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THE SARATOGA VIEW

Kicking Off the School Year Safely

By: AnnElise Harrison, Civic Events Coordinator

As summer ends and school begins there is a sense of excitement and stress, as parents and students decide what is the best way for them to continue their education this school year. Whether you are choosing to send your children to a charter or private school, or are choosing between in person or online instruction at a district school, the safety of the children and youth in our community remains one of our top priorities. Here are a few tips to help us as a community keep kids safe as they go to and from school this year:



1. Pay attention to school zones during your commute. These areas have slower speeds and kids frequently crossing the street.

2. Watch for crossing guards. They are there to help kids cross safely. Let's show them courtesy and appreciation by stopping when they enter the road and using caution as we drive through their zone.

3. Be patient & respectful in school drop-off zones. The best way to keep our kids safe is to wait your turn and make sure you drop off and pick them up in the school's

designated areas.

4. Carpool when possible. All of our schools are dealing with high numbers of students. Carpooling can cut down on the number of vehicles coming and going from the schools. Parking at Westlake is especially full.

5. Leave earlier so that you have time to deal with unexpected delays. When we are running late, often we make mistakes and/or compromises that can put kids at risk. Give yourself an extra few minutes as a contingency, if things go well you might even be early for work!

6. Know the roads as we grow. For information on road construction and how it might affect your morning commute go to www.saratogaspringscity.com/roadconstruction.

By taking a little more time to plan ahead, be aware and having a little more patience, we can work together to make sure all of the students in Saratoga Springs get to and from school safely.

Community Calendar

August

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 4

Available Via YouTube
Business Meeting

Work Session 6pm
After Work Session

August 18

Available Via YouTube
Business Meeting

Work Session 6pm
After Work Session

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

August 13

Available Via YouTube

6pm

August 27

Available Via YouTube

6pm

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

August 11

Available Via YouTube

6:30pm

AUGUST EVENTS

FOOD TRUCK MONDAYS

Monday Evenings till the end of September

Neptune Park

5-8pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

GET TO THE RIVER

September

Save the Date

FALL FESTIVAL

October 2

IMPORTANT DATES

August 18

Alpine District First Day of School

For more details please visit: www.saratogaspringscity.com



RECREATION PROGRAMS

- Cross Country
- Instructional Jr. Jazz
- Jr Jazz
- Fall Pickleball League

Details & registration available online at:
www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation



2020 CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

www.2020census.gov

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program

Flood After Fire

Did you know wildfires dramatically alter the terrain and increase the risk of floods? Excessive amounts of rainfall can happen throughout the year. And properties directly affected by fires and those located below or downstream of burn areas are most at risk for flooding.

1 During normal conditions, vegetation helps absorb rainwater.

2 But after an intense wildfire, burned vegetation and charred soil form a water repellent layer, blocking water absorption.

3 During the next rainfall, water bounces off of the soil.

4 As a result, properties located below or downstream of the burn areas are at an increased risk for flooding.

Degree of Land Slope
Higher degrees of land slope speed up water flow and increase flood risk.

Flash Floods
Intense rainfall can flood low-lying areas in less than six hours. Flash floods roll boulders, tear out trees and destroy buildings and bridges.

Mudflows
Rivers of liquid and flowing mud are caused by a combination of brush loss and subsequent heavy rains. Rapid snowmelt can also trigger mudflows.

Reduce your risk. The time to buy flood insurance is now. Contact your local insurance agent for more information or visit the National Flood Insurance Program at FloodSmart.gov/wildfire.

As the region affected by the Knolls Fire recovers from the recent devastation caused by wildfires, the city warns residents living in and surrounding wildfire areas about the high risk of flash flooding and mudflows, and is urging them to protect their homes, businesses, and personal property with flood insurance.

Wildfires result in a loss of vegetation and leave the ground charred and unable to absorb water. This creates conditions for flooding. Even areas that are not traditionally flood-prone are at risk of flooding for up to several years after a wildfire.

Floods are the most common and

expensive natural disaster in the U.S. Just an inch of water in an average-sized home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage[s]. Most homeowner and renters' insurance policies do not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is a separate policy that protects homes and belongings from floodwater damage so residents can recover after a storm.

Policies typically take 30 days to go into effect, so it is important for residents to call their insurance agents now to plan ahead. For more information on this program and how it can assist those affected by the Knolls Fire go to: <http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/1037/FEMA-National-Flood-Insurance-Program>

Disposing Of Your Garbage Correctly



As the long days of summer come to an end, citizens begin to clean up their yards and prepare them for the cooler weather ahead. Here are a few tips from Republic Services to help make sure all of your garbage empties from your can on garbage day.

1. All grass clippings should be bagged.

Loose clippings don't stay loose for long and end up being packed in the can which can be difficult to dump. Depending on how long the grass has been in the can and the moisture content involved, it can stick like concrete in the bottom of a can.

Bag all clippings and leaves. This will also help with the smell. Green Waste can stink if it's not bagged. Remember to place bagged green waste only in the garbage cans. This waste cannot go in the recycle cans.

2. Cardboard should be broken down and placed in the can vertically so that it doesn't stick to the inside of the can by shear pressure when it's pushed down by

the residents. Vertical cardboard comes out of the can easily when dumped and is much less likely to slide out onto the street when being dumped.

Truck manufacturers have changed the mechanism on the trucks so that the drivers can't slam the cans up and down (when they're upside down) to make sure everything has dumped out, like they used to be able to do. It was too hard on the arms of the truck, too loud, and it was hard on the cans.

Remember, absolutely NO dirt, sod, or rocks should go into your garbage can.

Saratoga Springs Library Summer Reading

Summer may be nearly over, but you can still get prizes for any reading you've done!

Bring your reading sheets, completed or not, to the library by August 15th and redeem them for any prizes you may have earned.

Didn't get it all completed? That's ok!

You still have a chance at prizes.

Bring your sheet and turn it in no matter what you got done and get an entry into our prize drawing.

Make sure your name & library card number are on the tracking sheet.

Imagine Your Story



Save the Date:

OCTOBER 2, 2020

SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY

FALL FESTIVAL

Smith's
Marketplace

Storage
Mart

D R HORTON
America's Builder

America First Credit
Union
Grandpa Beck's Games
Pepsi
Alta Bank
Chick Fil A
Kona Ice
Cyclebar

Activities Dependant on COVID-19 Status

A Message From The Fire Chief

By: Jess Campbell, Fire Chief



It has been a bit of a challenge as of late. I hope that all have recovered or begun the process of recovering from the effects of the Knolls Fire. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those that evacuated. Pulling the proverbial trigger on an evacuation order is not something I, or we, ever take lightly.

I personally want to thank all who

have provided and expressed a desire to supply food, refreshments, and drinks to the women and men on the front lines. We live in an amazing community and all of us in public safety and the city are honored to serve

each and every one of you in our various capacities.

This is also an opportunity to speak to the speed of how our lives can quickly change. The Dump Fire in 2012 burned 6,000 acres in four days. The Knolls Fire, burned 13,000 acres in 8 hours. Winds up to 60 mph fanned the flames of this fire, causing a very dynamic and fluid situation.

We evacuated 3100 homes and over 13,000 people that Sunday.

I hope that this will illustrate the point that doing nothing is not an option to prepare your homes and families. You can either work to control your outcome during an incident or the incident will determine it for you. Please, control your destiny and proactively prepare.

If you are unsure how to prepare, visit the City's website or contact the Fire Department for tips and ideas. Ultimately, you will need to determine how to best prepare your family and personal property.

I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers on our behalf throughout the last several weeks. It did not go unnoticed. Thank you and be safe!

Photo by: Kari Thompson



Virtual Events Throughout September
Discover ways to recreate on
and near the Jordan River

Careful In Our Landscaping

By: Darl Brown, Storm Water Coordinator



As we enter the month of August with temperatures continuing to reach well into the 90's, it is important to remember our

water conservation efforts. The state has provided an excellent program called "Slow The Flow" to help us take care of our water resources.

1. Water brown spots in your lawn with a hose, if you have a second water spigot, instead of increasing the irrigation time on your timer.

2. Place children's water toys on any dry spots in your lawn.

3. Instead of washing your car in the street or driveway, park it on the lawn where it won't go to waste.

4. Take the pets outside to be bathed.

Pick a dry spot in the lawn to wash them.

5. Remember that not all brown spots in your lawn are caused from lack of water. If you have distinct irregularly shaped brown spots, the symptoms are most severe in late summer, and section of dead turf can be pulled up easily, the problem is probably grubs, a beetle larva.

They feed on your turf's root system and kill it. If you question what is causing your turf problem, contact your USU Extension County Office or a local nursery professional. They will probably want to see a sample of your turf.

Utah Public Health & Economic Reactivation Guidelines

Utah's Social Guidelines

HIGH RISK

- General public takes extreme precautions
- Stay 6 feet away from others when outside the home unless not possible
- Face coverings worn in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- In person interactions limited to individual households; increase virtual interactions
- Essential travel only. Leave home infrequently
- Social interactions in groups of 10 or fewer

MODERATE RISK

- General public takes extreme precautions
- Stay 6 feet away from others when outside the home unless not possible
- Face coverings worn in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- In person interactions limited to individual households and those who have been following recommended distancing/hygiene guidelines; increase use of virtual interactions
- Leave home infrequently
- Social interactions in groups of 20 or fewer

LOW RISK

- General public takes extreme precautions
- Stay 6 feet away from others when outside the home unless not possible
- Face coverings worn in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- Social interactions in groups of 50 or fewer for private gatherings

NORMAL RISK

- General public takes reasonable precautions
- Interactions allowable in larger groups, with strict hygiene measures and symptom monitoring
- Evaluate mass gatherings based on monitoring and testing rates



Saratoga Springs Photo Contest

SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED AUGUST 1-31

Employment Opportunities

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

- Lead Custodian
- Police Officer
- Budget Finance Administrator

PART-TIME POSITIONS

- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Custodian
- Court Clerk
- Recreation Coordinator
- Sports Official
- Recreation Site Supervisor
- Seasonal: Streets, Water, Parks

- Firefighter/EMT- Intern
- Receptionist/Building Permit Technician

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Library
- Arts Council
- City Celebrations Committee

For the latest updates, visit: www.saratogaspringscity.com/employment

Office Hours

CITY HALL

1307 N. Commerce Drive

Monday - Thursday
7am - 6pmFriday
8am - 5pmPhone Number:
801-766-9793

LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday
9am - 8pmFriday - Saturday
10am - 6pmPhone Number:
801-766-6513

RECREATION

Monday - Thursday
8am - 5pmPhone Number:
801-766-9793 ext. 211