



Salem City Newsletter



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The Salem City Office will be closed on Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec. 24th & 25th for Christmas, and January 1, 2014 for New Years. **Your garbage will be picked up on Tuesdays as usual these weeks.**

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



On behalf of the Salem City Council, the Salem City Employees and myself, I would like to wish all of you a happy holiday season. I hope you have enjoyed going around the pond and looking at the beautiful decorations that are there to brighten your holiday season. I'd like to thank our parks department that helped make new decorations for our Pond Town Christmas display. It took a lot of extra effort on their part and I would like to thank them as well as all of the other employees who spent many hours putting the trees on the pond and putting up these beautiful decorations for all of us to enjoy.

I'd like to thank the many tremendous volunteers in our community. The fire department, the emt's, all the recreation volunteers, all of the people who serve on various boards, the Planning & Zoning Commission, the Mayor & Council Advisory Board, the Economic Development Board, and our tremendous Youth Council and their leaders for all they do to make Salem a beautiful and safe place in which to live.

Our Youth Council is doing a Sub for Santa again this year. I would like to encourage our citizens to donate, if you are able to. This is a great program that our Youth Council does each December to help families in need. There will be donation bottles in business throughout town or you can take your donation to the City Office.

I would also like to take the time to thank President David Clare of the Salem Stake who has helped us acquire some property by the Loafer View Recreation facility to put in more parking; this will help keep cars off of the roads and help keep our children safe. President Clare spent a lot of time on this endeavor and we really appreciate his efforts. This project will be used jointly by both Salem and the Stake Center for the safety of our citizens who use these facilities. Construction of that parking lot will take place this spring.

Once again I'd like to ask all of you if you know of a family or a neighbor who needs a little extra help or attention this holiday season, please make an extra effort to make this a season of giving. Maybe they need help with snow removal, a few extra groceries or just a visit asking how they are doing; let's be aware of our neighbors.

Next year the city has a lot of projects and challenges because of some federal & state regulations that are being imposed on us. I just hope that the City Council and I have the vision and the wisdom to proceed cautiously and do what is best for the city now and well into the future. I will be addressing all of those projects and regulations next month in the newsletter so I encourage you to read that newsletter so that you can be aware of some of the things that the city has on our plate and what we will need to do to proceed forward.

The "State of the City" is in very good shape this year. After our final audit, we had some reserve funds that we will be able to put back into projects and to road maintenance and purchase of property for future city needs as well as put some funds in the bank for a "rainy day." I would like to thank the City Council, the city employees and our Financial Director for doing a great job with the city's funds and making life better for all of us.

I pledge to you as Mayor, an elected servant of the people, that I have always tried to make Salem a safe and beautiful community to live in and to raise a family, as well as be affordable enough to retire in; this is not a motto, it's a promise. Making Life Better is not a slogan, it's a destination and I hope all of us can get on board to help our neighbors and help each other to make life better for all of us in Salem. Once again, have a happy holiday season.

Mayor Randy Brailsford



The Salem City Calendars will be mailed out shortly. After you receive the calendar, extras will be available for purchase at the City Office for \$10 each.

Candles at the Cemetery

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 lighted candle or luminary on the grave of a loved one. If you do not have loved ones in our cemetery and you would like to participate, you can “adopt” a burial marker or put a candle on the Veteran’s Memorial



The Dream View Park Playground has been installed! It has been thrilling to watch the new equipment take shape. Thank you to the many generous citizens who helped make the dream a reality. Also, thanks to the parks and recreation crew for putting it all together. Ribbon cutting dates are TBA, so watch for announcements around the city. We are thrilled to have this new addition to our beautiful city!



Salem Youth Council is so excited to begin our annual sub for Santa! Keep an eye open for our donation jars throughout the city. Any donation will help us bring Christmas to families in our community. Youth Council will also be lighting the luminaries at the cemetery on Christmas Eve to continue the tradition. Thank you for your support!

McKenna Nelson, Youth Mayor 2013

Warm Coat & Food Drive! November 2013—January 1, 2014. Salem Parks & Recreation needs your help collecting new and gently used winter coats, warm blankets & food for the local food bank and homeless shelter. Last year we were able to help a lot of people and the need for help is even greater this year! Other warm clothing items that are needed are hats, mittens and gloves from infant to adult sizes. Please bring your warm clothing items and non-perishable canned or boxed food items to the Recreation Office at 60 North 100 East. Personal hygiene products such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc will also be accepted.



This holiday season Salem’s own Lifehouse Performing Arts Academy will be presenting “The Nutcracker” ballet. Performances will be held at the Salem Hills High School Auditorium on Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m.; Dec. 7th at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.; and Dec. 9th at 6:30 p.m. Ticket are \$ 5.00 and can be purchased at the front desk at the Lifehouse Performing Arts Academy studio, 669 N. 250 E. or at the door. The hours for the front desk are: Mondays 3-7 p.m., Tuesdays 3:30—7:30 p.m., Wednesdays 3:30—6:30 p.m. and Thursdays 5:00—9:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale November 10th. It is recommended that you purchase your tickets in advance. If you have any questions, please call 801-423-7899.





The time the lights will be on for Pond Town Christmas is nightly 5:30—10:30 p.m. The week of Christmas it will be from 5:30 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

LIBRARY

801-423-2622 www.salemcitylibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
 Friday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
 Saturday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Story Time is Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the winners of November's municipal election: Randy Brailsford, Mayor and Sterling Rees and Soren Christensen as City Council members.

Ask the librarian how you can reduce your fines this Holiday season!

Senior Spotlight

Russell and Arlis Hutchinson will celebrate 69 years of marriage on December 15, 2013. Russell was born in Springville and turned 88 years old last June. Arlis will be 91 in January, and was born in Payson. Russell's family moved to Payson the day Pearl Harbor was attacked [Dec. 7, 1941]. His dad signed for him to join the Navy when he was 17. Russell didn't know Arlis until after returning from the War. He and a friend saw her walking down the sidewalk and he remarked, "I'm going to marry that girl."

Russell didn't have very much schooling so when he joined the Navy they promised him they would help further his education. But after boot camp he was put on the U.S.S. Coral Sea, an aircraft carrier, and sent out to sea. He served for two years and saw many conflicts in the Pacific. At one time he had a fungal infection so bad in both hands they wanted to amputate his hands, but his father would not allow them to.

In 1960 they built a home on ten acres they purchased from Bill Hazel, which is now called Hazel Drive. They owned an orchard east and south of the Salem City Cemetery. Russell also worked for Payson City running a road grader. His father had taught him how to operate heavy equipment since he was eight years old. After that he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad and then several construction companies, including Morris Knutson, Kiewit Corporation [one of the largest contractors in the world], Andy Drum Const. in Fallon, NV., and W.W. Clyde Construction.



Up until they had children, Arlis was able to go with him to the construction sites and stayed in their trailer house. After they had children she stayed at home in Salem. Her father had the livery stables in Payson. When he passed away Russell and Arlis turned it into the Payson Fire Station, then it became the Fire House Restaurant. Arlis managed the restaurant.

They have two children: a son Val, who lives in Salt Lake and a daughter Jan, who lives in Spanish Fork. They have 7 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Russell served on the Salem City Planning Commission. Their daughter, Jan, was Miss Salem. Russell had a convertible so he and Arlis took the royalty to many parades. Arlis said they enjoyed the parades as much as the girls did.

They have both served in positions with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are appreciative of their neighbors, especially John Perrett, who has helped them so much as Russell is now in a wheel chair. Russell still plants flowers and takes care of his yard. Russell loved to restore old cars, his favorite being convertibles and the T-Bird was his favorite. His hobby now is flower gardening and outside decorations for the holidays. Arlis used to knit, crochet, and tie quilts. She has done genealogy since she was in Junior High School and has traced her line way back. Her hobby now is playing Bridge at the Spanish Fork Senior Citizen's Center.

When asked about food, Russell said he doesn't like asparagus, but he loves vanilla ice cream. Arlis said she loves everything, her favorite being raspberry cheesecake.

They love Salem and their view of the area and the pond. They love the citizens, their good neighbors and the help they are to them.

Russell and Arlis, may you have a wonderful 69th Wedding Anniversary.

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Recreation 801-423-1035
Library 801-423-2622
Police (daytime) 801-423-2312
(after hours) 801-794-3970
Police, Fire & Medical
Emergencies 911

City Council
Dec. 11th 7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning
Dec. 4th 7:00 p.m.

Bizzy Buddies – The Kids are having a blast! This is the a great program especially as the weather is colder and there are less outside options! Kids burnin’ energy, that’s what Bizzy Buddies is all about. **This class is for kids 3-5 years old.** It will be held at the Salem Community Center on Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00. There will be a different theme each week for us to explore and celebrate through music, super fun obstacle courses and interactive play. Bizzy Buddies will help your child in developing listening skills, the ability to follow instructions and interact with other children. We are excited to offer this fun program for younger kids. Depending on demand we may offer another session on Wednesday mornings as well. Sessions will last six weeks for a cost of \$20.00. Session Thru: Jan. 23rd, 30th, Feb. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Space is limited so sign up now! This will also be the final session until fall.

Winter Hoopsters - Open to 1st and 2nd graders ONLY. This is a clinic style introductory program using fun activities to teach proper mechanics and skills. Along with skill building, they will be on teams and play games! The program helps young players progress in their basketball development. You choose the 6:00 - 7:00pm session or the 7:00 to 8:00 session Tuesdays and Thursdays **FEE \$30.00 includes shirt** Early registration deadline is January 3rd.

Winter Basketball Camp - SHHS Coach Jimmy Degraffenreid & and the Salem Hills Team will offer a Basketball Camp. It will help players progress in their development and skills as well as be a lot of fun! Camp will be held in the main gym at Salem Hills High School. This two session camp will include lunch (pizza & a drink), come enjoy a day of basketball! **Saturday, December 7th Morning Session 10:00 to 11:30, Lunch Break 11:30 to 12:00, Afternoon Session 12:00 to 1:00. FEE: \$20.00 Campers should wear basketball shoes, shorts and a t-shirt.** There will be a \$5.00 late fee if you register after December 4th. **No non-resident fee for this program** *

Salem Youth Basketball-

Team practice will begin in December. Games will start the 1st week in January

Cost for this program will be:

3rd and 4th grade girls	\$35.00	3rd and 4th grade boys	\$35.00
5th and 6th grade girls	\$35.00	5th and 6th grade boys	\$35.00
7th and 8th girls	\$35.00	7th and 8th boys	\$40.00
9th -12th girls	\$45.00	9th-12th grade boys	\$45.00

VIPERS WRESTLING - is a competitive wrestling team for grades 1st -6th, that will work to improve skills while competing against top wrestlers throughout the state. The team will travel throughout Utah County as well as host two or three home duels. Wrestlers who desire to wrestle in weekend tournaments will need to purchase their own USA Wrestling Card. The team will be coached by Barry Frazier. Practices will begin January 7th. Fee: \$35.00 Early registration

Girls Winter Dance Class - Salem Recreation will offer a dance class for girls K-2nd Grade. 8 one hour classes held Wednesday & Thursday Evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Foothills Elementary in the gym. Please enter through the South West Gym door. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 2th Cost for this class is \$30.00 Early registration. deadline is January 28th. \$5 late fee/ \$5 Nonresident will apply. This is a great place for little ones to find their love for dance. INSTRUCTOR: Carly Buys

Indoor Soccer - Season will run January 11th - February 22nd. Games will be played on Saturdays. 4 vs. 4 with NO goalie. Teams will be organized on January 1st. There will be two scheduled practices and 8 games. We will try and not have games conflict with Youth Basketball games of the same grade. Teams and leagues will be based on grade. Kindergarten - 1st - 2nd Graders Co-ed 3rd - 4th Graders Co-ed 5th-6th Graders Co-ed 7th-8th Graders Co-ed. FEE \$30.00 includes team shirt. \$5 late fee / \$5 non-resident fee. Early registration deadline is Friday, December 27th. Sign up online or at the Recreation Office.

Hunters Safety – We will be offering a Hunters Safety class in January, the cost for the class will be \$10.00 (No Non-Resident Fee!) Students will also need a \$10.00 voucher from the state in order to take the course. Date for the course are Jan. 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 18th (shooting test), 21st (written test). You can sign up at www.salemcity.org or at the Recreation Office.