

# Newsletter



## Important Public Works Dates:

- Second week of March: Public Works cemetery clean up. Make sure any items you would like to keep are removed from loved one's graves before then.
- Spring Clean Up April 6th-13th. Details coming in April's newsletter.
- PI System startup: Public Works will begin filling the pressurized irrigation system mid April, depending on the weather. More information coming next month. Make sure your outside taps are turned off to avoid water running without you knowing.
- Green Waste Disposal Program: Program will start back up in April and will continue through November every second Saturday of the month. Look for more details next month.

## Spring Open Burn

The open burn period for spring is March 30 to May 30. When the open burn window is open, a burn permit must be obtained here:

<https://bit.ly/3k8YEld>

All of the rules related to the open burn are currently listed on the city's website under the Fire Department's tab.

<https://www.santaquin.org/fireems/page/open-burn-information>

## Trash Disposal Guide

Please remember that dirt, rocks, cement, tree branches, construction debris, equipment, fireworks not soaked in water, hot coals, embers, etc. cannot be put in garbage cans. Also, be careful of the weight of the garbage items you are adding to your cans. If it is too heavy for the garbage truck, you will have to find another way to dispose of your items.

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## March Meeting Schedule


03/05 ~~City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm~~ Canceled  
03/05 City Council Regular Meeting 5:00 pm  
03/12 Development Review Committee 10:00 am  
03/12 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
03/19 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm  
03/19 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
03/26 DRC Meeting 10:00 am  
03/26 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
04/02 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm  
04/02 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.

*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

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Please go to [vote.utah.gov](http://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](http://UCRP.org)





If you have ever wondered where you can dispose of different types of items not allowed in your garbage can you can visit <https://www.suvswd.org/what-to-do-with> to find out.

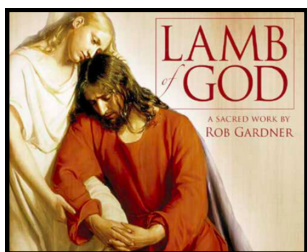
### Winter Parking:

Parking is not permitted on City Streets or in right-of-ways from November 1–March 31.

### Meter Box Information

Please keep your water meter and PI boxes uncovered by landscaping, concrete, debris, etc. The boxes need to be accessible at all times per city ordinance.

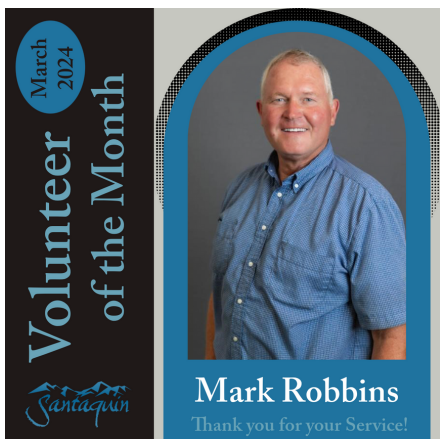
### Lamb of God – A Sacred Work



South Canyons Chorus and Orchestra, comprised of volunteers from the Santaquin and Payson area presents: “Lamb of God”, a sacred work by Rob Gardner.

March 30 (Sat) 7:00 PM – Age 6 and up and  
March 31(Sun) – 7:00 PM – Entire Family  
Payson High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

### Volunteer of the Month



Our March 2024 Volunteer of the Month is Mark Robbins. Mark was born on Thanksgiving Day in Santaquin, Utah, as the youngest of 11 children. He attended elementary School in the Chieftain building, which is now our museum, then graduated from Payson High School. After graduation, he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Wisconsin. His daughter, Raeya, is following in his footsteps to serve a mission in Guatemala and leaves this month.

After Mark’s mission, he earned his technical degree as an electrician and was valedictorian of his class at Utah Technical College. He is now retired as an electrician from Intermountain HealthCare but is still employed part-time as an instructor of electrical apprenticeship at MTEC. He loves to tinker in many things, including big machinery, and loves to help operate them. From this, he has helped run many water and sewage lines for the city of Santaquin.

For approximately the past 32 years, Mark has volunteered to run our Orchard Days Fireworks Show. Robert Fleming, Kurt Blackburn, Ricky Butrum, Nelson Abbott, Nate Newsom, Raeya Robbins, and Thad Walker, among 12 to 15 others, work alongside Mark each year to pull off a fantastic show. He is a licensed pyrotechnician in the states of Utah and Nevada and volunteers four to five shows a year for nearby cities. (continued on next page)

### Photo Contest Winner

The winner for the January Photo Contest is Jon Warner with this cool photo he took at Santaquin’s Drone Show. Congratulations Jon!



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

### Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the hidden pot of gold like the one on the right in this newsletter, email: [kmortensen@santaquin.org](mailto:kmortensen@santaquin.org) or [bshupe@santaquin.org](mailto:bshupe@santaquin.org) with the location and your contact information by 3/31/2024 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize. Congratulations to Danica Reimschuessel for winning January's Hidden Picture Contest!



Mark has always been a community supporter and for many years helped create floats for the Santaquin Orchard Days parades.

Mark has always been very talented in many ways, loves music, and plays the tuba in the Payson City Band. He has also been a DJ for several years and loves dancing, which led him to becoming a dance instructor at Snow College and start the Western Dance Club. The club goes all over Utah County teaching dance for both youth and adults. Mark also loves animals and raises many on his family farm. Him and his daughter currently own about 100 female goats who kid about 200 to 300 babies each spring. He also trains Border Collies for herding.

We are honored to recognize Mark Robbins for the many years of service to the community. He has a true spirit of volunteerism and is a wonderful example to both young and old in our city. Thank you Mark!

### **In My Own Words | March Newsletter**



Hello, I'm Brian Del Rosario, and I'm honored to serve on the Santaquin City Council. My family and I have called Santaquin home for almost four years now; my wife is originally from Santaquin, so for her it's been much longer than four years. We have two young daughters, ages two and four. We love the small-town character and most importantly the good people that live here. I work in the tech industry and feel fortunate to spend most of my time, on most days, here in Santaquin.

I decided to run for and join city council last year because of the people in Santaquin. Along with the beauty from being nestled along the foothills of the mountains, I've felt overwhelming gratitude that I get the privilege of raising my family in such a good community full of so many good people. We each have a part in making our community a great place to live and raise a family, and I'm grateful for everyone's efforts. Growing up, my mom continually counseled me that the world was full of enough critics, and that we needed more encouragers and cheerleaders. I'm excited to support and cheer on all of the good efforts and people in town in my capacity on City Council. I hope that all of us, in addition to providing necessary feedback, can also encourage and cheer on each other.

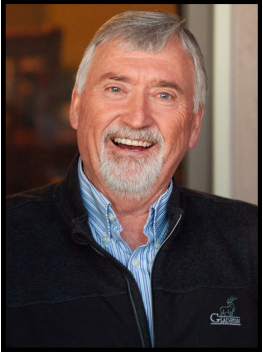
Mayor Olson has asked that, along with my regular city council duties, I serve as a liaison to the Community Services Department, serving on the Community Services Board and also the RAP Tax Board. He has also asked that I support the efforts in Prospector View Park, funding and location study for a skate park, and funding for the museum. I'm excited to be involved in such great projects that I believe will help improve our city.

Everyone's perspectives are important and valuable. Please don't hesitate in reaching out to me to share your perspective and thoughts on things relating to the City.

**Council Member Brian Del Rosario**



## Mayor's Message | March Newsletter



Greetings to all in Santaquin. I presume we are all ready for spring now that March is officially upon us.

This month's newsletter is one of updating you all on our progress. We held an open house at the end of January that invited citizens to provide input. That open house had to do with the Environmental Study to gather the needed data required to move along a timeline to replace the Interchange of I-15 and Main Street.

The consulting engineers and UDOT staff discussed possible solutions. They also asked those in attendance for any ideas they had for access to homes and businesses and for the free flow of traffic. The UDOT staff and engineering consultants at the open house gathered the data and will include it in their analysis going forward.

In September of 2023, Santaquin City opened bids for our Main Street reconstruction project. We only received one bid submittal that was well above our available funding. This required us to rebid because of the much higher bidding costs that are a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and the resulting inflation.

The final bids from the rebid came back in December but still left us short several million dollars. With extensive Mayor, staff, and Council effort we met with the UDOT Region 3 Director and engineers as well as the Mountainland Association of Government (MAG) to secure the needed additional funding.

In the first weeks of February, we were able to make presentations to those at MAG as well as the Utah Transportation Commission. As a result of those presentations, we were able to obtain the needed additional funds to proceed with both of the Phase Four and Phase Five projects. This will help us to finish Main Street from 300 East to about 600 West with two travel lanes in each direction and a center left turning lane. This construction project will create some challenges with driving on Main Street over the next two years. However, appropriate access will still be provided for businesses and residents. We will work with the contractor to minimize any inconvenience. Please be aware that, as with all construction projects, there are still times when new challenges may arise and we will work closely to reduce impacts to the best of our ability.

With the needed capacity for traffic flow on Main Street, we will all need patience to get through this construction. By the year's end we are hoping to have half of the project complete with a new stop light at Center Street and Main Street.

I ask you all to find ways to adjust your travel, use a different interchange, or expect a delay or two. With growth comes changes that challenge us to find ways to make life better.

This project began a few years ago and now we get the chance to see a change on our Main Street. This will lead us to the next project, which is the interchange reconstruction. However, there are studies, planning, engineering, and funding to work on in order to resolve this bottleneck. We are doing the best that we can to make this as painless as possible. Please help us through these next couple of years to make this Main Street reconstruction project a success.

### Mayor Olson

PS: In the next couple months, look for progress on the CUP pipeline project, other funding, and programs worked on during the legislative session. There are great things happening with our recreation dept. and in so many other areas. Stay tuned!

March 2024

