

## Leaf Removal Program

Beginning October 31, Salt Lake City will begin its annual leaf removal program for the fall. The bagged leaves collected through the program are composted at the Salt Lake City landfill. There are three possible dates for you to have your leaf bags removed.

- Friday, October 31 – Wednesday, November 5
- Monday, November 24 – Friday, November 28
- Friday, December 12 – Wednesday, December 17

### Placement Instructions

- Place bags on the parking strip in an open accessible area.
- The location must be away from trees, fire hydrants or other fixed objects
- Do not place household garbage in leaf bags

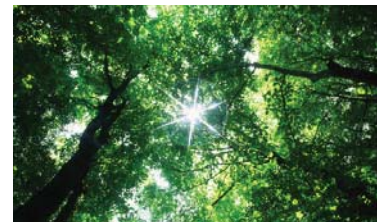
Leaf bags were distributed the end of October, however, any store purchased lawn bags may also be used. A limited supply of additional bags will be available during November at the following City locations:

- Streets Division; 850 S 300 W, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- City & County Bldg; 451 S State Street, 2nd Floor Security Desk, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Public Utilities; 1530 S West Temple, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Forest Dale Golf Course; 2350 S 900 E, Administrative Office, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



## Tips for Winter Tree Care

Winter is easy on trees. After all, they are inactive until spring and have no particular needs or risks during winter, right? Not true. Except in severe and prolonged winter conditions, trees remain active and interactive with their surroundings. Trees in urban settings experience even more hardship because they have very few of the safeguards a natural forestland provides.



To help your tree through winter think, *water, air, insulate and care.*

- Minimize winter dehydration by aerating the root zone of your tree in autumn and providing low volumes of water during periods of no or minimal precipitation. One application per month during a mild winter should suffice.
- A four-inch layer of mulch is also highly recommended. It will insulate the soil, conserve moisture and protect roots from cold injury. But, keep mulch away from the trunk.
- Proper pruning care to remove dead, dying, or damaged branches is always a good treatment. Thinning the ends of bowing laterals or removing low branches may also be a good winter precaution.
- Use de-icing salts with care and as far from trees as possible.

## District 4 Community Councils

### Central City

Boundaries:  
East-700 East  
West-State Street  
South-1300 South  
North-South Temple

Chair: Thomas Mutter  
Phone: 638-7738  
Email: ccnc@rock.com

First Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Liberty Senior Center  
251 East 700 South

### Downtown

Boundaries:  
East-West side of State Street  
West-Interstate 15  
South-500 South  
North-South side of South Temple

Chair: Christian Harrison  
Phone: 550-9672 Council  
Phone: 937-4473  
Email: christian.harrison@gmail.com

Third Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Dakota Lofts Building  
380 West 200 South

### East Central

East-1300 East  
West-700 East  
South-1700 South  
North-South Temple

Chair: Joel Briscoe  
Phone: 583-2281  
Email: joelkb@mindspring.com

Second Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
(no meeting in July)  
Place: Tenth East Senior Center, 237 South 1000 East

### People's Freeway

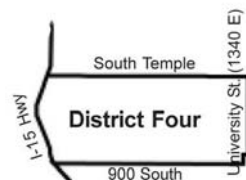
East-State Street  
West-Interstate 15  
South-2100 South  
North-South side of 500 South

Chair: Bill Davis  
Phone: 860-6975  
Email: gbrovers@aol.com

First Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Place: Horizonte School,  
1234 South Main

Feedback and input is always welcomed. If you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or Nick Tarbet, District Four Constituent Liaison. I can be contacted via email at [luke.garrott@slc.gov](mailto:luke.garrott@slc.gov) or by phone at 535-7600.

If you are interested in signing up for the District Four weekly email update please contact Nick Tarbet at 535-7600 or [nick.tarbet@slc.gov](mailto:nick.tarbet@slc.gov).



## Salt Lake City Council

# District Four Community Update

November 2008

Greetings,

It's been an exciting year as your new representative on the City Council. I came into office with an ambitious agenda to protect our historic neighborhoods while adding housing around transit stops, enhancing walkability by bolstering neighborhood businesses and calming traffic, and promoting environmental sustainability and a vibrant downtown. Thanks to an increasingly progressive City Council and steady leadership from the Becker Administration, many of these are in process. But the ship of state turns slowly, requiring patience while keeping the pressure on.

As Chair of the Council's Transportation and Mobility Subcommittee, my focus this year has been on transportation issues. Currently the Council is reviewing the new downtown transportation master plan, entitled "Downtown in Motion," and will likely approve it with several recommendations. There are improvements on the way, and several already happening. Of special importance are improving space for pedestrians, bicycles, skateboards, and mobile chairs and completing the TRAX loop in our downtown core. The plan calls for extending the 400 South line from Main Street to 400 West, and running the 400 West line south to connect with the 200 West Sandy line at 700 South. Having these two loops will be a terrific boon to downtown development. Imagine being able to catch a train at a five-minute interval and ride from hotel row in lower

downtown up Main Street to Temple Square and over to Gateway. The development impact that such a loop will have on areas that need it, like south of Pioneer Park, will be massive. UTA has committed to do preliminary studies on the TRAX loop, and I will continue to press to get it done earlier rather than later.



Council Member  
Luke Garrott

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What's to come:

- more traffic calming on our streets to better balance thru traffic and livability
- a new zoning designation, "Small Neighborhood Business," to reactivate our traditional neighborhood commercial corners
- a bike summit in May to create a new social contract for cyclists in Salt Lake City.

Thank you for being terrific citizens and caring about your City. Please contact me with any feedback.

Best Regards,

## Sustainability Efforts

Did you know the City owns and maintains over 50 buildings? As an effort to increase sustainability, Salt Lake City is conducting a comprehensive energy audit of many City buildings to locate inefficiencies. Once this audit is complete, the City hopes to save at least 20 percent more energy through more efficient lighting, heating, insulation, and building operating procedures.

Salt Lake City is a "Solar America City." Currently, the City is working to discover and remove any disincentives to the installation of solar power in our region. The City is also exploring opportunities to encourage individual use of solar power. In addition, the City is increasing trail development and encouraging people to walk and use bikes whenever possible.

In collaboration with UTA, the City is vastly

improving its intra-city public transit system through the addition of an airport TRAX line and a larger free-fare zone downtown.

Salt Lake City has capitalized on compact fluorescent bulbs and higher efficiency outdoor lighting. These changes, along with converting City traffic signals to LED bulbs, have saved the City and taxpayers over \$80,000 per year.

The City is embarking on a project that looks at all of our zoning codes with an eye to sustainability. When the nine month project is complete, it is expected adjustments will be made to the zoning code which will encourage sustainability. For more information on the City's recycling programs and options, visit: <http://www.slc.gov.com/publicservices/streets/recycleinfo.htm>

## A Busy Year for Liberty Park

It was quite a year for Liberty Park. The summer was great at the park, and this fall it continues to be enjoyed by many people. Many projects were in the pipeline as well. Some of these, initially considered improvements, were reevaluated in an effort to limit disturbances and overdevelopment of the park. A proposed water diversion structure, including a 4' high berm in the southeast corner near the water fountain, was rejected due to misgivings by members of the community and the City Council. Through negotiations between the City Council and the County, a determination was made to have the current structure under 1300 South repaired rather than replaced. Proposed plans for the old Children's Garden, north of the historic Chase Mill and south of the concession stand,

were identified as inconsistent with the rest of the park. Options for that area are currently being reviewed.

One of the notable issues of 2008 in Liberty Park was the Tennis Bubble. After going through the appeals process, the Historic Landmark Commission decided that the Tennis Bubble would remain. The results of the community input relating to this decision brought to the forefront the need for more oversight of the City's historic parks. City Council Members Garrott and Love have requested the Administration consider and study the need for oversight of the City's parks with the hope that a process can be implemented to help engage the public to gather input for any future issues which our City parks will face.

## Walkable Neighborhoods

Working towards creating policy amenable to walkable, neighborhood business districts, the Council adopted an ordinance amending the Salt Lake City Zoning Code pertaining to off-street parking requirements. One of the goals in amending the parking requirements was to help alleviate some of the regulatory burdens on neighborhood businesses, and further stimulate the development of neighborhood commercial districts. The Council also requested that the Administration develop a comprehensive program to mitigate neighborhood commercial business district parking spillover impacts into residential neighborhoods.

This change decreases the number of off-street parking

stalls currently required for businesses, provides incentives for adding pedestrian amenities like bike racks, benches, and stroller parking, and allows expanded options for shared and off-site parking.

This is an exciting and important step in zoning reform. The challenge is to lift burdens for small business development while at the same time protecting and improving the quality of life in residential neighborhoods surrounding commercial districts. This ordinance change, combined with the results of the recent Conditional Use Zoning project, demonstrate real progress for the City in developing a healthy policy environment for small business and vital neighborhoods.

## Snow Removal Reminder

Since Winter is almost upon us, here's a friendly reminder about how important safe sidewalks are for your friends and neighbors. Here are the rules concerning snow removal for Salt Lake City residents and business owners:

1. Clear all snow and ice from the length and breadth of the entire sidewalk abutting (adjoining or next to) your property within twenty four (24) hours after the snow has ceased falling (Salt Lake City Code Section 14.20.070). If you live near a crosswalk, clear snow and ice from the sidewalk down the ramp to the gutter.
2. Do NOT move snow into the street or onto sidewalks (14.20.080).
3. You can receive a citation (ticket) for a civil violation for failure to comply with these ordinances (14.20.110). The fine is \$25-\$75
4. For questions or to submit a complaint, please contact the Compliance Division at 535-6628 or [slcparking@slcgov.com](mailto:slcparking@slcgov.com)

Help others, volunteer your time and equipment to assist the elderly or individuals with a disability by contacting your local church or the Community Service Council at 978-2452.

## University of Utah - Project Universe

The "Universe Project", a planned transit-oriented development at the Stadium TRAX station in the Rice-Eccles parking lot, is moving forward. The University has narrowed down their selection of contractors to two: Woodbury Corporation (Utah) and Inland American (Texas). The final selection is expected to take place within the next few months. Council Member Garrott has been emphasizing several concerns: 1) that the development is appropriately scaled to the surrounding neighborhood, 2) that the project links with and complements "old campus town" to the north, and 3) that increased car traffic doesn't adversely affect adjacent neighborhoods.

The University has committed whichever developer they choose to a continued public process. For more information, visit <http://www.facilities.utah.edu/universe/index.html>.

## Airport Trax Line

UTA has broken ground for the Airport TRAX line! As well as being a tremendous amenity for travel to and from the airport, this line will transform one of our most important city streets, North Temple. The City is looking forward to building a "Grand Boulevard" which promotes balanced transportation modes as well as higher density, transit-oriented development near stops on the line. Council Member Garrott is confident that the City can develop a win-win balance between protecting the residential character of neighborhoods bordering North Temple and promoting transit-oriented development.

The Airport Line is part of UTA's "FrontLines 2015" project to build 70 miles of rail in 7 years. The project includes four TRAX extensions in Salt Lake County, and extending the FrontRunner commuter rail from Salt Lake City to Provo. The Airport line is a result of an interlocal agreement between Salt Lake City and UTA. TRAX stations for the Airport line will include the following locations:

- 500 West North Temple (will allow direct transfer to FrontRunner)
- 800 West North Temple
- 1100 West North Temple (at the Utah State Fair Park)
- 1500 West North Temple at Garside Avenue
- 1950 West North Temple at Winifred Street
- Salt Lake City International Airport.
- Potential future station at the intersection of North Temple and 2200 West



Photo by Federal Transit Administration

Additional information on the Airport line can be found at: <http://www.rideuta.com/projects/airportLightRail/default.aspx> or by calling 1-888-UTA-RAIL.

## Holiday Tree Removal Program

### Pickup Dates:

Friday January 9, 2009 - Wednesday January 14, 2009

### Placement Instructions:

- Remove all decorations and lights from tree
- Place the tree on the park strip in an open accessible area
- All locations must be away from trees, fire hydrants, or other fixed objects

Please place the trees on the park strip no later than 7a.m. on the first day of the pickup date.

## 1300 East Traffic Study Results

Changes are coming to 1300 East. The City recently took ownership of the road from the State of Utah, and has been looking forward to having control over this extremely important street. To better balance the needs of thru traffic and residents, the City partnered with the Utah Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) at Utah State University to conduct an audit of the road. Due to the large area of the complete study, LTAP divided the study into two phases; Phase One: 500 South – 2100 South, Phase Two: 2100 South – City Boundary. Phase Two will be approached at a later date. Phase One of the analysis, which was paid for entirely by a federal grant, has taken longer than the City or LTAP anticipated; however, the implementation of the recommendations is now moving forward. The City envisions two phases for implementing safety improvements: 1) immediate and 2) process after public discussion.

Some of the immediate proposed recommendations are: reducing the speed limit to 30 mph, adjusting signal

timing, replacing signs, painting of stop bars, and adding back-plates to east-west signal heads to shield the sun for improved visibility.

Other proposed recommendations, some of which have been conditionally funded by the Council pending public input, include: installation of pedestrian actuated flashing lights at Yale, Kensington, Wilson and Downington; installation of three driver feedback signs between 900 South and 2100 South; striping a consistent three lane cross-section the entire length of the street; addition of bike lanes north of 1300 South and modification of parking restrictions north of 1700 South.

As these recommendations will impact numerous residents, the City Transportation Division, in cooperation with the City Council, held an open house on October 30<sup>th</sup> to receive comments and review the proposed changes. The PowerPoint presentation from the Open House is available for viewing at:

[www.slcgov.com/council/district4/default.com](http://www.slcgov.com/council/district4/default.com).