

# The West View

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## Loud and Clear

### Youth radio program encourages teens to make their voices heard

By Katherin Neilson

Spy Hop is a non-profit that mentors young people in digital media arts and offers classes in a wide variety of mediums. One of these courses, Loud and Clear, is a yearlong curriculum that teaches 14 -18 year olds the skills to run a radio program. Though Loud and Clear covers the technical bases like how to record and edit audio, run a radio program, and produce radio pieces, the program provides teens with a life experience that goes beyond the technical skills of operating a switchboard.

PHOTOS BY KATHERIN NELSON

Boston Ravarino and Brigham Asman run the Loud and Clear Radio Show in the KRCL 90.9 FM studio.

“You find meaning to express yourself in a world where feeling insignificant is very relatable,” said Josuee Sanchez, an 18-year-old East High School student, of his experience in Loud and Clear.

Spy Hop’s mission is to mentor young people in the digital media

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## Summer food program offers free meals for children at 29 sites in Salt Lake City

By Marilyn Shelton

It’s summer, and that means the kids are out of school. But wait, according to the Utahns Against Hunger website, summer also means, “When school lets out, millions of low-income children [across the country] lose access to school breakfast, lunch, and after school meals.”

The Salt Lake City School District’s Summer Food Service Program fills this gap locally by providing free meals to children who might have limited access to nutritious food in the summer. Meals are served at 29 different public sites around Salt Lake City, including 17 schools and 12 parks, as well as the Main Library. Most of the sites are located on Salt Lake City’s west side.

The program is free for all children, ages 18 and under. No enrollment, paystubs nor proof of income is required. All children and families need to do is find a site near them and show up, explained Utahns Against Hunger Executive Director Gina Cornia.

Children can eat their free meals outside on the lawn or on picnic tables at the park or inside the school cafeteria, depending on the site location. Childcare is not provided. School sites serve breakfast and lunch, while the park sites only serve lunch. Adults may purchase meals for \$3-\$5.

Each meal is created by a dietician and also meets the nutritional menu guidelines

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Jaziel, age 2, sips his chocolate milk after eating his free lunch at Sherwood Park on July 1.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Time and time again we, as west-siders, hear that our greatest asset is our diversity, our people. This issue of The West View focuses on an important segment of our population - our youth.

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the west side of Salt Lake City has a larger percentage of children under the age of 18, at 32.9 percent, than the city as a whole (22.5 percent).

With this large percentage of children, much of the next generation of Salt Lake City's adults will come from west-side neighborhoods. And that means that Salt Lake City as a whole will be more diverse in the future. The University of Utah has recognized this, and that is why it has invested resources into creating greater access to higher education for west side residents through its University Neighborhood Partners.

It is imperative that we invest in the next generation of our capital city, through better parenting, education, nutrition, health and safety. Our community has a wealth of resources for youth and families, and this



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matters to them. Give them tools to grow and thrive, and nurture them as the precious assets they are - our future parents, teachers, workers and leaders.

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Latinx summit empowers tomorrow's leaders

By Joseph Arrington

Over 100 Latinx leaders, ages 18-35, came from all parts of Utah to participate in a summit at the Thomas S. Monson Center in Salt Lake City in late June. ("Latinx" is a gender-neutral term for persons of Latin American descent, commonly used today.) The summit was hosted by Casa Quetzalcoatl, a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand the knowledge of each member of Latinx families through formal, cultural, and civic knowledge.

The influential Latinx leaders, represented countries including Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Brazil. They were selected to participate in a day of workshops and panels to learn from each other as leaders in different industries. Panels on business, technology, medical and health care, art, and media were among the topics discussed, highlighting not only the current success of young Latinx leaders in the field, but also how the Latinx community can continue to expand its contribution to these sectors.

By the end of the summit, the different sectors were divided into groups, centered around an ancient Aztec agricultural methodology called "chinampas." This advanced water system was a sustainable, multipurpose ecosystem that involved weaving a web of sticks together to float on water, with a network of mud and reeds to form the chinampa. This complex

system allowed the Aztecs to produce up to seven crops in a year, compared to a maximum annual yield of three crops in mainland fields.

The chinampas ideology is the basis for the collective vision that will emerge from the inaugural summit over a period of five to ten years during which leaders of different professional sectors, or the summit's Chinampas, will plant the seeds to help the Latinx community achieve their professional goals. As stated in a Mexican proverb, "They tried to bury us, but didn't know that I'm a seed."

The process, inspired by the Aztec chinampas, of increasing the contributions of Latinx members in the community is broken down into stages: Beginning, Early Blooming, Continual Blooming, and Producing.

The Beginning Stage is meant to help promote early accomplishments, while the Early Blooming Stage allows the formation of deep roots in the soil to have nutrients for further growth. The Continual Blooming Stage is about nurturing people whose career path is clear, but they are just not quite ready to be producing in their field. Which leads us to the Producing Stage, with Casa Quetzalcoatl stating that "[t]he plant is grown. It is producing ... a constant flow of nutrients to the whole sustainable ecosystem. ... What this plant produces is going to be judged by others. ... However, those judging will never know the whole story of the plant's journey, trauma, healing, restoring, pruning,



PHOTO BY JOSEPH ARRINGTON

After the planning and educational events of the summit, the group had a public celebration including Latin music and dancing, a silent auction, and a loteria.

and transformation."

The Imagenos Latinx Summit taught the future leaders initial steps to help their plans come to fruition, such as how to nurture "the crop," have patience, avoid "growing in an unsafe direction," and the importance of

continual "pollination." In the coming weeks and months Chinampas and Community Leaders will be selected to begin the vision and goals that each group of leaders set to increase Latinx involvement in their profes-

sional sector. To learn more about the summit and Casa Quetzalcoatl, visit https://casaquetzalcoatl.org/imagenoslatinxsummit. wvm.editors@gmail.com

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By Richard O'Keef

There is a skill parents can use that will calm children down, strengthen relationships and improve cooperation. The skill is called Acknowledge Negative Feelings. Before I describe how this skill works, I would like to explain why it works.

All children have a need to be heard and understood. They cannot meet this need on their own. It requires another person. When children are in distress and their need to be heard and understood is not met, they can become frustrated and angry.

If this need continues to

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## One skill all parents should know

go unmet for a long time, the stored up emotional pain can result in defiance, depression, hostility and addictions. However, by meeting a child's need to be heard and understood, the child is given the freedom to let go of his distressing feelings.

The way you meet this need is by acknowledging negative feelings. There are two steps: Step 1 is to meet your child's need to be heard. When a child comes to you in distress, he doesn't want you to agree or disagree; he doesn't want your opinion or advice. He doesn't want you to "fix it". What he needs is for you to listen. Make eye contact. Give your full attention.

When you listen, let the child say whatever he wants. Give him the freedom to say all kinds of nasty, critical things, whether they are true or not. Allow him to vent. You might feel a need to interrupt him to set him straight, but don't. Little Billy comes up to you and says, "I hate Grandma!" What

is the typical parent response? "You don't hate Grandma. You love her." Or, "We don't say 'hate' in this family." This is not the time to correct.

Step 2 is to meet your child's need to be understood. Showing that you understand has two parts that you can use in any order:

1. Identify how the child is feeling – "That's gotta be frustrating." Or simply, "Ohh noo."
2. Reflect why the child is feeling that way.

The best way to explain is to just show some examples.

Child: I'd like to punch that Michael in the nose. We were playing soccer and he pushed me down.

You: "You were both going after the ball and he pushed you down. No wonder you're so mad."

Child: My teacher is stupid. Just because of a little rain she said we couldn't go on our field trip.

You: "You've been looking forward to this field trip for

weeks – how disappointing?" Child: "Basketball sucks. Tom and Bill made the team but I didn't."

You: "You were cut from the team? Ohh noo."

One day my grandchildren were visiting. 4-year old Brooklyn and her 2-year old brother, Stockton, came into the family room and spotted the spinning chair. The spinning chair is an office chair that the grandchildren love to spin around in.

Both made a dash for the chair. Stockton got there first and climbed up onto it. I could see Brooklyn fuming and I was afraid she was going to do something mean to Stockton.

The first thing that came to my mind was to say, "Brooklyn. Let Stockton have a turn and then it will be your turn." That makes perfect sense, right?

Then I remembered Brooklyn's need to feel heard and understood in a distressful situation.

And she was in distress.

I went over to Brooklyn, kneeled down so I was eye-to-eye with her and said, "Brooklyn. You are really mad. You wanted to beat Stockton to the chair and I think you even wanted him to push you around."

She didn't say a word, but I see her whole body relax. She turned around and off she went. Acknowledging negative feelings is one of the most important skills a parent can have.

*Richard O'Keef is a long-time resident of the Westpointe community, father of six children, and has 18 grandchildren. He is the author of 3-Step Parenting – How to Replace Misbehavior with Cooperation (Available on Amazon). He is the creator of a blog called: 3StepParenting.com. He is also a Fatherhood Education Coordinator for Utah State University Extension and teaches parenting classes at the Utah State Prison and Salt Lake County Jail.*

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FROM THE RIVER DISTRICT CHAMBER

# North Temple Business Update



By Nigel Swaby

North Temple has long been a focus of the River District Chamber and its predecessor the River District Business Alliance. Over the last year, we've started to see some success. A year ago, we advocated for the opening of a police substation in the former Arctic Circle property to decrease

crime in the area. Along with Salt Lake City Councilmember Andrew Johnston's request for a police bike patrol for the west side, we thought the combination would be powerful. It was. Calls for police service at the Gateway Inn were about 125 per month a year ago. Now, the typical number of calls is less than 20. The police moved out a few months ago as the property owner is preparing it for lease to another business. Besides the decrease in calls to police, the number of people loitering in front of the Gateway Inn has also dropped. Part one crimes have also been significantly reduced. The Gateway Inn owners have added a security guard and a fence to better manage their property. North Temple looks better today than it did a year ago.

A few blocks east, a long-time art project under the I-15 overpass was completed to make the corridor more visually appealing. Funded by Salt Lake City's Art Council and Housing and Neighborhood Development, the project was coordinated by the Redevelopment Agency. Using bright colored sculptures and custom concrete, the installation clearly denotes the North Temple district. Adhesive wraps conceal unsightly utility boxes. Half a block away from North Temple on 600 West, a new Boys and Girls Club is quickly rising. Their current location is up for sale. Completion of the new site is slated for later this year. On the southeast corner of North Temple and 900 West, the Bridgestone tire store abruptly closed due to a lease dispute.

The property owner posted all of their Wasatch Front real estate for sale with an open bid process that closed May 26. It is yet unclear who or what will move into that corner. We do know that a restaurant and distillery, Congregation Spirits Distillery and Standard Candle Bar & Grill, will be opening near 23 North 900 West near the old Utah Quality Service building. The business has assembled three properties for the project. The management group currently operates Water Witch in the Central 9th district. One of the owners lives in Fairpark. A feasibility study for the development of a Public Market at or near the Fairpark is also underway. There seems to be growing support in the city council to favor this project over a similar one proposed

by the Downtown Alliance. Finally, the mayor's newly approved budget provides additional funding for the development of the Folsom Trail corridor. This has been another longtime project for the city we as a Chamber believe could spur further investment in the westside and create the amenities residents have been clamoring for. North Temple is truly the gateway to Salt Lake City. It's heartening to see the business community and civic leadership taking the necessary steps to restore this grand boulevard. As residents, property owners and business owners, we can not rest until the change we seek is fully implemented. Nigel Swaby is a Fairpark resident and Chair of the River District Chamber.

# Program addresses lead paint poisoning in Salt Lake County

By Gabriella Huggins

Formerly used in paint due to its quick-drying, moisture-resistant, and color-enhancing properties, lead was the darling of the industry. Most homes built in the United States before 1978 contained lead-based paint, and, despite studies connecting lead to myriad negative health and environmental outcomes, lack of regulation on industry kept lead on the market well into the 20th century. The U.S. government banned the use of lead in paint in the 1970s, citing overwhelming evidence that even low levels of lead in a person's bloodstream could cause seizures, developmental and behavioral disorders, and decreased IQ, among other risks. While it is now widely accepted that there is no safe lead blood level in any person,

many Utahns remain at risk of lead exposure. Many states have passed legislation and created programs to provide lead testing for children and removal of lead from homes, and Salt Lake County's Lead Safe Housing Program is amongst those efforts. Millions of homes across the country built prior to the lead paint ban remain inhabited, and many of those have not undergone appropriate lead testing and removal. Children are especially vulnerable to lead poisoning. Lead flakes taste sweet when ingested, making them an unlikely treat for small children whose rapidly developing nervous systems are particularly sensitive to the toxin. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Lead Safe Housing Program is offering free home reme-

diation services for eligible homeowners, renters, and landlords in dwellings that were built before 1978, and lead testing for parents expecting a child and for children under the age of 6. The Lead Safe Housing program is an important resource for Salt Lake's west side, where established neighborhoods contain older homes and in some cases are close in proximity to industrial plants, meaning residents may be at a higher risk of lead exposure. To learn more: Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment will offer information about lead poisoning and the Lead Safe Housing Program at upcoming Partners in the Park events from 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. on



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Emmarose Pacheco, 3, walks into her newly renovated house. Salt Lake County's Lead Safe Housing program repainted the exterior and interior of the Pacheco's home for free.

July 9 at Sherwood Park, 1400 W. 400 S.; July 16 at Riverside Park, 1490 W. 600 N.; and July 30 at Northwest Rec Center, 1255 W. Clark Ave. Information on the program can also be accessed on the Salt Lake County website at <https://slco.org/lead-safe-housing/> and fliers are available in both Spanish and Arabic. [wvm.editors@gmail.com](mailto:wvm.editors@gmail.com)

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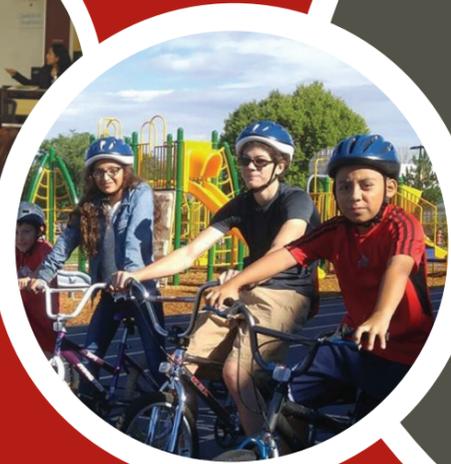
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# Cannon Greens Garden closed for contamination

By Willow Jordan

My family has a special plot in the Cannon Greens community garden by the Sorenson Center in Glendale. When the garden was all growing it was beautiful! There were flowers in our garden, and there was shade and lots of nice places to rest.

My family grew things like sunflowers, carrots, peas, beans, potatoes, tomatoes, and other kinds of flowers and vegetables. We made lots of food with the vegetables we grew there, like chicken soup, salads, spaghetti sauce, baked potatoes with butter on them (that's my favorite!) mashed potatoes with gravy, French fries, and canned green beans.

I have a picture of my friend Ruby and me in the garden. We were playing with a two-year-old girl whose family is from Africa. They have a garden plot there too. We were playing hide and seek with the little girl. She would say "I found you!" and then we would have to find her (but it was really easy). When we would "hide," we just had to stay in one spot and we talked and told each other stories until she found us.

I feel really sad because we can't go to the garden any-

more because the City found BAP (benzo[a]pyrene) in the soil and so they closed it all up and won't let us back in. BAP comes from burning wood or coal and putting the ashes in the soil. It also comes from wood, like railroad ties, that is treated with chemicals.

I interviewed Bridget Stuchly and Debbie Lyons who work at the City & County Building. Debbie is the director of the office of Sustainability and Bridget is the program manager in the Sustainability office for SLC's community garden program. Van Hoover came too. He works for Wasatch Community Gardens and helps in our garden.

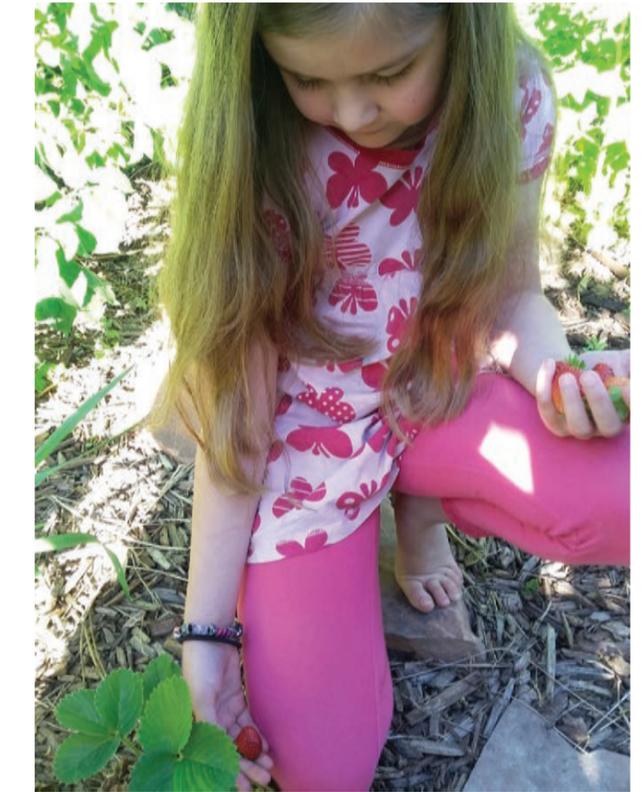
It's really sad that our garden was closed, but they said we will be able to use it again after they replace the bad soil with fresh new soil. Bridget said it will take a year and a half and they will make a "clean, fun, and safe place for everyone." They are going to ask how the people in the community want it to be like. If they ask me, I'm going to tell them to keep the playground!

I feel really bad about pollution, like what's in my garden, and when people chop down trees with machines, and the

machines make pollution and the trees are the plants that clean the air. Pollution is a very big problem because babies, people and animals get sick from it. Our planet is getting dirtier and dirtier and sicker and sicker and soon it will be so dirty that all the beautiful places won't be beautiful anymore. Almost all the animals will be extinct from what we are doing.

I want to make a big change. I want all the houses to have solar panels because then we won't use as much coal for electricity that makes pollution. And I want all the cars to be electric cars, because even though they make pollution when they make the car, they don't when we drive them. And I also want everyone to pick up garbage and not throw trash on the ground and to recycle more. Also we should drink tap water and not the water in the plastic bottles, but if you do have to use them, you should refill it lots of times from the drinking fountain.

I hope the garden opens again soon because then people could grow good food for their families. At the garden they give you your own space to plant seeds. It isn't only for



PHOTOS BY AMY JORDAN  
Willow Jordan enjoys the fruits of her labor as she picks strawberries in her garden.

food; it's for beauty too. People from other places can come too like from Mexico, or like the little girl from Africa or even China, then they will feel welcome in the garden.

If we start here in a little place and make a big change then maybe the change will spread and spread and spread and soon the world will be a better place.

Willow Jordan is a seven-year-old Glendale resident, who has been gardening since she learned to walk. Her mother, Amy Jordan, provided assistance with this story. The Cannon Greens Garden is located at 773 W. 1300 South in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## MAYOR JACKIE BISKUPSKI'S FY20 BUDGET

# CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Reader,  
As Mayor of Salt Lake City, my goal is to "Build a City for Everyone." This year, I designed my Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Proposal with that goal in mind. From improvements in affordable housing, transit, trails, community centers, infrastructure, clean energy, and public safety, my administration and I are working every day to connect our community.

### FOLSOM TRAIL

Part of the \$2.1 million I recommended allocating to help complete and improve several trails in SLC is going toward the Folsom Trail.

"This off-street, well-lit, paved walking and biking path will connect the east and west sides of SLC, from the Jordan River Parkway Trail to Downtown Salt Lake City. Construction begins at the end of this year."



Tom Millar  
Transportation Planner

### FISHER MANSION CARRIAGE HOUSE

\$1 million of my proposed budget is dedicated to renovating the iconic Fisher Mansion Carriage House.



As a nature and recreation center, the Fisher Mansion Carriage House will become an anchor for the Jordan River Trail and the West Side. The revitalized space will host events and festivals, hands-on learning opportunities for local students, and become a hub for kayak and bike rentals.

### 9-LINE TRAIL

Through the Capital Improvement Program budget, I recommended we make needed changes to our City's parks and public lands.

Connecting with nature will be a point of emphasis for the 9-Line, including protecting and restoring native habitats, providing wildlife habitats for a variety of species, and supporting local gardens through the creation of a community orchard along the path.



### JORDAN RIVER TRAIL MARKERS

To improve safety along the Jordan River Trail, we are adding trail markers every 250 feet from the Davis County line south to 2100 South. The markers will be tied to the SLC's 911 dispatch system to help emergency responders locate someone if they're in trouble.

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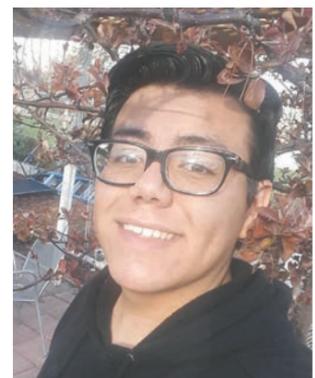
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# Honoring the school that shaped me



By Andre Montoya

I graduated this year from a school where I had spent seven years of my life. Without that public charter school, I would not be as successful as I am today.

The Salt Lake Center for Science Education (SLCSE) is not an ordinary school when compared to other high schools in the valley. The focus may be science-based, but the main rationale of the school is to “change reality.” This means challenging the norm of what can be taught and accomplished.

SLCSE has received recognition over the years for the exceptional work the school has demonstrated. Just recently SLCSE was awarded sixth place in the nation as a “School of Opportunity.”

When I first visited the school as a guest in the third grade, I saw a very new place. Literally, the building was being remodeled. The ceiling was gutted open, walls were unfinished with bags hanging over them, dust and the sound of construction permeated the air. Move forward to 2011 when I attended the sixth grade, and the school had changed very much. There was a bike shop, science fair division, and a beautiful courtyard that the students themselves maintained with animals, a pond and a garden.

I remember how nervous I was when I first came to SLCSE; I was afraid of not having friends or having trouble in school. My fears were put to rest. I garnered incredible friends and have had more academic success than I ever

thought possible. One student who came to SLCSE a few years after me told me that I had helped him get over those same fears. I didn't even know I had, but I know now that it was because of the more social attitude I had gained at SLCSE that I gained from the friends I made there.

Self confidence is something I have struggled with for a while. Looking back at the accomplishments I have earned for myself at SLCSE, I'm amazed at what I can do. It is all thanks to my teachers, without whom I would not have graduated, providing so many opportunities for me.

I argued in front of real judges as a lawyer for Mock Trial. I performed poetry in front of large crowds multiple times for Poetry Out Loud. I gave a TED Talk at my school's first ever TEDx event. I participated in my school's annual trip to Washington DC after a year of volunteering and fundraising. I've been on multiple camping trips because my school has a lot of

gear and enthusiasm for the outdoors. I've taken multiple AP classes and never quit because of my teachers' unwavering faith in their students. I even undertook a senior project that lead to me help to start and manage The West View Teen Newsroom that meets at the Glendale Library.

These are just a few of the opportunities I've had at

SLCSE. With every healthy risk I took, I gained more self-esteem. With that, I opened myself to more opportunities for the future – opportunities I otherwise may never have taken.

I hope more people who attend SLCSE will have a similar experience, for I consider it invaluable.

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arts to help them find their voice, tell their stories, and be empowered to affect positive change in their lives, their communities, and the world. Students of Loud and Clear can attest that the spirit of that mission is alive in their course. Sitting comfortably behind a switchboard in one of KRCL's studios, Sanchez said, “Now I feel like I'm more able to communicate across a wide variety of people, and Loud and Clear gave me the tools to take on the world.”

Conor Estes, Loud and Clear mentor, says that through the course, which launched in 2003, teens can learn “to be a critical consumer and creator and understand why artists do the things they do.” He says his personal goal for the program is for participants to understand that their view and their story is important, and that they should create things so they are not just a consumer. The program teaches students the structure and technical

skills to put on a good radio show, and then gives them the freedom to express themselves through the curation and production of the show.

“Spy Hop is a great place for people to go and express themselves and their day in a way that they feel more comfortable, especially since it feels that as teenagers we are sometimes put in a dull box at school,” Sanchez says. During a phase in life where the quotidian can feel too structured and monotonous, Sanchez says the Loud and Clear experience provides an environment that cultivates creativity. “We get to make radio shows about whatever we want, I made it about my first wrestling match that I won,” says Sanchez. “That gave us a ton of freedom to express the feeling and emotion that we had that moment and we were able to talk and say what we felt and it gave us that freedom to actually express ourselves.”

During the course, students are trained in a myriad of audio production forms

including podcasts, radio segments, and playlists. Estes sees himself as a support for the student's development, “I tried to play the role of asking hard questions and being devil's advocate.” “It's so much more successful for them to learn by figuring it out themselves or screwing up rather than being told what to do.”

All students get an opportunity to produce and host live radio shows, which air every Saturday night on KRCL 90.9, a local radio station, from 9 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Students are faced with a high level of autonomy and risk in running a live show, but Estes says they don't buckle under pressure, “they totally suck it up, and pull up their bootstraps and do it, and then they're really proud of themselves.”

For more information on Spy Hop class offerings from documentary making to hip hop production, visit [www.spyhop.org](http://www.spyhop.org).

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# WORK TRABAJO

## STUDENTS FROM ESCALANTE ELEMENTARY EXPLORE WHAT WORK MEANS TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES

By Michael Evans

A few years ago local art teacher Megan Hallett saw an exhibit called "Work" at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. with famous paintings from its own collection. It inspired her to explore that theme with her students at Escalante Elementary School on Salt Lake City's west side. The idea bore fruit in the spring of 2019, becoming a multimedia art show that amplifies the voices and images of Escalante's families.

"Work/Trabajo" is a bilingual sound and visual art installation featuring photographs by 40 sixth graders and eight fifth graders depicting work and effortful lives. There are words written on the walls like: "My parents are bankers." "My parent works at Delta." "My dad is a construction worker." They mingle with sentences like, "I want to be an artist." "I want to be a zoo keeper." "My dream job is to be myself."

Fifty voices – young and old, Spanish and English – are heard through headphones and/or speakers, telling about the past, the future, their home life and ambitions. Listeners hear phrases such as, "Pay attention to school." "Be better than us." "Learn what you

want to be."

"You can hear their love for one another," said Hallett.

The sounds and images together make a compelling experience when viewing Work/Trabajo as a show. The premiere was broadcast live by KRCL 90.9 FM's RadioActive show at Mestizo Coffeehouse, as part of Salt Lake City's prestigious Gallery Stroll in April.

Four streams flowed together to create the traveling exhibit -- Framework Arts, UMOCA, KRCL, and photography coach Eugene Tachinni from the U of U and SLCC, who worked with the students using digital cameras provided by Escalante Elementary.

"Eugene taught them things like changing their points of view and taking many pictures to tell their stories," said Hallett.

Alan Ly of the Salt Lake Library helped Hallett make everything tangible by printing all the photos and wall text that were on display at Mestizo Art Gallery. Work/Trabajo was also at "Share Space" in Library Square, indoors during the Living Traditions Festival, where it was very well-attended by west-side families and festival-goers grateful to get out of the rain during

the wet May weekend.

In the fall, the Utah Museum of Contemporary Art will take Work/Trabajo around Utah in their mobile "Art Truck" gallery, and the authentic voices of Escalante Elementary School will speak through headphones or loudspeakers wherever the Art Truck goes during the school year, thanks to production assistance from Christian "Chovy" Camargo and Billy Palmer of KRCL Community Radio.

Hallett utilizes her non-profit, Framework Arts, to access additional resources for art programs at Escalante as well as conduct other participatory art projects, like the "League of Reluctant Bicyclists," which is on display at UMOCA for the rest of the summer.

Framework Arts is a local non-profit that sponsors Family Art Studio, where 5th graders and their parents participate in printing, outdoor art, and family portraits. The families also eat dinner when they come to Escalante Elementary.

Tachinni taught photography to participants in the Family Art Studio, and they contributed to Work/Trabajo along with the 6th graders. Through Framework Arts, Hallett is skilled at initiating collaborative

partnerships with different organizations, such as KRCL, the SLC Public Library and UMOCA, to carry out these types of creative projects. But, she is quick to give credit to others.

"My students are capable of doing something that is just as visually interesting with just as compelling storytelling as many of the other things on display in the city," Hallett said. "Not everybody's stories are being told. One thing that we need to do as teachers is help kids understand that they may have to do the work that some people don't have to do, and when they do that work they can get people to pay attention to what they are doing, and how they are living their lives."

*The Work/Trabajo exhibit will tour in the UMOCA Art Truck throughout Utah, to places like Provo High School, North Davis Prep, Monticello Academy, nearby Rose Park and Escalante Elementary Schools, and various Arts in the Park events during 2020.*

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Megan Hallett of Framework Arts discusses how her students at Escalante Elementary, created the art installation "Work/Trabajo" with their parents on KRCL 90.9 FM during its opening evening at Mestizo Coffeehouse.

### WORK: AN AUDIO-VISUAL EXPLORATION OF EFFORTFUL LIVES

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Poster for "Work" when it was on display at Library Square.

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# Salt Lake City Council District 2 Candidates

# General Election: Oct. 22 - Nov. 5

**What have you done that makes you qualified to serve as the District 2 representative on the Salt Lake City Council?**

My desire to ensure that all people of the west side live with dignity is one factor that informs my qualifications. Not only have I worked with the city council to support resolutions around marginalized communities and to tackle issues related to air quality and housing, but I have also collaborated with the chief of police on how law enforcement engages communities of color, women, the refugee community, and the LG-BTQI community in Salt Lake City. I have centered my work in the last several years on finding policy solutions with the mayor, the city council, and the law enforcement on issues that span housing, racial profiling, discrimination, addiction, homelessness, zoning, and air quality.



**Moroni Benally**

**How would you leverage your position on the city council to help Salt Lake City's west side?**

Many issues on the west side, such as air quality, business development, and crime, often require multiple levels of governance and jurisdiction. These include county, state, and national entities and agencies, as well as the private sector. I would use my position and relationships with Salt Lake County, the Utah Legislature, federal agencies, and private firms to create collaborative working arrangements to ensure the best quality of life for the west side.

**How will you get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?**

Participatory democracy is at the heart of local politics. City planning, whether it is zoning for housing, industry, business, parks, or so on, has consequences for residents' quality of life. Participation looks different for many people, and I would meet them at where they are. Not everyone has to attend work sessions or council meetings to be engaged civilians. I would ensure access through weekly office hours in different parts of the district to provide information about critical decisions and to listen and understand the views and perspectives of citizens of the west side to guarantee that their voices and interests are reflected in votes, and not just in policy outcomes, but throughout the policy and decision-making process.

**Would you support the city's lawsuit against the Inland Port Authority Board? Why or why not?**

I fully support the city's lawsuit against the Inland Port Authority Board. Foremost, the enabling legislation to establish the inland port did not reflect the voice of the people of the west side. This breach in public trust must be acknowledged and rectified. While the lawsuit moves forward, it is imperative for the west side to have a voice on the board that reflects their concerns for air quality, job-creation, and the possibility of human trafficking. Finding meaningful ways that put the views and interests of the west side into the discussions on the development of the inland port is critical to ensure the west side does not bear the brunt of unintended or unforeseen consequences of the port.

**What have you done that makes you qualified to serve as the District 2 representative on the Salt Lake City Council?**

My family and I have lived on the west side in Poplar Grove and Glendale for 10 years, and I served on the Poplar Grove Community Council for six years and the City Council for four. I have been a social worker for 20 years with a focus on social justice issues, specifically addiction and homelessness. I have spent the last 18 months working with Volunteers of America, Utah on the restructuring of our local homeless services system and currently participate on the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness. I was also appointed to serve on the State Housing Affordability Commission to advocate for affordable housing needs in Salt Lake City and Utah. Within the city, I have served on the city council legislative subcommittee, and the city housing working group. I am a father of two children and advocate for their future on the west side.



**Andrew Johnston**

**How would you leverage your position on the city council to help Salt Lake City's west side?**

Since I joined the council, here are some things we have accomplished: 86 percent decrease on police calls on North Temple related to the Gateway Inn. Creation of the 9 Line Community Development Area in Poplar Grove & Glendale to capture and use local tax increment for the next 25 years in the neighborhood. Created the "Westside = Home" campaign including t-shirts for residents and schools, using the council website to promote pride and positively define the term "Westside." Over \$30 million for affordable housing across the city. Doubled the number of street repair crews. Numerous parks improvements including: Jordan River Parkway bridges at Indiana Ave & North Temple/200 South, Funding for the 300 North pedestrian/bicycle bridge over train tracks, New 9 Line bike park at 800 west 900 south, Glendale Park playground upgrades (2019-20), New Three Creeks Confluence Park at 1300 South 900 West (2019-20), Folsom Trail funding (first phase 2020) I plan to continue to show the same success in the next four years!

**How will you get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?**

All city materials should be multilingual. I have had my official communications in at least English and Spanish since taking office four years ago. I encourage the creation of more "Recognized Community Organizations." Such a designation used to be only for community councils, but now any local group can register and have access to city departments and input on neighborhood issues and projects. I communicate regularly to residents through weekly Facebook and email updates on city council meetings and decisions.

I support community organizations, such as Westside Coalition, Poplar Grove Neighborhood Alliance, Community Councils, River District Chamber, and Euclid Neighborhood Watch. These groups are comprised of neighbors advocating for our needs, and I encourage everyone to support them. I support West View Media. Good local journalism is invaluable to the west side.

**Would you support the city's lawsuit against the Inland Port Authority Board? Why or why not?**

I support the lawsuit to clarify the legal authority of creating an independent body over land use and taxation, though I would have preferred it to not be led by the city and thus subject to political elections. However, we cannot rely alone on the outcome of this lawsuit. The legislature has been clear they intend to keep pursuing this and we need to protect the city and citizens from future encroachments through both legal means and building bridges with state leadership to preempt future detrimental bills. We must continue to fight for transparency in the process, environmental sustainability requirements and mitigation of other rail and vehicle traffic issues that impact us. As a city council, we have demonstrated this delicate balance of both resisting and collaborating with state leadership to protect our neighborhoods.

# 2019 Candidate Q & A

Read the candidates' responses to questions posed by The West View, and be sure to vote in the upcoming Salt Lake City Municipal Primary Election on August 13. Vote-by-mail ballots will be mailed to all active voters the week of July 22. The Primary Election is for Mayor and

Council Districts 4 & 6. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will advance to the General Election in November. Since only two candidates are running for City Council District 2 (Glendale and Poplar Grove), they will not be included on the Primary ballot. For

more info about the 2019 elections, visit <https://slco.org/clerk/elections/> or <https://www.slco.gov/attorney/recorder/elections/>, or call the Salt Lake County Elections Office at (385) 468-7400.

## Salt Lake City Mayoral Candidates

## Primary Election: August 6 - 13

**What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?**

The mayor's first job is CEO, running a \$330 million-a-year business. I know business. Over 30 years, my small business became a big business. That personal experience, along with hiring/keeping a team of the best (non-political) professionals will allow us to run a tight ship.

In 2013, I was elected to the Utah State Senate (2012-2018). It was a great joy and the honor of my life to represent you. I dove deep into the details of government and policy. While I served in the capitol, I was always firm in representing our values, but I made great efforts to keep the friendship and respect of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Nothing is possible unless we work together.

**What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?**

I am not a patient person. I expect to get things moving fast! Expect a plan for making UTA free, with a substantial increase in funding for bus service with greater frequency and more last mile connections. Expect a ramping up of the lawsuit against the Inland Port.

Expect I will gather a group of community leaders and we will meet with the Fairgrounds Board. We will also meet with the Governor and legislative leaders on how to make the Fairgrounds pop for the neighborhood, 12 months a year.

Expect a plan for more affordable housing, involving serious state bonding and an incentive package for those who build affordable housing. Expect a review of the newly opening homeless centers, a gush of support for what is working, and rethinking of what needs tinkering.

**How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?**

Expect the appointment of a Blue Ribbon panel of west side people with recommendations on making the quality of life better. I will request that the staffed report have serious recommendations in my hands within 180 days.

**How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?**

I have a no tolerance policy for drug dealers on our streets. We

must not give up our houses or our neighborhoods to people who would do grave damage to others. I will go myself, as mayor, to high-drug-use areas and warn establishment owners and property owners that they better clean up their act or I will personally bring down the full force of the City. No one has the right to destroy neighborhoods!

The state, county, and city are spending \$100 million dollars to help people suffering from homelessness. With the addition of three new homeless shelters, treatment facilities and employment mentoring, "camping" on the Jordan River needs to end. The health issues and human carnage are painful and we must make helping those that are homeless the highest priority; this area must not be a shantytown.

**Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?**

Yes, I would continue the lawsuit! As mayor, I will pursue the inland port lawsuit with feisty vigor, verve, and voice. There should not be an inland port on a significant portion of Salt Lake City's land without the express consent of the people and the elected officials of Salt Lake City. Anything other than that is a



**Jim Dabakis**

travesty. The inland port is a generational clash of competing views and jurisdictional questions over Salt Lake City-owned land. The people of our capitol city are pitted against the state legislature and governor, who simply do not share the same vision and values of the people of Salt Lake City. Using these values, we will find a balance, giving Salt Lake City a strong economic center that supports the well-rounded elements that make Salt Lake City a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

# Salt Lake City Mayoral Candidates

# Primary Election: August 6 - 13

### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I have a proven record of improving the quality of life of all SLC residents in my professional career and my public service life. In 2008 I was elected to the Utah State Senate where I have been serving for the last 11 years. As a senator I have stood up for the west side against the disproportionate responsibility on this community with the number of facilities like the state prison, the 300 bed parolee center, halfway houses, and the inland port. I have sponsored and passed 50+ bills, including securing the funding for a sound wall in Glendale. I was able to secure funding for Neighborhood House to help working families on the west side. As mayor I will build consensus on important issues for all residents of SLC and I will continue to be a champion for you.

### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

During my first 100 days in office I want to focus on these three areas:  
 Empowering SLC  
 A comprehensive assessment of SLC Corporation to ensure we have a satisfied workforce and efficiencies that improve services to all SLC residents  
 Programs available for SLC workers and residents that reflect the commitment to children and families  
 Sustainable SLC  
 Work with division and department heads to finish sustainable projects for the city and begin implementing my vision for a sustainable SLC that addresses transformational transit, affordable housing and improvement of air quality  
 Democracy SLC  
 Growing a sense of trust in the community by bringing city hall to the neighborhoods. Empowering communities to participate in government is a top priority

### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

Part of my vision for the city is to have all residents engaged in the decision-making process in city hall. I will strengthen and work with community councils and other organizations across the city that engage residents to accomplish this goal. I live on the west side; it is very important to me to continue hearing the voices of residents there. My priority will be to bring city hall to the neighborhoods using creative ways to increase participation like providing childcare and listening to residents in their communities. I am a bridge builder; I have partnered with the division of youth and family programs and the mayor's office to educate the west side on energy and air quality through the Breathe Clean Festival. All residents in SLC deserve a working city that is accessible to them and a mayor that will listen as well as act.

### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

The homelessness crisis in SLC requires ongoing intervention. There needs to be a sustainable solution through a public-private partnership between the city, the county, the state and the private and nonprofit sector. Homelessness is not only a SLC problem; it is a state problem. I have the relationships required to convene all stakeholders and collect accurate data that will result in better public policy. People are living along the Jordan River in tents; it is dangerous for them and community members who live or recreate nearby. Humane care and comprehensive wrap-around services are needed for those who may not accept shelter due to trauma. Funding for these extensive



**Luz Escamilla**

services, including affordable housing, needs to be shared by all stakeholders, not only by SLC tax payers. In the 2019 legislative session I sponsored a bill allowing homeless youth to access emergency shelter in order to protect one of our most vulnerable populations.

### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

I will continue the city's lawsuit against the inland port authority. I believe that the lawsuit will bring closure and help define the relationship between the inland port authority, the state, and SLC. It is important that the new mayor is ready to stand strong in defending the best interests of the city. As a state senator, I am on record for voting against every bill regarding the inland port. I have stood for SLC and the west side on this critical issue from day one. I spoke against the process and the lack of transparency, and more importantly the aggressive takeover by the state. I established a baseline and the monitoring for air and water quality around the inland port and the airport. I am committed to negotiating the changes that need to happen for SLC interests to be addressed.

### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I am qualified because I am not a politician. I am a "Common Sense-crat" who believes in Governing by Objectives. I serve at the pleasure of the people. Period.

### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

- In my first 100 days in office, I will:
  - Get all City machines, fixed and mobile, tuned up to spec.
  - Create more fixed and mobile SLC Police Precincts.
  - Create a joint Fire, Police and Ambulance advanced training platform.
  - Bring back SQUAT fast fire and medical trucks in the Fire Department.
  - Set up various working groups for a number of specific projects.

### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

I will get more west-side residents engaged by creating a Mobile Office of the Mayor that would travel throughout the city. Let's bring the mayor to the people!

### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

I will address problems associated with homelessness by creating massive outreach teams in the following areas: medical, social work, sanitation, and security. I will also establish a triage base camp. I would also create a Butt Redemption Program, where people would be paid 10 cents per used cigarette butt picked up. This would help clean up the city and provide a small source of income for people experiencing homelessness.

### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

I would place the inland port litigation on hold and enter into serious negotiations with the state. I would create the Utah Export Expo – a permanent Utah product trade fair – to be sited in the northwest quadrant. I would also create a wonderful nearby nature preserve.  
 Note: I believe the Inland Port, or an intermodal center, should be sited in Wendover, Utah. There is plenty of space and access to air, rail and road transport.



**Richard Goldberger**

### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I spent 10 years as an attorney with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, litigating against the State of Utah and federal government over public lands, climate change, and air quality. I am an expert in state and federal air regulations, and am ready to get to work to clean up our air in Salt Lake City.

As the executive director of the Pioneer Park Coalition, I've worked to create safe communities and ensure our most vulnerable populations have the resources they need.

Affordable housing is an issue the next mayor must address. I grew up working with Garbett Homes, a company that my father started and still operates today. Through their company, I've worked directly to help build affordable, green homes, including the first net-zero energy home in our climate region.

### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

I have a lot of plans to start in my first 100 days, but my top priorities would be: 1) begin to negotiate with Rocky Mountain Power to ensure our city's electricity supply will be powered by 100% clean energy by 2023, 2) open an emergency overflow shelter space for those experiencing homelessness, if necessary, 3) have a team in place to begin preparing a road map for achieving clean air in the Salt Lake Valley in six years, and 4) begin the process to negotiate with businesses to provide incentives to move the refinery and powerplant outside of the Salt Lake Valley.

### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

In every part of the city, we need better engagement from our mayor and the city's administration. This means taking more public comment and keeping city residents informed and up-to-date on important issues that will affect them. It's critical that our mayor has face-to-face conversations with city residents about critical issues. Our mayor must be willing to stand up for what is best for the city while having real conversations with constituents, whether or not they agree on a particular issue.

### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

SLC is the hub for homeless services in our region. Because of this, sometimes our resources are stretched. The mayor must work with the county, state, and federal government, as well as a mix of individuals and nonprofits.

First, we cannot leave people unsheltered during our homelessness transition. If we do not have enough shelter bed space this winter, we will need to create an emergency overflow shelter. Second, I'd create an impact measurement team to ensure that we are helping, not hurting, those in need. And third, I would collaborate with the many service providers that exist in and around the city to reach our goals.

My goal will be to reduce the time people experience homelessness by 25 percent and to end unsheltered homelessness by the end of my first term.



**David Garbett**

### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

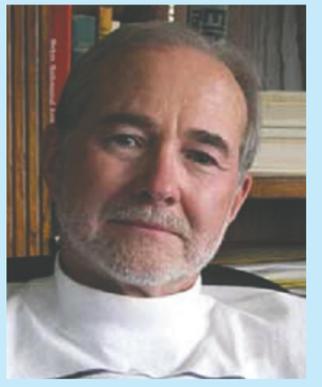
I oppose the Inland Port and would continue the lawsuit. My career has been built on litigating against the state on air quality issues; I'm not afraid to do it again.

Rather than tackling air quality, the Legislature is making it worse. The Inland Port is an effort to use public money to incentivize development that will produce harmful pollution. This is why I've proposed the Utah Clean Hub, which would be based on three principles:

First, the Utah Clean Hub should be designed to incentivize the creation, expansion, and relocation of companies interested in reducing air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions.

Second, if companies want the incentives of the Clean Hub, they must agree to offset the pollution their operations will produce.

Third, we should incentivize research and development, and improve the skills of our workforce through new institutes at the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College.



**Rainer Huck**

### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

My best qualification is that I have never held office before. Many of the other candidates tout their government experience, but when you look at how government has grown, how taxes are continually increasing, and regulations and bureaucracy endlessly expand to choke every aspect of our lives, it's time for a fresh perspective.

I have lived and worked in Salt Lake City for 70 years and have seen it evolve from a mellow, low-cost city to the very expensive place it is today. As immigrants from war-torn Europe, my family was very poor, but through hard work and lack of oppressive government my father was able to achieve the American Dream. This is much more difficult today. My roots and unique perspective will enable me to reverse this trend and create more opportunity for everyone.

### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

I will restore the neighborhood cleanup, reduce water bills which have grown 10,000% in the last 50 years, stop the police from shooting people, remove the recent sales tax increase, shift part of the transient room tax to subsidize hospitality workers to at least \$15-per-hour and save the existing parking structure and terminals at the airport.

# Salt Lake City Mayoral Candidates

## Primary Election: August 6 - 13

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#### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

My office will be open to citizen visits to express their concerns eight hours a day. My major impetus is to serve the working people of Salt Lake City to keep more of their income and to enjoy a higher quality of life. Meeting with current city leaders is practically impossible. In general, when candidates are running for office they claim to be agents of the people, yet when they are elected they quickly become agents of the government. This will not be the case with me, because I have no motivation in running for office other than to give back to the city I grew up in and to make life better for all the people who work hard just to pay their bills and raise their children.

#### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

The homeless shelters currently under construction are a joke. They are spending \$60 million to house just 700 people for a cost of \$86,000/person. These facilities will be overrun the day they open. I will build a big and beautiful homeless campus in the northwest quadrant that will accommodate 5,000 people with all the facilities they will need to either rejoin society or have a safe and clean place to live. And I will do this for under \$5,000 per person.

#### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

I would immediately discontinue the inland port litigation. When one government sues another, the taxpayers always lose. Salt Lake City residents will lose, no matter what the resolution, after wasting millions in a case very likely be found in favor of the State.



**David Ibarra**

#### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I am the son of a Mexican immigrant farm worker. My brother, Mickey, and I spent nearly the first 14 years of our lives in the Utah foster care system. I started my first business at age 28. My business background spans highly successful careers in the hospitality, automotive, and the self-improvement industries. Through my foundation, I have assisted 89 students to obtain a college education. Because of the challenges I have faced, I have gained a passion for compassion, inclusion and fairness for all members of our community. I am a leader now, ready to serve SLC.

#### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

I will start by meeting every City employee and all leaders. I will share our vision for our city and ask questions and listen to suggestions on how we all can create a service culture within Salt Lake City. The first big issue we'll tackle is our homelessness crisis – no one should be allowed to sleep on the streets.

#### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

I will spend time with community leaders and residents from the west side of our city. Community councils are the closest representatives to the residents they serve, therefore I will visit them often. I will make sure that equal investment is given to the east side and the west side.

Investments and projects in the city will be tracked online to make sure Salt Lake City residents can validate fairness and inclusion.

#### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

As mayor, I will be an active and supportive partner of the Utah Homeless Coordinating Committee. Upon the opening of all three new resource centers, City Hall must quickly assess their effectiveness in reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness and sleeping on our streets. Should the resource centers not achieve our goals, I will have the political will and humane consciousness to act swiftly. I will make sure we provide safe, welcoming (and bedbug-free) shelter, warmth, nutrition, work-counseling, work-placement, mental health care, and medical care for homeless men, women and children.

I will effectively address the shelter-resistant population. It is inhumane to have people sleeping on our streets, and it is not good for communities to have people living on our streets. Reaching "functional zero" – where a community can provide housing for every person within 30 days of experiencing homelessness – can be achieved. I will have the compassion and will to address the shelter-resistant population.

#### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

The City's lawsuit against the State and Port Authority must go forward to determine jurisdiction over the port. I oppose the development of the inland port unless it can be achieved with a zero-negative-impact on our environment. If the port is to be built, Salt Lake City must receive its fair share of all taxes generated by the inland port to offset its significant impact on the City's already-overstretched infrastructure and to shore up our shrinking tax base.



**Erin Mendenhall**

#### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I'm on my second term of serving District 5 on the Salt Lake City Council. Prior to being on the council, I co-founded Breathe Utah, which to-date has educated tens of thousands of Utah's schoolchildren on the quality of our air. I serve on two boards that allow me to interact with stakeholders from across the state – State Air Quality Board Chair and board member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

My service on the City Council includes:

- Served as the Chair of SLC Council in 2018.

- Working in City Council to change the rules on "mother-in-law" housing to address the need for more affordable housing options in a city that's already almost completely built out. I worked to take it to a city-wide application, thus ensuring geographic equity. This was a unanimous City Council vote.

- I helped champion the \$21 million dollar affordable housing package through the Redevelopment Agency of Salt Lake City that has helped to bring more housing options to new developments throughout the city.

- I worked to create the city's first women's homeless shelter, The Geraldine E. King Women's Resource Center, on 700 South.

It will have 200 beds and provide assistance to help people transition into stable work and housing.

- I worked to fix our streets with an \$87 million bond that was approved last fall, and today, work crews are on the job. The city has also raised revenue to double our maintenance crews, so we're getting twice as many miles of road fixed each year.

#### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

In my first 100 days in office, I would:

- Update the impact fee facility plan so growth can actually pay for growth.

- Reinvigorate basic city services such as bringing back the neighborhood cleanup program, taking a serious look at how we can best fix our infrastructure, and being creative when it comes to utilizing our alleyways - a unique asset to our neighborhoods.

- Further digital equity plan: The current administration and various community partners discussed an inclusionary plan to provide better, fair access to up-and-coming digital resources. I want to take it further, incorporating the digital inclusion plan as a part of the city's master plan. We need to identify opportunities for access to broadband, devices, and digital literacy training and address those needs.

- Continue the Inland Port lawsuit.

#### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

Right off the bat, there are very basic steps my administration would take to include west-siders in the conversation. We need to focus on digital equity; there is simply no excuse for the lack of parity when it comes to connectivity within this city. Across the globe, the process for making decisions is becoming more inclusive and dynamic; the

way we make decisions in our own backyard should be no different.

The west side of Salt Lake City has challenges that are rooted in a history of industry, class segregation and, frankly, racism in the form of redlining policies that gratefully no longer exist, though the outcomes persist. Over the course of this campaign, I have heard time and time again that residents feel disconnected when they are forced to adhere to city schedules that don't acknowledge the need for childcare and careers that aren't molded to a 9-5 week. To get more voices at the decision-making table, we need to take a serious look at how we structure these conversations - and with that, how we better define place-making in this city.

#### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

Our neighborhoods outside the downtown core have seen a marked increase in homeless populations since Operation Rio Grande in 2017. Parks, alleys and other public spaces have become spaces for encampments and overnight shelter. Our new homeless resource centers will provide real shelter that is both safe and accessible. Our parks should be safe and welcoming spaces for all. Salt Lake City should explore a Park Ranger Pilot Program that would bring a consistent presence to major park and trail areas. This would connect people to services, enforce park rules, and help those in need.

#### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

Yes, I intend to continue the city's lawsuit as mayor. As a mother of three I will work every single day to build and wield our power to ensure the best possible outcomes for all residents of our city, for our lands and wildlife, and for the air our children breathe.

#### What have you done that makes you qualified for Mayor of SLC?

I first became civically active in Salt Lake City over a traffic issue in my neighborhood. After organizing our neighborhoods and successfully defeating UDOT, I found I had a real passion for neighborhood activism. I became chair of my community council, then chair of the community council network (no longer in existence). From there, I served two terms on the Salt Lake City Council, spending most of my time in leadership positions. In addition to my time serving on various councils, I spent the last two decades as Executive Director of the Utah AIDS Foundation. I have 25 years of bottom-line experience, managing an organization that served a severely marginalized population. I managed staff, a tight budget, limited resources, multiple constituencies, and vulnerable clients by building relationships and coalitions in the community.

#### What do you plan to accomplish during your first 100 days in office?

My top priority is No Fare for Clean Air. I want to provide a no-cost Hive Pass to Salt Lake City residents. It will decrease congestion on our streets, reduce tail pipe emissions, and is fundamentally an equal access and social justice issue to help residents with tight budgets.

We need to make a commitment to funding and completing the Folsom Trail. In my time on the City Council, we secured the initial TIGER Grant to pay for paving the, but I want to see it fully funded. I also want to prioritize the Jordan River Parkway in the Parks budget to improvement access and maintenance.

#### How will you help get west-side residents more engaged in city planning and decision-making?

It's about meeting people where they are, not making them come to you. It is critical that the mayor spends time on the west side to discuss the issues affecting them. I am proposing a neighborhood grants program that gives residents the ability to better promote the character of the neighborhood they call home. These funds could be used for public art programs, community gardens, historic street



**Stan Penfold**

signs – the sky is the limit. It's about getting the community involved in shaping the kind of neighborhood they want.

#### How will you address the city's homelessness issues and the negative impacts on west-side neighborhoods, especially near North Temple and along the Jordan River?

As Mayor, I will make housing and homelessness a top priority. I have an ambitious goal of adding 10,000 affordable housing units by 2025 dispersed throughout Salt Lake City. I will embrace common-sense ideas like the housing first approach. It's a simple concept gives people a roof over their heads. Once they have housing security, we can surround them with the critical services necessary to stay in housing.

Beyond that, Salt Lake City faces a shortage of smaller, first time homes. This is an issue that keeps young families in rental unites, or forces them to move out of City limits. We need to take innovative approaches to solve this issue.

#### Would you continue the city's lawsuit on the inland port? Why or why not?

I do believe the State overstepped it's bounds and I think this is an issue that needs to be resolved by the courts. A primary concern of mine is the potential of a port to further harm residents on the Westside who already see the worst air quality in the Valley. It is a shame that the relationship between the City and State has soured to the point of a lawsuit being necessary. As mayor, I will work to repair the trust lost between the City and State and avoid costly court battles.

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and portioning set by the USDA. This means healthy baked not fried meals, whole grains, vegetables and more.

One mother eating lunch at Sherwood Park in early July said that her children preferred the meals served at the park. “When I make food at home, they are so picky, but they love the food here,” said Mary. “It helps with our budget, and the dishes, and gets the kids outside,” she added.

Utahns Against Hunger, a nonprofit anti-hunger organization that has been serving the state for 30-plus years, promotes child nutrition programs, like the state’s Summer Food Service Program, the National School Lunch Program, and the Utah Breakfast Expansion Team.

“[We are] not a food pantry, but rather an advocacy and outreach program whose mission is to increase access to food across Utah,” said Utahns Against Hunger Executive Director Gina Cornia.

It promotes these programs through social media outreach, flyers, press releases, and meetings with congressional delegates to educate them on the need to protect funding for federal Child Nutrition Programs, which are reimbursed through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Through the Utah Breakfast Expansion Team, Utahns Against Hunger was able to increase school breakfast participation by seven percent, said Cornia.

Cornia likes to have people call for information on The Summer Food Service Program because it gives them a chance to talk to them about additional resources such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program formerly known as food stamps) or

Utahns Against Hunger has coordinated the acceptance of SNAP at over 20 Utah farmers markets as well. According

to the USDA, SNAP redemptions at Utah farmers markets increased by over 1200 percent between 2008 and 2016, with the help of the organization.

“We [Utahns Against Hunger] started the Double Up Bucks Food Program, which allows people additional money to buy Utah-grown fruits and vegetables, so it is really a bonus for low-income people who use their SNAP to buy fresh produce because

it creates new customers for farmers and then that money stays in the local economy,” Cornia said.

“We really just encourage the whole community to come out to ensure the anti-hunger initiative and to make sure that kids have access to healthy foods when school’s not in session...There are so many additional benefits our Summer Food Service Program can provide than just

the meals themselves. It gets kids off the couch to the park or the library and to see other kids. That’s what we love to see,” said Matt Anderson, Child Nutrition Coordinator for the Utah State Board of Education.

The Salt Lake City School District’s Summer Food Service Program runs from June 10-Aug. 13. Times and days of operation may vary from site to site, so please inquire about

days and times. All sites will be closed Wednesday, July 24.

To find a Summer Food Service Program site near you, text the word, “FOOD” to 877-877, call the Utahns Against Hunger Hotline toll-free at 1-800-453-FOOD, or to speak directly with Utahns Against Hunger Executive Director Cornia or her staff, call 801-328-2561.

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**Chapman Library**  
577 S. 900 W., 801-594-8623

**Growing in the Grove**  
Saturday, Aug. 3, 12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Adult gardening workshop with Dan Potts  
Learn to plant your vegetable garden, compost and more.

**Storytime in the park**  
Friday, July 12, August 9, Sept. 6, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Engage your five senses and your imagination! enjoy an outdoor storytime, followed by a walk through the park with Kendal Scott of the SLC Division of Trails & Natural lands. Meet at the Library.

**Comic Workshop for adults & Teens**  
Saturdays, July 13, Aug. 10, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Meet other comic artists and writers. Find collaborators for your vision or polish your masterpiece. We'll have tools and time to create and publish complete mini comics. For all experience levels.

**Zumba kids**  
Wednesday, July 17, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Rockin', high-energy dance parties packed with kid-friendly routines and movement games.

**Chapman Raps Summer Concert Series**  
Every third Saturday, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Join us this summer for outdoor hip-hop concerts on Chapman's back patio. Featuring artists Awegust the Great, Mana, and Poet.

**Day Riverside Library**  
1575 W. 1000 N., 801-594-8632

**Preschool Story & Craft Time**  
Every Tuesday 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read, then crafts!

**Zumba Kids**  
Thursday, August 1, and September 5, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Rockin', high-energy dance parties packed with kid-friendly routines and movement games.

**Create Better Health**  
Thursday, Aug. 1 – Make salsa, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
How to eat well, prepare delicious food, and be

active on a budget.

**Storytime in the Park**  
Tuesdays, August 6, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Engage your five senses AND your imagination! Enjoy an outdoor storytime, followed by a walk through the park with Kendal Scott of the SLC Division of Trails & Natural Lands. Meet on the patio.

**Capoeira Class**  
Third Thursdays 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Kick, spin and sing your way into Capoeira, one of Brazil's most beautiful art forms. For all ages, led by Jamaika and his instructors.

**Teen Video Gaming**  
Every Friday, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Take a gaming and snack break with the Day-Riverside Branch's Wii and PlayStation 4. Games are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For grade-school students, ages 12-18 only.

**Glendale Library**  
1375 S. Concord St., 801-594-8660

**Hip Hop Dancing with Bboy Federation**  
Every Monday, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Learn hip-hop dancing from members of the Bboy Federation. Listen to classic beats, stretch, dance and learn the essential breakin' and hip-hop moves. For kids, tweens and teens.

**West View Teen Newsroom**  
Every Wednesday, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. during the summer  
Teens will be guided as they explore their community through writing, multimedia storytelling and journalism.

**LEGO-MINDSTORMS Robotic Explorers- Hosted By the Clark Planetarium**  
July 10, July 17, July 31, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
A new adventure in robotics. Tweens and teens, create your own programmable LEGO® robo-creature. Make it walk, talk, grab, think, shoot, and do almost anything you can imagine!

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**Marmalade Library**  
280 W. 500 N., 801-594-8680

**Code Club**  
Every Monday 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Jump into coding at your own pace with the help of City Library staff. Kids and teens ages 8–18 will collaborate and work through a self-guided programming curriculum.

**Kidding around Yoga with Sarah Bly**  
Every Wednesday in July, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Kidding around yoga combines traditional yoga techniques with original music, games, and other activities, guiding children and adults as they focus their minds, stretch their bodies, and have fun.

**Marmalade Town Hall Series**  
Thursdays from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Aug. 8 – Digital Inclusion and Citizenship  
Sept. 12 – Homelessness & Mental Health  
A year-long Town Hall series. These gatherings will generate conversation, improve our community, and make a difference in the lives of all the individuals who call Salt Lake City home.

**Video Gaming**  
Every Friday 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Take a gaming and snack break with the Marmalade Branch's Wii and PlayStation 4. Games are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Sorenson Center Campus**  
Southeast corner of 1300 S. 900 W.  
(385) 468-1300 / (801) 535-6533

**Technology Center OPEN ACCESS**  
Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. & Fridays, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Knowledgeable staff will help you with: Internet basics; email basics; checking your children's grade online; learning how to use your smartphone; online job searches and online job applications; creating a resume and cover Letter; finding a new apartment online, etc.

**Teen Success - Planned Parenthood**  
Tuesdays 5 p.m. -7:30 p.m.  
Weekly support group for teenage girls who are mothers or pregnant.

**Women Empowerment Serie**  
PIK2AR (Pacific Island Knowledge 2 Action Resources) Wednesdays 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Pacific Island women's peer-to-peer support group.

**Glendale - Mt View Community Learning Center**  
1388 Navajo St., 801-974-1902

**Community Health Centers Neighborhood Clinic Medical & Dental Appointments**  
Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Cost \$25 and up, depending on income

**Medicaid enrollment support**  
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Walk-in appointments in the CLC Rm. 151 next to the clinic.

**Community Health Workers**  
Monday & Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Walk-in appointments in CLC Rm. 153

**Friends for Sight Vision Screenings**  
Thursdays, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Free walk-in vision screenings for community members of all ages.

**Early Childhood Education**  
The early years of a child's life are crucial for optimal development and our classes provide early learning opportunities for families and their children from prenatal to age 5.

**Utah State Fairgrounds**  
155 N. 1000 W.

**3rd Annual SLC Tacofest**  
August 3, 10 a.m.  
Join us for a day filled with live music, family friendly entertainment and Utah's own taco vendors as they compete for Best Taco Awards in five categories!

**Craft Lake City DIY Festival**  
Friday, Aug. 9, 5 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Saturday, Aug. 10, Noon – 10 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 11, Noon – 7 p.m.  
Admission: \$5 in advance, \$7 day of, kids free., Tickets: 24tix.com  
Utah's largest local-centric, three-day arts festival.

**Warm Springs Community Potluck**  
Every Sunday in July, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.  
840 N. 300 W. Bring a dish to share, lawn games, instruments and come as you are.  
We'll bring croquet, sidewalk chalk, giant frisbee. All ages welcome.

**Go Girls Summer Camp**  
July 15- July 19, August 5- August 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Hartland Partnership Center**  
1578 W. 1700 S., 801-973-6055

**Youth Center**  
Weekdays, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
The Hartland Youth Center is open for afterschool and summer programming for youth, ages 5 to 18. Programming is free of charge and registration is required for each participant.

**Hartland Mobile Medical Clinic**  
July 11, 1 p.m. -6 p.m.  
A community wellness partnership with Utah Partners for Health providing access to free primary medical care for uninsured, Medicaid and Medicare recipients.

**Entrenamiento De Asesoría Contra El Abuso Sexual**  
Aug. 6, 5:30 p.m.  
Estamos entusiasmados de anunciar que la Coalición de Utah Contra el Asalto Sexual, UNP Hartland Partnership Center y Centro de Recuperación de Abuso Sexual se han asociado este verano para ofrecer el primer entrenamiento de asesoría totalmente conducido.

**Others**

**SLC Arts Hub 663 W. 100 S. Samba Fogo**  
Every Thursday, Brazilian Dance Class, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Samba Fogo is a project of Shangó Music and Dance, a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

**9th West Farmers Market**  
Every Sunday; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.  
Located near International Peace Gardens in Salt Lake City's west side. Easy to locate, on 900 W. along the north side of the park  
Groove In the Grove Community Festival August 6, 6 p.m.- 9 p.m.

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Girls and femmes who are going into 9 or 10 grade in the Salt Lake valley are invited to join us for our inaugural summer camp! Register at [www.womenscenter.utah.edu/initiatives/summercamp.php](http://www.womenscenter.utah.edu/initiatives/summercamp.php).

**University Neighborhood Partners Partners in the Park**  
July 16 at Riverside Park, 1490 w 600 n  
July at the Northwest Rec Center  
1255 w Clark ave (300 n )  
Bringing University faculty, staff, students, community partner organizations, and west side residents together in local neighborhood parks.

**Utah Pacific Islander Heritage Month Kick-off**  
Saturday, July 27  
Sorenson Unity Center, 855 California Ave.  
8 a.m. – Volleyball Tournament, 2 p.m. – Art exhibit and free film screening, 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. – Cultural booths, vendors, food and entertainment  
[www.UPIHM.com](http://www.UPIHM.com)

**100th Annual Carnival Fundraiser**  
August 2 & 3  
St. Patrick Parish 1058 W. 400 S.  
Low cost games & ethnic foods, car show, silent auction, live entertainment, opportunity drawing for \$5.00 per ticket! Entry is free, games and food are very cost effective!

**Jordan Meadow/Westpointe Night Out Community Fest**  
Tuesday, August 6, 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
SLC Police Pioneer Precinct 1040 W. 700 S.  
Water Parade starts at Meadows Park (1920 W. 400 N.) and travels to Westpointe Park, (1920 W. Colonel Rd.) Food, fun, activities and mayoral candidates.

**Let's Improve this Corner**  
September 12, 6 p.m. -- Adam Galvez (300 S.) & Emery St. We are bringing together neighbors and city/county officials to make plans to improve the "open space" on this corner. Organized by Poplar Grove Neighborhood Alliance

**Festa Italiana SLC at The Gateway**  
Saturday Sept 14 - noon - 10 p.m.  
Sunday Sept 15 - noon - 7 p.m.  
Experience the tastes, sounds, and culture of Italy at this street festival. Presented by the Italian American Civic League and Italian Club of Salt Lake, sponsored by Alfa Romeo.

**Mestizo Coffeehouse Open Mic**  
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
641 W. North Temple, in City Front



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Community councils are neighborhood-based organizations developed to help community members directly advocate for change in their communities. Their job is to provide various city departments with input and recommendations generated directly from the community. These councils consist of local residents, service providers, property and business owners. Meetings are open to the public. To find out which community council area you live in, visit: [www.slcgov.com/commcouncils](http://www.slcgov.com/commcouncils)

**Ball Park Community Council**  
**Chair:** Amy Hawkins  
703-728-9151  
[amy.j.hawkins@gmail.com](mailto:amy.j.hawkins@gmail.com)

**Meets:** 1st Thursdays at 7 p.m. Aug. 1, Sept. 5  
Taylor Springs Apts. Community Room, 1812 S. West Temple

**Fairpark Community Council**  
**Chair:** Tom King  
[earth4alllife@gmail.com](mailto:earth4alllife@gmail.com)

**Meets:** 4th Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. July - no meeting, Aug. 22, Sept. 26  
Northwest Multipurpose Center, 1300 W. 300 N.

**Glendale Community Council**  
**Chair:** Dane Hess  
[dane.hess@slcschools.org](mailto:dane.hess@slcschools.org)

**Meets:** 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.  
July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 18  
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**Meets:** 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11;  
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**Poplar Grove Community Council**  
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**Meets:** 4th Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
July - no meeting, August 28, September 25  
Pioneer Precinct 1040 W. 700 S.

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**Westpointe Community Council**  
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**Meets:** 2nd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11  
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**River District Chamber**  
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**Meets:** 2nd Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. July 9, Aug. 13  
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## JORDAN RIVER REFLECTIONS

# Discover the Jordan River and Parkway Trail

By Terry Marasco

*Editor's note: The Jordan River runs through the heart of Salt Lake City's west side. It is one of the greatest defining geographical features of this area, is a vital sliver of natural wildlife habitat and an invaluable source of recreation for Utahns. This is why we have decided to devote space each issue to tell the stories of our mistreated, neglected, yet beloved urban river. This is the first of many stories to come.*

One of the great waterways of the Salt Lake Valley is the Jordan River, which flows 40 miles from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake. The Jordan River Parkway, a linear park with a paved bicycle/walking trail, winds alongside the river through multiple cities and towns.

At the southern end, the Jordan River Parkway Trail connects with the Murdock Trail in Lehi, and at the northern end, it joins the Legacy Trail near the Great Salt Lake.

Trail-users in Salt Lake City's portion of the parkway can easily access countless

public amenities from the trail. Here, the parkway passes through or is adjacent to at least seven parks, three golf courses, three city libraries and several schools.

Other interesting features along the parkway include the Jordan River Peace Labyrinth at 1500 South, Bend-in-the-River open space at 1100 South, International Peace Gardens at 1000 South, Fife Wetlands at 900 South, art murals at 300 South, Fisher Mansion at 200 South, pedestrian bridge at 100 South, Utah State Fairpark at North Temple, Cottonwood Dog Park at 400 North, and the Regional Athletic Complex at 2280 North.

The Jordan River Parkway trail is the central piece of a network of trails spanning over 100 miles between Ogden and Provo. The river is navigable by kayak and canoe with numerous input places. And you can now ride your bike the entire length of the river, thanks to the installation of a large pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks near 100 South. Don't worry about getting hit with a golf ball at Rose Park Golf Course; the trail has a protective fence there!



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A rendering of the fishing dock at the future Three Creeks Confluence park at 1300 South and 900 West.

If you're active and like to run, bike or boat, check out the upcoming Range 2 River Relay on July 13 hosted by Seven Canyons Trust. Competitors will bike, boat, and run from the Wasatch Range to the Jordan River!

(See side bar for more info.)

One of Seven Canyon's most recent projects is Three Creeks Confluence, where Red Butte, Emigration, and Parley's Creeks spill into the Jordan River at 1300 S. and 900 W. At this site, with over \$3 million secured, Seven Canyons will daylight (bring to the surface) 200 feet of combined stream and construct a fishing pier, plaza space and a bridge that will connect to the Jordan River Parkway Trail. Construction is expected to begin in late August or September.

According to Seven Canyons Executive Director Brian Tonetti, the goals of the project include expanding green infrastructure solutions to water quality impairments; enhancing the ecological value of the site and reactivating the neglected area; diversifying active transportation and recreation opportunities; and creating a gateway to the Jordan River for the community.

If you have a chance to visit the Jordan River Trail this summer, be sure to bring your binoculars. You may see ducks, geese and other migratory birds, as well as beaver, muskrat, fish and other exciting wildlife.

For more Salt Lake County trails and parks info, visit: <https://slco.org/parks/trails/>

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## Range 2 River Relay

July 13, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Begins at the Utah State Fairpark, West Lot, 1220 West North Temple.

The first person bikes 3.6 miles from City Creek Canyon to the creek's confluence with the Jordan River at the Utah State Fairpark. The second person boats 3.3 miles on the Jordan River from the Fairpark to 1800 North. The last person runs 3.4 miles on the Jordan River Parkway Trail from 1800 North to the Fairpark. Or complete all three legs yourself! Register by July 12 at <https://sevencanyonstrust.org/events/relay>.