



Salem City Newsletter



City Office 30 West 100 South Salem, Utah 84653 801-423-2770 www.salemcity.org December 2015

Salem City will be closed Thursday & Friday December 24th and 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Year's day. Garbage will be picked on Tuesdays as usual these weeks.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The City Council, employees, and myself would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I would like to congratulate Craig Warren, Christy Simons and Aaron Cloward on winning last months City Council elections.

We hope you and your guests can enjoy this season's holiday displays throughout the city. I want to thank the parks and electrical crews for their hard work on getting the Pondtown Christmas ready for all of us to enjoy.

I wish to thank all of you for shopping in Salem. Our sales tax has increased over the last few years because you have been shopping at our Salem businesses. This has kept our Public Safety Department more sound, let the city do more road work and helped the General Fund. I hope you can continue to support Salem Businesses and "Make Life Better" for all of us.

Our City's independent audit is now complete. The budget for fiscal year 2014/2015 was under budget and I would like to thank our city finance director Jeff Nielson, City Council and staff for help watching our expenditures.

Once again, have a Happy Holiday Season and may God continue to bless this great nation and Salem, the City of Peace.

Sincerely,

Mayor Randy Brailsford



**PLEASE HELP THE SALEM YOUTH COUNCIL WITH THEIR SUB FOR SANTA PROGRAM.
WATCH FOR THE JARS AT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES OR AT THE CITY OFFICE.**



HELP! HELP! HELP! Salem Ambulance has a need for volunteers, especially daytime help. We will train you. We want to continue to give our citizens the best service possible but we can't do it without you!

REMEMBER: As we approach another holiday season, it is important to remember to secure your possessions. Please make sure you lock your vehicles at home as well as in parking lots and take your purses, wallets, phones, tablets, laptops, etc. with you. Thieves take advantage of carelessness. Also remind holiday guests to secure their valuables in the trunks of their vehicles or in a safe place inside your homes. Please make sure your homes are locked and secured too. Thank you.

Chief Brad James and Staff

The winter parking regulations are now in place. Make sure you do not have vehicles parked on the street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. If you have overnight guests, please make sure they do not leave their vehicles on the street. Keeping our roadways clear also includes pulling your garbage cans in as soon as you can and removing basketball stands and other items from the city streets. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The holiday season has always been one of my favorite times of the year. Even with the chill outside, our hearts are warm as we come together to serve and love one another. Salem Youth Council is lucky enough to be part of several serving opportunities during this season.

One of these opportunities includes Sub for Santa. For those of you who don't know what that is, it's an amazing program that helps families in need during Christmas time . . . as a council, we gather and use funds to purchase gifts such as clothing, books, and toys for the children in these families so that they may have the Christmas they deserve. Please watch for jars at local businesses and donate to help us provide such a Christmas for local families! Thank you for all the support and generosity we have had in past years, it means so much to us and to the families we help!

We will also be lighting up the cemetery on Christmas Eve. This is always one of our favorite traditions! Using paper bag luminaries created by our local elementary school children, Salem Youth Council sets them around the cemetery and lights them, making for a beautiful display fitting for the holiday season.

The youth council loves being involved in so many wonderful things where we can help our community feel the holiday spirit! Thank you again for your support, we appreciate it. Merry Christmas!

Mayor Kyla Rogers

Winter is here, and with it comes road salts, piles of snow, and uninvited house guests (the furry kind). By making smart decisions while battling winter, we can prevent additional storm water pollution.

- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas. The more water can be absorbed by plants or sink into the ground, the less water will run off, carrying pollutants into streams.
- Use safe and effective alternatives to salt for ice, and follow the application rate on the label. Salt is damaging to plants, animals, concrete and water quality. Instead of focusing on melting the snow on your driveway, use sand to help gain traction or a salt free deicer.
- Use natural and non-toxic alternatives to chemical pesticides, and reduce indoor and outdoor chemical use. Boric acid is a low-toxicity mineral that is highly effective over time, and bait boxes are another great alternative. There are also many herbal pest deterrents; for example, mint deters mice.
- Salt piles should always be stored under a roof.

Have a safe and happy winter, and thank you for keeping the health of the watershed in mind.

Wade Reynolds, Storm Drain Coordinator/Safety Coordinator



SALEM LIBRARY

The month of December is full of festivities at the Salem Library! Put them in your phones and on your calendar!

Teens can ask about our 12 Days of Bookmas program for December and earn prizes.

Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th 3:30-5:30pm SHHS Honors Society will be available for Tutoring/Homework Help for Elementary students .

Dec. 3rd & 17th 7pm Adult Writer's Group- Start writing and read your work with others; Lois Brown will be speaking to the group on the 3rd

Dec. 10th at 6pm Salem Hills Orchestra will be performing a free cozy, fireside concert

Dec. 11th at 7pm Teens can come and enjoy a showing of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" (©Walt Disney Pictures). There will be popcorn and drinks. Bring your friends and laugh at this 90s classic.

Dec. 21st at 11am Mrs. Clause will be attending Story Time! There will be a Christmas Craft and treat!

Dec. 22nd & 29th 1-3pm Christmas Movie showings for Kids with popcorn. ("Elf" ©New Line Cinema, "The Christmas Story" ©MGM)

Dec. 23rd 11am-12pm "Kids Christmas *Crafternoon!*" Come make a gift for your parents or someone special!

Dec. 30th 11am-12pm "Kids New Year's *Crafternoon Party!*" Come make a craft, play games, and have a practice New Year's Eve Countdown, complete with confetti and a toast!

Dec. 21st – Jan. 2nd Countdown to the final season of "Downton Abbey" premiere by testing your knowledge of the grandeur of early 20th century society. Drop in and take our quiz and you could win Downton Abbey Season 6 on DVD!

The Library will be closed the 24-26 for the Christmas Holiday and the 31st/Jan. 1st for New Years

Senior Spotlight

Leola Rae Dalley Hatch just celebrated her 90th birthday with 93 people. She was born October 3, 1925 in Minersville, Utah, in her grandparent's home. Her parents, Leland and Zola Dalley, lived in Summit, which is north of Cedar City. She is the oldest of five children; she had three brothers and one sister.

One day her family was traveling from Cedar City to Panguitch to find a place to move to. They came upon a young man who was herding 40 head of cattle from Panguitch to Cedar City. While waiting for the cattle to clear the road, they offered the young man a sandwich. She said in those days you always packed food when you traveled. This young man happened to be George Hatch. Later he said he couldn't wait for her family to move to Panguitch. This is how she met her husband. They were married on October 3, 1942 in the St. George Temple. It was George's family who settled Hatch, Utah. George passed away on February 19, 2008. They have three girls: Carol (Ken) Harris, Diane (Brent) Martin, and Geniel (Brian) Simpson, who all live in Elk Ridge. She has 17 grandchildren plus spouses, and 49 great grandchildren. She is grateful they live so close. Someone is always at her home, especially a grandson who helps her so much.

They lived in Logan when they were first married. They both were attending Utah State University. George was drafted in 1943. He went to Camp Roberts, California. While there he was injured during training. He spent 10 months in the hospital there. Leola worked in the office at Camp Roberts. He was discharged in December 1944 and they moved to Salt Lake City, then to American Fork. While in the service he was given an aptitude test and it indicated he would be good with watch making. When they moved to American Fork he opened his own store. Leola helped in the store and kept the books. They built a home in Salem and moved into it in 1978.

George was good with his hands and made several items out of wood. They were able to visit Israel, Egypt, Rome, and a Book of Mormon tour with BYU. They went on a LDS Church History tour, and have been to New Zealand, Hawaii, enjoyed three cruises and visited a lot of the states. She is thankful they were able to travel and see these places.

Leola has an excellent memory. She can remember all of her grandkids birthdays. She has a wonderful memory of history and dates. She loves book keeping, embroidery, working with plastic canvas, and reading. Her mother tried to teach her to quilt but she is left handed and never could learn.

She has a deep love for President Ezra Taft Benson of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has played a vital part in their lives. Leola's Great Uncle, John E. Dalley, was a Stake Patriarch in Whitney, Idaho. He gave Brother Benson his Patriarchal Blessings. He also gave Leola her Patriarchal Blessing when she was 12-years-old. When President Benson was Secretary of the Department of Agriculture he called her father as the Water Facilities Specialist for the State of Utah; when he was an Apostle he ordained George a Seventy in the Church; he set her parents apart for their mission to England. Her Great-Great Grandmother is Mary Elizabeth Rollins. When she was 14, she along with her sister, saved some of the pages of the *Book of Commandments* when a mob burned the printing shop and threw the pages out into the street. Her Great Grandmother was in the Martin Handcart Company. She certainly has a lot of history to talk about. She has been involved in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as Ward Relief Society President three different times; Ward Primary President two times; Sunday School Secretary and Primary Teacher for a number of years. She was President of the American Legion Auxiliary in American Fork.

She doesn't like blue cheese, but likes everything else especially if she doesn't have to fix it. She loves the people of Salem and the peaceful surroundings. She is especially grateful for her neighbors.

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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
Dec. 9th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
Dec. 2nd 7:00 p.m.

SALEM YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP - CAMP WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. CAMP WILL INCLUDE LUNCH AND BE HELD AT SALEM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. CAMP SCHEDULE: CAMP BEGINS AT 10:00 AM AND WILL RUN UNTIL 11:30 AM. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED 11:30 TO 12:00 (PIZZA & A DRINK). CAMP WILL RESUME @ 12:00 AND GO UNTIL 1:00 PM. REGISTER ONLINE OR AT THE SALEM RECREATION OFFICE. REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20.00 WHICH INCLUDES LUNCH. THERE IS NO NON-RESIDENT FEE WITH THIS CAMP. CAMPERS SHOULD WEAR BASKETBALL SHOES, SHORTS AND A T-SHIRT.

Winter Hoopsters - Open to 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls 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. 6:00 - 7:00pm session or 7:00-8:00pm session Tuesdays and Thursdays. FEE \$30.00 includes shirt. Early registration deadline is January 1st *\$5 late fee & \$5 non-resident fee * Games will be played at the Salem Elementary School beginning January 5th.

WRESTLING - Pre-K - 6th Graders. Wrestling matches and practices will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. **Wrestlers who desire to attend tournaments will receive tournament information upon request. CAMP will be held in the Salem Jr High School Wrestling Room.** Pre-K-2nd Grade (6:30pm - 7:30pm) 3rd-6th Grade (7:30pm-8:30pm).

Skyhawk Wrestling Club - This is a competitive wrestling team for grades 1st - 8th, that will work to improve skills while competing against top wrestlers throughout the state. The team will travel for weekend tournaments. Fee also includes 3-4 weekday "wrestle till you drop" matches. Wrestlers who desire to wrestle in weekend tournaments will need to purchase their own USA Wrestling Card. The team will be coached by Phillip Sorensen and Directed by Varsity Wrestling Coach Don VanTassell. This is a great place for kids that are excited about wrestling! Practice will be held twice a week starting January 5th. **Cost to register is \$35.00 if paid by January 4th.** (\$5.00 late fee / \$5.00 non resident Fee).

January Hunters Safety - Classes will begin held, Dates will be: Jan. 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th and 21st. The shooting test will be held January 16th. Classes will be from 6-8p.m. at the Salem Civic Center. Instructor: Duane Hill. **Participants must attend every class to complete the course.** Space is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up early. **Registration Fee: \$10.00**

*Participants will be required to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/License prior to the first class. Licenses can be purchased at any location that sells hunting licenses.

Winter Snowman Softball Tournament - What is your family doing over Christmas break? Form up a snow softball team and come play in the Seventh Annual Salem Snowman Softball Tournament. Yes, that is right, softball in the snow. Salem Parks and Rec. will sponsor the last tournament of the year. Cost is \$150 per team. Teams are guaranteed 3 games and plenty of hot chocolate & donuts. Teams may be made up of men, women or mixed. The event is about fun. Teams must be **registered by Monday, December 28th**. Wood bats are used. Salem City will supply 1 bat per field. Games will be played Friday, January 1st at Salem Loafer View Park. Come join the fun. Register your team now at Salem Recreation office or online at www.salemcity.org

Coat and Food Drive - We are once again taking food and coat donations at the Salem Recreation Office. Our drive will begin November 2nd, come give to those in need. Canned or boxed food items and gently used coats may be dropped off at the Recreation office. Donations will be taken thru the first week in January. Have a great Holiday season!

