

District Two Community Update

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District Two

I want to express heartfelt appreciation to those who assisted with and participated in the annual *Night Out Against Crime* Parade and Party held on August 4, 2009 in District Two. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The success of this event is attributed to the outstanding support from Salt Lake City's Police Department and Fire Department personnel. Special thanks to Chief Burbank and his staff. The Police Department's Motors Division kicked off the parade. Additional support was provided by the Fusion Bike Squad, Narcotics/Meth Squad, Mobile Neighborhood Watch, Parking Enforcement, Gang Unit, Pioneer Patrol, Community Intelligence Unit, Bomb Squad and the K9 Unit. Thanks also to Chief Shannon and Fire Department personnel for assisting in the evening's festivities. After participating in the parade, Fire personnel cooked and served food during the party for all who attended.

Each year we organize the District Two Night Out events with the intent to provide an opportunity to strengthen our association with neighbors, local officials, and law enforcement agencies. We also hope this experience serves to generate support for anti-crime programs, encourage residents to be involved in our community, and send the message that neighborhoods are organized to fight back against crime. Thank you for your continued support of this event. I hope to see you there again next year!

VOTE 2009

Mark your calendars and don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 3, during the General Election!

Here's how to register to vote:

In-Office: Visit the Salt Lake County Elections office at 2001 South State Street, Room #S1100 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call (801) 468-8683.

By-Mail: Submit a by-mail voter registration form, which can be found at libraries, post offices, or on the County's website at <https://secure.slco.org/clerk/elections/index.cfm>. If registering by mail for the first time, provide a copy of your photo identification or proof of your current residence (such as a copy of your utility bill).

If you have recently moved or changed your name, to ensure that you go to the correct voting location, be sure to re-register. You will receive a "Voter Information Card" to confirm your registration and voting location.

If you have any questions, call the County Clerk Elections Division at (801) 468-8683 or visit their website at <https://secure.slco.org/clerk/elections/index.cfm>. Elections Division personnel can answer questions regarding absentee voting, political party affiliation, or information about volunteering to work the polls.



Voter Registration Deadlines for General Election:

Mail-In Registration deadline: October 5, 2009

In-Office Registration deadline: October 19, 2009

(See Public Safety Facilities article on page 2.)

Off the Wall!

Salt Lake City's Graffiti Abatement Program

Salt Lake City provides free graffiti removal services to all City residents and businesses for graffiti placed on the outside of buildings. The goal is to remove all graffiti within three working days. Removal methods include repainting, the use of chemical products, or high-pressure blasting with hot water, soda or sand. The method used depends on the surface to be treated, and the preference of the property owner. If the graffiti is on private property and the City is asked to perform the work, a waiver is required.

"ADOPT A SPOT"

The City provides paint supplies to all residents and businesses who have graffiti, and are willing to provide volunteer graffiti removal. Volunteers then keep the supplies and leftover paint for future incidents.

What Can You Do To Discourage Graffiti?

- Remove it immediately. This sends a message that you care about your neighborhood and are more likely to be watchful of suspicious activity.
- When painting over graffiti, do so in blocks, or paint the complete wall.
- Consider using dark paint colors as this provides a poor background for graffiti.
- Use landscaping as a deterrent.
- Keep your property well lit.
- Join a neighborhood organization or watch group. Call (801) 799-3440 to learn about those in your area.
- When you see graffiti please call the 24-hour Graffiti Hotline. Provide the address or the best description of the location as possible.
- If you see graffiti in progress, please call Salt Lake City Police Dispatch at (801) 799-3000.

Did you know that not all graffiti is gang related? Much of the graffiti is done by "taggers" who look at their work as "artistic vandalism." Tagger graffiti usually has an artistic sense to it, whereas gang graffiti is usually very simple and not as fancy.

Indicators that someone might be involved in tagging may be spray paint cans, spray paint heads, or graffiti-like doodling on paper or notebooks. All graffiti should be removed as soon as possible. If you see graffiti within Salt Lake City's boundaries, please contact the graffiti hotline at (801) 972-7885 or by e-mail to: graffiti@slcgov.com. Please help to deter this crime by reporting graffiti as soon as you see it.

LEAF COLLECTION

Fall is in the air, and it's time to rake the leaves.

Wondering how to dispose of them? Salt Lake City has the answer. After collecting leaves in a bag, place bags on the park strip before 7 a.m. on the ***first day*** of your posted pickup dates in an open accessible area. The location must be away from trees, fire hydrants, or other fixed objects. Please do not place household garbage in leaf bags.



District Two leaf collection dates:

Thursday, November 5 – Monday, November 9
Monday, November 23 – Monday, November 30
Friday, December 11 – Wednesday, December 16

A limited supply of leaf bags will be available during November at the following locations:

Streets Division: 850 South 300 West, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

City & County Building: 451 South State Street, 2nd floor security desk from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Utilities: 1530 South West Temple, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Forest Dale Golf Course: 2350 South 900 East, Administrative Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you are in need of special assistance, please call Salt Lake City Streets Division at (801) 535-6999. Para información en español, llame (801) 535-6333.

RECYCLING

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that each person produces over 4.5 pounds of garbage each day. There are several ways you can reduce your impact, but the best way is prevention from the start. You can take your own shopping bags to the store, use refillable water bottles and coffee mugs, compost kitchen vegetable scraps, and switch from paper napkins to cloth napkins.

Being responsible with your household waste also includes recycling. Recycling decreases raw materials and energy used in manufacturing and decreases material going to the landfill.

Salt Lake City offers programs to assist you in recycling your waste. Most residents who have City garbage participate in the blue bin recycling program. The blue bin recycling program is offered at no additional charge to the City's garbage customers. Business and multi-family complex owners and managers are charged \$4.00 per container per month.

The yard waste program (offered March – November) is available for a small monthly fee for residents and businesses. To learn more about the City's recycling programs, visit: www.slcwaste.com.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REMINDER

Glendale Community Council meets the third Wednesday of each month at Dual Immersion School, 1155 Glendale Drive at 7 p.m.

Poplar Grove Community Council meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at Pioneer Precinct, 1040 West 700 South at 7 p.m.

Fairpark Community Council meets on the fourth Thursday at the Northwest Multipurpose Center, 1300 West 300 North at 6:30 p.m.

PROPOSITION 1: PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

On November 3, 2009, registered voters in Salt Lake City will have the opportunity to vote on Proposition 1: Public Safety Facilities. If approved, Proposition 1 will allocate \$125 million in general obligation bonds to build a new Public Safety Building, a dedicated Emergency Operations Center and an underground parking structure.

Mayor Becker recommended the bond and the City Council voted unanimously to put Proposition 1 on the ballot, giving citizens the ability to vote on this important issue of taxation. The new Public Safety Building and Emergency Operations Center will replace current deteriorated and unsafe facilities and will be able to withstand earthquakes and other life-threatening events.

Additionally, Salt Lake City currently does not have a dedicated Emergency Operations Center. This leaves residents and businesses highly vulnerable in case of an emergency or catastrophic event. An Emergency Operations Center will provide 911 communications and a command center for first responders in times of public emergency. Additionally, the Emergency Operations Center will meet current seismic and Homeland Security safety standards, making Salt Lake City eligible for future federal funding.

What is the cost?

- The estimated annual impact on residential property (average based on property worth \$261,890): \$6.25 monthly/\$75 yearly
- The estimated annual impact on commercial property (average based on property worth \$1million): \$43.52 monthly/\$522.32 yearly

Is now the right time?

- Bond and construction rates are at the lowest in decades. By building now Salt Lake City can save millions of tax dollars. For additional information go to www.slcgov.com/psb.