and habitat needs. The remaining time will be spent FISHING!

We are looking for Adults that would like to help instruct and teach kids how to fish. If you would enjoy helping, call 801-423-1035

City Council
March 2nd 7:00 p.m.
March 16th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
March 9th 7:00 p.m.

**T-Ball & Coach Pitch
early registration dead-
line is April 28th**

2016 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL:

GIRL'S LEAGUES Falcon (3rd-4th gr.) \$50.00 Filly (5th-6th gr.) \$50.00 Fox (7th-8th& 9th gr.)\$55.00Phoenix (10th-12th gr.)\$55.00.

BOY'S LEAGUES Mustang (3rd-4th gr.)\$55.00 Pinto (5th-6th gr.) \$55.00 Pony (7th-8th gr.)\$65.00Colt (9th-12th gr.)\$65.00

(\$5.00 late fee assessed after March 24th \$5.00 non-resident fee) *Pictures are NOT included in fee.

Boys and girls 3rd-8th gr. will play the majority of their games Tues. & Thurs.

Phoenix and Colt League will play games Monday– Friday.

Players must play in leagues that pertain to their current grade (2015/2016 school year), and will not be allowed to play "up" in any age group except 9th gr. girls who may choose to play in the Phoenix league.

YOUTH SPRING SOCCER

Once the weather breaks it is soccer season. Recreational youth spring soccer will be a 5 week season, starting April 12th & 13th(weather pending). All leagues will play 2 games a week. Team sizes will be smaller to allow more playing time and less field congestion. Most age groups will play 6 on 6 soccer, some 7 on 7.

Early Registration Dates: March 17th at the Recreation Office. There is a **\$5.00 late fee assessed** after March 17th, 2015.

Leagues:

- Pre K-----\$25.00 (Tuesday & Thursday games)
- Kindergarten-----\$25.00 (Wednesday & Friday)
- 1st & 2nd Grades-----\$25.00 (Wednesday & Friday)
- 3rd & 4th Grades-----\$30.00 (Wednesday & Friday)
- 5th & 6th Grades-----\$30.00 (Wednesday & Friday)
- 7th - 9th Grades-----\$30.00 (Tuesday & Thursday games)



Adult Spring Coed Softball

Adult teams comprised of men and women will step to the plate Wednesday evenings at Loafer View Park. Teams will play a 12 game schedule over 8 weeks. Some evenings will include double header action. Space is available for 18 teams, which will be split into two leagues based on skill level and desired competition level. Rosters will allow 18 players per team. All players must be listed on the team roster in-order to play in games. League play will begin Wednesday, April 27th. A post season tournament will complete the season. **Team organizational meeting will be held April 14th at 8:00p.m. At Loafer View Park score tower. Teams that have a rep. present will receive two additional practices games.**

***All bats must have a USSSA Stamp on them to be used.**

Registration Dates: Early registration will take place on or before April 14th. Registration fee is \$365 per team with \$5.00 Non resident fees charged for all non Salem residents. Non-Resident fee will have a \$25 cap per team.