



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## 20th Anniversary Celebrations: A Look Back

By: David S. Johnson, PR & Economic Development Director

The 20th Anniversary Celebrations last year highlighted our amazing community, the incredible quality of life Saratoga Springs offers and why we say, "Life's just better here."

The year was not short on fun things to do or ways to get involved with our annual events. The year started with 8th Annual Miss Saratoga Springs Pageant. This unique event is one of the only pageants in the state that does not include a swim suit competition and focuses on ways contestants give back to the local community.

### "The year was not short on fun things to do..."

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary, the City introduced several new components to our annual celebrations. A couple of these new components included participating for the first time in the Days of 47 Parade and creating photo contests. In fact, a majority of the scenic photos you now see in the City's revamped website and newsletter are submissions by your friends and neighbors.

The week-long Splash celebration in 2017 was also cram-packed with new and traditional activities. It included a chalk walk, carnival, game and movie nights, an Amazing Race, basketball and volleyball tournaments, a Grand Parade, and our Splash Bash Water Party!

After Splash, we implemented a 20th Anniversary Summer Concert Series, held every Monday evening. These weekly events included the ever-popular Food Truck League, local bands, the City Orchestra, movie nights, crafts,

a reptile show, and a 9/11 fireworks show with the Utah National Guard 23rd Army Band.

Building off of the momentum of the summer we moved right into the Fall Festival. Surprised by the overwhelming attendance the prior year, the City geared up even more for 2017--and glad we did--as attendance doubled with approximately 6,000 residents.

But why stop the celebrations there? Amidst all the fun, the Mayor and City Council broke ground for Patriot Park, a new 30-acre complex with six baseball fields, eight pickle ball courts, a playground, batting cages, concession stands and a Veteran's monument, honoring our service men and women from each branch. It is anticipated that the park will open in time for 2019 spring sports.

To keep the snowball rolling from the summer and fall events, we also implemented a Holiday Home Decoration contest, which received 17 registrations and nearly 900 votes! This was a wonderful compliment to the Holiday season's annual Messiah performance and the Holiday Concert by the City Orchestra.

To close out the year, we ended with another bang by adding a brief fireworks show to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting, along with a visit from the big man himself and his right-hand lady--Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

The City of Saratoga Springs hopes that you had an amazing year with us celebrating the 20th Anniversary and wish you a Happy New Year in 2018!

*(Be sure to check out the 20th Anniversary photo collage on page 4!)*

## Community Calendar



# Happy New Year

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**JAN 2** Work Session 6pm  
Business Meeting Immediately After Work Session

**JAN 16** Work Session 6pm  
Business Meeting Immediately After Work Session

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**JAN 11** City Council Chamber 6:30pm

**JAN 25** City Council Chamber 6:30pm

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

**JAN 9** City Hall Conference Room (Upstairs) 6:30pm

**HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

**JAN 1** City Offices & Library Closed to Observe New Year's Holiday

**JAN 15** City Offices & Library Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**LIBRARY PROGRAMS**

Due to space limitations, programs are limited to 20 children. Library programs will all run during January.

**MONDAYS**

Preschool Story Time 10:30am

Preschool Workshop 11am - 12pm

**TUESDAYS**

Music & Movement 10:30am

Little Builders 11am - 12pm

**WEDNESDAYS**

Wiggle Worms 10:30am

Baby Play 11am

**THURSDAYS**

Music & Movement 10:30am

Little Builders 11am - 12pm

**FRIDAYS**

Crafternoon 2:30 - 6:30pm

For information about library events and services visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library)

**RECREATION PROGRAMS**

## Youth Volleyball

**Who:** Co-ed Grades 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th - 9th  
**Register:** Dec 4 - Feb 12  
**Season:** Starts March 17  
**Cost:** \$55  
(Late registrations subject to wait list and \$10 late fee)



## Youth Soccer

**Who:** Boys & Girls Ages 4 years old to 9th grade  
**Register:** Jan 2 - Feb 20  
**Season:** Starts April 14  
**Cost:** \$45 & \$10 required jersey, if needed.  
(Late registrations subject to wait list and \$10 late fee)



## Girls Fast Pitch Softball

**Who:** Girls, Grades 3rd - 9th  
**Register:** Jan 2 - Feb 26  
**Season:** Starts April 23  
**Cost:** \$65  
(Late registrations subject to wait list and \$10 late fee)

For more details and registration, please visit: [www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation)



## Redwood Road Improved Update

The five-lane configuration between 400 South and Lake View Terrace Road and the dual left-turn lanes on Grandview Boulevard are now open to the public. Work will be suspended up to three months due to weather. In spring 2018, crews will resume construction activities in this area to complete

pavement resurfacing, landscaping and utility work.

Project updates will be emailed as needed during the next few months. Please contact a project representative at 801-997-5682 or [redwoodsaratoga@utah.gov](mailto:redwoodsaratoga@utah.gov) if you have any questions during this time.

Redwood Road  
**IMPROVED**  
Saratoga Springs



## Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winners!

See photos of all the homes online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/decoratingcontest](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/decoratingcontest).

HOME # 1 - PEOPLE'S CHOICE



HOME # 13 - JUDGE'S CHOICE



HOME # 11 - HONORABLE MENTION



## 2018 Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018  
7:00PM AT VISTA HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

APPLICATIONS AND INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2017  
[WWW.SARATOGASPRINGSCITY.COM](http://WWW.SARATOGASPRINGSCITY.COM)

MANDATORY PARENT/ORIENTATION MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH AT 7:00PM  
CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS OFFICES  
(NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE)

OPEN TO ANY YOUNG WOMEN AGES 16-21 WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF SARATOGA SPRINGS



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# New Veterans Advisory Council in Saratoga Springs

By: Carl Sachs, Veteran's Advisory Council Chair

The Saratoga Springs Veterans Advisory Council (VAC) will soon send out a flyer and enable a form on the City website at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/veteran](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/veteran) to allow veterans within the city to provide contact information to the committee.

The VAC will use this information to update veterans about opportunities, events, and changes to legislation that may impact them. They will send out information about programs, such as the Utah County Tax Abatement, which allows disabled veterans and active duty service members to pay a reduced amount of property tax. This program can reduce property tax to zero, and allow reduced or even free registration of vehicles as well!

Those currently serving on the Veterans Advisory Council are Ruth Caldwell, Emily Mount and Carl Sachs.

## About Carl

Carl is the first and current chair of the new Veteran's Advisory Council. He

was born and raised in Sandy, Utah, and went to Alta High School. He joined the Army as a Cryptologic Language Analyst straight out of High School in 1996 and spent just over 20 years on Active Duty as an enlisted Soldier.

He was stationed in California, Korea, Kentucky, Texas, Iraq, Hawai'i, and Maryland. Carl's duty positions included Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, Watch NCO, Basic Instructor, Senior Instructor, Course Supervisor, and Operations Sergeant.

His proudest military accomplishment is induction into the prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club in 2010. During training in Utah in 2012, he visited Saratoga Springs and fell in love with the City, and decided to retire here. He is married to his high-school sweetheart, Suzzie, and they have five children.

Please join us in thanking and supporting our local veterans for their service to our country and our community.



*Local Boy Scout Troop at the Veteran's Day flag ceremony, hosted by the the Veteran's Advisory Council.*

# Saratoga Springs Library Updates

By: Melissa Grygla, Library Director



## Book Club

Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the book club. You must be at least 16 years old to participate. Books are available for check out at the front desk with your library card. Tell the staff member you are checking out a copy of that month's library book club title.

February's Title: The Huntress of Thornbeck Forest, by Melanie Dickerson. About this book: A beautiful maiden who poaches to feed the poor. A handsome forester on a mission to catch her. Danger and love are about to unite in Thornbeck Forest.

## Utah's Online Library

OverDrive now requires that you enter your library card number and PIN number

to log in. If you have not reset your PIN number, it defaults to the last four digits of your library card. If you need assistance with the new log in process, please contact the library at 801-766-6513.

## Seeking Tutors

We are actively looking for tutors for the Literacy Center.

**What:** Tutors must be 12 or older. They help kids improve their reading, writing and spelling skills.

**When:** Choose a day that works for you!

**How:** We have a curriculum and will train you!

**Where:** Saratoga Springs Public Library.

All tutors 18 and older must have a background check before working with students. Volunteer applications are available online or at the library.

## Preparation for Winter

By: Darl Brown, Storm Water Coordinator



It's that time of year when we start cleaning up the garage to make room for our cars before that first snow storm starts flying.

With that in mind, you may find items such as, cleaning detergents, antifreeze, used oils, old gasoline and other fluids or chemicals. If these items have been stored for a while and you're not using them, it may be time to get rid of them properly.

As a reminder, these items should not be dumped down a sink, a toilet, in the curb or

down a storm drain as these all lead directly into our lakes. If you find these items and just aren't quite sure what to do with them please contact anyone within our public works department at (801) 766-6506 and we'll be happy to help with proper disposal.

You may also visit the Utah County Health Department's website at [www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/Health/hhw/](http://www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/Health/hhw/). Please remember, "Only Rain In The Drain" and let's leave it better than we found it.

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

By: Ray L. Mills, CERT Program Manager

Your Saratoga Springs CERT team hopes your holidays have been filled with joy and peace. As a new year begins and the hustle and bustle of the holidays are behind us we want to remind everyone that being prepared is not a "seasonal thing," but something that requires continual attention.

Our wish is that as a community we can all feel the peace of mind that can come with individual, family and community preparedness. We invite anyone interested, 18 or older, to join us in our next "CERT BASIC TRAINING COURSE". The course is free and space is limited. Training dates are:

- February 22
- March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- April 19, 21 (Practical Exercise)

Classes will be held at the Saratoga Springs North Fire Station, 995 W 1200 N, at 7:00pm.

For additional information, enrollment and pre-requisites contact one of the following:

Scott Danielson [n7swd@mail.com](mailto:n7swd@mail.com)  
Ray Mills [raymills@gmail.com](mailto:raymills@gmail.com)  
Leslie Elmer [lifelmer@gmail.com](mailto:lifelmer@gmail.com)

## Office Hours

### CITY HALL

Monday - Thursday  
7am - 6pm

Friday  
8am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-9793

### LIBRARY

Monday - Friday  
10am - 8pm

Saturday  
10am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-6513

### RECREATION

Monday - Thursday  
8am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-9793 ext. 211

## Employment Opportunities

### FULL-TIME POSITIONS

- Police Officer I, II, or III

### PART-TIME POSITIONS

- Crossing Guards - Sage Hills Elementary
- Crossing Guards - Substitute
- Lead Custodian

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Veterans Advisory Board
- Library Volunteers

For the latest updates, visit: [www.saratogaspringscity.com/employment](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/employment)