

**Question #**

2 - What is your Opinion on Growth	51%	About Right	4%	Too Little	44%	Too Much	1%	No Answer
	243		17		212		7	
3 - How do you feel about Salem Public Safety	71%	Great	23%	Average	4%	Not Good Enough	2%	No Answer
	338		112		19		10	
4 - Do we need to add more police officers as the city grows	76%	Yes	21%	No			3%	No Answer
	363		103				13	
5 - In your opinion did the snow plow crews do a good job this year on snow removal?	78%	Yes	21%	No			1%	No Answer
	374		99				6	
6 - Do you feel the city recreation -	17%	Needs More Programs	75%	About Right	8%	Too Many Programs	0	No Answer
	82		360		37		0	
7 - Do you feel the big box stores in the future need to be:	74%	By The Freeway (I-15) Exit	22%	On SR 198 Hwy			4%	No Answer
	353		108				18	
8 - Do we need high density homes/town homes in Salem	10%	Yes	87%	No			3%	No Answer
	50		415				14	
10 - Do you enjoy Salem Days?	90%	Yes	7%	No			3%	No Answer
	431		33				15	
12 - Do you enjoy Pond Town Christmas?	93%	Yes	4%	No			3%	No Answer
	447		17				15	

14 - Does the Mayor/City Council/City Employees address your concerns when you talk to them?	70%	Yes	11%	No			19%	No Answer
	334		51				94	

15 - Do you want more funds to go towards road improvements?	61%	Yes	5%	No	27%	About the Same	7%	No Answer
	294		23		128		34	

16 - Do you read the Salem City Newsletter	70%	Yes	6%	No			24%	No Answer
	338		27				20	

20 - Do you feel Salem City should still encourage Residents to conserve water usage?	37%	Very Important	52%	Important	7%	Not Important	4%	No Answer
	176		248		37		18	

8 - Do we need high density homes/town homes in Salem	9 - If yes, where would you like to see the High Density/Town Homes
No	Why would we need them? Nobody wants them, nor has ever wanted them. The builders forced to build them do it as cheaply as possible and diminish the surrounding areas. Have some standards! Build nice developments!
Yes	Where they are now
Yes	Where they are by Stokes
Yes	Where they are being built by Stokes is a good location.
Yes	Where they are already being built.
No	Town homes not as bad, but not too high density. See below.
Yes	throughout city
No	This is not something that should be in Salem. There is plenty of townhomes and apartments in Payson and Spanish Fork.
Yes	They are already here!
No	They are a blight
Yes	The ones going in by the Jr. High are good
Yes	SR198 west side
Yes	Spread throughout
No	Please do not allow high density housing
Yes	Placed as transition housing between commercial/industrial zones and residential zones
No	PAYSON
Yes	On the West End
Yes	Not sure where would be best.
Yes	not next to subdivisions
Select your answer below	northwest side of town
Yes	North west of town,
Yes	North part of town close to the public transportation
No	NONE!!! Please help keep salems charm and nice neighborhoods.
Select your answer below	NO
No	No
No	No
Yes	Near UTA stops.
Yes	Near stores or north of town.
Yes	Near Stokes, also out near Revere Health.
Yes	Near Arrowhead Trail..in restricted areas
No	N/A
Yes	more towards freeways and up towards the canyon
Yes	Mixed use area around highway
Yes	Mixed throughout areas of the city. No just one area.
Yes	Mixed throughout areas of the city. No just one area.
Yes	in the same area as the existing ones
Yes	in areas by themselves
Yes	In all neighborhood suitable to the incomes in each area.
Yes	in a central area
No	If yes then Next to I-15

Yes	Downtown Salem
No	Down by the high school
No	Down by the high school
Yes	down by stokes
No	Close to the city center along the highway
Yes	Close to highway
Yes	By the stores for easy access
Yes	By the freeway along with shopping center and other services that would attract people who like to live in High Density housing.
No	By the Freeway (I-15) Exit
Yes	by the freeway
No	By the freeway
No	By the freeway
Yes	By the businesses
No	by the big box stores...
No	By I-15
No	Away from established single family neighborhoods
No	Avoid High density homes like the PLAGUE!!!!
Yes	areas not suited for single family
Yes	Anywhere

10 - Do you enjoy Salem Days?	11 - Where do you feel we can improve on Salem Days
Yes	A little more crowd control so kids don't run so close to the floats for
No	A more inclusive pageant, like the old days when the whole town was invited to participate, kids were included, sign ups were at the city office.
Yes	Add new events, advertise more.(
Yes	Better booths in the park
Yes	Better fair grounds
Yes	better things for children to do
Yes	Breakfast is the best... needs to be bigger!
Yes	Bring back the talent show/competition like from my youth!
Yes	Can't think of anything
Yes	Carnival rides
Yes	Categories for mud volleyball
Yes	Clean the pond.
Yes	Concert on Friday Night with a big name Entertainer.
Yes	Concert on Friday Night with a big name Entertainer.
Yes	Cops are public servants of the city, not God and should be reminded of it.
	Do away with the pageant.
Yes	Doing a good job now.
Yes	Doing a great job! Keep up the great work with Salem Days!
Yes	Don't know.
Yes	Don't know.
Yes	Don't let townhouses be built.
	don't participate
No	
Yes	Eliminate the pageant. It is SO dumb. Replace it with something else, like a stand up comedy show or something else while we wait for the fireworks.
Yes	Everyone does a great job! I think the organization of the 2016 Salem Days was perhaps the best ever.
Yes	Fewer vendors selling imported products at the fair at the ballpark and more homemade products from USA and crafts.
Yes	Find a bigger area for the program and fireworks
Yes	Fireworks
Yes	Fireworks should start sooner. They start at 9:00 pm at Disneyland and
Yes	Fireworks start too late for the little kids (and Me) Please have the auction on another night or start earlier in the day
Yes	Food booths at the pageant.
Yes	Food trucks on one of the evenings would be great.

	<p>Salem Days, it's not fair that the sound is so bad, thus the constant noise from the crowd up higher on the hill where they truly can't hear what's going on so they just visit and disregard the pageant. Because Salem is growing like it is, we've truly outgrown the hill and need to relocate to the High School, where there would be perfect seating and an awesome sound system. This would delight LOTS of people and make it more fair to those that work so hard to produce and present the pageant each year.</p> <p>We have a unique cemetery and I remember back in the day when there was a Cemetery Walk where people would be transported via wagons to the cemetery and certain individuals would represent notable citizens of Salem, now passed on, and celebrate their lives and the contribution that they made to the community. This would be a perfect activity to do on the Monday night following the fireside.</p> <p>The Family Fireside needs to be advertised better so that it's better attended. Since the Little Miss Salem is held two nights before the Fireside, those winners need to be brought out on stage and introduced to the audience so we know who won. This is also when our Miss Salem court should be introduced so we know who they are.</p> <p>It is so hot for the Fair in the Square, not only for the exhibitors but for the public. PLEASE bring it back to Knoll Park and move the fireworks to the High School with the Pageant.</p> <p>Since the Family of the Year, the Grand Marshall and the Service Recipients are introduced at the Fireside, they do not need to be brought back up on stage at the Pageant. Simply announcing their names again and having them stand would be adequate and save a lot of time.</p> <p>As I remember, Justin Bills wrote a song specifically for Salem and it needs to be used throughout the celebration, at the Fireside, at the Sr. Dinner, at</p>
Yes	
Yes	Get better vendors and booths.
Yes	Get local people in the pagant
Yes	Get rid of the talent show and just have a pageant again.
Yes	great as is
Yes	great job now being provided
Yes	Have more talent and less pageant.
Yes	Have more varieties of activities on Salem Days, and more vendors.
Yes	Haven't attended many so not sure.
Yes	Haven't been yet, but can't wait to attend! I hear from neighbors it is wonderful. I could see the fireworks from my backyard last year.
Yes	Honestly, I love Salem Days and am not sure there is much room for improvement. I love the week of various activities and the small town feel
No	I am not concerned with Salem Days.
Yes	I can't think of anything off the top of my head. I enjoy all the different activities that go on and how the city tries to have something for everyone.
No	I didn't know they were happening
No	I don't think that government should be using any tax dollars for the entertainment of it citizens. If however all of the cost to present parades and Christmas lights are supplied by donations then I don't have a problem

Yes	I enjoy all of it except the play before the fireworks. It always goes too
Yes	I feel like it is pretty well done.
Yes	I have enjoyed the variety of activities that have been presented. I can not think of any improvements. We as a family have benefited from being in
Yes	I have loved Salem Days since we moved her 24 years ago we attend every year with our children and grandchildren. We even plan vacations and family weddings around Salem Days. Loved the year when everything was at the park on Friday evening so many people attended. I know that is not good for preparing firework displays though.Maybe more things on a
Yes	I like it how it is. Lots to do but a nice small town feel.
Yes	I like it the way it is
Yes	I love all of it!!
Yes	I love Salem Days. No improvement needed.
Yes	I think earlier notification would be appropriate.
Yes	I think it is a week of enjoyable events. I especially like the senior dinner, the library auction, the pageant and the fireworks are great.
Yes	I think it is great! There are things for every age with a great variety of
Yes	I think it would be nice to have more events throughout the week.
Yes	I think it's great the way it is.
Yes	I think it's great the way it is.
Yes	I think it's great the way it is.
Yes	I think it's great! I love this small hometown feel
Yes	I think it's great.
Yes	I think it's perfect!
Yes	I think we are outgrowing the program on Saturday night. The last several years there just is not enough room to sit and enjoy the program. Maybe just some local entertainment in the evening with fireworks?
Yes	I want Salem to keep the small town feeling. I worry that as Salem grows we will lose that. The parade is getting more like one long commercial.
No	I'm not sure. I've never been to Salem Days.
No	I'm not sure. I have not attended the events yet to offer an opinion.
Yes	is the pond safe to swim in? that would be the greatest improvement.
Yes	It is well done
Yes	It's great just as it is!
Yes	It's great the way it is.
Yes	It's great!
Yes	It's Perfect already!
Yes	It's wonderful!!
Yes	I've been to Salem days twice, the first time we came is what turned us on to Salem!! The second day we came as a resident!
No	I've not attended Salem Days, so I don't have valid input.
Yes	Just keep doing what we're doing everything is working just fine
Yes	Keep it small town. Don't try to be everything to everybody.
Yes	keep it the same
Yes	Keep the pageant to a MAXIMUM of 45 minutes PLEASE!!!
Yes	Keep the parade on the route around the pond. Keep the celebration in the old part of Salem. Love the fireworks over the pond!

Yes	Keep up the fabulous fireworks show!
Yes	Live music from local bands
Yes	Love Salem Days. Maybe shorter pageant. Or just better sound at the
Yes	Love the fireworks. Fireworks need to begin no later than 10:00.
Yes	Maintaining moratorium on commercial building. Keep it on I-15exit. Would like to have a public pickle ball court.
Yes	Make it more of a week long affair.
Yes	Make the parades longer and better
Yes	Make the parades longer and better
Yes	Maybe looking in to a carnival or petting zoo.
Yes	More appreciation to the volunteers
Yes	More and variety of food vendors.
Yes	More and variety of food vendors.
Yes	More and variety of food vendors.
Yes	More big papas barbique. Every week.
Yes	More community service or to have more awareness of the local charities
Yes	more fireworks
Yes	More floats, bigger participation
Yes	More food booths/trucks at the park. The pageant needs to be kept shorter.I love Salem Days. Thanks to all who do so much every year.
Yes	More games for kids and less people selling things
Yes	More kid activities
Yes	More live entertainment. Love Salem day's.
Yes	More publicity to attract more people from surrounding cities
Yes	More things in park
Yes	More vendors
No	Move the activities to the park at the pond where there is shade. It is too
Yes	Move the booths and food back to the pond
No	much to do about nothing, drop them
Yes	N/A
Yes	NA
Yes	Need more ways to get involved if you haven't lived in Salem all your life.
No	Need new things to do not all ways the same thing
Yes	New activities except for the parade and fireworks. That is the tradition. The boats have been fun, but it would be nice to have something new each year. You don't want it to feel the same all the time or you can;t remember
Yes	No Comment
Yes	No opinion.
No	No real interest in Salem Days
Yes	No suggestions -- I do not participate in many of the events.  Could I just add here that the snowplows do a great job of clearing roads -- but the work of clearing the big snow/ice rocks from in front of your drive way and mail box can be really difficult. You can't do it with a snow blower. If I hadn't had neighbors with ATV snowplows I wouldn't have
Yes	No Where
Yes	none

Yes	None needed.
Yes	Not sure, first year living here, so looking forward to participating.
Yes	Not sure.
Yes	nothing
No	Nothing against Salem Days, my wife loves it. I'm just not a parade kind-of
Yes	Nothing we love it!
Yes	parking options
Yes	Pay someone to entertain for program rather than a road show.
Yes	Perfect. Great fireworks!!
Yes	Perhaps mix up the Rodeo events a little more or limit participation. That being said I have only had mutton busters. Maybe with time my children
Yes	Promote local businesses. It seems like lots of our business go under every
Yes	Roads
Select your answer below	Roads need repaving and a street cleaner is needed.
Yes	Salem Days are super fun. Something for everyone. Its unique to our
Yes	Salem Days are wonderful! Please keep up the great work!
Yes	Salem days is good
Yes	Salem days is good
Yes	Salem Days is great!
Yes	Salem Days is great! We attend as much of the festivities as we are able
Yes	Salem pageant where more people can attend
Yes	Satisfactory as is
Yes	shorten pageant
Yes	shorten the pageant, I know people work hard to put it on, but it can be a bit painful to sit through. could probably start fireworks a little earlier.
Yes	for the 5k I would like to be able to register for both my age group and clydesdale divisions, same for women for athena division. it's very doubtful that a person would win/place in both age group and clydesdale/athena.
Yes	Shorter pagaent, or bring in an entertainer
Yes	Shorter pageant
Yes	shorter program and start the fireworks sooner, so the toddlers (and grandchildren) don't fall asleep before they start.That's the only reason many come. Our fireworks show is the best any where in Utah, but every
Yes	Sorry just don't participate that much
Yes	The entertainment/act during the big program, before the fireworks.
Yes	The Library Auction needs to be improved. It starts late, doesn't have an auctioneer, and doesn't move along well. Needs some different items to
Yes	The pageant has outgrown it's location, we no longer go
Yes	The pageant is always so juvenile. It's hard to sit through it.
Yes	The pageant is too long sometimes.
Yes	The pageant is too long. The parade is fun. We usually participate in the
No	The pageant. It has gotten worse every year! Last year being the worst.
No	The pageant. It has gotten worse every year! Last year being the worst.

Yes	The Pageant: It's not a pageant anymore, but a talent show repeated from year to year with the same old people ( some good, some NOT so good). PLEASE go back to what it was when we had a good old-fashioned Pageant, like when we did "Harry & the Henderson's" or when Joe was in them!! Or maybe more of a Play!!! Also it would be great if you had a headline name band come in to do a concert, maybe on a
No	The Salem Days Pageant has always been too long and poorly directed. I did not even bother attending last year due to the waste of time the past year's pageant have been. I enjoy the fireworks, but I feel the money spent on fireworks could be put to better use in other areas of our city budget,
No	The whole idea of Salem Days is great, but the fair in the square could be a lot more enjoyable with food booths, game booths, craft and play areas
Yes	Things are alright with me.
Yes	This is our favorite city celebration. We like the parade better than Payson's. Also, the fireworks display is one that we calendar and don't miss. We even invite friends. We don't care for the pageant, but enjoy the
Yes	This last year was my first, and I was so impressed. A lot of fun. We're
Yes	Time to do something other than the pageant. The town has outgrown it.
No	Too much spent. We need to improve our town for everyone to be proud of and use resources there. Fewer activities, better quality. I went to the Jr. Miss pageant and it was a joke. Get rid of that to start with.
No	Traffic is a problem
Yes	utilize the city park more.All that shade and we are at the ballpark in the heat. Get a few more updated activities. Put the photo contest back by the
Select your answer below	Wasn't in town for Salem Days.
Yes	We enjoy it all
Yes	We enjoyed the pageant best when it was a talent show, with auditions.
Yes	We enjoyed when a professional band played at the pageant before the
Yes	We love Salem Days! Maybe having more variety in the business booths but that depends on which businesses want to participate. We love the
Yes	We LOVE Salem Days! 1- Shorten the Pageant, bring in big name entertainment instead of 'plays'. 2- Better booths at Fair in the Square (more like Swiss Days), less commercial booths.
Yes	We love Salem days. It's a great home-town event.
Yes	Would like to see better performance before fireworks
Select your answer below	Yes
Yes	You already do a great job.
Yes	You are all doing a great job!
Yes	you do a great job
Yes	You do a great job. Don't change a thing!

12 - Do you enjoy Pond Town Christmas?	13 - Do we need to add more items to Pond Town Christmas or where can we improve?
Yes	I am not sure of the value of using our tax dollars for lights. I think that Money should be allocated two more practical items, such as roadwork.
Yes	I am not sure of the value of using our tax dollars for lights. I think that Money should be allocated two more practical items, such as roadwork.
Yes	A few more items on the pond besides trees would be great.
Yes	A lot of elderly cannot handle the coldness. Would be great to move indoors or start outside and move indoors ???
Yes	Add a little each year - there are always good ideas
Yes	Add more
Yes	Add more
Yes	Add more features. Expand decorated area.
Yes	Add more items
Yes	Add more items. Maybe have Christmas music playing.
Yes	Add more items.)
Yes	Add more lights
Yes	Add more.
Yes	Add something a little different every year.
Yes	Adding some new ones would be great. I do like the up lighting of the trees around
Yes	Anything to involve the community!
Yes	At least change it up a bit and not have the same thing every year.
Yes	Bigger is always better when it comes to Christmas celebrations
Yes	can't think of any improvements, my best to all those that contributed their efforts to
Yes	Christmas lights on streets not good. Don't bother with them. Look at fixing lights on pond fixtures.
Yes	Decorate park more
No	Do not participate.
Yes	Doing a great job.
Yes	Don't need to add more
Yes	Encourage businesses and home owners to participate in lighting Pond town.
Yes	Fireworks
Yes	Floating trees and spotlights on trees are wonderful. The dolphin and swan type light fixtures just don't match everything else.
Yes	For the size of the city, it's just about right.
Yes	good to add or change things up
Yes	Have a Christmas craft fair at the center
Yes	Hot chocolate stand on the weekends to raise money for the youth organizations
Yes	Hot chocolate truck!
Yes	i don't know how much more you can do. You have plenty of lights on the water. You don't want too many because then it'd be too crowded and not as pretty. If you want to add more to pond town Christmas, my suggestion would be to add lights to the trees.
No	I haven't been there yet. The only thing I know about is the lights.
Yes	I ice as is!
Yes	I like it the way it is

Yes	I like it.
Yes	I like it. I think the city has done a great job. Thank you!!
Yes	I like it. I think the city has done a great job. Thank you!!
Yes	I like it. I think the city has done a great job. Thank you!!
Yes	I love it!!! Maybe add some lighting on mail street leading up to the pond.
Yes	I love the pond lights. The night I have only attended once.
Yes	I love the small town feel and charm, it's great now!
Yes	I love the small town feel of the pond town Christmas. It's not too commercialized, just right. I have made my husband for years drive around the pond every Sunday in December coming home from my parents house for Sunday dinner back home to
Yes	I miss the carriage rides.
Yes	I think adding more items would be fun. The kids and adults seem to enjoy it very much more would be better.
Yes	I think having a walk way through the park would be fun.
Yes	I think it is great. However, it is always fun to see a new items there.
No	I think it was neat the first few years but now it's kind of been there...done that.
Yes	I think it's pretty good
Yes	I think more lights on the trees in the park would look better.
Yes	I think we need to add maybe one entry a year
Yes	I would like to see more items on the pond as well as maybe in the park and around the community center.
Yes	I would like to see more lights in the pond!
Yes	I would love to see more items added. But I've also got no issue with how it is currently. Our family loves Pond Town Christmas.
Yes	I'm not sure what is included in the Christmas so perhaps more publicity if it goes beyond the lights on the pond.
Yes	Improve on the lights.
Yes	Improve on the lights.
Yes	Is there music?
Yes	It helps promote Christmas Spirit. I can't think of anything to add
Yes	It is awesome. I have family that travel here each year at Christmas to see the lights.
Yes	It is beautiful now but a few more items nearer the State Road would be nice.
Yes	It is good
Yes	It is great
Yes	It is nice the way it is. The Crew does a Great job.
Yes	It is perfect!
Yes	It is perfect!
Yes	It would be nice but not necessary.
Yes	It would be nice if you could tune to a radio station and listen to the Christmas music as you drive around.
Yes	It would be nice to add to it. We have enjoyed the animals in the water.
Yes	It would be nice to see new displays every few years
Yes	It would be wonderful to add more items to the Christmas experience. With the pond, lights, and nativity, it is a beautiful experience.
Yes	It's beautiful.
Yes	It's fine as it is.
Yes	It's great how it is!

Yes	It's great. Keep it about the same.
Yes	It's just about right. My family loves driving through it multiple times a year
Yes	It's just right.
Yes	It's nice and it's free so who can complain!
Yes	It's nice as is. (Really, Christmas decor is not really a proper role of government. Turn it over to a non-governmental agency or non-profit. Same with Easter.)
Yes	It's pretty but we never go down there in the winter.
Yes	It's wonderful!
Yes	keep as is.
Yes	Keep the same
Yes	Like it
Yes	looks great now
Yes	love it
Yes	Love it the way it is
No	Love Pond Town Christmas! Always fun to see new things added. Hope the Bradford's come back with their horse-drawn carriage. I absolutely love everything the city does to keep the small town feel to our city, on a whole & festivities!
Yes	Maybe a bond fire if it could be done safely and not a danger to small children and maybe teaching a square dance or some other type line dancing after the lighting of the lights so people could mingle a little longer and watch the dancing and do it as a
Yes	Maybe more lights on the trees around the park? And speaking of the park, would LOVE to see the park cleaned up & improved in any way. For instance: more beach area, some sort of fix for the bugs problem & cleaner water. The pond & park is my
Yes	More displays on the water.
Yes	More interactive items ... not just lights
Yes	More is always better
Yes	center. Explore having a seasonal outdoor ice rink. Christmas music played around the pond from 6-9pm
Yes	More items would be fun.
Yes	More items. Stagger the lighted trees.
Yes	More lights on the water
Yes	More lights would be nice
Yes	More would be nice and a little more programming throughout the season
Yes	Music you can tune into on your radio.
Yes	N/A
Yes	Never hurts add but it is great how it is too!
Yes	New things
Yes	No
Yes	No
No	No
Yes	no

Yes	no
Yes	NO
Yes	No
Select your answer below	No
Yes	No improvements needed, it's so beautiful!
Yes	No its fine
Yes	No it's great.
Yes	No suggestions
Yes	No, I think it's great the way it is:)
Yes	No, it is perfect. Love the donuts and hot chocolate!
Yes	no, it's fine.
Yes	No, it's great as is.
Yes	No, just right
No	NO.
Yes	NO.
Yes	No. The pre program on super cold nights is too long. Short and sweet, mingle and watch lights on. A few songs. The Santa this year was AWFUL!!! I feel he was inappropriate (talking about taking the Salem royalty back to the north pole) and seemed drunk.
Yes	No. But it's too cold to have too long of a program.I liked it better, 10-13 years ago with everyone together singing a few songs to bring Santa in, and counting ten, nine, eight, seven, etc. down to the lights coming on! A little socializing and go home. It is nice having the treats before and during, so we can all stay warm with hot chocolate
Yes	No. It's pretty nice how it is.
Yes	Not if it means that we have to raise taxes for it. This is a random luxury of the city. NOT a necessity.
Yes	Not necessary only if there is surplus
Yes	Not right now. It attracts people but not too many and the money could be used to upgrade roads and the older parts of town electric etc.
Yes	Not Sure
Yes	Nothing to improve - it is wonderful!!!!
Yes	Only if we have the finances or have donors participate
Yes	Parking is a problem, but that is ok. We can walk and do.
Yes	Perhaps more decor on hwy 198.... rather than Main Street!
Yes	Pond Town Christmas is a favorite of ours. I love that the neighbors around the pond all add to the decorations by decorating their yards. Maybe adding one new element
Yes	Pond Town Christmas is fantastic! Just right!
Yes	Pond Town is nicely done. Kudos.
Yes	Having said that, if expenses need to be cut, this would be the place to start.
Yes	Satisfactory as is

Yes	Seems ok to me. It's cold around the pond during that time of year so the drive is nice, but I can't bring myself to get out and do any walking. And I'm only 45!
Yes	Some of the trees look floppy. Also, with all the animated things, Pond Town is going from serene to a circus. If we do both, they should be in different sections, not mixed. We need a fountain in the middle of the pond at Pond Town Christmas. They should start the lights on Thanksgiving night when people have company. The grand lighting ceremony is poorly attended, anyway. Just turn them on. And about an hour in the
Yes	Something festive on 198 would be nice
Yes	Sure, lights are always great. The more the better.
Yes	Sure, we love the Christmas lights.
Yes	Sure...a small addition every year.
Yes	The bigger, the better when it comes to the beauty of the pond at Christmas time.
Yes	The features on and around the pond are magical! While so many cities feature different lighted shapes (from merry-go-rounds to rocket ships...) some mechanical with movement- I feel our investment in Pond Town Christmas should have a theme we are faithful to and build upon year after year. Not just "lots and lots of lights", but a winter wonderland type. The traditional tree shapes, yes. A flight of wire frame lighted geese suspended over the water, yes. Elk and/or deer (wire frame, lighted) at waters edge yes. Suspended snowflakes, lighted, of course. And, without even saying it- a lovely nativity. Other shapes often associated with Christmas (jack in the box, teddy bears, dolls, gift boxes-) I believe should be arranged on and confined to the lawn at the Community Center - they fit there and enhance rather than detract. Our Pond Town Christmas is unlike anyone else's because we have the pond and every single item on or by the water twinkles at the twice the affect- let's not follow others, but capitalize on what makes ours unique. One suggestion- don't overuse the big
Yes	The lights on the pond are beautiful! It is so nice to drive around the pond and see such a wonderful display without having to pay cash to do so.
Yes	There may be good reasons for the decorations to go up so early on the pond and if so, please continue. Can we wait until after Halloween? I love the decorations, but
Yes	There's always room for improvement. But all in all it's a neat thing
No	they beautiful
Yes	drive
Yes	Use your discretion
Yes	We always make a point of taking a drive through the pond. It's always fun to see something new each year. Even if it is to put lights on one more tree. We love it!
Yes	We drive around and see the lights, but haven't done any of the Christmas activities.
Yes	We enjoy the lovely tradition and our extended family comes to share it with us.
Yes	We like it just as it is!
Yes	We LOVE it!
Yes	We loved this! Our little family drove around the pond a handful of times during the season. THANK YOU!!!
Yes	We miss the carriage rides around the pond. Lights set to music that you can listen to in your car, perhaps set up at the park around the parking lot and in the trees.

Yes	We tried a 'Light Parade' one year and no one came because they went to Spanish Fork so having the two communities support one another that evening works great.
Yes	Wold like to see more decor at city offices. The street light (on HW 6 by light)was nice. Could we have more?
Yes	yes
Yes	Yes it's not a large enough display to get many out of towners.
Yes	Yes more decorations on the Pond.
Yes	Yes more items
Yes	Yes more trees on pond and maybe a walk around park with option to buy hot chocolate and treats on weekends
Yes	Yes new and more. Miss the carriage rides
Yes	Yes please add more lighted features on pond.
Yes	Yes some changes would be fun.
Yes	Yes, add a few more lights
Yes	Yes, as much as the city can afford.
Yes	Yes, but we should find a way to charge citizens who enjoy the lighting.
Yes	Yes, but we should find a way to charge citizens who enjoy the lighting.
Yes	YES, BY CHANGING THEMES ON THE POND
Yes	Yes, more items in the pond.
Yes	Yes, more items would be very nice. Many residents of other cities that I know come from all over the state to see Pond Town Christmas. It is good publicity for our city, and a beautiful service that we offer to the state of Utah.
Yes	Yes.
Yes	Yes.
Yes	Yes. Excellent and unique. Deserves to be expanded (bigger and better) Might consider hayride around the pond and some sort of winter carnival activity in

**17 - What Services does Salem City need to improve on?**

More local retail business,restaurants.
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Access road to freeway entrance fix road
Add a paved running trail along the salem canal road to accomodate all the runners. There are also kids who walk home from school along this road and I'm worried they'll get hit.
Animal control. Too many dogs roam free.
Animal control. Too many dogs running loose.
Annual curb side clean up and more greenwaste days would keep yards and city cleaner and motivate residents.
Other cities have that.
As the population grows I would like to see more enforcement on ordinances related to barking dogs, roosters and hens, messy yards, broken down vehicles.
Gone are the days of neighborly consideration of others. A tone of mutual; respect needs to be set.
Attracting more retail restaurants and businesses and providing ways to help support them so they are successful. Retail business has always struggled in Salem. All your residents leave the city to spend money in Spanish Fork. Find ways to keep your residents here!
Be more reasonable on pressurized irrigation costs. My lot is 0.05 acres over 1/2 acre and I am being charged an additional \$13 dollars a month for that 0.05 acres!
Better roads and snow removal. Deer control in the city limits.
Bring back yard waste pickup
Bring in more commercial growth to help in off setting taxes
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building code issues Altitude sub division (the Orchardsz0
Cable / Internet offerings like SF
Trails / Trails / Trails (bike paths) - years back there were citizen committees giving input on growth, general plan, recreation, etc...I am not aware of that anymore
cars going too fast from Harvest Ridge area north down 700 east towards Foothills Elementary (heading North). Too many cars go down the hill at 30-40 mph and we have asked for speed deterrents of some form (bumps, dips, etc.) to prevent and be proactive in not having one of our children hit before the city takes action.
The speed limit notification sign does nothing, as it is BEFORE the dairy (south) and cars slow down then anyway due to the poor road condition in front of the dairy (i know its not a city street).
Cemetery care; there are still Christmas decorations on graves; the Christmas Eve candle lighting is nice, but now, in March there are old candles, containers, and broken glass
City water supply, it smells like pond water. When we moved in I thought for sure the home builder had made a mistake and connected PI to the house. My filters plug quickly. I realize it may be a seasonal issue.
Communicating changes with residents. Halfway Homes should not be allowed in residential neighborhoods with young children. The city council should talk with residents before approving these homes because they are businesses.
Consistency in long term planning.

Create a full time Fire and EMS service, with at least two full time crew members for each shift. Stop patching holes in the roads and actually repair them. Enforce the leash laws, far too many dogs allowed to just wander on and off their owners property. Change the way the Miss Salem Pageant is run by altering the criteria from talent and swimsuit to community service and healthy lifestyle, completely eliminating the swimsuit portion, and being more inclusive of all Salem's girls, even those who do not have a talent that can be competed on stage. Having the contestants demonstrate how they already serve in their community would be a clearer example of how she will be expected to fulfill her title's position. Focusing on healthy lifestyles (ie being fit and healthy, modeling positive body image to others, caring for her own good health and fitness) would eliminate the unhealthy focus on a young woman's figure.

Dedicated bicycle lanes - perhaps widen Salem Canal Road. Connect with other bicycle trails in Utah County. Sp Fork, Springville, & Mapleton all have bicycle trails. We needs this in Salem too.

Dis-repaired sidewalks need to be replaced. Would like asphalt to go all the way to sidewalk, especially near churches and businesses. In Spring and Winter, it is muddy to get out of car and walk to buildings.

Doing a great job.

Doing a great job.

Doing a great job.

Doing the roads better.

Doing the roads better.

EMS

Encourage private solar usage.

Enforce the dog leash law

Enforcement of city ordinances in residential areas. Like leash laws for dogs. Our neighbor hood is out of control with all the dogs running loose and we have a salem city policeman 3 doors down. No enforcement.

Also enforcement of Sheds behind fences, boats, Trailers, etc. behind fences as well. Our nice neighbor hoods are getting junked up by people with too many trailers, four wheelers, boats, etc with no place to store but on the street.

It's making me not want to live in Salem anymore.

Everyone has to much to do you need to hire more help for the people in charge of each area. It's hard to get the attention you need

Everything is great

Expanding on some roads. For example, where 4th North connects to Woodland Hills Drive (though that might not be Salem, that might be county roads, and if so, try to annex it :)).

fewer police officers

FREE recycling

fix roads

beautify 198 with flowers, street lights and seasonal banners

slow traffic on 198 and enforce it. Add a traffic light or two.

Weekly music in the park

Add a spray / water park for children

Good sidewalks to get the kids to Salem Elementary safely instead of walking down the road or getting sticker weeds in their bike tires from the old excising "sidewalk". Also, the cross walk by the police station is a dangerous place for the kids to cross. We need a crossing guard there. I have seen kids run across with out looking for oncoming cars. A child is going to eventually get hit. Also, When cars park on the east side of the police/city building, it is hard to see oncoming traffic when trying to cross the road going east.

Green Waste

green waste dispel

Green Waste needs to stay open.

Green Waste Program

Green waste removal

Green waste remove off street like before better animal control to many dogs running around no owner's taking care of pets

Green waste services back!

Hard winter. Snow removal was poor. Find a field, unused parking area or lake to put the snow in to get it off the street.

HELPING THE SALEM CITY LIBRARY!!!! The Recreation dept. gets ALL the help, advertising, money, etc. The Library is an IMPORTANT and necessary part of our community! And fulfills many needs! PLEASE support it! More space. More program support, instead of allowing the Rec. program to take over what the library is already doing.

IMPROVE the roads!!! The roads at the cemetery always look nice, and the newer neighborhoods seemed to get resurfaced every year. BUT the rest of the city needs road improvements.

High Speed internet, zoning enforcement for businesses in residential areas.

High speed internet.

I am excited about the recycling program. I would like to see it grow to weekly pick up since most of my trash is recyclable and have regular trash bi-weekly.

I enjoy walking in Salem and people do not clean up after their dogs. Maybe access to some dog bags to clean up after them

I feel the services they provide now are great. I can't think of a service they could improve on at this time.

I felt bad that the green waste went away, It is such a service to us.

The increase in pressurized water fee was not welcome.

I have heard that local business' struggle to stay alive here...maybe they could use some help? It would be sad to see them die out & be replaced by big box stores.

I have never had the need to talk to anyone.

I like be the fact that you have added recycling. Thank you!!!!

I live on Woodland Hills Drive near the canal. We are concerned about the speed at which cars travel in front of our house, especially coming down the hill. The street can be hazardous!

I miss the green dump. I have fruit tree's that I trim, and tons a fall leaves. If the Provo green dump is free, that's a ways to drive to discard tree limbs. It would be nice if you published alternatives that are available. On your website or the newsletter.

I only said the plows didn't do a good job because if they are only going to plow down the middle of the street why have people not park on the street. Plow the whole street not just the middle

I read the newsletter, but I find it really dense with information, it's hard to tell what's important. I would also like to see more diversity in the senior interviews, it seems like it's always someone with an LDS background that is being interviewed. As someone who's not LDS it makes me feel a bit alienated when it's always an LDS person being interviewed. Some more inclusiveness would be great.

I think Salem needs to work on the power supply. It seems we've had a few glitches this year, maybe weather related, not sure.

I think the City does a Great Job with everything you're doing! I do miss the green waste service and the yard waste pick up & removal twice a year though.

I think the police dept. needs to spend more time enforcing the speed limits especially on streets with more traffic.

I think they do a good job. I appreciate how great the cemetery always looks. It is really special to me at this time.

I think we have a wonderful city. I'm excited with the recycling program.

I think you all do a great job. We are very happy and supportive of our city leadership

I think you're doing a great job!

I want to clarify #14 -- I haven't ever tried to talk to the mayor or city council.

I was so happy you added recycling!

Probably just the roads and having businesses and homeowners keep landscaping nice.

I would like to see a street and I put on the corner of Center and Main! It is awfully dark

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I would love to see more parks and trails. It would be awesome if the Highline and/or Salem Canals could be covered and a paved trail added (similar to what was done with the Murdock Canal in northern Utah County)

I'm not pleased with the changes happening to pressurized irrigation costs and metering.

Improve the city office staff. They are rude and arrogant.

Improved monitoring of illegal use of 4 wheelers, dirt bikes, and side by sides on residential streets.

Improving or beautifying the narrow strips of city properties that border private property. Like along the west side of 750 E. between 640 S. and 700 S. specifically. There is old construction cement dumped there. It has been there since it was moved there in 2011. I have called the city about it and as told by the city worker that came to my front door that all he could do was cut the weeds. He would not do anything about the old cement!!

Improving sidewalks the original sidewalks that need repair

Improving the banks and shoreline around the pond

--In the summer, the water pressure at our home is HORRIBLE! We live just below the high line canal and it is very inconsistent. Some days (on our scheduled turn) there was not enough water pressure to even run our sprinkling system. Honestly, we would

Increase the library and offer more senior options such as dinners and more activities.

enforce cleaning up non running vehicles and junk in yards. road resurfacing and chuck holes. green waste services.

Infrastructure--roads, curbs, sidewalks street cleaning Commercial development (increasing sales tax revenue) Blight (private property that is not properly maintained)
It would be nice if the ladies in the city office were nicer, every time I have interacted with most of them they are short and grumpy. We need people to represent Salem in a positive way.
Keeping enough water here. Fixing roads. More rec options for kids.
Keeping the little part of the pond on the north end cleaned up or dredge it so it is deeper.  add cub and gutter on 300 West to prevent water coming into residents property.
Limiting housing permits! :) We hear a lot about water conservation, but what about all of the water each new house hold will use? I have a hard time understanding that we need to conserve so much (which I agree, we do), but so many new homes are allowed to be built, which will then in turn use up more water. I get nervous we will end up in a situation like Elk Ridge last summer and will just not have the water to water our lawns. I do not know all of the specifics with that situation but I do know they have really grown a lot the past few years and if not so many new house permits were granted, that would be a greater percentage of water each of the existing homes could use. This is a huge concern of mine. I love Salem and the feel of the city and hope things can slow down a bit and stay like they are.
Listening to their residents, we do not want half-way house in a residential area.
lower taxes. Be creative with less
Make bathrooms at knoll park, and cemetery open in the winter. I'm a jogger, and many times have needed those facilities but denied, and have also seen parents with small children locked out when in need. We often have warm weather during the winter months, or funerals, which encourage people to come out, but locked facilities are very frustrating, when residents or visitors have hope the bldg is open for necessities. Also a bigger Library.
Making sure we have enough water and lines are taken care of and kept up to date. High speed internet and cable at affordable rates.
Manage the housing better.

Managing inevitable growth while maintaining a small town feel. Need to attract business without ruining the rural atmosphere.

Need to keep utility fees down. It feels like fees are a way around having to vote on tax increases.

Disappointed with the mayor's and city council's decision charge solar users an additional fee on their utility bills. Salem made an uninformed decision. Salem had an opportunity to lead in Utah with alternative energy choices but instead chose the easy road of pleasing the energy coop. Those using alternative energy are already paying the same \$11 base fee as everyone else and most, if not all, are still paying substantially for electricity from the city. Instead of rewarding people for their willingness to invest their own money in other options (Solar energy is still a substantial investment with no real payback by the individual consumer) Salem chose to pull a little more cash from their pockets.

BTW, Chief James and his police force are outstanding.

Managing the deer population in town.

Maybe more parks and more food options.

More input from the people - like the new building at the ball park! Talk about a waste of money.

More sidewalks for Kids to get to school would be nice.

More trails. Biking. Running. Etc. cover canals and add trails.

N/A

Need to watch the parking on center street by the ball park. To many cars or trucks parked next to 200 East and intersection at 200 East. Can't we have people use the parking lot. Maybe we should go back and stop parking on Center Street, see if this would help. Writing tickets don't stop the problem, may be steel pole and cable, so people traveling south can see both directions at 200 East.

None

None

None

None

None

None

None that I'm aware of.

None, you guys are great!

None. a few months ago I would have said recycling. We have that now so Thank You for getting a system up and running.

Not charging for solar, the charges on trying to save energy sources by using solar seem hypocritical in the city of peace.

Not enough green waste open times. Willing to pay to use it.

Year round pool

Not sure about this at this time.

Not sure have not been here long enough

nothing

OK for a small city
open green waste disposal for a longer/earlier duration please.
Open the green waste dump for the entire summer/fall.
Our roads and P.I. services
Our roads are terrible!
Our roads are terrible! The pot holes are filled and then need to be refilled months later. High traffic roads need to be wider. The highway 6 needs to be 2 lanes.
Overall, we think the services are great.
Parts of Salem Canal Road is in bad shape. Is there a plan to resurface that road anytime soon?
Paving roads and road repairs. Roads in the older part of town are terrible.
Placed to swim. Parks/green space in new developed subdivisions.
POT HOLES
Potholes
pressurized irrigation
Pressurized Irrigation should be available sooner, more often, and later in the year especially this year after so much snow. If we have the same restrictions I will be very upset.
Pressurized Irrigation to those who don't currently have access to it.
Pretty disappointed in the sports and how it's run. I'll start taking my kids to other cities sports.
Property along SR198 and at local business's not very well kept.
Provide irrigation water for those within city limits but above the canal
Provide services like you used to, spring and fall cleanup. The compost site was appreciated and used so what prohibits the continuation of that service?
Providing green waste, controlling use of pressurized irrigation.
Providing recreational, and skill set development for all kids, not just the ones who can make the baseball team. For example, skate parks, motocross track. Many cities have this type of thing. For example, Provo, orem, price , delta. I could go on. All kids need to develop in areas where interest lies. Not everyone is good at basketball.
Re pave the road in front of my house
Rec center
Rec department seems poorly ran and very scattered.
Rec. department programs. More parks. Up in the higher neighborhoods where all the growth is happening. Walking, biking trails.
Recreation center
Recreation center.
Recreation program could be better.
Recreational programs are too expensive for the families here in Salem!

Recycling is GREAT! Thanks! Please do better at tree care. I've seen our groundskeepers trimming trees with back-hoes. Hire special arborists to consult about tree health. Better job at teaching, enforcing people to keep their dogs on leash and to pick up poo while they're walking them. Many of our residents walk their dogs, and then let them poo in the neighbors yards and on the sidewalk. Keep the local deer population healthy. We love them. Keep open spaces open. Please more funds to library. It could easily be doubled in size and it the City could work hard to make sure it was an important part of the city's culture.

Recycling needs to be weekly and garbage every other week

Replacing and improving the street lights. There are dark corners

road conditions and improvements

road conditions

Road improvement

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS! The majority of roads in Salem are terrible. Two roads come to mind: The Canal Road and the roads next to the Lazy Acres Dairy, namely 750 East and 10400 South. Also, there should be more parks and green areas.

Road management. I feel that there are several highly trafficked roads that are unsafe (either road conditions, or not wide enough or without sidewalks), i.e. Salem canal road, center street, 500 East. When we built our home, our building permit was \$27,000. That is a large sum. If there are so many homes being built, I can't understand why the roads are so poor. Surely the building permits included money for road usage and care?

Road repair

road repair

road repair on canal road. don't like the large dips caused by drainage across roads. if you don't know the area the dips can be a big surprise. should be marked well.

Recreation areas such as ball parks and soccer fields should be off main traffic roads to prevent congestion after the games are over and safety for the kids. who are riding bikes and walking to those areas. .

Road repair. Some of the neighborhoods are awful!!! People also speed way too much near the schools, I think either speed bumps or the solar speed signs would be helpful to slow people down.

Road repair/maintenance

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Roads and road width

Roads are in dire need of attention. Speed bumps by Foothills elementary in all directions to keep it safe. Parents are zooming right up to the school well past the speed limits with kids playing and crossing the streets it's unsafe.

Roads curb and gutter and sidewalks

Roads need to be resurfaced

Roads suck. Especially canal road.

Roads too crowded and narrow. Need more traffic lights!!!

Roads!

Roads! Is it possible to pave even one road properly, and then wait more than a month before a bottom feeding contractor digs it up again, only to then have it repaired by the lowest bidder?

ROADS!!! The roads in Salem are horrible!! I feel like driving through most of the city is a good off-road training course.

Also - please do more to educate/encourage people to keep their dogs chained. I spend way too much time cleaning up dog crap, and we don't have a dog! I see dozens of dogs running loose in my little neighborhood every week and it's only going to get worse as the weather gets warmer. I do call the animal control officer on occasion but he is very busy and often is not able to catch the offending dogs. I can't help but think an effort to provide education on the topic would be helpful.

Roads, family and friends that visit from other cities cannot believe how bad they are.

It would be nice to see Canal Road (just past the stake center) widened and with side walks. It is extremely narrow and is a hazard to bikers, joggers, etc.

roads, roads, roads. They are a disgrace and an embarrassment to our town. Salem Canal road is dangerous, uneven, potholes, narrow, no walking path and not maintained. The pond is filthy, especially the small area across the highway where people fish. It's full of trash, scum,. etc. Whoever is in charge of cleaning up the pond is asleep on the job. What a waste. It would be great if we had a rec center with a pool.

Roads, sidewalks, and new parks/recreation areas.

Roads. We have core roads that are getting bad (like 300 west from the highway to the canal). Alot of significant bumps at the top and bottom end. Perhaps figuring out how to widen the road around the pond for more parking?

Roads. Potholes. I'd love to see center street with curb and gutters. Good sidewalks for kids to walk home.

Roads. Salem's city streets are in terrible conditions. Also, new parks are needed, particularly when new housing is built.

Roads. The back log seems daunting but only gets worse each year as we fail to make improvements especially with our growth patterns. Love the new recycling program but hope it can expand to a weekly pick up.

Salem canal road needs to be fixed (to match the Payson side). It's a very popular road for both vehicles and pedestrians, and I feel it should be widened with a possible bike/running lane.

Salem city roads seem to be in falling apart and need improvement.

SALEM NEEDS AN AFFORDABLE REC CENTER ESPECIALLY IN THE WINTER. I believe physical health can improve mental health....this may make a significant improvement for youth.

Snow plowing. Street sweeping. The city looks dirty in general.

Side walks for children's safety.

Sidewalks and curb and gutter since some of us are paying extra for it but don't have curb.

Small business.

Small parks need to be included in new subdivisions.

Snow is removed from the roads, but those big piles need to be hauled away. Especially near downtown. You couldn't even read STOP on the road. The P was covered up. The bus bench at main street and SR 198 is on the wrong side of the street. The bus stop is east of Main street and the bench is west of main street. I almost missed the bus once and got a lecture from the bus driver because I thought the bench was the bus stop.

Snow plow. some days our street doesn't get plowed for hours, and we got stuck trying to get out of the driveway. even when it was plowed, it was generally just wide enough for a single car.

snow plowing, paving entire streets and not just 1/3 of it!

SNOW REMOVAL !!!! The road leading to my home has not been cleared for the past two years. The man that lives next door clears the whole road with his four wheeler, other wise I could not get out. This is really a concern because my husband has serious health problem's, we worry about the ambulance being able to get to him.

Snow removal!

Snow removal! There is a city ordinance that does not allow us to park on the roads at night between certain dates of the year to do snow removal. I have never seen the city plow snow at night. Either start snow removal at night or do away with the ordinance.

Snow removal, pot holes in roads and we. We need a light at 300 west and highway 198.

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Snow removal, the availability of green waste services throughout Spring, Summer and Fall.

Snow removal.

Snow removal. We live in a culdesac and they NEVER plow our culdesac or our roads and when they do they push all the snow right in our driveway. We have a 3 car garage and could barely get out of our driveway this year because they pushed all the snow right up in front our our driveway. Drives me insane. And also - when they do plow our streets they only do one lane down the center of the road. So, what happens if two people are coming down the street? Ridiculous!

So happy about recycling!

Some more police officers might be nice. Not to the point of the city being militarized but I do feel safer when I see more officers patrolling neighborhoods

some of the roads are in real need of resurfacing

Some of the roads need resurfacing. 300 West? Lucerne Dr.?

Spend less money on parks and rec and more on road improvements.
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Stop signs and Speed bumps and speed limit signs! we live on 100 east in the new subdivision orchard farms and there is no form of them, people drive way to fast up our road and use it to connect to elk ridge on the dirt road. Our snow removal on our road is pretty much non existent either if they do come its one pass.
Street overlay's, curb, gutter, snow removal. Promoting and inviting more commercial growth. The City needs to be able to rely as much, or more than, on sales tax revenue as they do property tax revenue. As citizens we should not have to be burdened with high property tax rates while at the same time suffering from a shortage of conveniences.
Street sweeper after the winter mess. Yard waste dump area.
Taking care of the roads!!!!
The city needs a dog park and to become a tree city.
The increasing cost of utilities. It seems in my household the rates have gone up in a short amount of time.
The irrigation is an issue in our home. There are holes everywhere for my daughter to fall in and we aren't allowed to cover them up.
The library! I love sports and keeping kids active, but it's frustrating seeing sports fields and a giant rec building going up while we are still using an undersized library.
The rec programs for kids need help, but it might not be anything the city can do. Baseball for kids grades 1-4 (that's all my experience) was excellent. Lots of support from parents, excellent coaching, great facilities, logical and easy schedule--it couldn't be better. We loved it. We'd love to see all the sports run so well. But soccer and wrestling were basically a waste of time, and basketball was only slightly better. Wrestling didn't even have coaches until the day before it was supposed to start. I realize there's not as much support in the community for those sports as there is baseball, and the rec program depends on volunteers, so I don't know what the city could do about it. But we've found ourselves turning to club teams or other cities for anything other than baseball, and we know others who do too. (And FYI I did volunteer to coach, so I am trying to do my part.)
The recreational facilities. It may not be fiscally possible, but a swimming facility would be fantastic do we are not having to travel.
the recycle bins at home are great
The road repairs. More community activities throughout the year. City council should really try harder to represent the citizens. Ridiculous the green waste is closed but we have the money for that huge recreation building.

The road that connects the harvest ridge subdivision down to foothills elementary , between the dairy and the dairy farmers homes IS SO DANGEROUS FOR CHILDREN TO WALK TO SCHOO! There are no side walks and the road forces children to walk dangerously close to traffic. I have seen twice children almost get hit by cars! The city must do something about it!! I know the dairy farmer is stubborn, but we cannot let a man's stubbornness and stupidity overpower the safety of children walking to school!

I have brought the issue up with many of the city council, but no action! Mayor, take action and protect our children on that road!!

The roads are horrible in my neighborhood. Especially after the pressurized irrigation was put in. They are really horrible now after the harsh winter, potholes everywhere and they are filled over the top and makes the roads super bumpy and uncomfortable.

The roads are terrible! Where I live it has NOT be paved since we moved here 22 years ago that I remember. This winter has caused a REAL problem. I suggest the money be focused on fixing the roads in the older part of town and later into the newer sections (some have been worked on twice in the last couple years!) There also needs to be a street sweeper as well. I haven't seen one for a long time and gravel is all over the streets!

The roads are terrible, need work.

Would love some more restaurants in Salem (not fast food)

The roads! Our roads are in such poor condition. Friends that I have from Provo and Orem have both commented that our roads are the worst they've ever driven on. The roads are the first thing people notice about our city, and the poor state of our roads reflects poorly on the image of our beautiful city of Salem. I think this is much more important than all the money we're dumping into the large recreation building being built at the baseball complexes here in the city.

Another service we need to improve and re-open is the green waste. I would even be willing to pay a fee each time I dump a load there if that would keep it open. I have seen too many people dumping their green waste along the roads and up in the canyon illegally due to the inability to use the green waste services.

The snow plows did a good job around the city in general but I thought they could have done a better job removing snow around the schools (elementary schools specifically). I found it hard to maneuver most winter mornings/afternoons when everyone is dropping off/picking up kids from school.

The streets need to be re-paved and sidewalks added especially around schools. The current condition of the roads and lack of sidewalks make it unsafe for kids to walk or bike to school.

The way roads are plowed is frustrating. We could learn from other states with much more snow than us re how they plow effeiciently.

Things are ok.

This really only applies to me, but it sure would be nice to have a couple of loads of gravel or good road base put in front of our driveway. The 40-50 feet from the blacktop to our driveway gets pretty bad with giant holes and bumps. Other than that, Salem is a great town! We enjoy living here.

Traffic control by the high school/middle school. On Main Street and 400 north; there are speeding cars on these roads on school days, school functions; and the school buses also do not follow the speed limits;

We also need the green waste disposal back for the residents of Salem

trail system or sidewalks. spanish fork has had sidewalks all thru town for decades. we need to step up! i live in the Salem Park neighborhood and feel completely isolated from the rest of the town. my kids cant even walk to School because there is no safe path to walk on.(the school is not that far from where i live) i think that good sustainable growth in this city needs to think about the pedestrian/kids!

Tree trimming

Unsure.

Utility bills continues to increase each year. Better solutions to power rates.

Water lines. We are on an old line that's only 1/2" and our water pressure is horrible. The more homes and developments going in do not help that problem! We would really like a new line. It would be fantastic to take care of the residents that are already here instead of spending more on getting new residents.

Also it would be nice to have high speed internet and cable option like Spanish Fork has.

Water. When I came here 20 years ago we had plenty of water to water my yard. Then we had to do to the HP. That was fine for a while, but now some nights my sprinklers only throw about 1 foot. This is not high pressure. (No its not my filters because one night the pressure is ok, and then later it won't be and then later it will be ok.) I have trees dying and have to use my culinary water now to try to save them. And what I see is more homes being added and further taxing our water supply. They are supposed to be paying impact fees and more water is supposed to be being purchased but I guess it's not enough. I have emailed the city about my water problems and they never reply. Apparently we can afford big expensive recreation buildings, (for which my taxes help fund) but my water issues are irrelevant.(for which I am also paying) If I should have to pay for water, I should at least get it.

Furthermore, because the HP water isn't treated we have junk growing in our water lines, and then sloughing off and blocking filters on our popups. Blocks our line filters too that won't backwash clean. They have to be removed and scrubbed and treated with bleach or something to clean. (these are the filters SALEM CITY advised us to get) No problem with rotaries, but I don't think I should have to redo my whole irrigation system to deal with this. How much would it cost to treat the water? Bet its less than the cost of time to the residents to have to trade out and or clean our filters. Considering how much my wife has done for Salem EMS, you'd think we could get some water, or at least some answers to my emails about our water. (and my questions about land zoning maps and zone use definitions) Guess I need to come to the office in person. I know this sounds a lot like ranting, and it is, but I have a real problem with water supply and so do others.

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We definitely need to fix some roads and have more curb and gutter to ensure safety for our young children. Many children walk or ride bikes to and from school in the street because it is the only place to be.

We have not lived in Salem long enough to really see how things have worked out! But so far things seem to be going too but then again we have only been in Salem since the end of Oct 2016

We need a light on 300 W and the State Road

We need better roads. Also I live on 640 S by foothills elementary and we need speed bumps going down the hill. People drive way to fast in the morning while kids are walking.

We need more parks and walking/bike trails. Salem isn't really a walking/biking community. People drive everywhere. For example, kids are driven to school because, I believe, parents think it is safer for them than walking or riding to and from school. The High Line Canal road, a great run/walk/bike trail away from dangerous traffic, used to appear to be public, but has now been marked with "US Gov't Property No Trespassing" signs--it is not clear whether the signs were placed by the city or put up by some private citizen(s) who have property along the road to keep ATVs away. Either way, Salem City, if you keep up this pattern, you'll soon be able to boast as being the city with Utah's fattest citizens.

We need more police. I had any issue 2 years ago. Some tried to break in my house I confronted him then he went over to m y father in law house in his garage. I called the police went over and took this person down , I had him down for 5 plus minutes no police showed up until 20 to 30 minutes after call.

We need sidewalks on 300 w. Also, the building designs that are being approved are hideous. It seems aesthetics are not considered and there is no cohesive look.

We need to get sidewalks and gutters put in, in the old parts of town and the roads all over the city need to be repaired!

We need to make sure that all employees represent this city and they need to be professional when doing so.

We really like the green dump!

We would like to have a lot of the city roads be resurfaced and not with just gravel. They need new asphalt on quite a few streets.

We would like to have Salem Canal Road and also Center Street repaved. These roads seem to be in very bad condition. Possibly other roads, as well.

Well, honestly, if you're going to charge us home-based businesses the (arbitrary) \$50 fee, it'd be nice if we got some value in return. Otherwise, it feels like legalized extortion -- "Pay us \$50 or else!"

When reviewing subdivisions there should be consideration given to the location of street lights.

When, as a business owner, I advised the police department a couple years back that someone had made a key to one of my trucks and was planning on coming back and stealing it, they basically told me "tough luck - we can't monitor your lot." I tried keeping the truck with me and when I was in a church meeting, they stole it from the parking lot. It took quite some time to recover it - and it was definitely not with the help of Salem police.

Widen 300 West and put in sidewalks. It is a much-traveled road and would be safer and look better with these improvements.

Would like to see CERT training offered and organized

Yard waste dump site availability.

you already did it...recycling program.

also, toilet facilities at dream view park, especially during soccer season.

also, streamline your city business licensing system. It took me at least a month to get a simple home office license. One cannot open a business checking account without a business license. my business startup was held in limbo way way too long.

You need to get your budget in hand. Who cares about all of the extras if we are in debt!!!

You're working on recycling. A good idea.

<b>18 - What do you feel is the biggest problem facing Salem City?</b>
New regulations.
To much Growth
Growth and and tax base
1- irrigation and culinary water (PLEASE BUY US MORE WATER SHARES) and give us adequate pressure and volume. (ALL of us) 2- air- this is a basin wide problem, but we are in the basin. 3- growth vs. infrastructure/resources
A lot of high schoolers like to driver recklessly through neighborhoods. That is something I feel should be addressed.
A short sighted Planning Commission and City Council. Growth is hear and continuing, don't fight it and don't make it difficult, or, difficult for some and easy for others. Every resident in every class, income or otherwise, has something to offer. We should welcome such and keep the way smooth for such.
All the current rapid growth.
All the people from Elk Ridge using Sheen Road and Beet Road to get to the freeway. They drive too fast past all those houses. Also, mosquitoes and gnats. Went to the pond the other day and couldn't even breathe. Ooh, and speaking of breathing, the sewer lagoons don't smell so good.
Allowing a half-way is a residential area. Home values will plummet and residents will not be safe. The half-way house needs to be in a commercial area.
Allowing sober living homes to enter our neighborhoods.
ARRIVE HOMES and other mass produced home builders... I do not want to see what is happening in Elk Ridge happen here in Salem. We need to keep those types of developments out of Salem. I am all for more homes being built but not in the "builder owner developer " style we see with Arrive, Salisbury, etc. Those types of developments put too many homes too close together and they all have the same cookie cutter feel. I understand the city needs housing for lower income families and I like that the townhomes have been being built on the west side of the highway. I think we should keep it like that.
Attracting and maintaining commercial tax revenue. Along with that, meeting the water needs of our growing city.
attracting bigger business to help with tax revenue.
Bad roads. Seems like alot of the money is going to parks and rec. Budget be spent in areas benefiting all residents. Like roads.
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Balance of priorities to meet the needs of all the residents. Youth, families, seniors.
Being able to afford property in Salem.
being behind the times with high speed internet
Children getting across the main highway to get to and from school, High school kids speeding in and out of Fast Gas. Too many accidents at or near the main street red light.
City employees show favoritism to their friends and families when it comes to building ordinances and priorities. It's who you know" if you want to get something or to stop something. We are going to clean house and vote out every incumbent.
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City indebtedness
Clean up Salem campaign. Paint, repair, or tear down old buildings, fences, etc. Get old vehicles and trailers that clearly have not been used in years off the streets and to the dump, recycle. Put some pride into how our city looks. Especially homes around the lake area, if the lake area is to be a 'show piece' for the City. Tell the bank company over by the town homes to repair their sign. Tell the little fast food place by the gas station/Burger King to repair their sign. I love the city, and want it to shine compared to other areas.
Closed minded life long residents, who do not , nor can tolerate change.
Collapsing infrastructure. Almost all of the side roads are terrible.
Concern over addiction/rehab houses moving into neighborhoods.
controlling growth
Crime and traffic
Deteriorating streets
Developers driving growth and zoning changes. My property rights are getting more limited because developers keep getting my zoning changed, further restricting what I can do on my 1 acre lot. I planted dozens of fruit and nut trees years ago in anticipation of being able to have a 10x10 fruit stand on my property (like my then zoning area allowed). Now, due to zoning changes, I can't. Why have a zoning plan if you're just going to change it over and over?
don't know
drugs
Fast growth
fast growth. Overcrowded schools
Ferrel cats Construction sites not controlling dust Pond health
flooding
Future growth impinging on rural environment
Future problem is going to be major congestion if you move to townhouse type development. The current road system will not support it. Having grown up in Spanish Fork and family in Mapleton I found Mapleton's approach to planned development an interesting model to consider.
Green Waste Program
Growing more than resources can keep up with.
Growing to big. Losing a lot of the farm land.
Growing too fast
Growing too fast. Elementary schools are too crowded.
Growing too much and losing its small town feeling.
Growing too quickly that we as a city can't keep up. Forgetting who we are as a town because the town is growing quickly. This growth has increased crime in my part of town and I'm not a fan of that. I have many friends who have been born and raised in salem and they talk about what it was like growing up here. I have lived here now for 7 years and have loved every minute. with the exception of how fast this city is growing.
Growth
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Growth and crime.
Growth - providing needed infrastructure such as roads etc The city needs to provide for growth and plan for it
Growth - we need to monitor it. Don't stop it but be careful to not become a Spanish Fork or Springville where dozens of neighborhoods of high density have been built and the infrastructure can't handle the extra load. Just please keep an eye on it and grow at a pace that keeps Salem a place of peace.
Growth & water
Growth and all of it's children: demand on resources and services, outgrowing facilities and/or wearing them out, increased crime. We know why we love it here, and it's the very thing that draws people to want to live here-but if we are not wise we will lose what we value most. Please be so careful!
Growth and having enough water
Growth and keeping up with it
Growth and loss of farming land/open space. Lots becoming too small in some developments.
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Growth and not having enough resources for everyone.
Growth and problems that come with that, losing the feel of living in a small town.
Growth and roads.
Growth and the services that it requires. Also some of the busiest streets are narrow and lack sidewalks. These also happen to be in the older sections of town and its difficult to make needed adjustments.
Growth and traffic!!!!!!
Growth and traffic. Having all traffic gather on 198 and woodlandhills drive and then out through spanish fork is getting increasingly congested. At the light on this road coming from woodland hills drive, if someone is going straight through the intersection it blocks all traffic that is trying to go right out through SF main. This either needs to be widened or repaint the lane lines so that the main lane is for right turn only and the secondary lane is for left turn and straight through.
Growth and ugly buildings. No trees on SR 198.
Growth and water
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Growth and water for future growth
Growth and water issues.
Growth and water needs
Growth and water resources.
Growth and water. We're already low on water, yet we continue to let people build new homes like crazy
Growth and whats seems to be a lack of emergency service personnel (fire and paramedics).
Growth is certainly in our future, but we need to manage how fast and where. We don't want to lose the small town feeling. I left Orem because it is getting too big.
Growth is happening too fast.
growth management. Utilities associated with such.
Growth outpacing resources
Growth
Growth
growth traffic
Growth!
Growth! Where's the water coming from for all these new housing developments?  We would like to see the green waste open more than it is and we thank you for the Christmas tree pick up every year.

Growth! I am really concerned about growth and how slowly the city is responding to things like traffic flow, changing 2-way stops to 4-way stops, and changing 4-way stops to full-functioning traffic lights. (400 N and Main Street is a BIG problem area!) I realize these things take money but with growth, the city should be collecting impact fees, which logically should go to address these type of problems. I am also concerned about the number of high-density housing units that are being constructed. While I realize these homes are less costly, they also bring an increase in crime and congestion. One of the great things about Salem is the small-town, low crime atmosphere. Rapid growth, particularly with high-density housing projects, is a threat to those wonderful aspects of Salem. Please protect what we have!

Growth!! I know I am fairly new here, only lived here for three years. I moved from Nephi and liked it because it was a small town but it was just too far away from everything for me. I was attracted to Salem because it had that small town / safe feel with out the distance to dr's offices and stores. It is growing much more than I thought it would. It makes me nervous that the utah valley growth is just going to continue down here and become a continuous city like northern utah county is. I really love the small town feel and hope it can stay that way.

growth, infrustructure

Growth, to much to fast, out pacing service (roads & grounds)

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Growth, too much, too fast, too small lots, without good planning for parks / open space, water resources.

Growth, Traffic, We should not be too dependent on impact fees that come with growth (extra income from new construction)

growth, water supply

Growth.

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Growth. We moved to Salem for the small town charm and now there are houses popping up everywhere. We have been told we don't have enough water to water our lawns or drill new wells yet the city is approving more developments and houses?? Where is all the water going to come from to keep up with the growth if we already don't have enough??? I don't like the double standard between what the city does and then tells the citizens we can't do, concerning water not enough water. It just isn't right!

Growth. We need to keep our farm and animal lands.

Growth.

Increasing fees and taxes to retired citizens

Growth. Everyone has found out about this secret!! I don't mind the nicer, well developed neighborhoods that have character and invite forever families. But high density housing invites starter homes that don't retain their quality, renters, quick turnover families. Those neighborhoods often a Fall apart. It's the reason we came here instead of staying in Spanish Fork. (Almost all you can find is high density homes in SF) We wanted established neighborhoods to raise our kids.

Growth. New construction should bear the cost of infrastructure improvements. Extreme consideration should be taken with development around downtown including dense housing. Keeping leased housing growth closer to the freeway will help preserve property values in town and limit crime. Big box stores should be kept next to the Freeway. We have 3 Walmarts within 10 miles... how much more do we need?

Growth. No good answer.

Growth/water

Growth/WATER- having enough water to support all the growth

Need more businesses and people need to support local businesses

Handling growth. Providing the necessary infrastructure as well as water and sewer capacity.

High utilities.

how to manage growth and maintain the close knit small town feel.

how to support the growth taking place while trying to keep the "small-town" feel
I AM EXTREMELY UPSET about how the "sober living" home in Salem Heights was handled. The city IS AT FAULT for how it is being handled. I understand the city is in a tight spot with ADA, etc. However, that does not mean that the residents are kept out of the loop.....which is what happened. THIS NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IMMEDIATLY. Orem city has successfully navigated city ordinances in this regard, while adhering to all ADA regulations. PLEASE.....SALEM CITY MUST PROTECT CITIZENS.....and saying the ADA trumps all is just giving up. While we cannot trump ADA....the city CAN have city ordinances regarding these type of facilities....
I don't like to see low income housing town homes or apartments in our city. Encourages more crime. Too many cars in my neighborhood were parked out on street during snow months. Snow plow couldn't get near my driveway because it had to drive around them.
I don't understand why so many homes are being approved and built when we have a water shortage problem
I feel Salem still has that fantastic small town appeal which is why we built here. It is growing and I would not like it to get extremely busy with all of the growth.
I guess safety and combating any drug problems and crime as the city grows
I have had multiple friends lose teenagers to drug overdose.
I have heard that the sewer issue will be a problem, but haven't heard much discussion from the council or mayor regarding this issue.
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I think that as the city grows more and more trash gets left alongside roads, youth and maybe other organisms could be utilized to help keep our city beautiful. Would like to see more fish stocked in pond .regulate or monitor the usage of knoll park. Would like to see more business in community but closer to freeway so not to bottle up downtown.
I think that future growth and maintaining the infrastructure will be the biggest thing that the city will face in the future and if the city does not begin to put away more funds earmarked for these items then we will face some real budget problems down the road.
I think that growth is the biggest problem.
I think we are doing OK
I think we will see an overflow of crime and drug problems start to come into our city
I worry about the resources, water and electricity might not be able to meet the demands of growth. I hope there is a system in place that will regulate the number of new homes with the resources available.
I would like Salem to remain a small population type City. I love the small town feel and believe it is the last nice place to live in Utah County without dealing with all the traffic and rush of life. We need to keep it the "City of Peace" and keep the residential population low
Increase in population.
Infrastructure (traffic light by stokes, sewage, water storage...)
infrastructure choke points. all the building to the south of canal road forces a lot of traffic on 100 E. I'm not comfortable riding my bike on 100 E. Many kids heading for salem elementary are on 100 E. Throw in ball and soccer and it gets worse.
Infrastructure for growth. Encouraging more businesses to locate in Salem.
Infrastructure maintenance to match the growth in home building.
Infra-Structure. Having enough water for the residents. And getting the sewer plant up to State Regulation.

Insufficient water for irrigation needs with the growth above highline canal. With the issues this past year, plus the growth that is coming this year...

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It is growing too fast and losing the pasture and wet lands that make Salem what it is. I worry that will be growing into Spanish fork and Payson. I don't want to see Salem be like Lindon, or other small cities that are sandwiched in between the big cities. Salem needs to keep a "green belt" that would surround the city and keep it special and keep it the city of "peace".

It would be comforting to know what qualifications our Water Dept. has, what training certificates do they hold? Is there ongoing education for our waters safety?

Its a quiet down and thats what i love about it. Big manufacturing companies will bring big problems. Outlets

It's probably growth and funding needed to expand and manage that growth!

Junky yards.

Keeping the roads, sewer, power etc. in line with growth.

Keeping the small-town feeling and water usage.

Keeping up the parks, schools, recreation, utilities with all the new growth. Don't let Salem grow too fast.

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Lack of commercial and senior housing

Lack of revenue from businesses, so roads and sidewalks can be kept nice. Also so Salem can afford the right amount of police and other community officers
Law enforcement has spoken a lot about the drug problem. Personally, I think it would be nice to have more local jobs - economic base.
Lots of traffic
Low income families that need some motivation to improve their lives.
Maintaining the current infrastructure while still accommodating the growth. Concerned about the water needs that come with the growth. We have less water pressure from the PI system than we've had in the past, which results in dry spots in yards in our neighborhood.
Management of growth.
Managing Growth
Managing growth
Managing growth and making sure the infrastructure is in place to support it.
Managing growth and still keep the small town feel of Salem!
Managing Growth. The paradox is that in order to maintain what makes Salem great (small town feel), Salem leadership can no longer manage the city with the small Utah town mindset.
Spanish Fork growth has exploded but the city has done some great things to modernize SF while still maintaining some of the small town feel. For example, having their own affordable internet and phone service, creating walking paths in rural settings (Don't make Lew provide all the walking paths). etc. I think Salem could learn from this.
Managing its growth and keeping it under control.
Managing the growth. With every new housing development, I wonder how our current infrastructure, especially our water pressure, will handle the growth. And will everyone abide by the rules of watering. I love our secondary system and am grateful for the low cost. Can we continue regulating it in a way that does not require meters? I do not want to see those costs jump due to some who do not respect the rules put into place.
More businesses for tax base. Water.
More sidewalk space ,specificly from the schools and east. I see too many little kids walking home without a sidewalk.
more speed limit signs on side streets going to the pond
N/A
NA
Need a few more stop lights and please keep the country atmosphere!
Need more feedback from city not the same thing in news letter.high taxes
Need more restaurants
Need some sit down restaurants
New building - homes and water. How is the water situation here?
Nice Neighborhoods turning into junky neighborhoods. No landscaping, Big pools on front lawns all summer, Lots of cars at certain houses. Multiple families, or single's rentals in family neighborhoods. The nice neighborhood I moved into 10 years ago is slowly getting junky because there is no enforcement of city ordinances. People in our neighborhood are really concerned about this.
No activities for non-mormon youth, which leads to drug and alcohol problems.
No middle ground on houses from what I have observed. (No starter type homes unless it's a town home.) A lot of the new homes are SO expensive. And I would hate to live in a town house, even to start.

None that I'm aware of.
Not much business in salem. I go to Spanish for or payson for almost everything (except stokes). Other than stokes I don't feel like Salem has many businesses I would ever go to regularly.
Not sure
Only one store - no restaurants. Need more conveniences here in Salem.
Over growth
Over population.
Over population/big businesses. Salem is losing the small town feel that I love. Spanish fork got sports complexes, Costco, Walmart, and restaurants, and now I see pan handlers every time I drive through. Now Salem has town homes, strip malls, a huge rec. building, and too many houses on too small of lots.
over reaction to dry water years causing problems where none are needed, mainly regarding to rationing of the irrigation system.
overall city planning. we dont feel like a part of the city, because we are isolated. dont get me wrong, i love the country feel but even Mapleton has bike paths. i would like to see something that would link my neighbor hood to the rest of downtown, like a bike path or even a simple sidewalk along the highway south of the Krishna temple to the north side of stokes grocery store.
Overpopulation
People not stopping at stop signs.
The plows not plowing some of the roads.
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Please don't turn Salem into the McMansion capital of Utah. Limit growth. Don't allow new developments if there are homes for sale that are already built. Don't turn Salem into Orem. I wish Salem would make illegal the big TV Monitor signs. The one outside of the gym is blinding as you drive by at night, and the one on the building that is under construction that is by Banner Bank is right in a place that people will be watching it as they drive and will fail to turn. Pass a law that makes them illegal, or at least should not be turned on after dark.
Poor roads
Poor snow plow job
Population growth. We are losing the fields, orchards, farms, etc. These have been a special part of Salem and just one of the reasons we moved here. Now we are getting people here that are having a somewhat hard time assimilating. Let's stop new business sales and NO apartment complexes and NO HALF WAY HOUSE either! That is going to have an impact on crime. KEEP IT OUT OF HERE!!!!
Pressurized irrigation is charged unfairly. It should be metered and charged based on usage. It SHOULD NOT be based on lot size.
Preventing growth too fast and possibly create a building moratorium for new construction except in designated areas that are NOT new builder developments. We moved to Salem to enjoy the open country and want people to come and enjoy it too, but at a slow and long planned strategy.
Proper management of taxpayer dollars. Overpaying city officials.
Properly developing the infrastructure as the community grows. Increasing the tax base, need to lure more businesses into the properly zoned areas.
Rapid growth with possible shortage of water.
road conditions
road growth
Roads
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Roads

Roads
Roads and allowing future development
Roads and infrastructure.
Roads and overall infrastructure.
Wasted lawn watering and overall lack of a plan or strategy to help promote less use of water long term.
roads being out dated.
Roads need improvement. Recreation needs to start programs at a younger age. Please NO High Density homes!!!! Our building inspector/new home procedures need to be up to date with modern technology. For example, our building inspector needs a cell phone!
Roads.
Roads. Potholes. Need more road signs.
Roads. Power. Water.
Salem, Woodland Hills, and Elk Ridge are growing too fast. We don't have enough main roads to help with the traffic problem on Woodland Hills drive.
Schools, not enough schools.
See #17
Seems like there's not a lot going on in downtown Salem. Personally I do all my shopping in Spanish Fork, or Orem, American Fork etc. I think long term it will be crucial to drive popular businesses and quality restaurants to bring more life to this part of Salem.
Sewer and water not ready for growth
Sewer capacity and storm drain management, along with increasing PI and water supply services.
Tax base revenue
Sewer system
Sewer treatment
Sidewalks/safety of children going to school.
To much growth to fast
Small lot sizes or high density housing. We need to keep Salem feeling like a small town.
Snow removal and road repair/upkeep.
Stabilized growth.
sufficient water supply for future growth.
temptation to become like other cities as it grows. Work to provide the small town feel. Have growth build upon existing businesses. Don't encourage growth that would lead to existing businesses suffering do to changed traffic patterns
The amount of growth is way to much, to fast.
The biggest issue is growth. It seems the city said that we would slow down on allowed growth, but instead we are allowing homes everywhere. This takes away from what makes Salem great. We will soon not have any open land and will be crowded like other cities.
The biggest problem is growth. Salem needs to remain a small town.
The focus is on baseball in this city. All other sports are treated secondary and it shows very much with how they run their sports programs. There are not enough places to play sports. We need more open field rec space.

The government growing and therefore taxes go up.
The growth
The growths and roads
The noise around the pond during the summer at night, especially the LOUD spanish music. If I wanted to listen to music I would turn it on in my house!
The pot holes and rough roads.
The rapid growth, which has increased the number of students in our schools, limited the parking space in schools and made the driving more challenging.
The waste of dollars on pet projects and baseball while our roads are crumbling. Can we compare those budgets please?
There aren't enough green spaces being left. We are going to just have houses EVERYWHERE with no place to just have space. Only a few parks and not great places to bike. It's getting too busy everywhere to safely bike or walk. I would love a walking trail around the town.
There is no restaurants or very many good fast food places to eat. You have to go into Spanish Fork to get anything decent.
There is very little commerce which translates to a small tax base.
They desperately need to connect Elk Ridge Road to the freeway for easier freeway access for the residents who live up there.
To much building with water shortage such a huge issue and so expensive. We need to stop building and have more green
Too many homes going in and not enough businesses.
Too many housing areas coming in.
Too many kids riding four wheelers in nieghborhoods
Too many new homes and traffic on residential streets
too many out of control police officers
too much growth
Too much growth
too much growth
Too much growth and losing it's prestige of a nice small town.
Too much growth could cause lot of traffic problems in the future. Roads should be widened and traffic turning lanes before the growth takes place. roads such as Woodland Hills that handle major traffic from woodland hills or large subdivisions should be monitored as new subdivision are being built for possible additions of redlights to work at peek times of high traffic volume or turning lanes into subdivisions so that traffic continues to flow. also look at middle lane for people entering woodland hills to move into when turning left onto roads like woodland hills so that traffic moves safely and efficiently. There are two roads that are so close that if you come off one road and want to go back on the other road it could cause accidents . there is enough room to make it possible to put a cut through from one road to the other without having to go onto the woodland hills road. Not sure if the city has the right of way or not. I believe this is canal road and not sure of the name of the 2nd road ... that runs into the Salem Heights subdivision. It is possbile that the additon could actually cause wrecks if proper signs werent installed.
Too much growth for our infrastructure
Too much growth that we become another suburb with high density housing which over the years turns into renters/low income housing which brings crime.
Too much growth that will take away the country feel which is why we moved here in the first place.
Too much growth to fast.

Too much growth too fast - older homes not being renovated because of the increase in new home construction. There needs to be a better ratio of old home to new home purchases so the city center doesn't die.

Too much growth too fast. Ensuring we can support our community with the resources we have is vitally important to future growth and development.

Too much growth too fast. Keep Salem a small town!

Too much growth too fast...

Too much growth too fast...which is leading to poor and hastily made decisions regarding our city budget/funds. Too much of our budget is being used at the recreation complexes and not enough is being used for our major issues. Especially, our poor road conditions, and lack of support for the small businesses and schools in town which are the major contributors to our city economy and are essential to the town's continued growth and success.

Too much growth with no improvements to keep up with the growth. This is also causing the schools to have large class sizes and not enough funding to adjust throughout the year.

Too much growth!!

too much growth, like the smaller more laid back feel of Salem.

Too much high density housing

Too much traffic. Too hard to make left hand turns onto the HWY. I think they need a short light on the JHS road south of Stokes. The medium should be taken out of the entry to the Stokes parking lot on the NE side, so there are two lanes leaving the grocery store. Patrons should have the option to turn right or left. Also take out the "right turn only" rule leaving the south side of SHHS by the Seminary bldg. Give back the middle lane for left turns, or a busy time light at school or 100 East.

Traffic and NEED MORE TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON 198.

Traffic into and out of the city. Pressure needs to be put on the county to follow through with an access road to and from the freeway. We have had to deal with this broken access problem long enough. To many years of bull from the county.

Traffic light by Stokes and speed bumps down 400 North to curb the high school kids racing.

Trying to become one of the "big cities".

Trying to keep up with the "Big Dogs"...I realize we need growth & all that comes with it, but I moved to Salem for the Small Town Country Atmosphere!!! I love that there are cows in the pasture in my neighborhood, chickens & roosters crowing at the break of dawn, dogs barking occasionally. Going to the Post Office to get your mail & seeing your friends & neighbors. And letting my kids experience small town life that I had growing up! I just wish we didn't have to become like Spanish Fork & the rest of northern Utah County.

Uncontrolled growth and keeping Salem special.

Uncontrolled growth. I feel like building is going on faster than the infrastructure can handle.

Unknown

Unsure. However, I can say I love the small town feel. I would think the problem might be keeping the small town feel but also growing and supporting the growth with services.

Water

Water

Water

water

Water

Water Conservation, Roads conditions, Size of the Library

WATER for all these new homes

Water issues with all the new homes and growth

water shortages, new housing
Water supply for future growth. Sewer treatment plant upgrade.
Water that will be needed for all the new buildings and homes that are coming into this area!
Water!
Water, Sewer, and Growth and city infrastructure and growth. Until you get culinary water solutions, we need to limit growth. At least from the unofficial information that I am hearing.
We could use better parks, maybe a splash pad, and definitely sidewalks on 300 w.
We have concerns about adequate water for the rapid growth in the city.
We have not lived in Salem long enough to really see how things have worked out! But so far things seem to be going too but then again we have only been in Salem since the end of Oct 2016
We need more business to come in to provide tax revenue for a growing city.
We need more business's for the taxes they bring. Other than the grocery store and a few of the other business's That we support many people shop outside of town.
We need to have a plan for water, sewer and garbage should the electric power be disrupted for a long period of time. An EMP or the possibility of a terrorist attack affecting the power grid is a real possibility in today's world. It's better to think this out ahead of time and come up with workable solutions rather than react in haste to a sudden crisis. This could become a life and death situation for the citizens of Salem.
We need WAY MORE green spaces with the development of houses around here. I thought for sure you would of at least had a lovely green strip heading to the cemetery when the Sabin Orchard was destroyed. Instead it is stacked with houses. If you want to keep Salem charming, add some green spaces when farm fields and such are removed for development of houses.
We would like to have Salem Canal Road and also Center Street repaved. These roads seem to be in very bad condition. Possibly other roads, as well.
We've lived here for about 9 years and over the last 3 it seems that there has been an influx of track homes. These stock Arrive, Altitude Homes, etc. have brought down our property value as well as brought large numbers of people, which it doesn't seem that Salem is ready to support. I feel that the quality has shifted to quantity when building moratoriums were lifted. It feels that more building and numbers in population have exceeded the support for this growth. Also, stock home builders being aloud to buy up large numbers of lots in a concentrated area have caused there to be "poorer pockets" and created more elite areas where HOA's don't allow that. It has been disheartening to see the variety of home values everywhere sift to poorer vs. wealthier areas.
You say we don't have enough water, but keep giving out building permits. You need the match the two. If you are going to continue to grow, then prepare for the water usage. Also, basement flooding was terrible this winter (I being one of the many clueless victims). If builders are going to do basements, they should be required to tell the future owner of the danger of the ground water issue...the many natural springs that are throughout Salem. Or the builders should be required to install drain systems around the houses. Or, no ground basements at all.
Zoning regulations need to be strictly enforced.

**19 - What do you like most about Salem City?**

it is quiet
It is still a rural community!
roads with no curb and gutter
"Used" to like the small town feel. Getting to many people moving in.
a great place to live!!!!
Being a smaller affordable city to live in and being peaceful.
being away from the interstate keeps our town calm and safer.
City of "Peace" and quiet.
City officials are trustworthy and decent. The residents are aware and caring toward each other.
community, police officers, and schools
Everything
Everything
Family centered atmosphere.
Family friendly
Farm atmosphere
Friendliness.
Friendly everywhere we go
Friendly people and small town atmosphere.
Friendly, kind and good people
Friendly, safety, beautiful
friendliness
Getting some local businesses but still small feel.
Good people, small town feel, but close to big town convenience
Good place to raise kids
Great community to raise a family in.
Great people
Great small town, small town atmosphere, please guard against too much growth.
Library is good. Stokes/Ace Hardware- great store.
Helpful and friendly neighbors.
Home town feel
Hometown atmosphere
How quiet it is and the beautiful surroundings that we enjoy.
How tight and close knit the community is and the small town feel

I am so grateful for our secondary water system, our roads, and overall efficient city systems. I love our library, public safety team, the new recycling system, and our overall community feel. Salem Days is a big part of that community feel. We love Salem Days and attend every year. Salem has been a very safe and fabulous place to raise our family. It has been so good to us these past 20 years.

I feel safe here. I like the small town feel. I love mount loafer elementary where my children attend.

I have always enjoyed the small town atmosphere where we all just know one another. The growth has taken that atmosphere away.

I like everything. That is why I have lived here 43 years.

I like feeling like I can "get-away" from the bigger surrounding towns. It's quiet, slower-paced and peaceful. That was a big draw for us when we decided to move here. We love the small-town feel even if it means we need to travel a bit farther for stores.

I like it being a small town, but it isn't as small as when I was growing up in the 70s, 80s and 90s. Moved away for 3 years and came back in 1997 and it just keeps growing. There are too many houses being built. Do we have the water supply to support everyone? I worry about that. I miss the small town feel. :(

I like that it has maintain its suburban feel. It is a bedroom community and will hopefully never change from that.

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I like that it's small and clean. I like that people are willing to help each other out. I like that the city office sends texts and emails out when ever there is something going on or going to happen

I like the home town feel and the rural atmosphere but at the same time I think we need the commercial growth along SR 198 and other areas specific to maintain a good tax income for the city.

I like the peace and quiet. I like the country feel. I like the people!

I like the people and I like how it is growing. I like that we feel safe in our city.
I like the people.
i like the small town but but not very small anymore
I like the small town feel and the friendliness. I like the rural feel.
I like the small town feel and want to keep it that way.
I like the small town feel yet it is close enough to things I need.
I like the town feeling and safety offered in Salem! It is a great place to call home!
I like the willingness of people to participate in community activities.
I love how small it is and that we don't have the big box stores. If we could keep those in Payson and Spanish Fork, that would be ideal. I want us to be able to keep the small city feel that we have that makes Salem so great. All the growth makes me worry a little of that will go away. But if we can keep the big stores out, I think that'll really help.
I love no rec on Mondays. I love Salem DAYS. I love the bedroom type community with the businesses outside of the city, for the most part.
I love Salem! Love the small town feel. I love the jr high and high school. I've been impressed with the community overall.
I love that it still has a bit of a small town feel (hence my response of too much growth:)
I love the atmosphere
I love the beautiful setting, the small town friendliness, and the kind police force.
I love the close unity of the citizens
I love the park and pond.
I love the people.
I love the safe community, and the small town feel. The kids can ride their bikes almost anywhere. The people here are amazing! I also feel I don't really need to leave town for any of my needs. We also have beautiful views from almost any location.
I love the small community feel.

I LOVE the small town feel of Salem. My spouse and I grew up in smaller areas and wanted to find a place similar to what we had as kids for our own. I don't want this to change. the Majority of people here are kind and welcoming. I love the fields and the farms all over. This town is country and we love country. Down to earth, kind, straight forward people who are willing to help where they can.

I don't want this to change and I feel if we continue to build homes and more people come into town this will slowly be lost. Everyone who comes here wants small town feel. With every family or person who moves here we slowly move away from being small and will eventually turn into SF or Payson. That would not be so cool.

I love the small town feel. I know businesses bring in tax money and so they are important to the city but I would hope that we can keep them small businesses to keep the small town feeling. I also would hope that we could keep lot sizes larger than average so that people can live a little more spread out.

I moved here about a year ago from Saratoga Springs to get away from high density housing. I grew up in a small town and love the small town feel here.

I use to like the small town feel. It is getting so big!

I was born and raised here. I like the way the city runs the City and how they are always doing things to control the growth and other problems that occur. It certainly is the City Of Peace. Well done.

It being off the main path.

it is peaceful, quiet and great neighbors

It quite

It reminds me of Boulder Co. when it was small.

It still has a small town feel to it. That might change though.

It still has a small town feel.

It's a peaceful, friendly place.

It's a snaller upscale community.

It's away from the city, the fields and scenery are why we moved here. I love to drive home from a busy day at work and see the horse pastures and fields. Our neighbors are great and we care for each other. Please keep a balance between business and the rural lands. Don't become an Orem, over developed and no breathing room.

It's beauty!

Its beauty, safety, great people

It's comfortable.
It's geographic location right under the beautiful mts.
It's out of the way and has beautiful views all around
Its quaint and unique spirit! We are no longer the best kept secret in the valley unfortunately, thus the growth that's occurring. The residents in Salem are one of a kind and can be described as the perfect examples of service! It reminds me of a song I learned in high school with the following message - Up, up with people. You meet them wherever you go. Up, up with people. They're the best kind of folks we know. If more people, were for people, all people everywhere; there'd be a lot less people to worry about and a lot more people who care.
Its quiet setting.
it's safe. still small town atmosphere.
It's small and has a rural feel while being close to larger cities.
It's tucked away from I-15, and has a good small town atmosphere, animal rights, community support, sufficient businesses, clear air, everything we need, and if not, it's close enough to SF or Payson for any other needs. Salem has no wind from the Canyon like SF, and has a beautiful pond for enjoyment and recreation. We also love Christensons walking path, Stokes Grocery, Salem Days, and the people!
Its uniqueness.
Light there!
Like the quite feel of Salem but am afraid we are losing that
Like the small city feel. Would like to see more development, but not overdone.
Location! Small town feel
Love the feeling of community and how safe it is.
Most people are very friendly and helpful. There is a great cohesiveness in our area that I love. We enjoy the beauty of the area around the pond and appreciate efforts to keep it clean and beautiful.
My home town, proud to be a Salemite
My home town.
Nice clean LITTLE place to live.
Nice community feel.
Nice community feel.
Nice small friendly city

No Walmarts. The area businesses are very much in line with the more community oriented direction Salem has maintained. The general feeling of safety and the clean parks and recreation areas.

Nothing better than the people. We have never lived in an area so kind and generous. This is a genuine city with so much love and support.

open air and room

Open space

Outlets and minimalls will grow our small business economy.

Peace and quiet

Peace and quiet. And the livestock.

Peaceful, nice place to live. Salem City is well-managed. Police force is excellent.

We have good schools.

people, quaint town feeling, city government, schools

Pond

Quaint and quiet.

Quiet

Quiet and still fairly rural. The last thing I want to see is too much growth; especially low income housing.

Quiet comfort of a small town.

Quiet nights (at least in our neighborhood). Security- I would match our police force and emergency services to anyone's, anywhere. and of course, the view.

Quiet setting and the people in our neighborhood. Low crime rate. Peaceful enviroment.

Quiet town, peaceful, with all the building that's going to change.

Quiet town, peaceful, with all the building that's going to change.

Quiet town, yet close to amenities.

Quiet where I live.

Quiet, close to everything.

Quiet, everyone knows everybody

Quiet, peaceful, friendly

Quiet, peaceful, good people, small,

Quiet, peaceful, safe, beautiful, friendly

quiet, peaceful, small town atmosphere, good quality people.

Quiet, peaceful.

Quiet.

Quietness

Quite and calm place. Good neighbors that seem to want to be here
Relatively quiet.
remarks above
Rural
rural atmosphere
Rural atmosphere - that we are losing
Rural feel, but close to everything we need.
safe place to live
Safe town to live in.
Safe, pleasant
Safety and friendly care that people have for each other. It really is the city of peace
Safety and how peaceful it is
Safety and schooling.
Salem days is a blast, it's great!
Salem has always been a safe place to live
Salem's location, geography, and views are some of the city's greatest assets.
Sense of rural life (lived in rural Illinois for 16 years) a big plus. It is not that we need to say 'we're here we don't want any more people here' (that exclusiveness like Alpine followed is ugly). It is a great and beautiful community for the middle class. I'd like to see that framework stay in place.
size
Small and friendly.
Small city feel, people here are great!
Small country town. Quiet and not a lot of crime and drugs.
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Small Friendly town. Love the community spirit. being informed about things happening in the town. christmas pond lighting. Salem days. Helpful city hall and the post office is great. Close enough to larger cities for shopping without having traffic jams. Love the way the town has main events for the Town people to get together and get to know each other. We come from a small town but they never have anything but a christmas parade. after the parade people are so cold all they want to do is beat the crowd and go home to get warm. and nothing where people get to mingle. People know each other and are very friendly. Feel safe there. Love the community spirit. .



Small town feel
Small town feel .
Small town feel and charm but so close to SF I don't feel isolated and can get quick access to everything I need. Beautiful neighborhoods settled in the mountains with the farms and fields. Wonderful people to raise my kids around. It's the best place in the world!
Small town feel and cleanliness. Tight knit community.
Small town feel and friendly atmosphere.
Small town feel but close to everything.
Small town feel close to the big towns
Small town feel with open space.
Small town feel yet being close to everything we need.
Small town feel! No doubt about that, that's why I moved here in the first place
Small town feel, although it is slipping away.
Small Town feel, but close to needed services and stores.
Small town feel, but we are losing that:(
Small town feel, low crime, good place to raise a family
Small town feel, sense of community
Small town feel.
Small town feel. Peace, safety. Beauty
Small town feel. People actually respect our police officers.
Small town feel. DONT WANT BIG BOX STORES. If we do we will kiss all businesses goodbye.
Small town feel. Good government and City workers that love our town. Common sense approach to running the city.

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Small town feel. It's fairly quiet, for now.

Small town feeling

Small town feeling but close to anything we need.

Small town friendly

Small town friendly with great activities

small town life

Small town with friendly people and less gang/crime issues because we don't have high density housing and have good law enforcement.

small town  
pond  
parks  
fire works  
children's activities  
schools  
neighbors

Small town!!

small town, and of course the Pond.

Small town, close community feeling.

Small town, friendliness, good people

Small town, open spaces

Small town.

Small, hometown feeling

Small, quiet, not too formal, not to "citified".

small, quiet, peaceful town

smaller more laid back feel, and gas and go's biscuits and gravey!!!

Small-town feel, low crime, friendly people, less regulation.

Still has a small town feel yet close to bigger areas. Stokes is an awesome store. I appreciate adding the recycling program.

Still has a small town feel, wish I could buy beer on sunday

Still has a small town, country feel!

Thanks for adding recycling. Also, this survey will inherently give you biased and inaccurate information because of the way questions are worded and data is collected.. I do worry about basing policy and council decisions on the results.

That I know my neighbors, and I like them. That the streets roll up and it gets quiet. That we don't have so many lights that you can see the stars at night. That the police show up at my door on 30 seconds after a call to 911.

That it is a small town.

That it is has a safe feeling here. I like that my kids can walk to school and ride their bikes around the neighborhoods and I do not feel like I have to always be with them. They get to enjoy being a kid!

That it is still somewhat small and safe.

That it's a small quite town

That we are still a small town.

That's it's a small town with so much to offer.

the "rural" friendly, environment, Salem Days, Pond Town Christmas

The animals and open spaces. Fields with horses and cows. I don't want that to go away.

The atmosphere

The beautiful mountains and view of the valley.

The beauty and the people.

The beauty the people still keeping the small town feel.

The city and police make this an enjoyable and safe place to live. I feel the police aren't over bearing or out to get anyone they just want to keep us safe and that is great. I really appreciate the recreational programs that are available for my kids and we all love the new recycling program. Keep up the good work!

The city of peace. Every one helps. Mayor Brailsford and past recent mayors Henderson, Green, and Cope. They all do well. The city employees are top notch.

The community, people and small town atmosphere

The country atmosphere

The country. Not a lot of people. Its not over crowded. Not tons of traffic. You can actually listen to nature and relax in life.

The feel of community. It's beautiful and has great people in it

The feel. Small and friendly

The friendliness of neighbors, clean, safe, peaceful, small town feel - yet availability to all needs

The friendliness of the people. The city employees helpfulnes. The notices through email texts and phone calls. The emergency services. Salem days activities. We love Salem.

The good people that live here. We think the city council and mayor do an excellent job in meeting the needs of the people as much as funds will allow. Thank you!

The home town atmosphere.

The home town feel.

The kindness of the people who live here. And the semi rural feeling.

The Library

The Mayor - Absolutely "tapped in", open minded and responsible!

The Recreation Department - The amount of time, work, effort and thought that is provided by Matt and his department is astounding. Perfect? No...but pretty dang close!

the mountains and the people

The neighborly attitude and general work together attitude.. We don't seem like just a collection of individual families or homes -- it feels like a town where people care about each other and doing the best for everyone.

The peace and quiet. The friendly people.

The peace. This was the main reason we moved here - to get away from the 10's of thousands of people and drivers in other Utah communities.

The peacefulness, still small town feel, not a big busy city.

The people and the location.

The people and the rural feeling.

The people and the small town atmosphere .

The people at the city desk are great

The people that live here, small town, activities.

The people! The people are friendly and neighborly!

I like how the cemetery is maintained. It is always well kept.

It is home.

The people, and the peace and quiet.

The people, life in general in Salem is second to NONE, i wouldnt move with the exception of too much growth that takes the charm away.

The people, programs, Salem days, the small town feel, etc.

The people, Salem Days fireworks etc.

The people, the beauty of the city, the neighborhoods, the schools, the small town, but adequate public services.

The people, the police, fire, and ambulance crews.
The people, the small town feel and personality of Salem. Being close to all the businesses and services you need, while still feeling like you live in a small town.
The people.
The people.
The people. Everything is close. There is a feeling of community closeness.
The people. I really enjoy the fireworks display during Salem Days. It's always really well done. Impressive!
The People. The location. The small town atmosphere.
The pond and Knoll park :)
The pond atmosphere
The pond, the view, the openness (wider roads & open fields)
The quaintness/the people
The quiet and beauty. The hometown feel.
The quiet small-town atmosphere.
The quiet solitude
The quiet, peaceful environment. Very friendly people.
The quite small town feel.
The rural community and friendly people
The semi-rural, friendly atmosphere. Spanish Fork, Payson and Santaquin have all lost that because of growth. Perhaps it can't be stopped but I hate to see Salem, Payson & Spanish Fork become the next Springville-Provo.
The sense of community. To know everyone on a personal level, the mayor, the police, the people down the street, the people at the store. It's all about the people
The small country feel, so that's why I don't want it to grow to much bigger.
The small country town feel.
The small feel and peace.
The small hometown feel and the safety our law enforcement provides.
The small hometown feel. Friendly, caring
The small town and no slums.

The small town and the fact that everyone knows each other (for the most part). We moved here for this reason. The schools are good and the emphasis is on maintaining and nurturing families. We love that this community is a tight-knit group that stands together for everything, good or bad. This is very unique and we need to preserve this as much as possible.

The small town atmosphere.

The small town charm

The small town feel

The small town feel and not a lot of traffic

The small town feel and the good people of Salem!

The small town feel and the quietness

The small town feel but that it's has enough business around to keep it convenient at well. We LOVE Salem and the people.

The small town feel, and the beautiful area next to the mountains. The pond is another beautiful and unique thing about our city that I truly enjoy.

The small town feel.

The small town feel. PLEASE do NOT consider high-density housing!

The small town feel. Fight to keep it. Tax new developments. Give tax incentives on renovation and preservation, and building on already developed lots.

The small town feel. I'm originally from springville and loved the feel of the town but I feel that it is trying to grow too big too fast. I love Salem because I have the hometown feel where everyone knows each other.

The small town feel. That's why we moved here. That is also why the high density housing doesn't appeal to me. We prefer Salem stay small for as long as possible. Especially west Salem.

the small town feeling

The small town feeling.

The small town feeling. I've lived in two surrounding communities and neither had the community pride I have felt since living here. Salem is a great place to live lets keep it that way.

The small town tradituons and rhe people. The small town feel. I worry we are losing that with all the growth. That's one reason we moved from cedar Hills 10 years ago.

the small town, peaceful, community feelings. It is a wonderful place to be.

The small-town feel! I like the convenience of having SF and Payson have the big box stores, while keeping Salem quaint.

The things I liked about Salem are passing quickly with the added growth.

The views / small town - country feeling.

The views, it's quiet and peaceful and people are generally friendly.

The warm sense of community and hometown feel.

The wonderful people and sense of community.

This has been my home for a long time. I love the place and the people. Its growing and we are gradually getting additional business like Stokes that allow us to shop do business in our own community. With the High School and Jr. High and our city recreation, our youth have many opportunities to be involved.

Uncontrolled growth brings many problems. Homes are going in high water areas. Losing sense of community.

Very peaceful and beautiful place to live and raise a family.

Friendliness of the people

Very quiet.

Warm, friendly, safe, Church centered. Let's keep it this way!

We enjoy the hometown feel. We enjoy having animals and livestock around that give us a more country home feeling.

We just love the people and town and everything about it

We like the feeling of community, the "small town" feeling and how safe we feel living here.

We LOVE being in Salem and we love the smaller town feel here. We also love how nice and clean the town is and how it seem like the people take pride in taking care of their homes and yards for the most part. WE LOVE SALEM, we moved from Payson so not to far away but we love living in Salem!!

We love our neighbors and the friendly, peaceful feeling of Salem.

WE Love the small town feel of Salem. It's quiet but also has a lot to offer.

We moved here because it was such a clean small friendly town. Beautiful orchards . Low traffic family bedroom community.  
No apartments or trashy neighborhoods.

We moved here to get away from large government, high taxing city regulators of more rural areas.

We used to love how peaceful it was. We love our neighbors and the spirit of solidarity of our community.

Welcoming small town feel.

Wonderful place to live and raise my family.

**If you would like to explain/elaborate on any question. Indicate the question # and your comment**

They need drip incentives, or better usage of water

#14 - I have not spoken to any members of the City Council or employees.

#20 - Only when drought conditions are pressing.

#14 I would have answered "I don't know"

I am glad you sent out this survey. I am very concerned about water use and the explosive growth that seems to be occurring. It is a little frightening

#14

I was confused by what I was finding on the website, so I called to ask a zoning question and was met with an extremely condescending employee. If the zoning office were able to fully answer questions - hopefully without being rude - I would be far more able and willing to understand and follow laws.

#15 & 17 Along with road repairs, Salem really needs more sidewalks with curb and gutter in the older part of town. It is very frustrating and dangerous that there is not a safe sidewalk route for school children to walk to Salem Elementary from East of the school. There is not a street from 500 East down to the school that has complete sidewalks. Center street has some sidewalks, but they don't always connect, and it is such a busy road. It would be wonderful to have sidewalks down 100 south or 200 south that the kids could use to walk to school. Roads such as 100 East and 500 East are getting even busier as more homes are built South. It is making Salem unfriendly to pedestrians when there aren't sidewalks. I think some of the impact fees for the new building needs to go to the existing roads and to build sidewalks to keep us safe as traffic increases. I would also love to see a new park. I LOVE salem knoll park, but as the population is growing, it is becoming crowded and we need another option. I love Salem so much and there is no place I would rather live. Thanks for all you do to make it so wonderful.

#15- A concern about our "Historic District", as the older part of town has been surrounded by newer neighborhoods with complete paving, curb, and gutter, the streets where personal property is without an obvious border out in front often look ratty and unkempt. Without a defining property line the contents of carports, driveways, and yards seem to creep out, widening and deepening as the years pass. I'm not even sure where my property line is - but I water and mow grass out to the streets edge. Sadly, many people do not. I wonder if marking street abutting property lines with flags, or temporary spray paint (as used by Blue Stakes) along with an informational flyer reminding us all of city policies in regard to our use of and responsibilities for this space would bring an improvement? Perhaps improvements (gravel, grass, or black top) could be offered with some incentive - a reduced price from the contractor? - leading folks to address the issue and get it done? I know, it's probably pretty low on your list of priorities, but maintaining a well kept appearance discourages vandalism and crime, and elevates folks opinions of the neighborhood and the city as well. I'm just sayin' - Thank you!

#15 let's maintain the roads we have before we make more of them.

#15-The road NEEDS to be fixed through the lazy acres dairy. A QUICK BAND-AID NO LONGER WORKS ANYMORE. Also, the dairy needs a sidewalk. So dangerous for kids walking home from school, or anytime of the day!

#17 example lot on 375w 200s. junk vehicles haven't moved in years!!

#17 Our city council members should not approve a halfway house without the citizens in the neighborhood being affected notified. Halfway houses do not follow the zoning regulations in our neighborhood of Salem Heights.

#17. The city needs to instill a pride of home ownership in the citizens by establish/enforce city ordinances. It is not right that most of the home properties are well kept except for the few "junkyard" looking properties that affect the values of everybody else.  
Thank you for this opportunity to voice my CONSTRUCTIVE suggestions.

#18. Keep the Half-way House out of Salem or any addiction recovery home or Homeless Shelter. These people NEED help to become independent and NOT a "program" that does NOT do that. I would like for the City to keep the people notified as to what is happening to these sort of things that are being forced upon us and do so regularly and maybe weekly. A report could be emailed to citizens.

I think we have reached the population limit about now. Let's stay "small" and individually engaged as we are now.

#18. The days of patching roads pot hole by pot hole, on top of pot holes, needs to end. There are a lot of roads that have been continually patched. Fix the roads the right way, demo and reinstall the roads so they are crowned and have proper drainage. The roads would last longer if they were built with crowns. The first road the needs to be reinstalled is 750E from the highline canal to 10400 S. Curb and gutter needs to be installed on both sides of the road. The school kids don't even have continuous side walk to walk on to school. They are walking on the street because they have to and that is a liability to the City you will want to get fixed quickly!

The curb and gutter needs to be added throughout the entire city including the downtown "historic" section. Storm drains need be added where needed. Salem is known for it's HORRIBLE roads, ask anyone!

#2. I don't think it should stop but the housing prices are very prohibitive to most people. #8. I am not a fan of high density housing but I think there is a need for it or at least smaller more affordable homes.

#20 - if you are so concerned about conserving water, why are you still allowing so much new development?

#20 yes we conserve water but we should be able to water in the early morning and after work on our days to water. it should be every other day.

#20 biLL pure unit not on size

#20 Education on how to properly water landscaping would improve water conservation more than days of restriction

#20. I haven't done any studies, so you probably know more about this than I do, but it seems that the more restrictive you are, the more people try to hoard. It's like in Tom Sawyer when he's painting the fence. He doesn't want to do it, so to get other kids to do it for him, he tells them they can't. All of a sudden they want to. If you want to make people desperate for water and use too much on the days it's allowed, keep telling them they can't use it on Tuesdays and Fridays. It'll make them panic and water too much the rest of the week. But if you want them to be judicious, try telling them there's plenty of water. I don't know. Maybe it'll backfire and have the opposite effect. I'm glad it's you making decisions and not me. :)

#20. We pay for the pressurized water all year long but we get restricted more and more every year. It started out with no restrictions. Then we could not water on Tuesdays. Now we can't water on Tuesdays & Fridays. And there was a cost increase last summer. The water gets turned on later in the year every year and turned off earlier every fall. Now there is talk of metering the system. Putting meters in cannot be cheap when you consider the cost of the meters, installation and maintenance. I feel that this money could be better spent on more important items i.e. roads, power, etc. All this to monitor the few that abuse the system. Either get rid of the restrictions or have us pay for only the months we actually use the water.

#20....Bring back Smart Yard!!! And meter those that don't want to be part of the program & the water abusers! I really loved having that program & my yard did too!!!

I also want to THANK ALL the city employees, Departments; especially the POLICE Department, & most of all the Mayor & City Council for the Fabulous job your doing!!!

I love living in Salem & having my family live here too!!!!!! THANK YOU!

#20: more and more homes are being built and we are already on schedules to conserve water; also, many residents do not follow the restrictions and are not fined or held responsible so it must not be too important.

#4 if we grow wouldn't more officers be needed in most cases naturally?

#4 - we need to be smart about it...not just add to add

#5 - They drive faster than 25 mph!

#4 Without knowing the crime rates I'm not qualified to say we need more or less. What I do know is that it's important for the police to build relationships with the people, not to see themselves so much as "law enforcement".

#20 Pretending we have a drought when we don't does nothing but diminish the importance of conservation when it's actually needed.

#4? One more thing--I've just noticed that the policemen aren't quite as friendly as a few years back. It used to be that any time a policeman drove by, they would smile and wave. I know they can't wave to everyone on the highway, but a simple greeting in town as they are passing a pedestrian or vehicle would go a long way. I would love to see our city retain respect and comradery with our police force.

#5 It would be nice if when the snowplow pulls out of the city shops by our house they would take a minute to backup to the edge of our driveway to clear that 40-50 feet that never gets plowed. Overall for such a snowy year they did a great job.

#5 - The snow plows did a great job on the main roads, but a lot of our little side roads didn't get touched. It's fine when you have a big truck like me when I leave for work after I plow, but by the time my wife goes to work the snow is already back and she has to shovel almost a blocks worth of snow to get out. That is just something I think would only take a little extra time but make more citizens happier.

#5- I know our plow drivers tried, I know several of them spent MANY hours in the plow this year. However, I feel like the city needs to invest in a couple extra plows. 3 just doesn't cut it, and I know often they have at least one out of service for one reason or another.

#5: Last year we were really happy with the snow removal. This year, it seemed like they always did our street last, and also only plowed one side of the street. We regularly had to shovel not just our driveway, but also part of the street to get out.

#14: I have never interacted with the Mayor or any city employees, but N/A was not an option.

#6 I think the city has too many programs that do not pertain to our own children in the community. I would like to see more for our children and less from outside leagues.

#6 City recreation programs for kids sports have gotten quite expensive

#7 - I don't think we need SR 198 to be a freeway, but I think there are plenty of opportunities for growth/expansion without pushing everything to Spanish Fork and easy freeway access.

#7 - location of future big box stores - if it's by the freeway, it will allow many others to easily access the stores, which would help with outside revenue coming into the city. If it's on the highway, it's easier access for residents, but the traffic would be impacted A LOT>

#7 - NO BIG BOX STORES. Please turn down any offers from Wal Mart or any other giant stores. Protect smaller companies like Stokes that have really improved Salem without tearing it up. No new construction for box stores! Keep Salem unique and separate from the other places around here. If people don't like driving so far to Wal-Mart they can move to Payson.

#7 and #8 Please reconsider the zoning of a half-way house at 308 N. 900 E. We feel unsafe and we are very angry that our home values will plummet when we've sacrificed to move to a nice area. I will fight this, it's simply ridiculous.

#7 even though I would like the retail district to be close - the real tax base will eventually be off the I- 15 exit and I think the city should be planning for growth there.

The planned road extension from Elk Ridge to the I - 15 exit should be a priority- good grief it has been over 5 years in the planning and no results

#8 - we don't need the heavy population growth...

#8- I do feel like they did a good job being prompt about plowing, but felt like I wish they would've plowed a wider area. I love our wide roads & they only plowed barely enough room to drive.

18. I feel that the Roads in Salem should be split into a number of zones, and each year dedicate to improving one zone. On rotation then, each zone would be improved every 6 or 8 years. Also, have you seen how cramped that library is? It would also be great if there was more room for the kids at Storytime to sit.

20 - If water is in such short supply why does building continue? I get tired of being told to conserve but homes are popping up like crazy.

3. On Dec. 24th, my niece was visiting from out of town and decided to take her dog for a walk. She has Sjorgren's disease and has bouts of serious brain fog. She got lost and couldn't find her way back. Her daughter received a call from the police to get an address, then sent her on her way. She was knocking on several doors before my sister found her. It would have been nice if they could have taken her to the station and had us pick her up or just brought her to my house.

5. I don't know what resources have been available, but I know of several streets on the east side that were never touched by a plow.

14. I haven't tried to talk to them.

4- I have loved the quiet confidence and encouragement of making Salem great as we all contribute as citizens and when there is a police around every corner, the feeling sifts to "being managed" which is why I don't think we need more policemen. Chief James and his crew do a wonderful job. Self encouraging and self management things they do, such as the electronic speed limit signs telling one's speed on "easy to speed roads" are very helpful and help instill that same feeling of confidence and personal ownership.

5- The plows do an excellent job. There were only 2 times we noticed the roads not being plowed promptly and resulting in unsafe road conditions.

5 - I think the plows did an ok job. My biggest complaint every year is that I have to shovel about 5+ feet of road to get my car out on 400 N. I get that it is a big road but it is plowed just enough to fit cars going both ways. When it is heavy slush it is near impossible to remove it for my cars AND my mailbox.

5-Not a good year to ask that question. It seems our cul-de-sac was plowed once. All around town few sidewalks were shovelled too.

6- it would be nice to have a community pool for lap swimming and swim lessons, so we don't have to pay out of city fees for swim lessons. Also, art lessons seasonally instead of just 2 weeks. Parkour lessons for boys would be awesome!

6. Hard for me to imagine that providing recreation is a proper role for governments. Safety (police, fire, snow plowing) and Health (water, power, sewage, trash), sure. Recreation? Not so much. Let the soccer-Moms and Dads get together and organize it. They are the ones who benefit.

6. It would be really nice if we had a swimming facility.

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7- it's nice to have stokes and a few restaurants, but Salem is so close to SF we don't need to invite lots of large stores in.

8- I've probably already made myself clear, but I can't impress enough how strongly I feel about bringing in high density homes. Keep the building lots spacious and, the neighborhoods nice. Don't change the reason people come and STAY and LOVE Salem!!

Arbor Day foundation encourages cities to plant trees to help keep our air clean. Also the pond and wetlands need to be cleaned up of litter. The youth groups could assist with this. Fines for littering needs to be raised and strictly enforced. Additional, the pond needs a solar powered aeration system to help keep the bacteria, algae and nitrate levels down.

As horrible as the roads are, it is very offensive to me as a person who receives no benefit from the recreation department to see that new building you just built. If you are going to spend money for recreation, more and better parks that benefit everyone would be more appropriate

Because our streets are getting busier with the growth, a walking/biking trail system linking us to the cities next to us would be awesome

Don't fight growth! Most, if not all, of the Planning Commission, City Council, and City Staff all have children(s); this means you are as contributing to the growth as anyone else. Work with it in a collaborative way, not a way of undue control and hampering. If you want a well rounded City we need well rounded citizens.

First, thanks for all that you do for the city.

We need to conserve water, but the fees for pressurized irrigation have become ridiculous. You charge by lot size but don't consider anything else about the lot. For example, how much is actually being watered. Efficient drip irrigation versus just sprinkle the whole thing constantly. Efficient sprinkler clocks that automatically adjust for the temperature, weather (rain), and season. How much shade is on the lot. Aso, existing residents paid for the installation of pressurized irrigation. New homes are hopefully being charged equally high impact fees before tapping into the system.

New home growth should not be allowed until new water sources are being utilized.

Forcing residents to only water on certain days only encourages twice as much watering or more on the days permitted to water.

Great job, Salem City!

I appreciate this opportunity to voice my opinion on city matters. Hope that this vehicle continues in the future.

I got a visit from a police officer about my pet licensing. I really appreciated the personalization and friendly reminder. The officer was able to answer my questions. My younger kids are less afraid of officers and see the police in a more positive role. Thank you for all you do!

I have lived in a high density area, I had a condo. There were probably about 100 units in the area I was in. No, I don't want that for Salem. The crime rate was higher, even though I had good neighbors, it was packed with people so it drew in those who would take advantage. However, I do like diversity, and some smaller lightly here and some there isn't so bad. If we want our young people to stay close, they need affordable housing. So I'm not saying no completely, I'm saying be careful be smart. Don't go really large density, we aren't ready for that yet.

Do I want Salem to Grow, no. Do I think it's gonna happen, YES! Do we need a good city planner probably - maybe we have one, I don't know. Again, be smart.

I think we need to start planning for another large city park. I live close to the park and wow is it utilized - by Salem residents and many others, we have done a great job creating a very lovely space. Lets Create another! Love the walking path, but it's not enough either. And it's not the City's I don't think.

I have never talked to any city council or city employees about any concerns, so there should have been a "N/A" option on the drop down menu to answer that question.

I haven't had experience with City council or public safety having only lived here 2 years. I wish one answer choice had been "no opinion" or "no experience." Yes or No isn't a valid response.

I just don't think we need to waste this vital resource. My husband would like to see a reservoir go in near that could also afford recreational opportunities.

I recognize cul de sacs aren't priority during snow storms. But more than not, we get nothing cleared and we need to get to work too.

I think every concern i have is always addressed by the Mayor/City council and all the other departments. We are blessed to live in a great City.

I think it's good to be in a habit of conservation so when we are low, we don't have to change our habits of water usage.

I think it's important to conserve on water anytime but that goes for the city as well as the residents. Automatic watering clocks need to be monitored. Also along with summer comes our secondary watering rituals. I would like the secondary system to have a constant water pressure so our sprinklers could be set and we don't have to keep changing or over watering to keep lawns from burning up or having large dry spots.

I think that there needs to be a path for pedestrians to walk the entire distance around the pond. As it is, pedestrians are forced to walk on the road and it isn't safe. Particularly for smaller children who are walking to and from school.

I think the pressurized irrigation issue is a big problem and a huge pain when I am trying to do things I need to do. I honestly feel that people use more water when told they can't use it on certain days. That only ensures that they will use all they can on days not restricted. We got so much snow this year that the restrictions should be heavily modified if not gone. Maybe no watering between 1 and 4pm or something would be ok.

I think the water days and time restrictions is a good idea

I think water metering should be on new and existing homes and each resident should only have to pay for what they use.

I think we should do a better job with recycling waste

I think we should relax our water conservation efforts on years of average+ rainfall.

I would like to see a trail system for hiking, walking, biking, running.

Perhaps paving the high line canal road and open it to the public.

If it is needed, do it. But it has become like the boy crying wolf. I will use what I need but I don't waste it.

You should have allowed comments on all questions - not just yes/no or important/unimportant.

If the city has a leash ordinance, why is it not enforced. Also, don't people on bicycles have to obey the same traffic laws as automobiles? I very often see them running stop signs especially at the canal road and 450 east. Have come close to getting hit by them.

In regards to new development AND existing properties, provide incentives to builders/homeowners to XERISCAPE front yards. There is no point in having front yard lawns. Lawns are the biggest waste of water in our desert home.

In the newsletter, I would like to see more stories about residents who are not of the LDS faith. I realize this city and state were built around the LDS religion, however we are not LDS and would like to see more diversity and inclusion of others.

In the Orchards There is not good planning on water run off from yard to yard. Is there a code that states other peoples water cannot run off their yard on to your yard?

Is Metering the answer? Real restrictions need enforced better. I see watering all the time on off days.

Is there a way that the snow plows can not push the snow back into our driveways after we have already cleared them?

It is important to me that Salem City has the funds required for infrastructure needs. If that requires a tax increase, so be it. We need to be able to maintain our city. If more money is needed for road repairs and improvements, then the residents should pay for them.

It's always in our minds to conserve but I still see water running down the road in the summer when sprinklers are left on. We do it ourselves without the city telling us when. Rather than penalties for misuse, how about rewards for those who comply?

I've only lived in Salem for 1.5 years and I don't feel that I have good input on some of your answers. I really wish you would have had an "unsure" or "don't know" option for some of your questions. I wanted to give my input on a couple of questions, but I don't want my input to effect other questions. For example, I don't really have opinions on Salem Public Safety or Recreation, but I was required to submit an answer.

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Keep business on the outskirts of town. It will encourage other cities to frequent the business's without bringing them into the main city and causing traffic issues and crowds Keep Salem Quaint and unique but take advantage of open space close to freeway entrances and exits.

Kids on four wheelers and dirt bikes riding loudly and recklessly around neighborhood streets is a problem.

Make sure water is ok and tested more frequent to make sure drinking water is safe.

May I get the water cost of \$32 a month lowered? I am a very conservative widow, and follow the watering days and guidelines very obediently not to waste water. I always turn sprinklers off for rain days, but LOL, see many homes and businesses who do not. My lot is large, but much of that is barn and non watered area. Also, #5 The 100 E 270 N culdesac would love the snow plows to remember us each time, and if possible pile the snow in the middle of the circle and not at the end, burying mailboxes and lessening visitor parking space. Thank you!

Neighboring towns are able to water 7 days a week. Why can't we?

No

No explanation is needed.

Nothing additional

number 9: high density town homes. too many people in one section creates traffic problems..unhappy people. Lived in denver area in great section where you could get to any place in Denver in 15 to 20 minutes. Driving to work went from 20 minutes to 2 hours. WE had access to several major interstates. in 10 years the area became so congested you couldn't travel 3 miles in 30 minutes due to area being overbuilt with town homes; apartments and businesses. created more crime and people werent as relaxed and the small town know everyone disappeared.

Of course, you never know what the future will bring. Its always smart to conserve where you can.

One big winter doesn't solve all the problems. With new homes being built we will still have serious water needs. I don't feel that the conservation effort has caused anyone to lose their lawns, flowers, or trees.

Parking on Center Street, during early baseball season.

Please keep our city small!!! Honestly the last peaceful place to live in Utah County!

Question #6: I feel that our athletics/recreation officer has too much of a say of what money should come from the city budget and be used at the recreation complexes. The large recreation building being built at our small baseball complex was not a wise use of funding for our city in my opinion. That money should have been used on other things that are truly an issue currently in our city. Namely, road maintenance, supporting our small businesses, and public safety.

Question 15 - The city should repair the road and make it a safe passage way for pedestrians along the East side of the dairy that butts up to the canal. I see an accident waiting to happen with children that need access along that road.

Quit so much building.

Re: 4 - Do we need to add more police officers as the city grows\* and 8 - Do we need high density homes/town homes in Salem\*

Is it the goal of Salem to keep growing? If so, what's the hurry? I've always like the small town feel of Salem...otherwise I may have bought a house in Orem, closer to work.

Recreation - sure would be nice to have a swimming pool in our city for high school swim team and recreation.

Regarding question #3: The safety I feel the city is lacking in the lack of enforcement of young children riding razors, motorcycles and other 4 wheel machines. They have ran into fences in my neighborhood. I worry about my young girl playing on the sidewalk in my cul-de-sac when I've seen motorized vehicles driven by children cruising down the sidewalk. There seems to be zero enforcement concerns by police officers for keeping non street legal dirt bikes off the road. The ATVs and dirt bikes cruise through the neighborhoods and streets at speeds up to 50 miles an hour. Don't people need licenses or required course work to drive on the roads. Don't they need to be older than 10 years old to drive at high speeds on public roads?

The safety aside, the extremely loud noises of constant dirt bikes roaring down the roads even past dark and stirring up dirt truly detracts from the serene peaceful feeling Salem has to offer and one of the major reasons we moved to the city.

Salem City changed in the middle of the stream PI water rules after some people had spent significant funds for development. This was not fair.

Snow plow crews did ok considering the season we had, but consistently, our neighborhood was done last, and always usually the day after other roads were cleared. Thank heaven's the sub division developer had a loader and cleared our roads the majority of the time.

Surrounding cities are not restricted. Why is that? . We need a community with family cool shady parks. green lawns, family gardens and Fruit. and shade trees . Zeroscape is ugly dead and increases temperature. Keep our town lovely not a cookie cutter of subdivisions and crammed in yardless townhouses. Salem was so charming and unique let's preserve that heritage....

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to keeping Salem safe, small, a little piece of heaven.

The allowance of sober living homes in residential neighborhoods makes residents in these areas feel undervalued by Salem City's elected officials. The residents have a unanimous stance on this issue, and the city doesn't seem to care, or is unwilling to fight this battle with us. This is a slippery slope, and if this one is allowed what is stopping others from doing the same thing in each community in Salem. Do you want that for this city? I surely do not. We had planned on living here for 20 years minimum. The way this issue is handled will greatly effect my view on if this city is a place where I want to raise my family for the next 20 years, or if I should take my commerce elsewhere.

The answer to #11 is not specifically for Salem Days, but the roads need work. Also, water and other utility needs are a concern with all of the construction of houses etc.

The city calling the retention basin on canal road and 480 W a park is kind of ridiculous.

The city could improve of their use of water also. The cemetery gets watered daily and water just runs down the road.

The color festival days are something the city needs to address! Greater safety restrictions need to be implemented so that people are not put in danger and that portion of the city can still be used in travel during that time! It's out of control!!

The pot holes in front of my house makes it difficult to drive out of my driveway. I live 2 houses South on Center Street.

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The power department and workers are wonderful to work with and are very caring and friendly.

The questions here were leading/biased.

The schools and businesses are biggest wasters of water.

There should be a limit on lawn square feet for all residents in order to conserve water. And the lawn strips between the sidewalk and the gutter should be eliminated, they only waste water and provide no recreation of any sort.

There should be a star at the top of each Christmas tree at Pond Town Christmas. Also the manger scene should NOT have a five pointed star. It is an ugly pentagram. Should be a four-pointed elongated star.

Salem elementary school marquis is in a residential area, but it flashes like it was las vegas strip. It needs to give the information with out all the extras. Just because it can do all that doesn't mean it should do all that.

I love the library and its staff.

We need to support the arts more in Salem. No funding and no participation or programs.

This is totally a different subject I would like to see control on animals roaming around and more police in the morning by the schools

Traffic lights at Stokes and 198 where thw townhouses exit.

too much speed coming down the hill and it is impossible to pull into existing traffic. Dangerous!

Want to say big "Thank You" for recycling!!!

Water conservation is always important. You don't need to spray your driveway clean - use a broom. People just need to realize how invaluable water is! They need to not treat it as though there's an unlimited supply.

Water conservation should be urged, but I think that it shouldnt be overdone like Lehi did last year. Agriculture takes by far the vast majority of water. That should be the biggest area of savings, not grass.

We love our city! We are grateful to our city employees and all our volunteers for making this the best community to live in. I have just one comment.

15 - Salem Canal Road is heavily used by both vehicles and runners/cyclists. This road is a main artery for the city. For many years now, it has been in need of attention. I was told several years ago that money was being set aside for this. The repavement west of Elk Ridge Drive is wonderful! Now we need to go further east. We especially need the road repaved between 100 East and at least 720 East, with the traffic associated with the stake center and the recreation complex. The damage in that section is terrible for both residents and visitors. Additionally, Salem Canal Road is curvy and dangerous from 240 East to 500 East, so it should be widened and have a sidewalk installed. Many school children walk along that section, besides runners and cyclists.

We really like to visit the parks in Salem and the surrounding cities. However, the park by the pond is rapidly becoming a place we don't want our young kids to visit. There is a lot of smoking, loose dogs, horrible language, etc. I don't know if it's possible to clean it up but it is a problem.

We think it is important not to abuse the water but not at the expense of our trees and grass dying because the water is opened too late in the spring or closed too early in the fall.

We would like to have Salem Canal Road and also Center Street repaved. These roads seem to be in very bad condition. Possibly other roads, as well.

We would like to see the pond cleaned up. It has been a long time since it was clean without algae...

Yes, but I also think the city should limit growth so current residents can use the water we have instead of adding more and more developments!!

You ask me questions about Salem days and Pondtown Christmas when I don't have enough water to water my yard.

I remember once the mayor said Salem "needed" growth. I question that remark. I don't think we need growth, and we certainly don't need growth that OVER taxes our resources and infrastructure.

Question #7 what is a "big box" store?

Question #20. Yes, Encourage. STRONGLY encourage. Not ask us to tattle on our neighbors or install a water fuhrer to see if our sprinklers are still on at 10:05 AM. And meantime, please buy some more water shares for us.

Question 4. Of course as Salem grows we'll need more officers. I suppose the question is the correct ratio of how many officers for how many residents is adequate?

Question #5 Snow removal. I don't consider removing the snow from the road and putting it on our sidewalks a good deal. I have a shovel and arthritis and I try to keep our walk clear as well as my neighbors. The plow can undo an hour's work in less than one minute. The mayor has responded to this by saying "we all need to do our part". Well, I feel like I have when I have cleared my walk and helped my neighbors. Maybe the mayor can come after the plow with his snowblower (or his shovel) and help us "do our part" after the plow comes by.

I can't thank Salem enough for sending these surveys out. I think it is great, and you have left plenty of space for comments which makes the survey worthwhile. I hope it makes a difference. Salem is truly a great place to live, but it is changing and to my mind, mostly not for the better.

You're doing a great job for our city. Thank you!