



Salem City Newsletter

City Office 30 West 100 South Salem, Utah 84653 801-423-2770 www.salemcity.org December 2023

Salem City will be closed on Monday, December 25th and 26th for Christmas. Garbage pick up on Thursday December 28th will be affected by the holiday. Garbage picked up will be on Friday the 29th. Please have your can curbside by 7:00am



Merry Christmas Salem,

I want to congratulate the new city council and thank those who ran for office. It takes courage to put yourself out there. I also want to thank the current City Council for their service to Salem City, they have served Salem residents well.

2023 in review

1-The Canal Road from Woodland Hills Drive to Elk Ridge Drive is open and paved. We have endured a long project and I want to thank you for your patience during this process.

2-Loafer Mountain Parkway is set to open on December 15, 2023, and this will help with the traffic.

3-The Fire Station has broken ground and I want to thank the committee for the endless hours planning and visiting other stations to help make this an amazing building.

4-The library addition is under construction. Thanks to the library committee for all their work to make this a fun and great library.

5-The Reflection Park is available for residents to visit, it is located just north of SR 198 at 300 West

6-Thank you, to all those who have helped with Pond Town Christmas, please come and see some of the new displays.

7-Salem City belongs to Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA) which consist of 6 cities, because of good planning the past few years, the development of two solar farms and the purchase of a natural gas generator plant, UMPA has been able to sell electricity on the open market and UMPA has done well. This helps to keep your electrical cost down while other cities have seen up to a 40% increase.

I frequently get asked if there are families or someone in the community that needs help this time of year. Salem City has a fund that helps Salem City residents in need during the Christmas season. Contributions to this fund are 100% given to those Salem residents in need. If you would love to help, you can donate at the Salem City office.

We all have a lot to be thankful for and I am grateful for a wonderful community to live in. Please watch out for your neighbor. Enjoy Salem & Merry Christmas -Mayor Kurt L Christensen



Remember the annual "Candles at the Cemetery" on Christmas Eve. For those of you who are not familiar with this tradition, you can go to the cemetery between dusk and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and leave a lit candle or luminary on the grave of a loved one. If you do not have a loved one in our cemetery and you would like to participate, you can "adopt" a burial marker or leave one on the Veteran's Memorial.



Salem Youth Council

We hope everyone enjoyed Pond Town Christmas! We love being a part of it! We are so excited to be involved in the Amaryllis project again for our Seniors this year. We'll be handing out the flowers on Dec 16th. We are also so excited to do sub for Santa this year and help a family have a merry Christmas. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

SYC Mayor Allred

SENIOR CITIZENS—LUNCHES & ACTIVITIES

	Lunch	Activity
Tues. Dec. 5 th	Biscuit & Sausage Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Tater Tots, Cottage Cheese with Peaches	Left, Right, Center
Thurs. Dec. 7 th	Three Bean Beef Chili, Seasoned Corn & Carrots, Corn Bread, Fruit Cocktail	BUNCO
Tues. Dec. 12 th	Savory Chicken Salad Wrap, Italian Pasta Salad, Kosher Pickle Spears, Diced Pears	M&M Band Performs
Thurs. Dec. 14 th	Teriyaki Chicken Bowl, Steamed Brown Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Pineapple, Fresh Baked Roll	BINGO
Tues. Dec. 19 th	<p>Special Christmas Lunch</p> <p><u>Reservation Required – Limited Seating</u></p> <p>Turkey Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Salad, Shirley's Homemade Roll, and Cassie's Cookies.</p>	<p>SHHS Choir will Perform a Christmas Concert.</p> <p>Call the Rec. Office to make your reservation beginning Dec. 1st.</p> <p>801-423-1035</p>
Thurs. Dec. 21 st	Closed for the Holidays	
Tues. Dec. 26 th	Closed for the Holidays	
Thurs. Dec. 28 th	Closed for the Holidays	

Seniors 60 and older: If you would like to join us for lunch inside the Activity Center on **Tuesdays or Thursdays at noon**, please let us know the day prior by 1:00pm via phone 801-423-1035. Suggested donation of \$3.00 per meal.

Free Senior Fitness Classes: Tuesdays @ 9:30 – Strength Training with Talia, Thursdays @ 9:30 – Strength Training with Jen. All classes are held at the Salem Activity Center, please join us!

Amaryllis Project: With the support of Mayor Christensen and the City Council, the Salem City Youth Council and staff from Salem Senior Citizens we will once again be organizing "The Christmas Amaryllis Project". One hundred and thirty Amaryllis Kits will be delivered on Saturday, December 16th. The project specifically targets seniors that are living alone or are homebound/semi-homebound. We need your help identify those that qualify.

To be eligible, you must fit the following criteria:

The individual nominated must be a senior citizen (65+) living in Salem City.

The individual nominated must be living alone OR be homebound/semi-home bound.

To nominate an individual for this project, or ask questions please call the Salem Activity Center @ (801)423-1035 or email marciemouse@comcast.net or jenniferw@salemcity.org. Nominations will be accepted until Saturday, December 9th. Space is limited, so please don't procrastinate sending in your names. Thank you in advance for your help!

Salem Library

Library Hours:

Monday— Thursday 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Friday 10:00 am -5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Story Time is on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Kindra Adair Part II-December 6 at 7:00 pm Kindra Adair (R.N.) will return for Part II of her presentation to learn alternative ways to manage your anxiety or depression. She will help you learn about the unconscious mind, how to access it, and why it matters.

Christmas Concert Sing-Along - Join us on December 7 at 7:00 pm for our annual Christmas Concert Sing-Along accompanied by Mr. Wells and the Salem Junior High Orchestra IV. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."--Buddy the Elf

Winter Reading Program - The best part of wintertime is cuddling in with a great book! Salem Library Winter Reading Program will begin December 11 and end February 3. Track your books on Beanstack to earn rewards and be entered to win the bigger reading prizes! Ages Kindergarten and Up (adults too)!

Gingerbread House Contest - Are you a master gingerbread architect? Enter our Gingerbread House Contest for a chance to win a prize and bragging rights! Houses will be on display from December 14-16. Then join us on December 16 to cast your vote and enjoy a gingersnap.

25 Books-If you've been reading along with our 25 Books in 52 Weeks bookmark challenge, make sure to return your completed bookmarks to the library by December 16 to earn your official Bibliophile prize.

Holiday Closures-The library will be closed December 23-26 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Observance.

Don't let the winter blues get you down! Stop by the library during Christmas break for scavenger hunts and winter crafts

Bibliotherapy Book groups-We're partnering with Reach Out Utah to begin children and youth Bibliotherapy Book groups. Reach Out uses literature and reading to help youth connect, heal, and build their future.

Groups range from 1-12 grade. Only 8 slots are available per group, so sign early for our January program with a librarian.

Llama Llama Pajama Read-o-Rama -Wear your cuddliest jammies and join us at the library for a reading celebration with one of our favorite book characters . . . LLAMA! We'll have crafts, games, snacks, and of course some Llama stories! Saturday, January 6 12:00-1:00.

REMINDER: The winter parking ordinance went into effect on November 1st. There is no parking on the street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. to accommodate snow removal. This ordinance is enforced whether it is snowing or not, so please make sure all vehicles are removed from the streets. Also, if you have basketball standards or other items in the street, please remove them.

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City Office Hours:

Mon—Thur 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

City Office 801-423-2770

Recreation 801-423-1035

Library 801-423-2622

Police (daytime) 801-423-2312

(after hours) 801-794-3970

Emergencies 911

City Council

December 13th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning

December 6th 7:00 p.m.



The Pond Town Christmas Boutique 2023 will be held December 1st & 2nd at the Salem Activity Center. We hope to see you there!

Salem Recreation

Youth Basketball: Boys and Girls 3rd-12th Grade. Registration is closed.

Call Rec. Office to check for availability. League play begin January 6th.

Boys Volleyball: Boys 3rd-9th Grade. Registration closes Dec. 8th. Call

Rec. Office to check for availability. League play begins January 6th.

Youth Basketball Camp: Saturday, December 2nd. Registration is

closed. Call Rec. Office to check for availability.

Hunter's Safety: Register Now Class Being Held January 8, 11, 15, 18,

22, 25. Shooting Day TBA.

Indoor Soccer: Boys & Girls Pre-K-2nd Grade. Registration Ends De-

cember 7th. Games will be played on Saturday's beginning January 6th.

Chess Camp: Boys & Girls ages 8-12. Registration Begins October 26th

– December 26th. Camp will be held December 27th-29th.

Snowman Softball Tournament: Registration your team from Octo-

ber 26th – December 26th. Tournament will be Saturday, December

30th.

Winter Hoopsters: 1st/2nd grade. Register until full. Season Begins Janu-

ary 4th.

Lil' Flippers: For 3-5 years old. Registration begins December 4th. Clas-

ses begin January 11th.

Adult Ballroom Dance: For Couples Gift Cards are available. Lesson

Dates January 12th 19th, 26th, February 2nd & 9th. Register Early Space is

Limited.

Winter is here and with that, snow. It is still important to consider stormwater pollution. Pollutants such as soaps, fertilizers, automotive fluids, and pet waste can collect in the snowpack, accumulating until a thaw suddenly dumps them into the storm water system. Contaminants that end up in the storm drains are carried off, untreated, to streams and larger bodies of water that are used for drinking, swimming, or fishing.

Here are a few helpful habits to reduce the amount of harmful pollutants entering storm drains this winter season:

- Winterizing vehicles. Check that your car is not leaking oil or other fluids. It takes only a small amount of motor oil to pollute thousands of gallons of water. Also, dispose of drained fluids properly. Many service stations and auto parts stores will collect used motor oil and recycle it. Please do not dump these items down the storm drains.
- Washing vehicles. Using a car wash facility may cost a few dollars more, but the water will be treated before being released into the watershed. If you are tempted to break out the hose and bucket to get some of the road grime off of your car. Take a moment to see where that runoff is going. Does it wash down the driveway and into the storm drain? If so, all that salt and dirt may enter a stream and our pond.

De-icing driveways and sidewalks. While it may be habit to stock up on salt for the winter, many people would not consider dumping a bucket of salt on their lawn in the summer. But the results are similar. Salt runs off of your sidewalk and onto the surrounding soil. Consider more environmentally friendly deicing products like Rain-Ex, Enviro-MLT, or Easy Melt found at most auto parts and home improvement stores.

By practicing healthy pollution prevention habits, campus users can keep pollutants like dirt and garbage that collect on paved areas from being washed into storm drains.

If you have concerns or witness a violation, immediately contact Dale Carter at 801.423.2770 ext. 235 or dalec@salemcity.org