



# Salem City Newsletter



**City Office 30 West 100 South Salem, Utah 84653 801-423-2770 [www.salemcity.org](http://www.salemcity.org) June 2014**

## *Miss Salem Scholarship Pageant*

*Friday June 6th 7:00 p.m.—Salem Hills High School*

If you are interested in donating to the Miss Salem Scholarship fund, you can donate at the Salem City Office.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens,

I hope you had the chance to go to the cemetery on Memorial Day and attend the program that was presented that morning. I would like to thank Councilman Sterling Rees for putting this year's program together, the American Legion for their participation, our speaker, Dennis Knapp, John Davis for leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Miss Salem Contestants for their vocal number. I'd really like to thank our great city crew who have been working very hard to make the cemetery a beautiful and respectful place to visit. They have also put in many hours on the restrooms at the cemetery and the new soccer fields along with everything else they have to do throughout the city. My hat is off to our city employees who have done an outstanding job this spring especially with the limited work force that we have.

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Several times in past newsletters I have mentioned the State of Utah has mandated that we comply with the new storm water management plan. That is now in effect. We have complied with this and will be required to do so from this day forward. Due to this we have hired another full time employee, Wade Reynolds, as a storm water coordinator. Wade will also be making sure the city is complying with OSHA safety regulations and will be doing training to make sure our city safety standards are in compliance. We would like to welcome Wade to our city staff. What is storm water? It is water from rain, melting snow, construction or man caused that does not soak into the ground but runs off of roof tops, over pavement, bare soils, lawns etc. As it flows across these areas, it collects and transports animal waste, pesticides, fertilizer, oil & grease, and other pollutants that goes into our storm drains and into our waterways. Whether we like it or not, we are mandated to comply and the city has adopted a new plan to do so. Salem City will be holding a public hearing during City Council meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. With this budget, we will be implementing a storm water fee to help cover the costs of the complying with the new mandates. This fee will be a monthly charge that will be coming out on your utility bill starting in August. We have worked on figures to cover programs, materials and equipment that we will need to comply with the storm water management plan. I feel we will be able to keep this figure under \$7.00 per month. We will have the actual expenditure costs available at the City Council meeting. We will try to keep it as low as we possibly can. By keeping our spending under control, there will be no increases in any other utility services this year.

I have also previously talked about some potential problems that will affect the city in the next few years such as making sure our pressurized irrigation system is running efficiently, piping the high line canal and new regulations on our sewer plant. The State is coming down on Salem City because of the ammonia levels that are leaving the sewer treatment facility. Salem City has been working with other cities to get a handle on this. We need to decide whether it is best to build a new plant or upgrade our existing lagoon facility to be able to comply with new regulations that will be coming in a few years. We hope to be able to delay any new regulations for 5-7 years so we can work on this program. Growth is another issue. I am glad that the City Council has worked with me to put a 6 month moratorium in place on any new subdivisions being submitted to the city at this time. Currently we have about 1700 homes in Salem and if we look at how many lots are available in existing subdivisions and what has already been submitted to Salem City for approval, there are approximately 650 new lots. I think we have to take a break! We have got to look at our infrastructure such as our power, water, pressurized irrigation system and roadways to make sure they can handle that amount of growth. We also need to decide what we are going to do with our sewer treatment facility. We need to make sure the storm water management plan is working before we allow any more growth. We need to have it but it needs to be managed so we get effective and quality growth. Large growth not only affects our infrastructure, it impacts our public safety, our recreation, and our schools. We need to have a handle on the growth so it doesn't cost our current citizens to have development come to our city. It is important to have growth to bring in more commercial but there is a happy balance. Another issue that we have tackled the past couple of months is our pressurized irrigation and culinary water. As I have mentioned before, we have about 1700 homes and we have enough culinary water rights for approximately 8000 homes but we do not have enough secondary water rights. We have set up a new policy that any new development coming in has to give the city water rights that can be used in our pressurized irrigation system. We no longer take a cash payment in lieu of water shares which means the developers will need to spend their time and resources to find and purchase water that can be used in our system instead of the city. Once the balance between culinary & irrigation water rights evens out, we can go back to taking both types of water.

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I want to take a moment to thank our citizens who are abiding by our new watering regulations. There are still quite a few people who are watering on Tuesdays which is prohibited at this time. Tuesdays are the days that our water department can service the wells and pump stations and make sure the holding ponds are full for the days that you can water your lawns. We have been issuing citations and we will continue issue them for people watering on Tuesdays or between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. We are just asking that you please work with us on conserving water!

We are doing a lot better down at our recycle bins. We do still have a problem once in a while but we appreciate our citizens watching and reporting violations.

Also this time of year we have a lot of weeds along the roadways and in front of homes. I would like to thank the people who have used their mowers and weed eaters and taken care of this problem to help keep Salem a beautiful place. It is a lot easier when visitors come and want to bring in new commercial or light industry to our community if they can see that we have pride in our community. Thank you very much for what you do.

Once again the public hearing is set for Wednesday June 4, 2014 7:00 p.m. for the new budget. The City Council and I know that there are still a lot of citizens struggling in this economy and we try very hard to keep costs down for you and still keep our city working efficiently. Responsible budget, responsible growth that is what we are striving for.

In the next couple of months we will announce some new businesses that are coming to our city. This will help with our tax base to benefit our city. We appreciate those of you who shop locally. Our sales tax has increased some over the past couple of years and I would like to encourage all of us to continue to shop locally; it benefits all of us.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked a couple of Saturdays and helped the bricks layers at the cemetery restrooms. We appreciate everyone who helped with that project.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer. Let's watch the road and be aware the children on their bikes and skateboards. Also, let's watch the children around our parks and ponds and help keep everyone safe. I feel it is all of our responsibility to keep our children safe. Have a great summer.

*Mayor Randy Brailsford*

### STORM WATER TIPS

Some General Practices we can all do to keep our storm drains clean are;

Use biodegradable pesticides/herbicides.

Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household or garden waste.

Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals indoors or in a shed or storage cabinet.

Remove all pet waste from yard and curb and dispose of in trash to prevent spread of bacteria.

Wash household tools over grassed area away from curbs and gutters.

Clean leaves, sediment and trash out of gutter and dispose of in garden or trash.

**PI Restrictions:** This is just a couple of them, please read the full ordinance: No watering between 10:00a.m. and 6:00p.m., no watering on Tuesdays, no watering of pastures (unless approved by city, read ordinance), and no wasting of water. There are more, so please read the ordinance on the city web page, at the city office, or at the library.

**PI Violations:** 1st Violations will be a warning. 2nd Violations will be \$100 fine and system shut off until paid. 3rd Violation \$750 fine, a meter placed on the system and pay the metered rate, and appear before city council. 4th Violations, system will be shut off. This is a summary, so please read the full ordinance.

**LIBRARY 801-423-2622****LIBRARY HOURS:**

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.  
 Friday 10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Story Time is Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and  
 Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.**

If you would like to donate to the library, you can place extra money in your utility bill payment. Make sure you indicate that it is for the Library.

Fizz! Boom! Read! The summer reading program is ready to begin! The signups begin June 2 and the program will run through July. The children's program is for ages 0-11 with their own prizes and drawings and the teen program is for ages 12-18 with their own prizes and drawings.

Check the library website for additional activities that will be happening during the summer.  
[salemcitylibrary.org](http://salemcitylibrary.org)

**If you would like to help our WWII Veteran's make an unforgettable trip to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial, go to [www.utahhonorflight.org](http://www.utahhonorflight.org) to volunteer or to donate.**

**Senior Spotlight**

A senior who has served others and is still serving is Marlene Manahan Olsen. She was born in Butte, Montana on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1935. She has lived in the same house in Salem for 43 years. When she was a junior in High School her parents moved to Salt Lake, but she stayed behind in Butte and finished school. One of her classmates was "Evel Knievel". After finishing school she went to Yellowstone to work. Her husband Don was from Spanish Fork and she met him through a roommate, Betty Evans, who was from Spanish Fork. After seven years Don asked her to marry him but it took another two years, in 1965, before they finally got married. Don passed away 8 years ago. She has one son, Mike Olsen who lives in Genola, and a daughter, Brenda Taylor, who lives in Sandy. She has two grandchildren, 3 step granddaughters, and six great grandchildren.

Marlene has quite a story about being raised in Butte with the various cultures. She was an only child. Her father was Irish, her mother was Swedish and she was raised as a Catholic. Don belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and they had a wonderful marriage.

After getting married she worked at what used to be the Village Inn in Provo for 25 years. She then went to work at Mountain View Hospital in housekeeping, then she became a CNA (Certified Nurses Assistant) and worked at Mt. View Hospital and for Intermountain Health Care doing home health care. She worked until she was 70. She now volunteers for Mountainland Association of Governments where she teaches exercises at the Spanish Fork Sr. Citizens Center. While raising her children she was a Girl Scout Leader, and involved in 4-H. They raised sheep and went to all the stock shows and took sheep to the Utah State Fair for 22 years.

She loves the quite peaceful town of Salem, the mountains around and the pretty places. She remembers Salem as having one Elementary School and one L.D.S. Church building. She likes most foods, but her favorite is "Pasties" a Welsh dish her mother made. It is a meat pie you eat with your hands or you can put gravy on it. She likes to knit and crochet and belongs to the "Knotty Knitters" group. She has a talent for providing health care to others.

As a note of interest: Darrell Olsen, her husband's uncle, was one of the first people to drown in Salem Pond. He was 17 years old from Spanish Fork. Don was a painter and sheep man by trade. When they were first married they lived in Leland and had horses and cows. She was scared to go outside because she thought one of the cows would eat her for sure. When she first moved to Utah County she did not like it because she had lived in the big cities where there were malls. Now she loves it and she said there are too many malls

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City Office Hours:  
Mon—Thur 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
Friday 7:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

City Office	801-423-2770
Recreation	801-423-1035
Library	801-423-2622
Police (daytime)	801-423-2312
(after hours)	801-794-3970
Emergencies	911

City Council  
June 4th 7:00 p.m.  
June 18th 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning  
June 11th



**Tackle Football Camp will run July 29th thru August 7<sup>th</sup> (weekdays) from 9:00 to 11:00 daily. Tackle Football camp is included in your registration for the fall tackle football league. Players 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend the camp. Registration and full information will be available on salemcity.org under recreation beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early registration will be open until July 17<sup>th</sup>.**



**Cheerleading-** We will have cheerleading for girls 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade the cost will be \$95.00, a \$5.00 non resident fee will apply. Registration will be available beginning mid June - July 17<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available online in the coming weeks. 9<sup>th</sup> grade Cheer will have tryouts, this information will also be available in the coming weeks, watch salemcity.org. The fee for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade cheer will be \$175.00, a \$5.00 non-resident fee will apply.

**Summer Activities (More information on each activity can be found online)**

**Summer Tennis** - 10 Day Classes. Session 1: June 2<sup>nd</sup>-June 13<sup>th</sup>. Session 2: July 7<sup>th</sup>-July 18<sup>th</sup>. Session 3: September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> (Excluding Labor Day Friday or Monday) Age Groups are: Pee Wee Tennis for Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Teen Tennis for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade (6<sup>th</sup> graders may choose which group depending on their skill level).

**Softball Camp** - June 2<sup>nd</sup>-June 5<sup>th</sup> & Baseball Camp June 9<sup>th</sup>-June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Summer Day Hike** - June 12<sup>th</sup>, Destination? “The Big Tree” in Loafer Canyon!

**Kids Kraft Camp** - June 16<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup> (6 years and older).

**Rugby** - Friday Night League (Camp Included). 10u, 12u, 14u & 16u.

**Summer Basketball Camp** - June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

**Salem City is also excited to participate in the “Unplugged” Program for youth!**

**Presented by the Spanish Fork / Salem Chamber of Commerce.**

**Go to [www.spanishforksalemunplugged.com](http://www.spanishforksalemunplugged.com) for details!**