

Newsletter



City Office Closure

The city offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th for President's Day. We will re-open at 9:00 am on Tuesday, February 20th. Garbage pick up will not be affected.

Cemetery Clean Up

Public Works will be cleaning fall, Christmas, and Valentine items off from the graves at the cemetery the second week of March. If there are items on your loved ones graves that you would like to keep, make sure to remove them prior to clean up.

February Meeting Schedule

- 02/06 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
- 02/06 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/13 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 02/13 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/20 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
- 02/20 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/27 DRC Meeting 10:00 am
- 02/27 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 03/05 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
- 03/05 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook:
<https://www.santaquin.org/meetings>
<https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment>

Santaquin City Council, PC, and DRC meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/2P7ICfQ>

All of these meetings are now held in the new Santaquin City Hall building located at 110 S Center Street.

Preparedness Classes

Are you ready?




▾ IN FEBRUARY ▾
2024

THUR 08	COOKING WITHOUT POWER ▾ Learn how to feed your family when take out is not an option
THUR 15	WATER/SANITATION WITHOUT POWER ▾ Learn what to do when there's no water at the faucet or when flushing the toilet?
THUR 22	HEATING HOME/CAR WITHOUT POWER ▾ Learn how to stay warm in your home or car when the heat as you know it, stops working.
DON'T MISS IT	Presented by: Santaquin North Stake Location: 545 North 200 East, Santaquin Time: 7 pm

Spanish translation provided
▾
Prepare your family

Save the DATE



Republican Party
VOTING PRECINCT CAUCUS
& Presidential Preference vote

March 5, 2024


Check-in begins at 6:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

Precinct SQ401 Apple Valley Elementary
Precinct SQ402 Apple Valley Elementary
Precinct SQ404 CS Lewis Academy
Precinct SQ405 Santaquin Elementary
Precinct SQ406 Orchard Hills Elementary
Precinct SQ408 Santaquin Elementary
Precinct SQ410 Santaquin City Center

VISIT PRECINCTPORTAL.ORG TO FIND YOUR PRECINCT

Please go to vote.utah.gov now to update your registration or complete a new registration before caucus.

For more information contact Dale Summerhays at 661-312-4261 and visit UCRP.org





Snow Removal Guide

Santaquin City has more than 77 miles of road. Main Street and SR 198 are plowed by UDOT. The City's three large snow plows are used in the following priority: First, the hillsides and main roads are cleared. After that, arterials (primary access roads) are plowed. Side streets and subdivisions are next, with dead ends and cul-de-sacs being plowed last. For small areas such as cul-de-sacs, where there is not enough room to turn one of the larger plows around, the City's smaller plow is brought in.



Public Works spends hours plowing, often through the night. Please be patient as they work their way around town. Residents are responsible to clear their own driveways, sidewalks and access areas in front of their homes. Please use caution around the snow plows.

Keep in mind that UDOT plows and maintains Main Street.

Winter Parking:

Parking is not permitted on City Streets or in right-of-ways from November 1-March 31. For detailed information, see the City Code here:

https://santaquin.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=7.04.030_WINTER_PARKING

Utility Drop Box Info



The utility payment drop box has been moved to the back parking lot of the new City Hall at 110 S Center St.

Photo Contest Winner

The winner for the December Photo Contest is Chris DeMorell with his photo of the entrance of Santaquin Canyon covered in snow. Congratulations, Chris!



For information on entering the monthly contest you can visit: <https://bit.ly/3NBNjum>

Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the hidden hearts like those on the right in this newsletter, email: kmortensen@santaquin.org or bshupe@santaquin.org with the location and your contact information by 2/29/2024 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize.



Congratulations to Kate McCausland for winning December's Hidden Picture Contest!

2023 Photo of the Year

Vanessa Wallace is the 2023 Overall Winner for the "What do you love about Santaquin?" photo contest.



She will be recognized on February 6th during the Santaquin city council meeting.

Winter Mail Delivery

Remember to keep the area around your mailbox or cluster unit free of vehicles and snow.



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Employee of the Month

Jackie Backman is our February 2024 Employee of the Month.



Jackie has worked for the Santaquin City Recreation Department since July of 2021. She is a Program Assistant and enjoys that her job is a little different every day. She reconciles the daily cash tills, answers phones, registers participants, markets the department programs on social media, takes photos for the department, and reserves parks and facilities. John Bradley, the Community Services Department Director, stated, "Jackie does such a great job coordinating our Recreation Office. She recently has done a great job helping us develop our rental fee schedule and policies for the New City Hall. Additionally, she coordinates our Youth Fishing Class and Hunter Safety Class. She has a can-do attitude and is quick to help anyone in the office that needs assistance. She makes life easier for all of us at the Community Services/Recreation Office."

Jackie has lived with her three children in Santaquin for the past three years. She grew up in Fountain Green with two older brothers and a twin sister. She graduated from North Sanpete High School and has taken some graphic design classes, which has helped her marketing skills for the department. Prior to working for Santaquin City, she ran her own photography business. In her free time, she enjoys anything outdoors, such as 4-wheeling, fishing, camping, riding horses and hiking.

A big thank you to Jackie for being an outstanding employee of Santaquin City. She will be recognized during the February 6th City Council meeting.

In My Own Words | February Newsletter



My name is Travis Keel.

My wife, Lacey and I grew up in Delta Utah. We have been married for 21 years and have 6 kids from ages 22 to 12, which includes two sets of twins. While we lived in Delta I worked for the Millard County Sheriff's Office, and from 2016 until 2018 I served on the Delta City Council. My family moved to the Summit Ridge subdivision in Santaquin in 2018 when I took a job with the Payson Police Department.

I am currently a Detective with Payson Police Department and work in the Payson High School as a school resource officer. My favorite part of the job is being able to teach a Law Enforcement class and support our kids at their sporting events. My wife, Lacey, works for State Farm Insurance and works part time as a coach for the Santaquin recreation cheer program. My hobbies include whatever my kids are doing at the moment such as football, lacrosse, and cheer or tumbling.

I am honored to represent the residents of Santaquin as a member of the City Council. I look forward to making decisions that encourage businesses to move in and provide goods and services that will benefit our residents. (continued)

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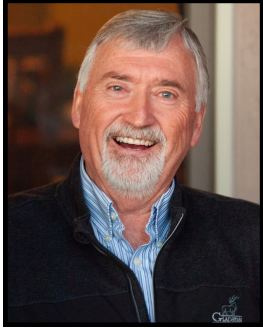


I am excited about the process of planning for the anticipated growth in Santaquin. I hope to help the city find the funds to finish the new space built for the library that currently sits unfinished.

I am excited to work with the Santaquin Youth City Council.

Council Member Travis Keel

Mayor's Message | February Newsletter



I would like to thank Zions Bank for sponsoring our Drone Show in late December. The drone show was wonderful and was enjoyed by all who watched it. Thank you, Zions Bank! We love having you in and supporting our Santaquin community.

It is snowy outside as I write this. My mind is already moving into later February when we hopefully will be seeing those new shoots of grass starting to rise from the dormant turf and signal the start of a new spring season.

Yes, February is a chance to start the spring season all over again and even though spring will not arrive for a more few weeks, it will be here soon enough.

As I am making my plans for February, I am also reminded of a promise I made to myself and those that listened. Namely that I would work on answers to the Main Street traffic and I-15 interchange problem that seems to grow by the week.

As January closed, we held the first neighborhood meeting that allowed citizens to understand the project that is being evaluated and assessed. All close by businesses and property owners have had a chance to meet one on one with UDOT and the engineering company that is doing the work for the interchange Environmental Assessment. The neighborhood meeting in January now signals a time when anyone can evaluate the project, put in any comments they have, and be appraised of all the work going into the planning and a possible interchange reconstruction project.

We have made some great progress and are now moving the timeline up to find traffic solutions that are badly needed in our community. We are doing this for the citizens, travelers, and businesses.

I want to say that the UDOT engineering staff are putting their hearts into this effort. They are working to find options that can help solve our congestion problems. I heard the lead UDOT engineer say in a recent meeting with a business owner that the UDOT's plan is to make traffic flow to every business better than when this project began. There will likely be some changes I suspect that may take us all a minute or two to get used to.

I thank them all for their hard work. I thank the city staff for their tireless efforts on every aspect of this work. I also thank the city of Santaquin, especially everyone who put in suggestions and those who attended the neighborhood meeting.

May 2024 bring us new improvements to the flow of our city. We can all look forward to that.

Mayor Dan Olson

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