



Council District One Community Update

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Dear Neighbor,

As the Olympics have drawn to a close and our community returns to normal, my heart still jumps when I see footage or pictures that remind me of the wonderful events which took place, including those in our community. On the day of the opening ceremony as we watched the torch being carried through our neighborhood, it brought back fond memories of that day in Atlanta when we watched Muhammad Ali take the torch from Greece and begin the torch run. Participating with Backman School's PTA each day of the Olympics and placing flags from countries competing in the Olympics, along with the other countries that you as local residents sponsored, was a reminder not only of how diverse our community really is, but what common ties we hold as well. These flags in many ways, symbolized what we as a community should strive to do, show and appreciate our differences, yet stand side by side in an equal fashion unified, no one above another and proud of what makes each of us unique.



It is an honor to serve a second term in office as the City Council representative for District One for another four years. It was difficult following the census and in response to our large growth, to lose some residents to Districts Two and Three. Hopefully they will know that they are in good hands and will be represented well by capable Council Members. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact me at 535-7600. If you would like to keep informed of current issues and opportunities within our district and the City, please join our District One Email Update list.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

The annual Neighborhood Cleanup will take place in District One beginning the week of Sept. 16th and ending the week of Oct. 7th. Notices with the specific dates for your area will be mailed out approximately 2 weeks ahead of the pickup date.

Piles should not be placed curbside sooner than 10 days before the scheduled cleanup date and should not block traffic, fire hydrants or mailboxes. The City will collect only one truckload of material at each address. A City truck measures 20'x8'x6' high. Your pile should not exceed these dimensions.

Green waste (branches, shrubs and other organic material) should be in a separate pile from other refuse. There should be at least two feet between piles and together they should not exceed one truckload.

Refrigerators and freezers **must be tagged by a professional** showing the freon has been removed before crews will take them. (Freon can be dangerous - do not attempt to remove it yourself.)

The City will no longer remove concrete, asphalt or roofing material. These items are expensive to collect and can damage curb and gutter, streets and sidewalks, and City vehicles. They should be taken to the landfill at 6030 West 1300 South.

Stumps and branches will be picked up if they are smaller than 1-foot in diameter and less than 10 feet long. Paint, batteries, tires, pesticides and flammable or explosive substances will not be removed. Please call 974-6902 or the Fire Department at 596-1662 for information on disposing of these items.

Illegal dumping continues to be the number one complaint during the cleanup period. If you see someone illegally dumping in your neighborhood, write down the following information and report it to the Health Department at 313-6641:

1. Color, make and plate number of the vehicle
2. Date and time illegal dumping took place
3. Type of items dumped on pile
4. Description of person illegally dumping

Questions? Call the Streets Division at 535-6970, or visit the City's web page at www.slcgov.com and look under the Public Services Department.

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NORTHWEST COMMUNITY LITERACY INITIATIVE

One of the challenges facing many residents in our community is that of literacy. Even the mere definition of what literacy encompasses is very diverse and includes more than just difficulty in reading. Literacy is one of the fundamental building blocks of education and plays a key role in allowing an individual to participate freely as a member of the community. The lack of basic literacy skills can also have a lasting impact on an entire family and the community at large.

Council Member Carlton Christensen recognized that while there are many dedicated and effective people as well as community programs that work tirelessly to increase the rate of literacy among residents, it may be beneficial to bring people from these organizations together to determine if coordination could better utilize precious resources.

On April 3, representatives from Backman, Newman, North Star Elementary Schools, North West Middle School, Day Riverside Library, the Literacy Action Center, the Salt Lake Community College Community Writing Center, along with Representative Duane Bourdeaux, met to discuss the current methods used by each organization to address literacy issues and to choose some general goals of coordination.

Attendees at the meeting agreed that learning more about the programs and resources of each organization would enable them to more effectively direct those needing assistance to the appropriate agency to help with their specific needs. The group is working to develop a Resource Guide that will list each organization, the specific services they offer, contact names and telephone numbers, and web page addresses. The group will also be looking at how to bring additional resources together to more effectively reach the needs that exist in District 1.

If you would like more information, contact Marge Harvey, District One Constituent Liaison, at 535-7626.



April 3, 2002 Literacy Meeting

CRIME STATISTICS ON THE WEB



The Salt Lake City Police Department recently added a new feature to their web site. Residents are now able to access crime statistics by date ranges, type of crime and City Council district. The accompanying pin maps allow users to identify the neighborhood where a crime occurred.

To reach this web page, first access the City site at www.slcgov.com. Open the Police Department web page and click on the SLCPD Online link or go directly to www.slcgov.com/police/online.htm. You may then enter the date ranges and City Council District and view the statistics by type of crime such as assault, robbery, car theft, etc.

This new feature will allow mobile patrol and neighborhood watch groups to focus on areas where problems are occurring. If you access this site, you will notice the largest numbers of crimes in Salt Lake City are car strips and prowls. This is true not only in District One, but in the entire City.

Another feature of this site is the ability to view reports of current traffic accidents and road hazards within the City's jurisdiction. Active cases are highlighted and the information is refreshed every five minutes. Once an accident or hazard has been cleared, this information will be also posted.

New District One Boundaries

Every ten years following the national census, the City Council district boundaries are adjusted. This is done to comply with federal law that requires each district to be substantially equal in population. Because District One had experienced substantial growth in the past ten years, it was necessary to shift the Jackson neighborhood to District Two and the Guadalupe neighborhood to District Three. The new district boundaries were adopted by the City Council on December 11, 2001. To view an updated boundary map for the Salt Lake City Council, please visit http://www.slcgov.com/info/gis/interact_map.htm. If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact the Council Office at 535-7600 to obtain a copy of the current City Council boundaries.