



Salem City Newsletter



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State of Salem

2018 was a great year in Salem. We must applaud the countless people who serve our community. Their service and volunteerism is what makes Salem great. With the start of the New Year, I would like to give a brief report of each department in Salem City.

Public Safety Dept: We have a superb group of ten officers who are lead by one of the most experienced police chiefs in the state. For the past 28 years, Chief Brad James has lead Salem's police force. In 2018, Officer Greg Smith was honored by the State of Utah as Officer of the year. Salem has a very long history of being a safe city and 2019 will be the same.

Waste Water/Sewer Dept: As many of you know, due to mandates from the state, we are in the process of building a 21 million dollar facility located near Arrowhead Road in Salem. Construction is going very well. The contracted completion date is January 2020. However, we are six months ahead of schedule. I am proud of our current sewer operator, Mike Pritchett, who just passed the Grade 4 operators test that is necessary to run our new facility. This new plant has opened up the possibilities of further development, primarily on our I-15 freeway exit.

Water / PI Dept: This past year we got a new supervisor, Wade Reynolds, and he is doing a great job. As you are all aware, Salem has been in a drought for awhile. We want to thank all the citizens for responding to our request to conserve water. Despite having more homes in Salem, we used roughly the same amount of water. We are looking at ways to improve conservation through smarter landscaping in the future.

Roads Dept: Keeping my promise to improve our roads, this past year we laid more asphalt than in past years. The department supervisor is James Thomas who was also Salem's Employee of the Year. We are planning on continuing this trend in 2019. As directed in previous mayor letters, please bring any road concerns to the city office and we will investigate it.

Parks & Recreation Dept: Supervisors Steve Cox & Matt Marziale have done a fine job keeping our parks and cemetery looking great. We are planning to start development on 300 West, Cole Park, this year with monies used from impact fees. With consideration to the size of our city, we have many park and recreation options.

Electrical Dept: Supervisor Clark Crook has done well keeping up with the new developments. It's been an unnecessarily busy year for the cities of Salem, Spanish Fork, and Payson. As a group, we have been to the state legislature and court combating claims from South Valley Electric Service District (SESD). SESD is trying to claim the right to provide their (more expensive) power to our cities and citizens. In my opinion, this is the same case that was taken all the way to the Utah Supreme Court nearly 20 years ago by the same entity. It appears that history is going to repeat itself. So far SESD has lost every judgment and was even ordered to pay our attorney fees in excess of \$23,000. I am opposed to spending taxpayer's money on court expenses because this money could be better spent improving the city or back in your wallet.

Fire & Ambulance Dept: A big thanks to retiring Captain Erman Stone. He has served our community for many years and has been a key player in the development of our great department. We are also want to welcome and recognize Karen Boothe who will be taking over.

City Office: We have very knowledgeable and kind employees there to assist you with your needs. They are wonderful. PLEASE be nice to our office staff. They are all too often the recipients of a frustrated citizen's anger. Salem's Annual Audit went well. Thanks to Jeff Nielson's book keeping and accounting.

City Council: I enjoy working with each of our city council members. We have great variety in our representation of Salem. They all have great input and different views. Each member lives in a different area of Salem allowing your different neighborhoods to be represented. On a personal note, thank you for allowing me to serve you as Mayor. My love for Salem has only grown deeper and I love assisting our community.

Thank you to all the citizens for making Salem the best place to live. Keep watching out for your neighbors. The future of Salem is bright.

Mayor Kurt Christensen

Salem City will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King Day. Garbage pick up will not be affected by this holiday. Please have your garbage and recycle cans curbside by 7:00 a.m.



Happy new year! Thank you for all the support we received for our sub for Santa! We were able to help two families with Christmas this year. Sub for Santa is one of our favorite activities and we love being able to serve our community. Thank you to all who helped light the cemetery on Christmas Eve. It looked absolutely beautiful!

-Mayor Kyla Bingham-

Salem City will be picking up Christmas trees the week of January 7–11, 2019. Once the City crew has been through your neighborhood, they will not come back. There will be a trailer at the Activity Center, 60 N. 100 E., the week of January 14th–18th for residents to drop off their trees.



SENIOR CITIZENS—LUNCHEES & ACTIVITIES

DATE	LUNCH	ACTIVITY
Tues Jan 1st	CLOSED	
Thurs. Jan 3rd	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Or Chef Salad	National Spaghetti Day New Year's Resolutions
Tues. Jan 8th	County Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Or Cream of Broccoli Soup w/ a turkey sandwich	Sandi Hughes presents Posture and Nutrition
Thurs. Jan. 10th	Nachos Or Vegetable Beef Soup w/ a turkey sandwich	Card Game—Garbage
Tues. Jan. 15th	Flaky Homemade Biscuits w/ Gravy or Chef Salad	Many Strings & Co. Perform (The Messerly's)
Thurs. Jan. 17th	Savory Corn Chowder Garden Fresh Salad Or a Chef Salad	BINGO
Tues. Jan. 22nd	Ms. Helen's Cheesy Beef Lasagna or Chicken & Rice Soup w/ Turkey Sandwich	Joan Hahn with Travel Passport Presents
Thurs. Jan. 24th	Homemade Chicken Pot Pie Or Minestrone Soup w / a Turkey Sandwich	Service Project—Quilts
Tues. Jan. 29th	Honey Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes or a Chef Salad	BINGO
Thurs. Jan. 31st	Creamed Chicken over Steamed White Rice Or a Chef Salad	Volleyball

** Please RSVP the day before by 4:00 p.m.

*** All lunches and activities for Senior Citizens are held on the main level of the Activity Center, 60 N. 100 E. There are ramps and handicap accessible sidewalks to enter the building. Please come and join us



Salem Library

Library Hours: Monday—Thursday	10:00 am -7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am—5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am—2:00 pm

New Year, here we go! Visit the library and see what the New Year has in store for you:

Are you stressed and disorganized? The average American home has 20,000 objects! I will teach you to organize, de-clutter, and train your family to maintain your home! And I will teach you how to carve out time for your passions and tell you about my journey as an artist and joyful mother! Come learn how to organize your home **Jan 10th at 7pm** here at the library with the I CAN DO IT Organizing Guide!

It's National LEGO month and we have a LEGO reading challenge. As we read throughout the month we will add to our LEGO tower and try to get it to reach the ceiling or at least taller than the librarians. Help us reach our goal and enjoy a relaxing morning of reading **Jan. 12th from 10 to 2pm** with our fireside read-a-thon. Bring blankets, pillows, come in your jammies, and bring books to read. Treats will be provided.

Need something else to help you relax, try yoga. We are doing yoga **January 17th at 7pm** so dress comfy and get ready to stretch.

We have a Poe-etic challenge for you. This January 19th is Edgar Allen Poe's 210th birthday. We are celebrating by memorizing "Annabelle Lee". If you memorize it, come pass it off to one of the librarians for a treat and to be entered in the drawing for a Poe Lunchbox.

February 9th I am is our 6TH annual TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY!

Sarah from **Wild Wonders** will be here with her furry friends and have a fun time playing games, making crafts and of course enjoying treats.



CALENDARS: The 2019 Salem City Calendars have been mailed out. If you are a resident and get your mail in a Post Office box, you will need to come to the office to pick up your calendar. We do have extra calendars for sale at \$10 each. There are some 2018 calendars left if you would like one for the pictures or the emergency cards. You can stop by and pick one up. They are free as long as they last.

STORM WATER TIPS FOR WINTER

Since winter is here it is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice.

Traction Agents help prevent slipping on ice, but don't melt it. Sand, kitty litter and ashes can hurt habitats. Cracked corn has been suggested as an alternative because animals can eat it before it gets washed into the storm sewers in the spring

Deicers lower the melting point of ice to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging.

Some deicers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Using the old fashioned approach of a shovel and a flat hoe means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise

Have a safe holiday season

Troy Tischner, Storm Water/Safety Coordinator

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 P.O. Box 901
 Salem, Utah 84653
 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
 Jan. 2nd 7:00 p.m.
 Jan. 16th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning
 Jan. 9th 7:00 p.m.

REGISTRATIONS THAT WILL OPEN SOON:
MONDAY, JANUARY 14TH - REGISTRATION FOR SPRING SOCCER BEGINS
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST - REGISTRATION FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL 3RD-12TH GRADE BEGINS
MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST - REGISTRATION FOR URBAN FISHING BEGINS

Girls Dance Class - Salem Recreation's basic dance class for girls Pre-K to 6th grade. *Pre-K - (4:30-5:30), Kindergarten/1st gr. (5:30-6:30). 2nd/3rd gr. (6:30-7:30) 4th-6th gr. (7:30-8:30) *Dates: February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th.

*Classes will be held @ Salem Activity Center (60 N. 100 E.) *8 one hour sessions with Aubrey Snow.

*Cost for this class is \$30.00 (\$10 Non-resident will apply) ***Space is limited so register early!***



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Free Classes For Seniors - In January Sandi Hughes will be teaching free classes at the Activity Center for Seniors.
Monday, January 14th 1:00-2:30 - Nutrition Class
Monday, January 28th 1:00-2:30 - Posture Class

Salem Hunter Safety 2019

Session Begins January 3rd

Instructor: Duane Hill
 Fee: \$10.00
 Time: 6:00pm- 8:00pm
 Location: Salem Activity Center

Dates: January 3rd
 January 8th
 January 10th
 January 15th
 January 17th
 January 22nd

You must attend every class to complete the course.

Sign up online at www.salemcity.org or at the Recreation Office 60 N. 100 E. Salem, UT

Participants need to purchase a Hunter Safety Voucher/ License prior to the first class. Vouchers may be purchased at any location that sells Hunting licenses.

BIZZY BUDDIES - Kids burnin' energy, that's what Bizzy Buddies is all about. **This class is for kids 3-5 years old.** Instructor Cari Hansen makes everything so much fun! 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 once again offer this fun program for younger kids. *This class is held at the Salem City Activity Center. (60 N 100 E)

Session 1: **FRIDAY** mornings from 9:30-10:20 am
 Session 2: **FRIDAY** mornings from 10:30-11:20 am
 Sessions will last six weeks January 4th - February 8th
 Fee \$20.00 (\$10.00 non-resident fee does apply). Space is limited.

Salem Youth Gymnastics - Lil' Flippers - For Preschool and Kindergarten Kids - January 9th - February 13th (6 weeks) - \$45 (A \$10 non-resident fee does apply) Registration begins November 7th. Classes will be held on Wednesday's @ Salem Activity Center 60 N. 100 E.

- KinderKids** (Introduction Class) 5 & 6 yrs - Wed. 9:15 am
 - KinderKids** (Level 1 & 2) 5 & 6 yrs - Wed. 10:00 am
 - Flippers** (Introduction) 3 & 4 yr. olds - Wed. 10:45 am
 - Flippers** (Level 1) 3 & 4 yr. olds - Wed. 11:30 am
 - KinderKids** (Introduction Class) 5 & 6 yrs - Wed. 1:00-1:45 pm
 - KinderKids** (Level 1 & 2) 5 & 6 yrs - Wed. 1:45-2:30 pm
- *must complete an Intro Class before signing up for Level 1/2*

YOUTH ALWAYS MATTER - Salem Recreation has is excited to begin another year with the YAM Program! The YAM program is for 7th, 8th & 9th grade students. The check in and checkout process will be the same as last year. Monday - Thursday after-school from 2:30-5:00. Parents or kids that are interested are welcome to call or stop by the Activity Center and take a tour or ask our staff questions. If you have Jr. High aged kids we would love to see them be a part of YAM. Come play Basketball, Board Games, Pickleball, Volleyball, Ping Pong, Family Friendly Movies, Foosball, Card Games or just hang out with friends.