



THE SARATOGA VIEW

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Having a Fun, Safe Halloween

By: Melissa Hamer, Saratoga Springs Police Department

The Saratoga Springs Police Department wants to ensure all our residents have a safe Halloween this year. Trick or Treating can be a fun and exciting activity for all ages if done with a few safety precautions:

Costumes

- Use face paint instead of a mask as a mask can block vision.
- Wear light colored costumes or use reflective tape, stickers or glow sticks to help you be visible.
- Use a light colored candy bag for better visibility.
- Wear shoes that fit to avoid tripping or falling.
- Ensure your costume isn't too long to create a tripping hazard.

Driving

- Don't drink alcohol or use drugs and then drive. We need our streets as safe as possible on Halloween night!
- SLOW DOWN and watch for kids.
- If you're driving children around for trick-or-treating, make sure everyone is buckled up appropriately in a car seat, booster or seat belt. Do this every time they enter the car, and check to make sure they're secure

before driving to the next stop.

- Put your cell phone down and don't use any other mobile device while driving. Pull over to safely check voice messages or texts if necessary.
- Be especially alert for trick-or-treaters during the popular trick-or-treating hours of 5:30 - 9:30pm.

Walking

- Trick or Treaters under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick or treat in familiar and well lit areas.
- Kids should never enter any house without an adult.
- Cross the street at intersections using crosswalks where possible.

Treats

- Parents should inspect all candy before children eat any.
- All opened or tampered with treats should be thrown away.

If you see anything suspicious during your celebrations please call 801-794-3970. By taking a few precautions we can ensure that all of the kids in our community have a fun, safe Halloween.



Community Calendar

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING****October 4**Council Chambers
Business Meeting After Work Session

Work Session 6 PM

October 18Council Chambers
Business Meeting After Work Session

Work Session 6 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**October 27**

Council Chambers 6 PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**October 11**

Council Chambers 6:30 PM

IMPORTANT DATES
COLUMBUS DAY**October 10**

City Offices Closed

IRRIGATION SYSTEM SHUT OFF**October 15****EVENTS****FALL FESTIVAL****October 7**

Shay Park 5-8 PM

BREAKFAST WITH PLANNERS**October 27**

Talons Cove Clubhouse 8:30-11 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS**VETERANS FLAG RAISING****November 12**

Patriot Park 11 AM

For more details please visit: www.saratogaspringscity.com**Open Registration:**

- Jr. Jazz Instructional (K-2)
- Jr. Jazz (5-8)
- Jr. Jazz High School (9-12)

saratogaspringscity.com/recreation

2022 Voter Information

Date of Election: November 8, 2022
 This is a VOTE BY MAIL Election - or
 - Election Day Vote Center Polls Are
 Open: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM
 Early Voting Polls Are Open: Nov. 2, 3,
 4, 7 - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Statewide Electronic Voter Information
 Website:

vote.utah.gov/

Utah County Clerk Election Website:
[www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/
 Elections/](http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/)

City of Saratoga Springs Website:
www.saratogaspringscity.com/
 (The election officer will post on the
 website the location of each polling
 place for each voting precinct, each
 early voting polling place, and each
 election day voting center, including
 any changes to the location of a polling
 place and any additional polling place.)
 Phone Number for Polling Place
 Location and Information:
 801-851-8128

Ballots will be mailed to active
 registered voters the week of October
 17.

Early Voting Location and Information:
[www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/
 Elections/where/EarlyVote.html](http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/where/EarlyVote.html)

Election Day Vote Centers Location
 and Information: [www.utahcounty.gov/
 Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/where/
 VoteCenters.html](http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/where/VoteCenters.html)

Ballot Drop Box Locations: [www.
 utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/
 Elections/where/Curbside.html](http://www.utahcounty.gov/Dept/ClerkAud/Elections/where/Curbside.html)

Proposition #4 - Shall Saratoga Springs
 City, Utah (the "City"), Utah, be authorized
 to impose a .1% sales and use tax for
 the purpose of financing recreational,
 zoological, botanical, and cultural facilities
 within the City?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR PROPOSITION #4 RAP TAX

Recreation, Arts, and Parks are valued
 aspects of the daily lives of Saratoga Springs
 residents. Each provides opportunities for
 children, individuals, families, and seniors

to build relationships and community, as
 well as spur creativity, health, and well-
 being.

As our population approaches and
 surpasses 50,000 residents, it is common
 to see residents denied opportunities in
 recreation, arts, and cultural programming
 because we do not have the facilities for
 them to participate. Many recreation
 programs do not meet the needs of
 residents each year with participants being
 turned away or program sizes capped. The
 funding provided by the RAP tax may
 be used to fund elements of library and
 senior programming related to recreation,
 arts, and cultural events. Current and past
 leaders have shown great foresight in
 acquiring recreation property while it was
 readily available and affordable. The City
 has multiple undeveloped parks throughout
 the city waiting to be developed. Visitors to
 our city often use our sports and leisure
 facilities without contributing to their
 creation or enhancement.

So, the question is this: How do we want
 to fund our parks, arts, and recreation, and
 how long do we want their development
 to take? The Recreation, Arts, and Parks
 (RAP) tax will collect one penny from
 every ten dollars spent in Saratoga Springs
 from any consumer that chooses to shop in
 Saratoga Springs including non-residents.
 By implementing the RAP tax, any person
 who shops in Saratoga Springs contributes
 to the RAP fund, therefore providing a
 benefit to Saratoga Springs residents and
 visitors.

Many cities in our area collect this tax,
 including American Fork, Lehi, Cedar Hills,
 Spanish Fork, Orem, and Salt Lake County.
 When you shop in these communities you
 are paying for their recreation arts and park.
 Let's bring this revenue to our community.
 We urge you to become educated, visionary,
 and engaged in preparing for the future of
 Saratoga Springs by voting in favor of the
 RAP tax.

City Council of Saratoga Springs, Utah

The City shall conduct a public meeting
 on October 4, 2022, beginning at the hour

of 6:00 p.m. at 1307 North Commerce
 Drive, Saratoga Springs, Utah. The purpose
 of the meeting is to hear arguments for and
 against the RAP Tax.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION #4 RAP TAX

I am opposed to the proposed RAP
 sales tax increase.

We are in an inflationary crisis. When
 basics like school lunch dues have been a
 hardship, a sales tax increase for recreation
 is not needful.

Outsiders may shop here sometimes,
 but we shop here every day, and will have
 to pay for this burden at all businesses
 here.

Other city governments may prey on
 their residents; it should NOT give our city
 government cause to do the same. Please
 vote NO on the RAP tax.

Leah Hansen

Saratoga Springs Taxpayer

Saratoga Springs Bond Election -

Shall the City Council (the "City Council")
 of Saratoga Springs, Utah (the "City"), be
 authorized to issue General Obligation
 Bonds in an amount not to exceed
 Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000) (the
 "Bonds") for the purpose of financing all
 or a portion of the costs of constructing
 and equipping recreational facilities of
 every kind allowed by Utah Code § 11-14-
 103(1)(b)(v) within the City, said Bonds
 to be due and payable in not to exceed
 twenty-five (25) years from the date of
 issuance of the Bonds?

Property Tax Cost of Bonds: If the
 Bonds are issued as planned (and without
 regard to the existing taxes currently paid
 for existing bonds that will reduce over
 time), a property tax sufficient to pay debt
 service on the Bonds will be required over
 a period of twenty-five (25) years in the
 estimated average amount of \$319.49 per
 year on a \$528,000 primary residence and
 in the estimated amount of \$580.90 per
 year on a business property having the
 same value. The foregoing information is
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only an estimate and is not a limit on the amount of taxes that the City Council may be required to levy to pay debt service on the Bonds. The City Council is obligated to levy taxes to the extent provided by law in order to pay the Bonds. The amounts are based on various assumptions and estimates, including estimated debt service on the Bonds and taxable values of property in the City.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RECREATION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

Saratoga Springs has submitted to the voters the question of whether to issue General Obligation Bonds to finance recreational facilities in Saratoga Springs. A vote in favor of the issuance of up to but not exceeding \$70,000,000 in recreational general obligation bonds at the November 8th election is a vote to build recreational facilities, which will include a recreation center and swimming facility. The recreation center may have amenities such as indoor sports courts, family leisure pool, lap pool, exercise equipment, running track, fitness rooms, multipurpose rooms, senior programs and outdoor natural hot spring soaking pools. The project includes researching geothermal energy as a sustainable long term heat source for this facility and the swimming amenities.

The City recognizes recreational facilities, including a possible recreation center, is an important project to some residents of Saratoga Springs; in order for the City to fund the project it must issue a bond, secured by a property tax levy. Therefore, the City is submitting this question to the residents of Saratoga Springs at the November 8th election.

City Council of Saratoga Springs, Utah

The City shall conduct a public meeting on October 4, 2022, beginning at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at 1307 North Commerce Drive, Saratoga Springs, Utah. The purpose of the meeting is to hear arguments for and against the issuance of the Bonds.

ARGUMENT AGAINST RECREATION BOND

Recreation Centers are fun. No one is disputing that fact. The question then, is how much can we afford as taxpayers to spend on fun, and who will ultimately benefit from a new recreation center?

The \$70,000,000.00 proposed in this bond is more than 240% of the cost of the new Orem Recreation Center built just last year and 180% of the cost of the Provo Recreation Center built a few years before that. If approved, the Saratoga Springs Recreation Center will be the most expensive public recreation facility ever built in Utah County, and perhaps the entire state.

If the bond passes, each and every homeowner in Saratoga Springs will see their property tax bill double in size. That means you will be paying as much for the recreation center as you currently do for police, fire, roads, utilities, and all the other services the city provides. This is only to build the building. To use the facility, citizens will have to pay additional fees up to \$475/year (or more) to access the amenities inside. According to the city's feasibility study, it is anticipated that 5,100 resident memberships (daily, monthly, or annual) will be purchased. In a city of almost 50,000 residents, where does that leave everyone else? It leaves them paying

for a facility that either they don't use, can't afford, or duplicates the gym and pool facilities they already pay for through their HOA.

While the feasibility study anticipates that the membership fees will cover the costs of operation by year 3, what happens if they don't? That money must then come from the city's General Fund, money which is used to fund public safety, transportation projects, the city library, city parks, city events, and recreation opportunities that are available to ALL residents. Are we ready to see funding for services that benefit the entire city cut, to fund a facility that benefits only a few?

Our city is growing fast. As our city continues to grow we will have increased funding needs for our Police and Fire Departments, we have infrastructure needs, and we have well-known needs regarding roads. Shouldn't these needs be our priority?

Finally, the current economic outlook is not good. Many in our community are facing uncertainty at work, and those living on a fixed income are struggling to keep up with rampant inflation. Once approved, this burden will not go away. It will cost Saratoga Springs taxpayers \$319.59 in taxes every year to maintain the recreation center on a house with the value of \$528,000, and even more for homes worth more than that. The beginning of a recession is not the best time to spend \$70 million on a brand new recreation facility. We urge you to vote AGAINST the issuance of a bond.

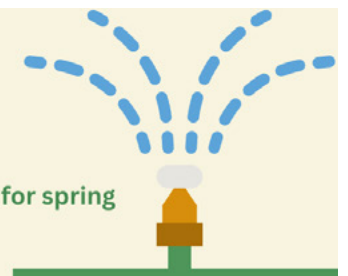
Heidi Balderree



Preparing Your Sprinkler System For Winter

- The Irrigation system will be shut off October 15
- Leave the shut off valve for your property in the open position to allow the system to drain
- After November 1 switch the shut off valve for your property to the off position in preparation for spring

More Information available at www.saratogaspringscity.com





FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 7

SHAY PARK | 5-8 PM

TRICK-OR-TREATING, COMMUNITY FAIR
INFLATABLE ALLEY, PETTING ZOO,
TRAIN RIDES, FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE!

Sponsored by:




Wristbands for Inflatables & Petting Zoo go on sale September 1

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OCTOBER 27

8:30 - 10 AM

BREAKFAST WITH PLANNERS

Talon's Cove Clubhouse
2220 S Talon's Cove Dr

Breakfast With Planners

On Thursday, October 27, the City Planning Division invites all interested citizens to participate in our Breakfast with Planners, a semi-annual event for public involvement in the planning issues and projects of Saratoga Springs. Starting at 8:30 am at the Talons Cove Clubhouse at 2220 S. Talons Cove Drive,

participants will be offered a light breakfast to enjoy while being involved in the event. Topics to be discussed include:

1. Our newly updated City General Plan – What are the Vision and Goals being pursued? How will the plan impact the future of the community?

2. City Transportation Planning – What it is and how does it happen in Saratoga Springs? What major transportation projects are coming?

3. A New Downtown Area – Participate in the beginnings of a strategic plan for our new downtown.

Landscaping & Keeping Storm Drains Clear

By: Jason Mears, Storm Water Management Division

As our City continues its unprecedented growth, many residents are working hard to construct and complete their yards. While landscaping your property, we have included here some important tips to keep our storm drains and native waters clean and clear.

When landscaping or beautifying your yard with delivered materials, be it bark, sand, decorative rock, or gravel, please remember that these materials can NOT be stored or staged in any public right-of-way. This includes streets, sidewalks, parkstrips, curbs

and gutters.

Materials should always be stored in your driveway or yard so that storm water does not carry it away into the City's storm drain inlets. Not doing so can lead to clogged inlets, prevent proper storm water drainage, cause flooding that could affect your neighbors downhill, and impede traffic flow and emergency vehicle access into and out of the area.

When purchasing materials to be delivered to your home, please take the time to prepare an area for the placement of these

product. Also, make a plan to use it as quickly as possible so that it does not wash off your driveway and end up in the storm drain from rain or other weather. This includes cleaning up the storage location after materials have been relocated to their final resting place.

Finally, please remember that storm water runoff from and around your property eventually ends up in Utah Lake and the Jordan River; thank you for your help in keeping these waters clean.



LIBRARY EVENTS

OCTOBER

Times vary; see website for more details & how to register.
Remember: programming is for Saratoga Springs Public Library cardholders, and registration is required for most programs.

- 3 - MESS KIDS: BATS
- 4 - KNIT WITS CLASS B
- 5 - CRAFTERNOON: SPIDER CRAFT
- 6 - STEAM KIDS' CLUB: FALL LEAVES
- 10 - LIBRARY CLOSED: COLUMBUS DAY
- 12 - CRAFTERNOON: PAPER PLATE MONSTER
- 12 - KNIT WITS CLASS A
- 17 - MESS KIDS: SPIDERS
- 19 - CRAFTERNOON: CLOTHESPIN BAT
- 19 - WIP WEDNESDAY
- 20 - STEAM KIDS' CLUB: BONE BRIDGES
- 24 - MESS KIDS: SKELETAL SYSTEM
- 26 - CRAFTERNOON: HALLOWEEN BOOKMARKS
- 26 - BOOKS & TREATS BOOK CLUB
- 27 - STEAM KIDS' CLUB: SPOOKY STEAM
- 31 - CLOSING EARLY AT 5 PM: HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

saratogaspringscity.com/1112/Library



IMPAIRED DRIVING: what you can do to help

🔔 **Remember:** Impairment means "If you Feel Different, You Drive Different"

⚠️ **Be Aware:** Don't let friends or family drive impaired

☎️ **Save a Life:** Call 911 to report an impaired driver

🚗 **Plan Ahead:** Arrange a Sober Ride



PROJECT SAFEGUARD

*Bridging the gap between law enforcement
and individuals with disabilities,
one step at a time*

For more information about this
program please see the Saratoga
Springs City website



Office Hours

CITY HALL

1307 N. Commerce Drive

Monday - Thursday
7 AM - 6 PM

Friday
8 AM - 5 PM

Phone Number:
801-766-9793

LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday
10 AM - 4 PM

Phone Number:
801-766-6513

RECREATION

Monday - Thursday
9 AM - 5 PM

Phone Number:
801-766-9793 ext. 211

OTHER FACILITIES

Hours for other city
facilities are available on
the city website.

Employment Opportunities

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

- Water Maintenance I and II
- Parks Maintenance I - III
- Sewer/Storm Water Maintenance I or II
- Streets Maintenance I or II
- SCADA Tech
- Police Officer
- Legal Assistant

PART-TIME POSITIONS

- Sports Official (Adult & Youth Programs)
- Recreation Site Supervisor
- Recreation Coordinator
- Library Clerk
- Reserve Police Officer
- Crossing Guard

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Library
- City Celebrations Committee
- Arts Council
- Veterans Committee

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