

# Salt Lake City Council District One Community News Update

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Council Member  
Carlton Christensen

Dear Neighbor,

Please accept this as an invitation for you to attend the District One Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 26, 2005 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Escalante Elementary School located at 1810 West 900 North. Presentations will be made regarding issues affecting our community, including an update on the new middle school under construction at 1700 North as well as improvements to the Jordan River Parkway, north of 1000

North. Please take time to attend and feel free to invite a neighbor to join us as well. You are also invited to ask questions or raise other concerns relating to City issues.

I was extremely pleased with the turnout on Friday evening, December 31, 2004 for the "Turn on the Lights Gathering" for the Rose Park Street Light Project. Crowds were beyond my expectations and it was a good beginning as the lights on American Beauty, north of 1000 North were turned on. More lights on other streets have since been turned on and crews are currently ahead of schedule as this project moves forward. Our thanks to those who attended, and especially to James and Annetta Terry who hosted us in their front yard. If you have not taken the chance to see them, you are encouraged to drive (slowly of course!) through the neighborhood.

Westpointe residents have requested expanded and improved street lighting. You may have either received or will soon receive a survey trying to quantify that interest. You are encouraged to respond to the survey, to help the City determine if there is sufficient interest to proceed with a similar project such as the Rose Park Project. The survey describes the methods to respond, and if you have questions or comments, feel free to contact Gordon Haight at 535-7147 or [gordon.haight@slcgov.com](mailto:gordon.haight@slcgov.com).

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"Turn on the Lights Gathering" December 31, 2004

## Rosewood Park Improvements



The planning process for improvements to Rosewood Park is now complete. A master plan is in place that will allow the City's Public Services Department to begin requesting funds for the improvements identified in the master plan. These funds will come through the annual City budget process and grant opportunities. Improvements and new facilities identified in the master plan include:

- New and expanded parking areas
- Skateboard park
- Up-graded tennis courts/roller hockey
- Possible relocation of soccer field
- Flex use fields (fields that can be used for more than just soccer)
- Possible relocation of baseball field
- Possible additional soccer fields
- Jogging and walking trail system
- Replace restroom with new facility/possible additional restroom
- One or two new pavilions
- New playground facility
- Additional trees, associated landscaping and sprinkler irrigation

Construction of the project will be on a phase-by-phase basis as funding is obtained.

**District One  
Town Meeting  
Tuesday, April 26, 2005  
Escalante School  
1810 West 900 North  
6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

### Council Member Carlton Christensen Welcomes Your Comments

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It is an honor to represent the residents and businesses of District One, which has also allowed me to represent by appointment from the governor two areas for local governments: 1) Quality Growth Commission which administers preservation funds for critical lands and make state policy recommendations to the Legislature and 2) Solid & Hazardous Waste Control Board which oversees landfills, hazardous waste disposal sites, including the Deseret Chemical Depot, as well as other environmental cleanup sites. Both areas have the potential for significant impact to our area, and especially our City. I enjoy serving our community and want to thank you for all your support!



## State Fairpark Update

Fairpark General Manager Rick Frenette has just finished his first year at the Utah State Fairpark. He came to Utah with deep roots

in the fair industry having over 21 years experience. Most recently, he was the general manager of the Ohio State Fair. Mr. Frenette understands the significant economic boost to the local economy a state fair brings. He is dedicated to providing a high quality event while offering affordable admission prices.

The Utah State Fair celebrates 150 years in 2005. This year's fair will run from September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. Over 300,000 visitors are expected to attend. The 65 acre Utah State Fairpark became the permanent home of the State Fair in 1902. Changes are being made to the center mall and the arena area in conjunction with the State Fair Sesquicentennial. Concessions and food booths will replace most of the commercial vendors formerly surrounding the east center mall and gazebo stage. Professional entertainers will perform on the gazebo stage during the entire eleven days of the fair. The new stage entertainment combined with the concessions will offer a comfortable place for fair goers to relax and enjoy top quality acts.

Last year's popular new attraction, "Little Hands on the Farm" will be given a permanent home west of the arena. This interactive educational exhibit allows children to experience the food and commodity process from farm to market.

Mr. Frenette's future plans for the Fairpark include an enclosed arena to host agricultural and livestock events, conventions, shows and concerts. "The Utah State Fairpark is a viable property. We do need the addition of a multi-use facility, similar to those at the various counties throughout the state, to host year-round events." Rental of the Fairpark facilities during the year is vital to maintain the grounds and historic structures.

## IHC North Temple Clinic Update



Construction for the new IHC Clinic at 54 North 800 West began on January 24, 2005. It is anticipated that construction will take about eight weeks and the clinic could open by the end of April. The new clinic will be approximately 2,800 square feet and will include five exam rooms, two additional open bays for significant urgent needs, one conference room and an x-ray unit. The clinic is located directly adjacent to public transportation (UTA bus route and future TRAX line).

The clinic will provide care for urgent and basic medical needs; however, emergency and life-threatening conditions will need to go directly to a hospital emergency room. The clinic will have evening and weekend hours and will provide classes and education to the community. Basic x-ray services will be available, using a digital and filmless format.

A sliding fee scale will be offered to low income and uninsured patients and charity care will be provided to those who meet the guidelines. Staff will assist in the application and approval process. The clinic will also serve insured patients and will accept most insurance plans.

## Regional Sports Complex Update

During the 2003 election residents of Salt Lake City approved a bond for the construction of a regional Sports Complex. The preliminary design scope for the project includes 25 to 30 soccer fields, eight baseball/softball diamonds, playgrounds, family picnic areas, food and beverage concession facilities, onsite parking and jogging paths. Some of the soccer fields and all of the baseball diamonds will be lighted for nighttime use. If additional funding is secured, an indoor multi-purpose sports training facility may also be built.

Before any of the bonded funds can be used, matching funds and private partners will need to be secured. The Administration has spoken to several additional municipalities and local businesses who have expressed interest becoming founding partners in the project. At this time, no funding partners are in place; but preliminary discussions are taking place.

The City and State have reached agreement on a memorandum of understanding (MOU) which allows the City to purchase the 220 acres of State property. The MOU is at the State awaiting signatures from authorized individuals. Staff members of various divisions are evaluating the public hearings that will need to take place as well as the site improvements that will be necessary as the project is developed.

