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Seven Canyons Trust and Sweet Streets SLC are two local organizations that advocate for walkability and cycling access throughout the Westside.

Seven Canyons Trust y Sweet Streets SLC son dos organizaciones locales que abogan por la accesibilidad para peatones y ciclistas en el Westside.

Local infrastructure making strides in Westside walkability

By Angie Toone

The Folsom Corridor Trail is a 12-foot-wide, off-street path that offers pedestrians and cyclists an alternative to the main road. Located along the abandoned Folsom rail line, the trail connects 1000 west to 500 west and the North Temple FrontRunner Station. Thanks to efforts of local non-profit Seven Canyons trust, phase one of the Folsom trail was completed in December 2021.

According to walkscore.com, which calculates communities’ walkability, major neighborhoods on the Westside such as Rose Park, Fairpark, Glendale, and Poplar Grove have walking scores of just 50 or below out of 100. Downtown Salt Lake City, for comparison, has a walkability score of 85/100. This means that most neighborhoods on the Westside are not pedestrian-friendly, and in order to get around safely and effectively, people likely need access to motor ve-

hicles. With the addition of walking paths such as the Folsom Trail, however, the Westside is beginning to feel easier to navigate on foot or by bicycle.

“The vision here is to create a trail and creek corridor and key East-West connection between downtown SLC, a Frontrunner station, a Trax station, and to the regional Jordan River trail,” said Brian Tonetti, Executive Director of Sev-

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Suazo Business Center wins national Latino digital equity grant

By Edgar Zúñiga Jr.

The Suazo Business Center is one of only 20 organizations around the country – and the only one in Utah – to receive a digital equity grant from Hispanic Federation and Comcast NBCUniversal. A total of \$635,000 in grants will be distributed to these nonprofit organizations to train more than 6,000 Latinos over the next year in digital skills, preparing them for the post-COVID workforce.

The Suazo Business Center will receive \$25,000, which will allow the organization to build

on its digital navigator program and to expand their curriculum. “We competed with states like California and Texas where there are many more Latinos, but the need here is not lower, we actually have more need here,” said Silvia Castro, Executive Director of the Suazo Business Center. “You cannot have economic mobility without knowing how to use a computer.”

“In 2020, digital literacy became a huge component of economic mobility overnight. The digital gap was there before, but

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Centro Suazo gana subvención nacional de equidad digital latina

Por Edgar Zúñiga Jr.

El Suazo Business Center es una de 20 organizaciones en todo el país, y la única en Utah, que recibe una subvención de equidad digital de la Hispanic Federation y Comcast NBCUniversal. Se distribuirá un total de \$635,000 en subvenciones a estas organizaciones sin fines de lucro para capacitar a más de 6,000 latinos durante el próximo año en habilidades digitales, preparándolos para integrarse a la fuerza laboral pos-COVID.

El Suazo Business Center recibirá \$25,000, lo que le permitirá a la organización desarrollar su programa de navegador digital y ampliar su currículo. “Competi-

mos con estados como California y Texas donde hay muchos más latinos, pero la necesidad aquí no es menor, de hecho tenemos más necesidad aquí”, dijo Silvia Castro, directora ejecutiva del Suazo Business Center. “No se puede tener movilidad económica sin saber cómo usar una computadora”.

“En el 2020, la alfabetización digital se convirtió en un gran componente de la movilidad económica de la noche a la mañana. La brecha digital estaba ahí antes, pero el COVID la hizo aún más amplia”, dijo Castro. “Este financiamiento nos permite sentar las bases, hac-

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from the editor

This past spring, we belatedly celebrated the 10th anniversary of West View Media, which was founded in 2011. (The celebration was delayed due to the COVID pandemic.) This will be old news for community members who attended our 10th anniversary party, but as part of that celebration, we announced new initiatives, including an expanded digital footprint, more frequent publications, and new channels like podcasting. Those efforts are underway with a rollout projected for January 2023.

In the meantime, The West View will remain primarily a printed quarterly publication. This summer edition covers diverse topics including the Great Salt Lake crisis

(with contributions from The Salt Lake Tribune and KUER 90.1 FM), evolving demographics in the US census, community infrastructure projects, social and natural science events, and economic development opportunities. Though wide-ranging, this coverage touches on just a fraction of the issues, concerns, and opportunities shaping our lived experience on Salt Lake's Westside.

As Editor, I'm certainly not deluding myself that TWV can achieve complete coverage of every Westside issue, but I do know that – with more contributions and engagement from community members – it will get much closer. Please reach out if you're interested

in contributing your voice to West View Media's journalism, cultural coverage, community building, and storytelling. This publication is most effective when it's a platform for the voices of the Westside community.

Finally, I'd like to thank and give credit to our former Managing Editor, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, who built The West View and West View Media into what they are today. Her contributions to Salt Lake's Westside are every bit as significant. She's a foundational element to everything this organization is today, and our communities are richer for the contributions she's made both in- and outside of this publication's pages.

mensaje del editor

Esta pasada primavera celebramos, de forma tardía, el décimo aniversario de West View Media, que fue fundado en el 2011. (La celebración fue pospuesta debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.) Estas no serán nuevas noticias para los lectores que asistieron a nuestra fiesta de décimo aniversario, pero como parte de esa celebración, anunciamos nuevas iniciativas, incluyendo una presencia digital ampliada, publicaciones más frecuentes, y nuevos medios de difusión como podcasts. Esos esfuerzos están en marcha con un lanzamiento proyectado para enero de 2023.

Mientras tanto, The West View seguirá siendo principalmente una publicación impresa trimestralmente. Esta edición de verano cubre diversos temas, incluida la crisis

del Gran Lago Salado (con contribuciones de The Salt Lake Tribune y KUER 90.1 FM), la demografía poblacional en evolución en el censo de EE. UU., proyectos comunitarios de infraestructura, eventos de ciencias sociales y naturales, y oportunidades de desarrollo económico. Aunque es una cobertura amplia, esta cobertura toca solo una fracción de los problemas, preocupaciones y oportunidades que están dando forma a nuestra experiencia vivida en el Westside de Salt Lake.

Como editor, ciertamente no me quiero engañar al pensar que The West View puede lograr una cobertura completa de cada problema en el Westside, pero sé que, con más contribuciones y participación de los miembros de la comunidad, nos acercaremos mucho más. Por favor,

comuníquese si está interesado en contribuir con su voz al periodismo, cobertura cultural, construcción de comunidad y narración de historias de West View Media. Esta publicación es más efectiva cuando es una plataforma para todas las voces de la comunidad del Westside.

Para terminar, me gustaría agradecer y reconocer a nuestra ex editora gerente, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, quien hizo de The West View y West View Media en lo que son hoy. Sus contribuciones al Westside de Salt Lake son igual de importantes. Ella es un elemento fundacional para todo lo que esta organización es hoy, y nuestras comunidades han sido enriquecidas por las contribuciones que ha hecho tanto dentro, como fuera de las páginas de esta publicación.



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Utah leads nation in population growth

By Sheena Wolfe

According to the US Census Bureau, the latest census shows Utah was the fastest growing state in the nation between 2010 and 2020 with an 18.4 percent population increase. Washington County (St. George area) was the state's fastest growing county (a 30 percent increase), just ahead of Salt Lake County (20.8 percent). However, the growth was not enough to garner Utah an additional congressional seat.

Only limited data on population and race has so far been released from the detailed census data collected in 2020, and even this information has not been made available beyond state and county levels, according to Mallory Bateman, Director of Demographic Research and State Data Center Coordinator of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the Da-

vid Eccles School of Business. The entirety of the 2020 Census data isn't expected to be released until October 2023 for a several reasons.

"The pandemic impacted 2020 census operations, which delayed the initial data processing. That, combined with new privacy methods on this data which are still under development, has resulted in delayed publication of the 2020 data," said Bateman.

Despite the limited release, we have learned some demographic information, including that Utah's population remains predominantly white (75.4 percent). We've also learned migration into the state is responsible for one-third of the growth from 2010 to 2020, with the rest of the increase coming from new births minus deaths, according to Bateman. She also noted that the incoming resident count increased while the new births-to-deaths numbers de-

creased as compared to previous census numbers, suggesting the population growth is fueled more by new arrivals than new births.

The overall national population increased at less than half the rate of Utah (7.4 percent to 331.4 million) during the period between 2010 and 2020, and Utah's population increased by 501,731 to 3,271,616 during that same period. Even though Utah's population grew the fastest, it is still one of least populated states in the nation, according to US Census Bureau data.

Utah also ranks low in ethnic diversity, but its diversity is higher than some of its surrounding states, including Idaho and Wyoming. According to the census data of 2020, 24.6 percent of Utah's population is non-white, with the highest percentage (15.1) identifying as Hispanic or Latino. In Salt Lake County 28.5 percent of the

population identified as non-white with 19.6 percent listing themselves as Hispanic or Latino, representing a 31.9 percent increase from 2010.

Also, according to the 2020 census data, 3.8 percent of the population in Utah is Asian, 2.7 percent is American Indian or Alaska Native, 2.1 percent is Black or African American, and 1.8 percent is Ha-

waiian or Pacific Islander with the remaining percentages identifying as other or a combination. Each demographic represented in the census saw growth.

Data from the released 2020 Census is not currently readily available to compare population growth, race and ethnicity in groups smaller than the county level.

Utah y era a la nación en su aumento poblacional

Por Sheena Wolfe

De acuerdo con el Bureau del Censo de EEUU, el último censo mostró que Utah fue el estado de crecimiento más rápido en la nación entre 2010 y 2020 con un incremento en la población de 18.4 por ciento. El condado Washington (área de St. George) fue el de mayor crecimiento del Estado (un incremento de 30%), apenas adelante del Condado Salt Lake (20.8 por ciento). Sin embargo, su crecimiento no fue suficiente para conseguirle a Utah un escaño adicional en el congreso.

Hasta el momento tan sólo han sido divulgados datos limitados de población y de raza por la detallada recolección de datos durante el censo realizado en 2020, y aún esta información no se ha puesto disponible más allá de los niveles estatales y del condado, según Mallory Bateman, Directora de In-

vestigación Demográfica y Coordinadora del Centro de Información del Estado del Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute en la Escuela de Negocios David Eccles. No se espera que toda la información del censo del 2020 sea divulgada en octubre 2023 por varias razones.

"La pandemia afectó las operaciones del censo de 2020, las cuales pasaron el procesamiento inicial de la información. Eso, combinado con nuevos métodos de privacidad en estos datos están bajo desarrollo como resultado en un retraso en la publicación de los datos del 2020," dijo Bateman.

A pesar de la limitada divulgación, hemos aprendido alguna información demográfica, incluyendo que la población de Utah continúa siendo predominantemente blanca (75.4 por ciento). También hemos aprendido que la migración hacia los Estados Unidos es responsable por un tercio

del crecimiento del 2010 al 2020, con el resto del incremento viniendo de nacimientos nuevos menos muertes, según Bateman. Ella también notó el incremento del conteo de los nuevos residentes aumentó mientras que los números de nacimientos nuevos a muertes disminuyó en comparación con censos previos, sugiriendo que el crecimiento de la población está alimentado más por los recién llegados que por los nacimientos nuevos.

La población nacional general aumentó a menos de la mitad del índice de y Utah (7.4 por ciento a 331.4 millones) durante el período entre 2010 y 2020, y la población de Utah incrementó en 501,731 a 3,271,616 durante ese mismo período. Aunque la población de Utah aumentó más rápido, es aún una de las áreas menos pobladas en la nación, de acuerdo con la información del Buró de Censos de los



EEUU.

Utah también tiene puntaje bajo en diversidad étnica, pero su diversidad es mayor que la de algunos de los estados que la rodean, incluyendo Idaho y Wyoming. De acuerdo con los datos del censo de 2020, 24.6 por ciento de la población de Utah no es blanca, con el porcentaje más elevado (15.1) identificado como Hispano o Latino. En el Condado Salt Lake 28.5 por ciento de la población se identificó como no blanca con un 19.6 por ciento listándose a sí mismos como Hispanos o Latinos, representando un incremento porcentual de 31.9 del 2010.

También, de acuerdo con datos

del censo del 2020, 3.8 por ciento de la población en Utah es asiática, 2.7 por ciento es Indígena Americana o Nativos de Alaska, 2.1 por ciento es Negra o Afro Americana, y 1.8 por ciento es Hawaiana o de las Islas del Pacífico con los porcentajes remanentes identificando como otras o una combinación. Cada dato demográfico representado en el censo mostraba crecimiento.

Los datos divulgados del censo de 2020 no están actualmente disponibles para comparar el crecimiento de la población y la raza y la etnicidad en grupos más pequeños que el nivel del Condado.



Dust obscures Antelope Island and the Great Salt Lake on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The lake has hit another record low.

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El polvo obscurece la Isla Antelope y al Gran Lago Salado el sábado 18 de junio, 2022. El Lago ha alcanzado otro récord de bajo nivel.

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Great Salt Lake hits another new low — ‘this is not the type of record we like to break’ And the drop is expected to stretch into the fall

By Leia Larsen

Originally published by The Salt Lake Tribune

For the second time in less than a year, the Great Salt Lake has sunk to a record-breaking low elevation.

The news came as little surprise to water managers and environmental advocates, given human-caused climate change and Utah’s persistent drought. The lake’s tributary basins have seen yet another average to lackluster water year to date, bringing little moisture desperately needed to replenish the lake and reverse its long-term decline.

And despite hitting another new low, Great Salt Lake’s shriveling act likely isn’t over for the season.

Utahns have kept regular records of the lake’s elevation since 1847. On July 3, the U.S. Geological Survey reported an average daily surface water elevation of 4,190.1 feet above sea level at its gauging

station on the lake’s southern end.

This beats a record low of 4,191.3 feet first set on July 23 of last year. A long, hot summer and lack of rainfall caused the lake to continue shrinking to an ultimate low point of 4,190.2 feet in October.

As with last year, scientists and state officials expect the lake’s elevation to continue to drop until late fall or early winter.

“This is not the type of record we like to break,” Utah Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Joel Ferry said in a news release. “Urgent action is needed to help protect and preserve this critical resource.”

Before 2021, the Great Salt Lake’s record low was 4,191.35 feet, measured in October 1963.

Because the lake is large but shallow, a decline of even a few

feet can expose vast stretches of lakebed. That exposed lakebed, in turn, could create a public health disaster due to blowing dust and the lake’s proximity to major Wasatch Front cities like Salt Lake City, Layton and Ogden. The Great Salt Lake’s sediment contains toxins like mercury and arsenic from past mining activities.

Around half the lakebed currently sits bare.

Ferry, who also serves as a Republican in the Utah House, sponsored and advocated for a slew of water-conservation bills in the latest legislative session. Among the actions meant to benefit the Great Salt Lake are a \$250 million secondary water metering mandate and a \$40 million trust meant secure it more water.

It’s unclear whether lawmakers

would have adopted such bold and expensive policies if it weren’t for a deluge of federal funding from sources like coronavirus pandemic aid and the infrastructure bill.

And those measures have yet to slow the lake’s disappearing act — so far.

The Utah Rivers Council, a non-profit that lobbies on behalf of the lake and reformed water policy, denounced lawmakers for waiting until the lake hit a record low before they took action.

“Utah has failed to protect the Great Salt Lake, Executive Director Zach Frankel said in a news release, “because our Statehouse spent 20 years turning a blind eye to Utah’s nation-leading municipal water waste and refused to confer any protection to the lake.”

The state’s pioneer-era water law

has seen few reforms or updates since settlers started measuring the lake’s elevation in the 1840s. Those policies have historically done little to encourage conservation and did not consider the Great Salt Lake or its habitat a beneficial use for the state’s water.

“It’s clear the lake is in trouble,” said Ferry, who was appointed to oversee the Department of Natural Resources by Gov. Spencer Cox last month. “We recognize more action and resources are needed, and we are actively working with the many stakeholders who value the lake.”

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El Gran Lago Salado Alcanza un Nuevo Nivel bajo — ‘este no es el tipo de récord que quisiéramos romper’ Y se espera que esta baja aumente en el otoño.

Por Leia Larsen - Publicado originalmente por The Salt Lake Tribune

Por segunda vez en menos de un año, el Gran Lago Salado se ha hundido en un nuevo récord de baja elevación.

Las noticias vinieron sin sorprender a los administradores del agua y defensores medio ambientalistas, dados los cambios climáticos originados por el hombre y la persistente sequía de Utah. Las cuencas tributarias afluyentes del lago han visto otro año con un promedio deslucido de agua a la fecha, trayendo poca humedad desesperadamente necesitada para rellenar el lago y revertir su larga disminución.

Y a pesar de alcanzar un nuevo bajo nivel, el acto de disminución del Gran Lago Salado aún no ha terminado para la estación.

Los pobladores de Utah han mantenido registros regulares de la elevación del lago desde 1847. El 3 de julio, el Estudio Geológico de EEUU reportó una elevación diaria promedio de la superficie del agua de 4,190.1 pies sobre el nivel del mar en su estación de medición en el extremo sur del lago.

Esto quiebra el récord de bajo nivel de 4,191.3 pies que se vio primero el 23 de julio del año pasado. Un verano largo y caliente y la falta de lluvia causaron que el lago continúe reduciéndose hasta este último punto bajo de 4,190.2 pies en octubre.

Tal como el año pasado, los científicos y funcionarios del Estado esperan que la elevación del lago continúe reduciendo hasta final del otoño o inicios del invierno.

“Este no es el tipo de récord que queremos romper,” el director ejecutivo del Departamento de Recursos Naturales de Utah, Joel Ferry dijo en una divulgación de noticias. “Se necesita acción urgente para ayudar a proteger y preservar este recurso crítico.”

Antes de 2021, el récord de bajo nivel del Gran Lago Salado era 4,191.35 pies, medido en octubre 1963.

Debido a que el lago es grande pero poco profundo, una disminución aún de unos pocos pies puede dejar expuestas vastas áreas de fondo del lago. Este fondo del lago expuesto, podría crear un desastre de salud pública debido a la propagación del polvo y la proximidad de lago a grandes ciudades del

“Actualmente alrededor de la mitad del fondo del lago se encuentra expuesto.”

Frente Wasatch tales como la ciudad de Salt Lake, Layton y Ogden. Los sedimentos del Gran Lago Salado contienen toxinas tales como mercurio y arsénico de actividades mineras en el pasado.

Actualmente alrededor de la mitad del fondo del lago se encuentra expuesto.

Ferry, quien también sirve como Republicano en la Cámara de Representantes de Utah auspició y defendió muchos proyectos de conservación de agua en la última sesión legislativa. Junto con las acciones orientadas a beneficiar al Gran Lago Salado existe una orden de medición de agua secundaria de \$250 millones y un fideicomiso de \$40 millones orientado a asegurar más agua.

No está claro si es que los legisladores hubiesen adoptado estas políticas caras y audaces si no fuese por la inundación de fondos federales de fuentes tales como la ayuda para la pandemia de coronavirus y

el proyecto de infraestructura.

Y estas medidas aún tienen que retrasar la ley de desaparición del lago — hasta ahora.

El Consejo de Ríos de Utah, una organización sin fines de lucro que se reúne a favor del lago y políticas reformadas de agua, denunciaron a los legisladores por esperar hasta que el lago haya alcanzado un récord de bajo nivel antes de tomar alguna acción.

“Utah ha fallado en proteger al Gran Lago Salado, dijo Zach Frankel, director ejecutivo, en una declaración, “debido a que nuestra cámara de representantes del Estado pasó 20 años haciéndose de la vista gorda respecto al tratamiento de aguas servidas municipales y liderados a nivel nacional por Utah, rehusándose a conferir alguna protección al lago.”

La ley del agua del Estado, de la era de los pioneros, ha visto pocas reformas o actualizaciones desde que los colonos empezaron a medir la elevación de lago en 1840. Estas políticas históricamente han hecho muy poco por incentivar la conservación y no consideran al Gran Lago Salado o su hábitat de uso beneficioso para el agua del Estado.

“Es claro que el lago está en problemas,” dijo Ferry, quien fue asignado el mes pasado para supervisar el Departamento de Recursos Naturales por el gobernador Spencer Cox. “Reconocemos la necesidad de mayor acción y recursos, y estamos trabajando activamente con muchas partes interesadas que valoran el lago.”

Este artículo es publicado a través de la Colaboración del Gran Lago Salado: Iniciativa de Soluciones Periodísticas, una asociación de noticias, educación y organizaciones multimedia enfocada para informar a los lectores acerca del Gran Lago Salado.





The Great Salt Lake reaches a new record low following extreme drought. El Gran Lago Salado, alcanza un nuevo récord de bajo nivel a continuación de una extrema sequía.

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Toxic dust warnings might be our future as the Great Salt Lake shrivels up

By Ivana Martinez - Originally published by KUER

The Great Salt Lake is shrinking at an alarming rate, and it's about to reach a new record low following an extreme drought.

That's raising concern about potential health impacts as dust storms roll in.

Researchers have found that for over a century, the lake bed has been slowly accumulating byproducts of human activities like mining, smelting, and agricultural runoff.

As the lake disappears, the exposed bed turns into dust that contains elevated levels of potentially toxic heavy metals and chemicals like arsenic.

Large particulate matter from the Great Salt Lake can get stuck in respiratory systems according to Maura Hahnenberger, an associate professor of geosciences who studies dust storms at Salt Lake Community College.

"They might get caught in your

nose and your sinuses in your mouth and in the upper part of your breathing airway. And so that can cause symptoms like coughing, a sore throat, stuffy nose, but not as many kinds of long-term health impacts," she said. "But the really small particles that we call PM 2.5, those are able to go a lot deeper into people's lungs...that can cause inflammation in the lungs and can cause respiratory issues, definitely, but also cardiovascular issues."

"The environmental threats of the Great Salt Lake are going to affect different communities at different levels," said Meisei Gonzalez, communications director for HEAL Utah. It's why the group wants more air monitors to understand how the lakebed dust impacts people.

"When you get down to that city-level, where we can say the Great Salt Lake is affecting Magna at a higher level than it's affecting

downtown Salt Lake City because when we see those big generalized air quality monitors monitoring the whole county it gets really confusing because everyone's like, 'Oh, well, Salt Lake County's green, so we're all good.' Maybe, Magna, West Valley are breathing a little dirtier air, right?"

Right now the National Weather Service only reports on potential incoming dust storms but not the contaminants.

Gonzalez said it's important for lawmakers to think about these issues as they look at solutions to save the Great Salt Lake.

There are ways to help mitigate the dust storms, Hahnenberger said. That includes adding "more water to the lake and to make sure we don't disturb the soils that are out there."

Lawmakers recently suggested looking into building a Pacific

Ocean pipeline to bring water to the lake.

"I don't think there's enough that can really grasp the big picture of how this has become an environmental justice issue. I also feel like [data is] needed, especially when it comes to creating legislation and these regulations to help improve our air quality," Gonzalez said. "It's one thing to say, 'hey, our air is bad.' It's another thing to have that data backing it up when we go up to the Capitol and say, 'hey, the air from the Great Salt Lake is affecting this community at this level.'"

The dust can impact more than just a person's health. Hahnenberger said dust storms can travel up to about 100 miles away.

"Some of this dust does get deposited on our snow. It makes the snow darker in color, and that makes the snow melt faster, which is a concern for our water supply,"

she said.

Matthew McPherson, a public information officer for the Utah Department of Environmental Quality said in a statement they analyze their existing air monitor filters to determine if they are picking up any toxic dust.

In a statement to KUER, McPherson said they haven't yet seen this in Utah.

"If we did find toxic dust, we would work with our modelers and other contributing agencies to determine if additional air monitoring sites were needed, or use existing sites to conduct additional monitoring."

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Las advertencias de polvos tóxicos podría ser nuestro futuro conforme el Gran Lago Salado se seca

Por Ivana Martínez - Publicado originalmente por KUER

El Gran Lago Salado se está encogiendo a un paso alarmante, y está cercano a alcanzar un nuevo récord de nivel bajo, luego de una sequía extrema.

Esto está aumentando la preocupación acerca de los potenciales efectos en la salud conforme se nos acercan tormentas de polvo.

Los investigadores han encontrado que, durante más de un siglo, el fondo del lago ha venido acumulando subproductos de actividades humanas tales como la minería, fundiciones y residuos agrícolas.

Conforme el lago desaparece, la exposición del fondo se convierte en polvo que contiene niveles elevados de metales pesados potencialmente tóxicos y químicos tales como el arsénico.

La materia de partículas grandes del Gran Lago Salado podría quedar cautiva en los sistemas respiratorios de acuerdo con Maura Hahnenberger, catedrática asociada de Geociencias de la Escuela Comunitaria Salt Lake quien estudia las tormentas de polvo.

“Éstas podrían quedar cautivas en su nariz, en sus senos nasales, en su boca y en la parte superior de sus vías respiratorias. Y esto puede causar síntomas tales como todos, dolor de garganta, obstrucción nasal, pero no demasiados tipos de efectos de salud a largo plazo,” dijo ella. “Pero las partículas realmente pequeñas a las que llamamos PM 2.5, esas son capaces de viajar más profundamente en los pulmones de las personas ... Lo cual puede causar inflamaciones pulmonares y también causar problemas respiratorios definitivamente, pero también problemas cardiovasculares.”

“Las amenazas medioambientales del Gran Lago Salado afectarán diferentes comunidades a diferentes niveles,” dijo Meisei Gonzalez, directora de comunicaciones para HEAL Utah. Es por ello que el grupo quiere más monitoreos del aire para comprender cómo es que el polvo del fondo de Lago afecta a las personas.

“Cuando usted baja a ese nivel de la ciudad, en donde podem-

os decir que el Gran Lago Salado está afectando a Magna a un nivel más alto que el que está afectando al centro de la ciudad de Salt Lake porque cuando vemos esos monitores grandes generalizados de la calidad del aire de todo el condado, se vuelve todo muy confuso porque todos piensan, ‘Oh, bueno, el condado Salt Lake está verde, así que todo está bien.’ Quizá, Magna, West Valley están respirando un aire un poco más sucio, ¿Verdad?”

Ahora el Servicio Nacional del Clima tan sólo reporta potenciales tormentas de polvo entrante pero no los contaminantes.

Gonzalez dijo que es importante que los legisladores piensen acerca de estos problemas al contemplar soluciones para salvar al Gran Lago Salado.

Hay maneras de ayudar a mitigar las tormentas de polvo, dijo Hahnenberger. Esto incluye añadir “más agua al lago y asegurarnos de no perturbar el barro que hay allí.”

Los legisladores recientemente sugirieron contemplar la construc-

ción de una tubería para atraer agua al lago desde el Océano Pacífico.

“No pienso que haya lo suficiente para obtener una imagen grande de cómo es que esto se ha convertido en algo justo para el medio ambiente. También siento que se necesita [información], legislación y estas regulaciones para ayudar a mejorar la calidad de nuestro aire,” dijo Gonzalez. “Una cosa, es decir, ‘hey, nuestro aire es malo.’ Y otra cosa es tener la información para respaldarlo cuando vamos al Capitolio y decimos, ‘hey, el aire del Gran Lago Salado está afectando nuestra comunidad a este nivel.”

El polvo puede afectar la salud de más de una persona. Hahnenberger dijo que las tormentas de polvo pueden viajar a una distancia de 100 millas.

Ella dijo “Algo de este polvo se deposita en nuestra nieve, haciendo que la nieve tenga un color más oscuro, lo cual hace que la nieve se derrita más rápido, lo cual es una preocupación para nuestro sumin-

istro de agua.”

Matthew McPherson, un funcionario de información pública para el Departamento de Calidad del Medio Ambiente de Utah dijo en una declaración que ellos analizan los filtros de los monitores de aire existentes para determinar si están recogiendo polvo tóxico.

En una declaración a KUER, McPherson dijo que aún no han visto esto en Utah.

“Si encontramos polvo tóxico, trabajaremos con nuestros moderadores y otras agencias contribuyentes para determinar la necesidad de puntos adicionales de monitoreo del aire o utilizar los puntos existentes para conducir monitoreos adicionales.”

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en Canyons Trust, an organization that works to uncover and restore the buried and impaired creeks in the Salt Lake Valley. Many of those creeks run through the Westside, which means areas all along the Westside are seeing improvements in walkability and green public spaces, such as the newly developed Three Creeks Confluence.

Seven Canyons Trust collaborated with Sweet Streets, another local advocacy agency, to offer a series of walking and bike tours to introduce Westside locals to the trail in late May. Sweet Streets also works to make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists on the Westside. The most visible example of their advocacy is the “20 is Plenty” campaign, which petitions for residential streets to post speed limits of

20mph. With higher speed limits come higher risks of auto-pedestrian accidents, leading many to feel unsafe walking in their neighborhoods.

“We work on a variety of issues and think about ways that we can improve the way our city is designed to better encourage beneficial behavior from drivers. It’s not the enforcement or cultural ideals, we have to build the infrastructure to support the behavior we want to see from drivers,” said Shelby Stults, board member of Sweet Streets, during the Folsom Corridor Trail walking tour.

In addition to adding more walkable space to the Westside – and potentially improving the community’s walkability score – the Folsom trail also serves as a safe link between the Jordan River Parkway Trail, downtown, and beyond. The

recent construction of the Folsom trail is part of just one project that has gone towards improving walkability and public spaces all across the Westside.

Safety and general walkability are crucial aspects of encouraging people to navigate their neighborhoods via foot or bike, and so is the availability of green spaces and shade. Tree Utah is one organization working to bring more trees and green spaces to the West Side. In conjunction with Mayor Mendenhall’s 2020 initiative to plant 1,000 trees per year on the West Side, Tree Utah has placed a major emphasis on planting trees here and to find ways to keep plant life thriving. By providing grants, volunteers, and the actual trees, Tree Utah is providing much needed support to West Side Residents in creating greener spaces.

Las agencias locales están haciendo esfuerzos en la viabilidad peatonal en el lado

Por Angie Toone

El Folsom Corridor Trail es un sendero fuera de la calle de 12 pies de ancho, que ofrece a los peatones y ciclistas una alternativa a la carretera principal. Ubicada a lo largo de la abandonada línea férrea Folsom, el sendero conecta 1000 West con 500 West y la Estación de FrontRunner en North Temple. Gracias a los esfuerzos del Fideicomiso Seven Canyons sin fines de lucro, se completó la primera fase del sendero en diciembre del 2021.

De acuerdo con walkscore.com, que calcula la viabilidad peatonal de las comunidades, vecindarios grandes en el lado oeste tales como Rose Park, Fairpark, Glendale y Poplar Grove tienen puntajes de viabilidad peatonal de tan sólo 50, o menos de 100. El centro de Salt Lake City, en comparación, tiene un puntaje peatonal de 85/100. Esto significa que la mayoría de los vecindarios en el lado oeste no son aparentes para los peatones, y para poder movilizarse de manera segura y efectiva, la gente necesita acceder a vehículos motorizados. Con la adición de senderos peatonales tales como el sendero Folsom Trail, sin embargo, el lado oeste está empezando a facilitar el trans-

porte a pie o en bicicleta.

“La visión aquí es crear un sendero y un corredor paralelo al arroyo y una conexión clave este-oeste entre el centro de SLC, una estación de FrontRunner, una estación de Trax, y hacia el sendero regional del río Jordan,” dijo Brian Tonetti, director ejecutivo del Fideicomiso Seven Canyons, una organización que trabaja para descubrir y restaurar los arroyos enterrados y no operativos en el valle de Salt Lake. Muchos de estos arroyos corren a lo largo del lado oeste, lo cual significa que las áreas a lo largo del lado oeste están viendo mejoras en la viabilidad peatonal y en las áreas públicas verdes, tales como la recientemente desarrollada Confluencia Three Creeks.

El Fideicomiso Seven Canyons colaboró con Sweet Streets, otra agencia defensora local, para ofrecer una serie de excursiones de caminata y en bicicleta para mostrar a los lugareños del lado oeste el sendero a finales de mayo. Sweet Streets también trabaja para hacer las calles más seguras para los peatones y los ciclistas en el lado oeste. El ejemplo más visible de su defensa es la campaña “20 is Plenty o 20 es Suficiente”, la cual solicita que se publiquen límites de velocidad

de 20mph en las calles residenciales. Con límites de velocidad más altos vienen riesgos más altos de accidentes entre autos y peatones, causando que muchos se sientan inseguros de caminar en sus vecindarios.

“Trabajamos en una variedad de asuntos, y pensamos acerca de maneras en las que podemos mejorar la forma como está diseñada nuestra ciudad para incentivar comportamientos más beneficiosos de los conductores. No es la imposición o ideales culturales, tenemos que construir la infraestructura para ayudar al comportamiento que queremos ver de los conductores,” dijo Shelby Stults, miembro del directorio de Sweet Streets, durante la caminata de presentación del Corredor Folsom.

Adicionalmente a incrementar más espacios peatonales en el lado oeste - y potencialmente mejorar los indicadores peatonales en la comunidad –el sendero Folsom también sirve como un enlace seguro entre el Sendero Jordan River Parkway, el centro y más. La reciente construcción del sendero Folsom es parte de tan sólo un proyecto empezado para mejorar la viabilidad peatonal y los espacios públicos a través de todo el lado oeste.



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Brian Tonetti, Executive Director of Seven Canyons Trust, leads a tour of the new Folsom Trail pedestrian and cycling path.

Brian Tonetti, director ejecutivo de Seven Canyons Trust, dirige un recorrido por el nuevo sendero de peatones y ciclistas de Folsom Trail

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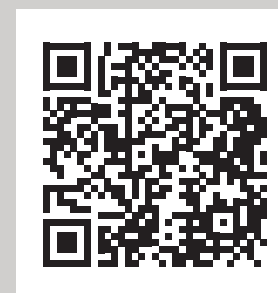
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State House Rep. Angela Romero



Representative Angela Romero (D - Utah House District 26)

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Rep. Romero and the NHCSL leadership team meet with Vice-President Kamala Harris in March, 2022.

La Rep. Romero y el equipo de Liderazgo de NHCSL se reunieron con la Vice- Presidente Kamala Harris en marzo, 2022.

Representative Angela Romero, representing District 26 (portions of Salt Lake City and West Valley City), was recently selected as the President-Elect of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators. I connected with her for a Q&A session that touches on her new national position and also lays out her thoughts about issues and concerns affecting her constituents on the Westside.

Rep. Romero’s responses have been condensed for space.

Gloria Arredondo: What is your background? How long have you been in politics?

Rep. Angela Romero: I came from Tooele, Utah, but moved to SLC in 1991 to attend the University of Utah. There I met the late Senator Pete Suazo and community organizer Archie Archuleta. They asked me to be student representative on Utah Coalition of La Raza’s Board of Directors, giving me my start in community organizing and politics. I interned for Senator Suazo when he served in the Utah House of Representatives. I was first elected to the Utah House in 2012. In March 2022, my peers across the country named me President-Elect of the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL). My two-year term as President begins in 2024.

GA: How will SLC’s Westside community benefit from your new position and from your voice in the legislative process? How will you call on Latino voters nationwide?

AR: The Westside is largely com-

posed of communities of color. My leadership will amplify these communities’ voices at the national level, shining a light on Utah’s diversity and needs.

While I served on NHCSL’s Executive Committee, First Lady Jill Biden met with Glendale students and honored Utah teachers. In March, NHCSL’s leadership team met with Vice-President Kamala Harris in Washington, D.C. We discussed the Build Back Better Plan and how the White House could work with us at the state level. I want to bring more resources to the Westside and other areas of my district.

The goals of NHCSL’s roughly 400 members are to engage all voters, focusing on Latino voters, and to protect voting rights, including voting by mail, early voting, and making voting accessible.

GA: What are the biggest challenges facing Westside Latinos today?

AR: My biggest concern is the Inland Port and how it will impact our communities’ health. I’m also concerned about housing, food, and gas prices and the aftermath of COVID-19, which had a disproportionate health and economic impact on the Latino community. Latino workers were overrepresented in the industries most impacted by COVID-19.

GA: You’ve become a well-known advocate for crime victims’ rights. What have been your recent successes with respect to domestic violence

(DV) and sexual assault?

AR: I’ve dedicated my legislative career to being the voice of survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, and intimate partner violence. Among my accomplishments are:

- Sponsoring the Prison Rape Elimination Act and an Interpersonal Violence Prevention program appropriation request of \$3.6 million.

- Sponsoring legislation creating the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girl Task Force and securing \$130,000 in one-time program funding to conduct research, seek input from multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional representatives, and conduct tribal consultations. Goals are to define the nature and scope of the issues; develop model protocols and procedures for new and unsolved cases; and identify best practices regarding the review of cold cases, communication with affected families, and education and outreach campaigns for the most impacted communities.

- Sponsoring HB200 mandating testing of all sexual assault kits and adequate funding for the state crime lab.

- Passing HB175 (“Safe Pets, Safe People”), allowing inclusion of pets in court-issued protective orders. Often victims of DV return to abusers because their pets are threatened. HB175 gives victims the freedom to leave knowing that their pet will also be protected.



En Conversación:**Cámara de Representantes del Estado.
Angela Romero**

Por Gloria Arredondo

La representante Angela Romero, representando al Distrito 26 (porciones de Salt Lake City y West Valley City), fue recientemente seleccionada como presidente Electa de la Reunión Electoral Nacional Hispana de Legisladores del Estado. Me comuniqué con ella para una sesión Q&A en la que tocaremos su nueva posición nacional y también para plantear sus ideas acerca de asuntos y preocupaciones que afectan a sus constituyentes en el lado oeste.

Las respuestas de la Rep. Romero han sido condensadas por límite de espacio.

Gloria Arredondo: ¿Cuáles son sus antecedentes? ¿Cuánto tiempo ha estado en política?

Rep. Angela Romero: Vine de Tooele, Utah, pero me mudé a SLC in 1991 para asistir a la Universidad de Utah. Luego allí conocí al difunto senador Pete Suazo y al organizador de la comunidad Archie Archuleta. Ellos me pidieron que fuese representante de los estudiantes en el Comité de Directores de la Coalición de Utah La Raza, dándome mis

inicios en la organización de la comunidad y en la política. Fui practicante para el senador Suazo cuando sirvió en la Cámara de Representantes de Utah. Primero fui elegida para la cámara de Utah en 2012. En marzo 2022, mis compañeros a lo largo del país me nombraron Presidente Electa de la Reunión Electoral Nacional Hispana de Legisladores del Estado (NHCSL). Mi periodo de dos años como presidente empezará en 2024.

GA: ¿De qué manera se beneficiará la comunidad del lado oeste de SLC de su nueva posición y de su voz en el proceso legislativo? ¿Cómo convocará a los votantes latinos en toda la nación?

AR: El lado oeste está en gran parte compuesto por comunidades de color. Mi liderazgo amplificará las voces de estas comunidades a nivel nacional, haciendo brillar una luz para la diversidad y necesidades de Utah.

Mientras servía en el Comité Ejecutivo NHCSL, la primera dama Jill Biden se reunió con los estudiantes

de Glendale y homenajeó a los maestros de Utah. En marzo, el equipo de liderazgo NHCSL se reunió con la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris en Washington, D.C. Hablamos acerca del Plan Build Back Better - Re Construyamos Mejor y cómo la Casa Blanca podría trabajar con nosotros a nivel estatal. Quiero traer más recursos para el lado oeste y para otras áreas de mi distrito.

Los objetivos de los casi 400 miembros de NHCSL son comprometer a todos los votantes, enfocándonos en los votantes latinos, y en proteger los derechos incluyendo el voto por correo, el voto adelantado y en la accesibilidad al voto.

GA: ¿Cuáles son los mayores retos que enfrentan los latinos del lado oeste hoy en día?

AR: Mi mayor preocupación es el Puerto de Entrada y como este afectará la salud de nuestras comunidades. También estoy preocupada acerca de vivienda, alimentación, los precios del gas y la repercusión de COVID-19, que tuvo un impacto desproporcionado en la salud y en la

economía de la comunidad latina. Los trabajadores latinos estuvieron sobre representados en las industrias más afectadas por COVID-19.

GA: Usted se ha convertido en una conocida defensora de los derechos de las víctimas de crímenes. ¿Cuál ha sido sus logros más recientes respecto a la violencia doméstica (DV) y a los asaltos de tipo sexual?

AR: He dedicado mi carrera legislativa a ser la voz de los sobrevivientes de asaltos de tipo sexual, tráfico de personas y violencia entre convivientes. Entre mis logros podemos contar:

- Patrocinio de la Ley de Eliminación de la Violación en las Prisiones y la solicitud de asignación de \$3.6 millones para programa de Prevención de la Violencia Interpersonal.

- Patrocinio de la legislación que crea la Fuerza Especial para las Niñas y Mujeres Indígenas Perdidas y asegurar \$130,000 en un programa único que financie la investigación, búsqueda de aportes de representantes multidisciplinarios

y multi jurisdiccionales y conduzca consultas tribales. Las metas son definir la naturaleza y el enfoque de los problemas; desarrollar modelos protocolares y procedimientos para casos nuevos y sin resolver; identificar las mejores prácticas referentes a la revisión de los casos sin resolver, comunicación con las familias afectadas y campañas de educación y alcance para las comunidades más afectadas.

- Patrocinio de HB200 que exige exámenes de todos los equipos de ayuda sexual y financiamiento adecuado para el laboratorio de criminología del Estado.

- Aprobación del HB175 ("Safe Pets, Safe People - Mascotas Seguras, Gente Segura"), permitiendo la inclusión de las mascotas en las órdenes judiciales de protección. Frecuentemente las víctimas de VD regresan a sus abusadores porque sus mascotas son amenazadas. HB175 otorga a las víctimas la libertad de retirarse sabiendo que sus mascotas también estarán protegidas.



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With a newly completed campus and expanded services, Neighborhood House provides daycare services – and so much more

By Polina Konuchkova
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After multiple years of fundraising and working with local organizations and philanthropies, Neighborhood House opened the doors to its adult facilities on May 19. The adult center joins the children's center, officially completing the new campus and expanding capacity for children by 70% to 300 and adults by 60% to 75. The campus is designed to bring the children and adults that the Neighborhood House serves together under one roof, enhancing the experience for both client populations.

According to Executive Director Jennifer Nuttall, the new facility “allows Neighborhood House to serve more families in the community with enhanced programs.” By combining the children's and adult centers in one campus with facilities like classrooms, a large kitchen space, a greenhouse, recreational areas, and a therapeutic garden, Nuttall said that Neighborhood House can better “strengthen social interaction between age groups, promote environmental stewardship, and support nutritional education.”

These expanded capabilities are all in addition to the Neighborhood House's core work, which is to provide caregiving for child and adult clients. At first glance, the facility can certainly be described as a daycare center that serves low-income families. However, this would understate the significance of contributions of this organization.

Through the process of providing food and shelter to their clients, Neighborhood House creates a foundation for community

residents to be more successful in life by allowing traditional caregivers to pursue economic and professional opportunities that would otherwise be unavailable to them. Nuttall herself can attest to the Neighborhood House's impact.

When you talk to people who work in the non-profit world, you frequently hear about their personal connection to their cause. However, when you meet someone whose first exposure to a non-profit organization was as a client – but who then rose through the ranks to become its leader – that passion for the cause shines through differently. This is the kind of light you feel when you meet Nuttall.

Nuttall became a client of the Neighborhood House when she unexpectedly became the guardian of her nieces and nephews. Overnight, she found herself navigating challenges that other parents and guardians have months or years to prepare for. She was working full time and needed a place that could take care of the kids that was safe and accessible – but also affordable. She discovered that Neighborhood House ticked all of those boxes.

It also had additional effects that are just as, if not more important. Neighborhood House provided her with the support necessary for her to continue developing her professional career while providing care for her children. Fast forward many years, and Nuttall remains dedicated to supporting other caregivers in a way that not only takes care of their dependents, but also creates an environment in which caregiv-

ers can continue their own development.

Established in 1894, Neighborhood House was initially known as the Free Kindergarten Association, with a mandate “to provide instruction for underprivileged children commensurate with instruction given in more favored districts; to become better acquainted with parents in poorly regulated homes; to raise the standard of living; and to provide, when necessary, food and clothing.” That legacy has not been forgotten, and founder Emma J. McVicker was recently honored with a ceremony and a National Historical Marker, setting her considerable legacy in literal stone.

That legacy of a focus on education continues at Neighborhood House, where the children's classes all follow the same core curriculum with steps in place to support any child who may be struggling. An additional process identifies kids who may be struggling beyond classroom content, such as with emotional health. If such a concern is identified, the child receives additional evaluation and care from a trained mental health professional. The parents or guardians are involved, and the personalized support for the child is coordinated so the child can be successful in the classroom, at no additional cost to the client's family.

Of Neighborhood House's child clients, 70% are from single-parent homes, which experience additional challenges of coordinating work and daycare scheduling. To accommodate this challenge, The Neighborhood House has



Community residents attended the grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony.



The newly completed adult facilities include a therapeutic garden space.



Community children got acquainted with animals like ponies, rabbits, chickens, calves, and llamas.



Adult services include age-appropriate mobility exercise.



Board members, philanthropists, and local dignitaries cut the ribbon to officially open Neighborhood House's completed campus on May 19.



The campus is equipped with extensive playground and outdoor recreation space, segregated for different age groups.



Students participate in a set curriculum and receive additional support with access to mental health services at no additional cost.



In addition to providing a dunk tank, snow cones, and splash bounce house, volunteers at the summer celebration on June 10 also prepared classic summertime fare.

a flexible schedule in place. The building opens at 6:30 a.m. for the children's programs, and kids of all ages from the same family can arrive at that time, including kids who are school-aged. They can spend their time at the Neighborhood House until it's time to start school, when a bus takes them to their school.

Neighborhood House also provides after-school programs. School-age kids are picked up from their schools by the same shuttle service and returned to the facility to wait for their parents or guardians to leave work to pick them up.

Additionally, Neighborhood House cares for aging or special-needs adults who don't require medical care but who benefit from being out of the house and staying active during the day. Adult clients are offered a set of 12 activities daily that cover the emotional, cognitive, physical, and social stimulation needed to encourage independence, prevent isolation, and avoid premature placement in long-term care facilities. Activities range from dancing, gardening, cooking, painting, concerts, singing, crafts, bingo, walks, and service projects. They also go on field trips where clients can safely experience local attractions.

The true magic happens when adults and children of the center come together for combined activities. Once a week, the Neighborhood House organizes intergenerational activities. These occasions create opportunities for social engagement, nurture healthy bonds between generations, and provide intergenerational experiences that each group may otherwise not experience. Joint activities include gardening, music, song writing, dancing, crafts, games, walks, and many others.

When the dots are connected,

the Neighborhood House's impact is unmistakable. Everything the organization does strengthens the entire home where the client resides while also directly benefiting the client themselves. By providing a safe, clean, accessible, and affordable place for children and adults, the Neighborhood House gives an opportunity for the parents, guardians, and caregivers to improve their lives. The ability to work a flexible and longer shift to earn more money, the ability to open doors by pursuing education, the ability to take a breath of respite – the benefits to caregivers reach well beyond the care provided.

Neighborhood House is a small organization whose work improves the lives of families while creating a lasting impact on generations to come. Perhaps the best example of this is the late businessman and philanthropist Larry H. Miller, who attended Neighborhood House in his youth as the child of a working single mother. His contributions to our communities speak for themselves, and today, the Miller Group is one of the headline sponsors supporting Neighborhood House, helping other families create their own legacies.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the completed campus, Don Stirling, an Executive VP in the Miller Group, said, "it is essential for communities to take care of each other. To learn to love another person, you must serve them." In this framing of mutual care and respect, it's not unreasonable to understand the service Neighborhood House provides its clients and client families as a form of love. Regardless of how those services are defined, they undeniably help break cycles of poverty and limited opportunity, empowering each generation in the families they serve and improving our community's collective futures.

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By the NUMBERS:

- In 2021, the Neighborhood House served 108 adults & 472 children.
- In 2021, 109,040 meals were served.

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COVID made it even wider,” Castro said. “This funding allows us to lay the foundation, to do the programming to serve the community in a way that is sustainable.”

The Suazo Business Center has run the digital navigator program to help Westside residents to navigate life and the workplace in the current digital environment during the COVID pandemic. They have taught people how to write a resume, use spreadsheets, and keep accounting of their budget or business.

Castro is excited the funding came in time to implement a new digital literacy curriculum in the fall, crediting digital literacy as the first step toward economic mobility. The new program will begin with a basic proficiency track, and it will grow to incorporate intermediate and advanced tracks. The intermediate track will expand into the usage of Microsoft Office and other software, while the advanced track will provide training in coding and a pathway to careers in STEM.

Castro hopes that the new and expanded curriculum helps even more Latinos in life and in the workplace. “Everything is online now. We teach people to job search online, how to apply online, how to do life now. From making a doctor’s appointment to checking on your kid’s school, everything is online,” Castro said.

Lorena Isabelle is an alumna of the Suazo Center Digital Navigator program who has benefitted from the training the center already provides. “The program helped my family and I immensely during the pandemic, especially in a time when everything was done virtually,” Isabelle said.

Data suggests Isabelle’s experience is common. According to the Aspen Institute, 50% of tasks in the workplace are set to go digital over the next decade eliminating up to 39 million jobs. Latinos are 14% of workers but make up 35% of workers without digital skills, which motivated the Hispanic Federation and Comcast NBCUniversal to partner together and offer these grants.

The Hispanic Federation, which provides the grant, is also creating a

Latino Center of Digital Skills Excellence, a center which will develop a curriculum for Latino workers in the digital workplace and work with the 20 grantee organizations. “Everyone should have the opportunity to participate in today’s increasingly digital economy,” said Frankie Miranda, Hispanic Federation president and CEO. “Bridging the digital divide that disproportionately impacts Latinos is key to creating economic opportunity in the Latino community and a more equitable society.”

The new programs are part of the Suazo Business Center’s work offering different business courses, ranging from putting a business idea in motion to expanding an existing business. Castro sees digital literacy as a critical tool for professional and economic empowerment, especially considering the growing importance of the online space and the relatively low expertise across the Latino population.

“Latinos are the fastest demographic when it comes to starting businesses, but less than five percent make it to half a million dollars in

sales a year,” Castro said. “The economic power of Latinos in this state is under-recognized, we are the future of this state when it comes to the economy” and the grant is key toward helping the Suazo Center empowering Latinos to move beyond the digital divide.

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er la programación para servir a la comunidad de una manera que sea sostenible”.

El Suazo Business Center ha ejecutado el programa de navegación digital para ayudar a los residentes del Westside a navegar la vida y el lugar de trabajo en el entorno digital actual durante la pandemia de COVID. Han enseñado a la gente cómo escribir un currículum, usar hojas de cálculo y llevar la contabilidad de su presupuesto o negocio.

Castro está emocionada que los fondos llegaran a tiempo para implementar un nuevo currículo de alfabetización digital en el otoño, asegurando que la alfabetización

digital es el primer paso hacia la movilidad económica. El nuevo programa comenzará con un curso de competencia básica y crecerá para incorporar cursos intermedios y avanzados. El curso intermedio se expandirá al uso de Microsoft Office y otro software, mientras que el curso avanzado proporcionará capacitación en codificación y un camino hacia carreras en STEM, siglas en inglés para ciencias, tecnología, ingeniería, y matemáticas.

Castro espera que el plan de estudios nuevo y ampliado ayude a más latinos en su diario vivir y en el lugar de trabajo. “Todo ahora está en internet. Enseñamos a las personas a buscar trabajo en línea, cómo presentar una solicitud en línea, cómo vivir la vida hoy por hoy. Desde hacer una cita médica hasta revisar las calificaciones de los hijos, todo está en línea”, dijo Castro.

Lorena Isabelle es una exalumna del programa Navegador Digital del Centro Suazo que se ha beneficiado de la capacitación que ya provee el centro. “El programa ayudó inmensamente a mi familia y a mí durante

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la pandemia, especialmente en un momento en que todo se hacía de manera virtual”, dijo Isabelle.

Las estadísticas sugieren que la experiencia de Isabelle es común. Según el Instituto Aspen, el 50% de los deberes en el lugar de trabajo se digitalizarán durante la próxima década, eliminando hasta 39 millones de puestos de trabajo. Los latinos son el 14 % de los trabajadores, pero constituyen el 35 % de los trabajadores sin habilidades digitales, lo cual motivó a la Hispanic Federation y a Comcast NBCUniversal a asociarse y ofrecer estas subvenciones.

La Hispanic Federation, que proporciona la subvención, también está creando un Centro Latino de Excelencia en Habilidades Digitales, un centro que desarrollará un plan de estudios para trabajadores latinos en el mundo digital y trabajará con las 20 organizaciones beneficiarias. “Todos deberían tener la oportunidad de participar en esta economía que cada vez es más digital”, dijo Frankie Miranda, presidente de la Hispanic Federation. “Reducir la brecha digital que impacta despro-

porcionadamente a los latinos es clave para poder crear oportunidades económicas en la comunidad latina y una sociedad más equitativa”.

Los nuevos programas son parte de la labor de Suazo Business Center que incluye ofrecer diferentes cursos de negocios, que van desde poner en marcha una idea de negocio hasta expandir un negocio existente. Castro ve la alfabetización digital como una herramienta crítica para el empoderamiento profesional y económico, especialmente considerando la creciente importancia del mundo digital y la experiencia relativamente baja entre la población latina.

“Los latinos son el grupo demográfico que más abren negocios, pero menos del cinco por ciento llega a medio millón de dólares en ventas al año”, dijo Castro. “El poder económico de los latinos en este estado es poco reconocido, somos el futuro de este estado en lo que respecta a la economía” y la subvención es clave para ayudar al Centro Suazo a empoderar a los latinos para superar la brecha digital.

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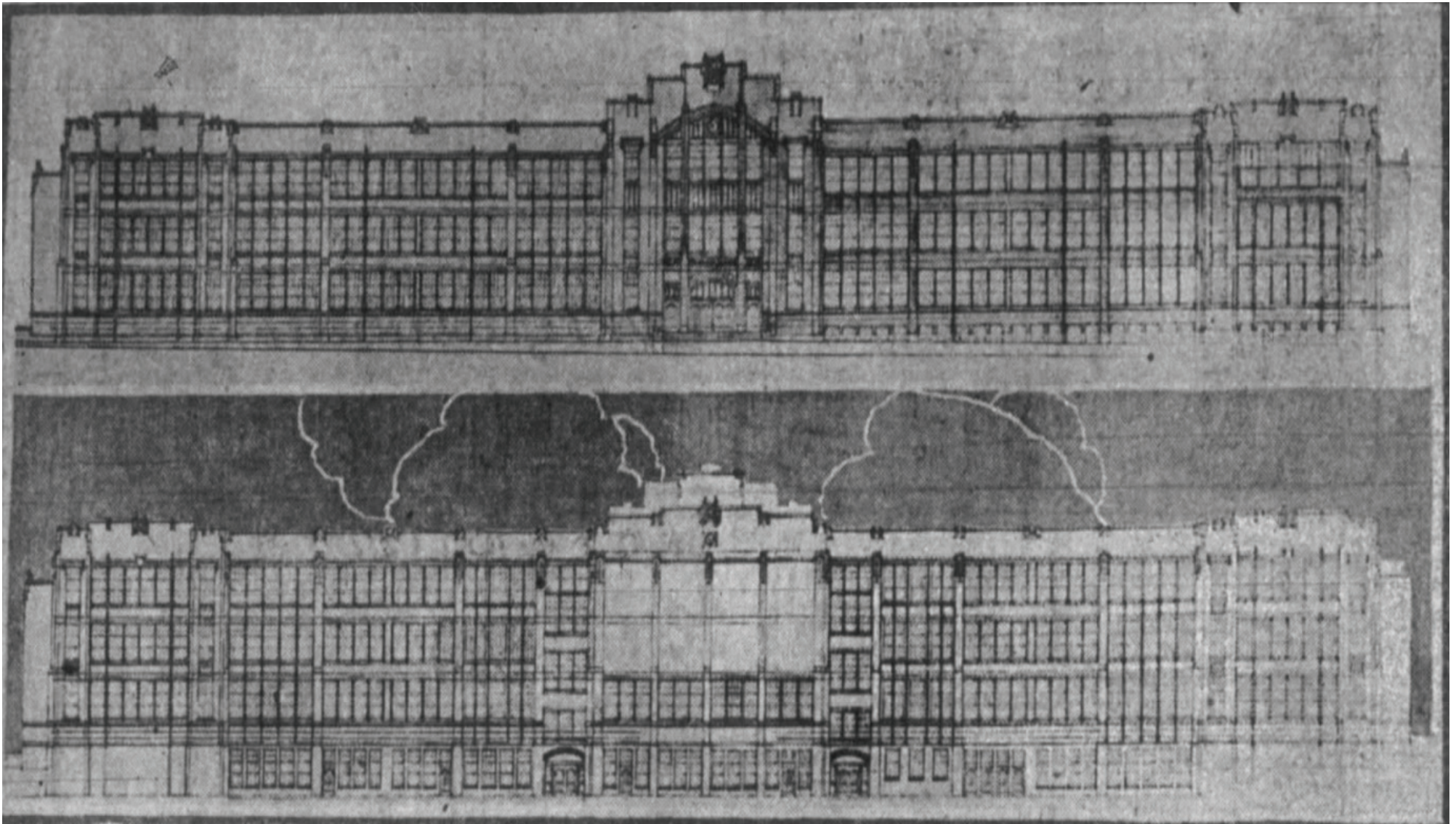
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Planos de lo que entonces era la nueva West High, como se muestra en un artículo de Salt Lake Tribune, el 22 de febrero de 1920.

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SLC Schools making plans to rebuild West High

By Taylor Anderson

Salt Lake City School District has collected plans and cost estimates to rebuild West High School, which was last rebuilt in 1922 and celebrates its centenary this month. The district's board will now select a contractor, which will take until February 2023, following which a full design, bid documents, specific building locations, and other support needed to complete the project will be determined. Successful bids

will potentially guide a bond for the project.

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El Distrito Escolar de Salt Lake tiene planes de reconstruir West High School

Por Taylor Anderson

El Distrito Escolar de Salt Lake City ha recopilado planes y estimaciones de costos para reconstruir la escuela secundaria West High School, que fue reconstruida por última vez en 1922 y celebra su centenario este mes. La junta del distrito ahora seleccionará un contratista, que tomará hasta febrero de 2023, luego de lo cual sigue un diseño completo, documentos de licitación, ubicaciones exactas de construcción, y otros apoyos necesarios para completar el proyec-

to. Ofertas exitosas guiarán potencialmente un bono financiero para el proyecto.

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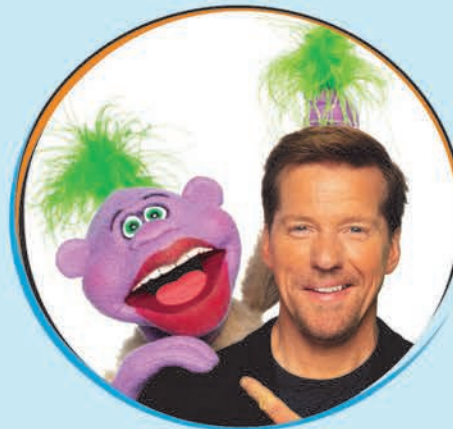
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Community initiative gives life to roses beyond demolition

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By Melanie Pehrson

In the Fall of 2020, Westside Salt Lake City residents gathered to save the late Bob Bauer's roses from demolition. The property on which they grew had been a historical staple in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, and it was to be leveled to make way for a large apartment complex.

Residents were invited to dig up, transplant, and care for some 400 varieties of roses that Bob had planted and nurtured until his death in 2017.

Unlike the construction project (the property has in fact been leveled since that time, but construction has yet to begin), the rose rescue project was a success, with participants have cared for and nurtured the transplanted roses over the past two years. Bob Bauer's roses now flourish in new homes throughout the Salt Lake Valley and beyond.

Enjoy this gallery of the results as you consider the beauty and resiliency of life that was given a chance to thrive.

“It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important.”

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*



Una iniciativa de la comunidad les da vida a las rosas después de la demolición

FOTOS CORTESÍA DE MELANIE PEHRSON

Por Melanie Pehrson



En el otoño de 2020, los residentes del lado oeste de Salt Lake City se reunieron para salvar de la demolición las rosas del difunto Bob Bauer. La propiedad en la que éstas crecieron ha sido esencia histórica en el vecindario Poplar Grove, el cual iba a ser demolido para hacer espacio a un gran complejo de departamentos.

Los residentes fueron invitados para cavar, trasplantar y cuidar de las, alrededor de 400 variedades de rosas, que Bob había plantado y cultivado hasta la fecha de su muerte en 2017.

A diferencia del proyecto de construcción (la propiedad ha sido de hecho nivelada desde esa oportunidad, pero la construcción aún está por empezar), el proyecto de rescate de las rosas fue un éxito, con los participantes cuidando y nutriendo las rosas trasplantadas a lo largo de los últimos dos años. Las rosas de Bob Bauer ahora florecen en nuevas casas a través del valle de Salt Lake Valley y aún más.

Disfrute de los resultados de esta galería mientras considera la belleza y resistencia de la vida a la cual se dio la oportunidad de surgir.

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Ambassador program in SLC making streets safer

By Sheena Wolfe

A little-known community-based resource, the Salt Lake City Downtown Ambassador Program, was recently expanded to help make North Temple and surrounding businesses and communities safer.

Ambassador Program Operator Jared Arvanitas describes the purpose of the ambassador program as threefold: to answer questions from visitors about what to do and where to go in downtown SLC; to provide an additional level of safety; and to act as eyes and ears for the homeless population to ensure they are aware of service providers and where to get a warm bed or hot meal.

The ambassadors are also trained at administering naloxone to prevent drug overdose, said Arvanitas, noting that this substance has helped save hundreds of lives within the ambassador program's boundaries.

According to Josh Jones of SLC Downtown Alliance, workers have assisted 14,275 people with quality-of-life concerns, answered 7,497 citizen questions, checked with merchants 5,941 times and made 4,278 social services referrals since the program's inception.

The program was started in 2018 and expanded to North Temple in April, 2022. It models similar programs that have been successful in larger cities like Chicago, and is managed by the SLC Downtown Alliance with city support and utilizes 24 trained and uniformed workers to walk designated corridors which include the Smith's Ballpark area from 700 South to 1700 South and 200 East to 700 West; Rio Grande Street from 200

South to 500 South; the downtown area from South Temple to 500 South and from 300 East to 400 West; and North Temple from 400 West to 1000 West, including a gratuity service along two blocks north and south of North Temple.

The ambassadors work in pairs to provide safety, hospitality and social services in their designated areas, said Arvanitas. They get to know local business owners and their areas of concern, and they also provide outreach to the homeless population, he said, noting that up to six ambassadors work along North Temple from 8:30am to 5pm every day except Sunday.

The impact has already been noticed by locals. "I think it is a great program," said Fairpark area resident David Osokow. "The ambassadors are a very good set of eyes for our neighborhood and help make our community safer."

If local representation has its way, residents like Osokow may see even more programs like it. "The ambassador program has been successful inasmuch as it was limited in its design," said District 1 Councilmember Victoria Petro-Eschler, who notes a potential for expansion and improvement.

"The ambassadors faithfully contact those experiencing homelessness and distress, attempt to offer resources and relay concerns to the appropriate authorities as needed. However, they are only part of the solution. There is by no means a comprehensive strategy for addressing all the interventions North Temple needs. One of my focuses is to gather data and provide further improvements on North Temple."

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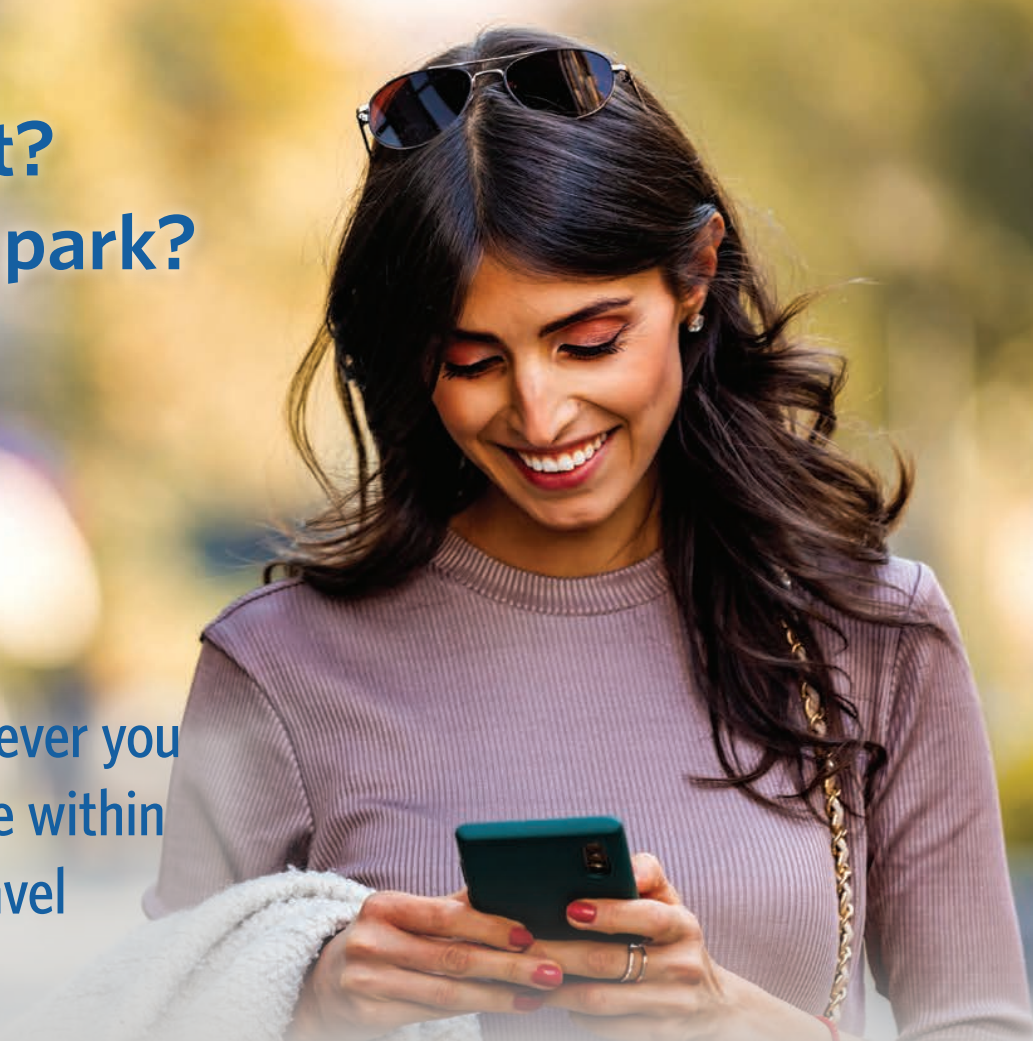
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● Ballpark

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703-728-9151 |
amy.j.hawkins@gmail.com
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● Central Ninth

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801-718-1379 /
Central9thcc@gmail.com
Meets: 1st Mondays at
6:30 p.m.
[facebook.com/Central9thCommunityCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/Central9thCommunityCouncil)

● Fairpark

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Chair: Nigel Swaby
801-634-4950 |
nigelcdr@yahoo.com
Meets: 4th Thursdays at
6:30 p.m. (except December)
fairparkcommunity.org

● Glendale

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Chair: Turner C. Bitton
801-564-3860 | chair@glendaleutah.org
Meets: 3rd Wednesdays at
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www.glendaleutah.org

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801-793-0880 |
jordanmeadowscc@gmail.com
Meets: 2nd Wednesdays at
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www.jordanmeadows.org

● Poplar Grove

Community Council

Chair: Esther Stowell
801-449-0551
info@poplargroveslc.org
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● Rose Park

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● Westpointe

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westpointecc.org

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Government and Health Resources

Center for Disease Control (CDC)
www.cdc.gov
1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636)

Utah Department of Health
health.utah.gov

Utah Coronavirus Hotline
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Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs
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multicultural.utah.gov

Salt Lake County Health Department
slco.org/health/COVID-19
385-468-4100

Salt Lake County Health Department Flu Shot Resources
slco.org/health
385-468-SHOT (385-468-7468)

University of Utah COVID-19 Resources
healthcare.utah.edu/coronavirus

Statewide COVID-19 and Vaccine Resources
Information and vaccine availability.
coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine

Free COVID-19 Testing
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Food Resources

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Emergency Food and Community Resources
www.uah.org/images/pdfs-doc/SaltLakeCountySheet.pdf

Utah 211 Help
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Salt Lake City School District Meals on Wheels
801-301-6476
www.slcschools.org/departments/business-administration/child-nutrition/

Food Assistance FAQs - Department of Workforce Services
jobs.utah.gov/covid19/snapfaq.pdf

Emotional Relief Help Lines

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Utah Coronavirus Mental Health Treatment Locator
coronavirus.utah.gov/mental-health

Intermountain Healthcare Relief Hotline
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NAMI Utah
National Alliance on Mental Illness Mentor Help Line.
Monday - Friday, excluding holidays, 9 a.m - 4:15 p.m.
801-323-9900 or 877-230-6264
www.namiut.org

Crisis Help Lines

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrative
SAMHSA's Free and Confidential National Helpline for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.
24/7, 365-days-a-year
1-800-662-4357
www.samhsa.gov

Utah Domestic Violence Coalition
Domestic violence crisis intervention, emergency shelter, and safety planning.
1-800-897-LINK (5465)

University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Institute (UNI) Crisis Line
801-587-3000

UNI's Warm Line
801-587-1055
A recovery support line operated by certified peer specialists available daily from 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. to provide support and encouragement to individuals experiencing mental health crises.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255

Crisis Text Line
Text HOME to 741741

Safe Utah
Free 24-hour crisis mobile app with mental wellness tips.
801-587-3000
www.SafeUT.org

Employment Resources

Department of Workforce Services (DWS) COVID-19 Resources

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DWS Employment Center

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Unemployment Insurance FAQs - Department of Workforce Services

jobs.utah.gov/COVID19/uifaqemployees.pdf

Refugee Services - Department of Workforce Services

Employment assistance, skills training, and case management.

250 West 3900 South, Building B

Salt Lake City, UT 84107

801-618-5096

refugee@utah.gov

Child Care and Education Support

Office of Child Care

Information and resources regarding child care services during COVID-19. 1-800-670-1552

jobs.utah.gov/covid19/covidocc.html

Salt Lake City School District Family Resource Hotline

Support hotline for families needing help with homework, student tech/devices, emergency food resources and other basic needs. Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

801-301-6476

Support in other languages can be provided as needed.

Business & Nonprofit Assistance

Salt Lake City Business and Employment Services

801-535-7200 or

[email ed@slcgov.com](mailto:ed@slcgov.com)

www.slc.gov/ed/covid19

Resources for Households

Salt Lake County Resources for Businesses

www.slco.org/health/COVID-19/business

Salt Lake County Business Relief Hotline

385-468-4011

Assistance navigating federal state and local relief options.

Utah Leads Together Small Business Bridge Loan Program

801-538-8680 or email bridgeload@utah.gov

utah.gov

Business.utah.gov

Utah Small Business Development Center

This organization may be available to offer advice and help small businesses access federal assistance programs. utahsbdc.org

Women's Business Center

This organization may be available to offer advice and help small businesses access federal assistance programs. wbcutah.org

Small Business Administration Loan Resources

1-800-659-2955

www.sba.gov

Minority Business Center

This organization may be available to offer advice and help small businesses access federal assistance programs.

www.mbdba.gov/

Local First Utah

An independent business alliance to connect with local business opportunities, government agencies, and local communities. localfirst.org

Utah Nonprofits Association

801-596-1800

www.utahnonprofits.org/resources

Utah Community Action

For renters who are not receiving unemployment benefits or unable to pay their rent due to circumstances related to COVID-19 may be eligible for assistance. Meals and case management resources also available. 801-359-2444

www.utahca.org/coronavirus

Comunidades Unidas

801-487-4143 - www.cuutah.org

HOST - Homeless Outreach Service Team

If you or someone you know needs clothing, dental care, food, housing assistance, obtaining an ID, medical assistance, shelter or work, HOST may be able to provide assistance. 801-799-3035

Utah Housing Coalition

801-364-0077

www.utahhousing.org/covid-19.html

Utility Assistance

The HEAT program provides energy assistance and year-round energy crisis assistance for eligible low-income households. If you are in danger of shut-off or need assistance paying your bills, contact your local HEAT office. 801-521-6107 (Salt Lake) or 1-866-205-4357

jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/seal/offices.html

Relief for Landlords & Homeowners with Federal Housing Agency (FHA) Mortgages Impacted by COVID-19

www.fhfa.gov

Protecting Immigrant Families

Quick reference guides on immigrant eligibility of federal public programs during the COVID-19 health crisis. protectingimmigrantfamilies.org

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Latino conservation week in Utah

By Frances Ngo

A warm summer breeze floats through my office window, drawing attention to the sunlight skimming over the Jordan River. As I settle at my desk for the start of a Zoom meeting, I can't wait to chat about a canoe trip down this river!

July 16-24 marks the start of Latino Conservation Week (LCW), a national celebration highlighting the Latino community's connection to the outdoors and natural resource conservation. Tracy Aviary, along with other conservation and community organizations in Utah, have been gearing up to host

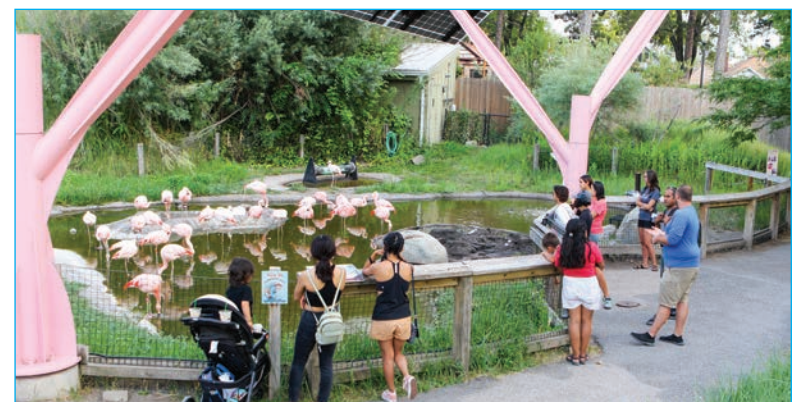
epic events throughout the city! As we begin talking logistics, I recall moments from last year's LCW Paddle the River.

Families and friends chatted eagerly in a mix of laughing Spanglish as we splashed along the Jordan River. For some, it was their first time canoeing, while others shared memories of a childhood connected to the water. Latino Conservation Week is as much about nurturing new connections to the outdoors as it is about celebrating existing stories from Latino folks. These stories, along with ancestral and cultural connections, are often overlooked in

mainstream "outdoorsy" media. This July celebration provides an opportunity to proudly say, We have always been here!

The multifaceted ways that Latinos inhabit the realm of conservation and nature is evident in the variety of events hosted across the country and in Salt Lake City! Everything from canoe paddles to ancestral garden demonstrations, bilingual bird walks or local gear swaps! I'd invite everyone to learn more about Latino Conservation Week in SLC and join us this summer: <https://www.tracyaviaryconservation.org/latino-conservation-week>

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Semana Latina de la conservación ambiental

Por Frances Ngo

Una brisa veraniega flota a través de la ventana de mi oficina, llamando atención sobre la luz del sol que se desliza sobre el Río Jordan. Mientras me acomodo en mi escritorio para el comienzo de una reunión de Zoom, ¡estoy emocionada de charlar sobre un viaje en canoa por este río!

Del 16 al 24 de julio marca el inicio de la Semana de Conservación Latina en Utah (LCW), una celebración nacional que destaca la conexión de la comunidad Latino con el aire libre y la conservación de los recursos naturales. ¡Tracy Aviary, junto con otras organizaciones comunitarias y de conservación en Utah, están planificando eventos

épicos en toda la ciudad! Cuando comenzamos a hablar de logística, recuerdo momentos del LCW "Remar el Río" del año pasado.

Familias y amigos conversaban con entusiasmo en una mezcla de espanglish riendo mientras chapoteamos a lo largo del Río Jordan. Para algunos, fue la primera vez que navegaban en canoa, mientras que otros compartieron recuerdos de una infancia conectada al agua. La Semana de Conservación Latina se trata tanto de crear nuevas conexiones con el aire libre como de celebrar las historias existentes de la gente Latino. Estas historias, junto con las conexiones ancestrales y culturales, a menudo se pasan por alto en los principales medios que pintan solo un retrato limita-

do de quien pertenece al aire libre. Esta celebración de julio brinda la oportunidad de decir con orgullo: ¡Siempre hemos estado aquí!

Las formas multifacéticas en que los Latinos habitan el ámbito de la conservación y la naturaleza son evidentes en la variedad de eventos organizados en ¡todo el país y en Salt Lake City! ¡Desde remos en canoa hasta demostraciones de jardines ancestrales, caminatas bilingües de aves o intercambios de equipos locales! Invito a todos a aprender más sobre la Semana de Conservación Latina en SLC y unirte a nosotros este verano: <https://www.tracyaviaryconservation.org/latino-conservation-week>



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