The Salem City Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Garbage will be picked up on the regular schedule this week.

Dear Friends and Citizens of Salem,

As the sand passes through the hour glass of time, we conclude yet another eventful year in the history of our community. Many things have taken place, which have had a definite impact on each of our lives. Some have been pleasant and will bring about great joy in the future, while others have been difficult and have perhaps created new challenges or obstacles that we must now face. Either way, there is great comfort in knowing that we are not alone. We are very blessed to live in such a close-knit community, where we can call upon not only our families, but our friends and neighbors to share our joys and help us through our sorrows or other difficulties. It is my hope that the joys outweigh the challenges and sorrows. I believe that each of us have within us, the ability to endure and to conquer, as we march into the uncertainties of an unknown future.

It has been an honor to serve as “your mayor” for the last 18 months. I have taken that responsibility very seriously, and have worked very hard to represent you well, and I hope that you have sensed my love and concern for the City of Salem and its Citizens. I am proud to have served with the members of the City Council and the Staff and I have come to honor and respect them for their valiant service. I have learned firsthand, what it takes to run a city, and I have a greater level of respect for all of the members of the City Crew, who work so hard to keep the lights burning bright and the water flowing. These are the people who create beautiful parks, regularly maintained roads, create and manage recreation programs for our youth, and everything in between. There isn’t a community anywhere in the state that has a more dedicated Police Force, or a better trained and prepared Fire Department or Ambulance Organization than we have right here in Salem. To each and every one of you, I say “Thanks,” for a job very well done.

And last, but not least, I want to thank the Citizens of Salem for your support and trust. After all, you are the ones that make this community wonderful. Our own little “City of Peace.”

God bless you,
Mayor Cope
Snow Removal Policy
As the snow begins to fall, we need to remind you of the City’s snow removal priorities:

**Priority 1**: Primary streets, such as arterials and major collectors.

**Priority 2**: Secondary and residential routes and selected minor collectors.

**Priority 3**: Remaining city street including cul-de-sacs.

Only traffic lanes are cleared. Remember it is your responsibility to keep your sidewalks and in front of your mailboxes clear.

For a complete copy of the snow removal policy, go to the city’s website salemcity.org

Salem City Ordinance #11-4-050 requires that your empty garbage receptacles be removed from the curb as soon as practicable after being dumped. This is especially important during the winter months as the cans hamper snow removal efforts. Also, please move all basketball standards and similar items from the city streets during the winter months. Our snowplow drivers do a great service for this community so please do your part to assist them with their efforts to clear the city streets.

Salem Youth Council

As the year comes to a close, the Salem Youth Council is able to enjoy some of our favorite activities. We had a blast serving hot chocolate and donuts at the Pond Town Christmas lighting. It was so fun to have the Salem Hills Singers perform and especially to have Santa come! We are so grateful for everyone who was in attendance and for the wonderful holiday wishes we received.

You might have seen our Sub for Santa donation jars in businesses throughout Salem. With the donations we received from those jars as well as the donations from Chevron, Sharp Cars, Capital Community Bank, Nebo Gymnastics, All Smiles Dentistry, Thomas Orthodontics, Wayne Turley Attorney, Sabin Orchards, and Stokes, we raised over $1,000 to give to families in need in Salem. We were able to help a total of 5 families have a much happier Christmas. It was such a joy to go shopping, wrap the presents, and deliver them. Thank you so much to all of the businesses that donated and to everyone who donated to our jars to help make Christmas better for families in our community. The Sub for Santa is definitely one of our favorite activities because of the generosity of everyone in our city, as well as the chance we have to help families that are struggling.

We are also very excited to set up the luminaries in the cemetery on Christmas Eve. It is so fun to see all of the children’s drawings and just to participate in a city tradition. We hope that everyone enjoys driving through the cemetery and seeing the beautiful lights.

Also at this time of the year, we get a new youth mayor. We are very excited to have Ryan Christensen take over the position. I have enjoyed my service as mayor so much and would just like to thank everyone in the community that has supported me and the youth council. They are an amazing group of youth that I have been blessed to work with. Thank you so much!

Chelsea Alice Connelly
Salem Youth Council Mayor 2011-2012
Christmas Tree Pick Up
The city will be picking up Christmas trees the week of January 9th. Please have your trees curbside by 8:00 a.m. on that Monday. The yard waste area will also be open from Jan. 3rd—13th so you can dispose of your own tree.

If the phone numbers listed on your utility bill are incorrect, please notify the City Office of your updated information. We need to have your correct phone numbers in case of an emergency.

Guidelines to ensure consistent garbage service:

- All trash containers must be placed outside by 7 AM.
- Place the container in the street with wheels against the curb or within two feet of the blacktop, and the front of the container facing the street.
- Containers must be placed four feet apart from other containers and eight feet from mailboxes, poles, fences, trees, or parked vehicles for easy access.

If you have followed the guidelines for pickup and the can was not emptied, you must call Republic Services (801-785-5935) by 3 PM the day after your regular pick-up day to schedule a go back. If notification regarding a missed container is made after 3 PM the day following your regular pick-up day, we will not be able to return until the next scheduled pick-up day. Other options will be provided (extra bags for the next pick-up day, etc.).
Youth indoor Soccer

Salem Parks & Recreation will offer indoor soccer for boys and girls grades 1st to 6th. Leagues will be divided into three divisions. Teams will play 4 vs. 4 on hard floor surface with small pop up goals and no goalie. The focus of play is quick passes and ball movement. A 1st & 2nd grade league 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th league will be organized. Games will be played on Saturdays. Games will not conflict with the same age group of basketball games. Register today. Each team will have two scheduled practices prior to games starting on January 14th. Registration deadline is January 4th. Cost is $30.00 and includes an indoor soccer shirt. You may register online at www.salemcity.org

Vipers Wrestling

This is a competitive team 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 duals. Wrestlers whom desire to wrestle in weekend tournaments will need to purchase their own USA Wrestling Card. Practice will be held twice a week starting January 12th. Cost to register is $35.00 if paid by January 5th. There is a $5.00 non resident fee will be charged to all wrestling living outside of Salem City. The team will be coached by Don Van Tassel and Brandon Limb. This is a great place for kids that are excited about wrestling. Grades 1st through 6th

Soaring Hoopsters Basketball

A fun introductory basketball program for 1st & 2nd grade boys and girls. This program is a clinic style program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. This program helps young players progress in their basketball development. Hoopsters is a 5 week 10 session program, beginning Jan 18th. Sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Salem Elementary. Two sessions are offered, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Space is limited to 32 spots per session. First session will be January 12th.

Early Registration Dates: January 5th, 2012 at the Recreation Office. There is a $5.00 late fee assessed after January 5th. Registration Fee------------$30.00 T-shirt is included in registration fee.

Salem City Food & Coat Drive

It is the giving season. Salem Parks and Recreation will be hosting the Salem City Coat and Food Drive again this Christmas season. Starting December 1st canned or boxed food items and gently used coats may be dropped off at the Recreation office. All items will be delivered to the Utah County homeless shelter and shelter for battered women. Donations will be taken thru the first week in January.

Salem Rec. January Hunter Safety

A January Hunter Safety course will be offered and will be taught by instructor Colby Davis. The Course will be held January 23,24,28,30 & 31st. Cost for registration is $10 which will be paid at the Salem Parks & Recreation office. Participants will also need a small game voucher which is part of the DWR hunter safety program. Vouchers can be purchased at any location that sells hunting materials.