



THE SARATOGA VIEW

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EMPTY YOUR MEDICINE CABINET

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and its state and local partners will hold the 23rd National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. The DEA began the initiative in 2010 to provide easy, anonymous opportunities to remove medicines in the home that are highly susceptible to misuse, abuse, and theft.

Communities That

Care and the Saratoga Springs' Police Department have partnered with the DEA, the Utah Office of Drug Policy, and the Utah National Guard to organize a collection site event from 10 AM to 2 PM at Smith's Marketplace

in Saratoga Springs. A free, secure drop-off for unused and expired prescription drugs will be available.

The event will allow community members to safely and securely dispose of any unused or expired prescriptions which will help prevent drug misuse in our state. Individuals will be able to simply drive through or walk up and drop off their medications. All prescription drugs will be accepted, as well as over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and veterinary



medications. The Take Back Day collection site will also accept vape pens, cartridges, or other e-cigarette devices (without the batteries in the device). Needles will not be accepted.

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events are a free and easy way to dispose of unused medications that are often kept in our homes unsecured.

These events help prevent the misuse of prescription drugs and make a positive difference in our communities.

When left in a medicine cabinet, thrown away or flushed, unused prescriptions can be dangerous to people, animals, or the environment. Help keep our community safe and healthy by dropping off your old medications on April 22, 2023.

If you miss our local Take Back Day and need to dispose of prescription medications, please utilize our permanent drop off location at the Saratoga Springs Police Department, 367 South Saratoga Road, Monday – Thursday, 8 AM - 5 PM, Friday 8 AM -12 PM.

Community Calendar



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 11

Council Chambers

6 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

April 13
April 27

Council Chambers
Council Chambers

6 PM
6 PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

April 11

Conference Room

6 PM

EVENTS

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK

April 23

Smith's Marketplace

10 AM - 12 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER MONDAY FUNDAYS

Monday Evenings June 5 - August 14

Neptune Park

SARATOGA SPLASH DAYS

June 7 - 10

For more details please visit: www.saratogaspringscity.com

Recreation:

- Tennis League
- Tennis Lessons
- Summer grass Volleyball
- Youth Fishing Lessons

- Summer Camps
- Fall Soccer

saratogaspringscity.com/recreation

City Government Spotlight

Meet Councilman Michael McOmber



I was born in Salt Lake City, UT, but was raised in Northern California. I came back to Utah when I attended Brigham Young University and

have called this home ever since. I graduated from BYU with a degree in Political Science and stayed around till I met the love of my life, Breanna. We have been married 8 years and have two wonderful children, Kennedy and Sterling. Breanna and I started our lives together in Provo, Utah next to the lake. We decided after 5 years in Provo that we wanted to build our dream home on the other side of the lake in Saratoga Springs.

I have my MBA with an emphasis in Marketing and work for a global IT Solutions provider out of my home office. This allows me the flexibility necessary to meet with citizens, City staff, and developers day or night. I am committed to be available as I serve our City. Since moving to Saratoga Springs

I spend much of my free time working with the Boy Scouts of America in helping the young men of Saratoga Springs develop into productive and capable adults.

I am also the Precinct Vice-Chair for my neighborhood. This allows me the opportunity to play a direct role in state wide politics and ensure that Saratoga Springs interests are addressed beyond our City. As you can see I believe very strongly in civic involvement. As your council member I have one goal and that is to "Make Saratoga Springs the Envy of Utah." I love this city and plan on raising my family here and that is why I am so committed to make it great.

Registration is now open for:

- Boutique (June 9, 10)
- Grand Parade (June 10)
- Car Show (June 10)

All details and the links to register can be found at:
www.saratogaspringscity.com/splashdays

Spring Run Off Information

Spring is just around the corner, and the snowpack in Utah is at between 150% - 200% in much of the state. If temperatures warm up too quickly we could be looking at some spring run off flooding. There could also be issues if the melting snowpack is combined with heavy spring rain. Below is a list of what the city is doing to prepare along with what residents can do to prepare, including information on sandbags and where they can be filled and picked up.

What The City Is Doing To Mitigate Spring Run Off Flooding Issues

- Checking that drainage ditches and other flooding mitigation measures along the Lake Mountain range and Knolls fire burn scar are clear of garbage and debris.
- Checking that the storm drains and the storm drain system is clear of debris, so water can move through the system quickly and efficiently.
- Clearing debris and burning weeds along canals and other ditches to ensure water can move freely along the system.
- Working with volunteers to increase the stock of filled sandbags.

What Residents Can Do To Protect Their Homes

- Ensure all storm gutter drain pipes are connected properly to their homes and are free from cracks or other issues.
- Check any drainage systems placed on their property to ensure they are clean of debris to allow water to move freely through the system.
- Check any storm drains near their home to ensure they are clear of debris to allow storm water or spring run off water to quickly enter and move through the storm drain system.
- Ensure that any sump or other type of pumps used on their property are working properly.

- Follow the DNR Weekly Watering Guide. Residents might want to hold off on watering until after the spring thaw, as saturated earth can increase flooding potential.

- Have all yard improvement deliveries such as rock, mulch and dirt placed on the residents property and not along the gutter or the street. These types of supplies can cause several issues when placed in the road including:

- ◊ Blocking water from flowing along the gutter and entering the storm drain system, possibly causing flooding in the street.

- ◊ Portions of the rock, mulch or dirt can wash down to the storm drain entering and clogging the storm drain system, causing flooding due to back ups in the system.

- ◊ Blocking traffic from safely traversing the street.

- ◊ It's the law. City code states that items such as this must not be placed along a public right of way.

Flood Safety

- Put important papers in a waterproof container.
- Have a 72 hour kit and other emergency kits such as a first aid kit.
- Audit an existing kit to ensure nothing is expired.
- Information on creating an emergency kit and other disaster preparedness information can be found by going to the Emergency Preparedness Page.
- Keep a safe distance from canals and other waterways, as they could be fuller than normal.

Sandbag Availability And Guidelines

Sandbags and sandbag supplies are available on the northeast side of the Patriot Park Parking Lot. Please follow the instructions and guidelines below

when picking up and/or filling sandbags.

Filling Sandbags

- Wear gloves.
- Bags should only be filled 1/2 - 2/3 of the way full.
- The person holding the bag should be kneeling or sitting down.
- The person filling the bag should make sure to only fill the shovel with the amount of sand they can handle.
- Volunteers understand that there is inherent risk in filling and lifting sandbags. Those volunteering to fill sandbags volunteer at their own risk.

Moving Sandbags

- Sandbags can weigh up to 75 lbs. Use proper lifting techniques to move bags.
- Ensure your vehicle can handle the weight of the bags you are taking.

Placing Sandbags

- Filled sandbags and sandbag supplies are available for residents to pick up and use. See the Maps below for location.
- Residents will be allowed to take 10 sandbags per home.
- Residents are responsible for the sandbags after they are picked up, including disposal of the bags after use.
- Place a plastic tarp under the sandbags.
- Sandbags should be held perpendicular to the ground then dropped into place to allow sand to settle.
- Sandbags should be placed in a staggered brick pattern.

More information including maps of the sandbag location are available at: www.saratogaspringscity.com





April LIBRARY EVENTS

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 through 7 - No programs; Happy Spring Break!
 10 - MESS Kids: Rainbows
 11 - Let's Get Artsy! Age 8-11: Chalk Pastels
 12 - Crafternoon: Caterpillar
 13 - STEAM Kids' Club: Flowers / Plants
 15 - In-N-Out Cover to Cover Program Ends
 17 - MESS Kids: Frog Life Cycle
 18 - Let's Get Artsy! Age 5-7: Tessellations
 19 - Crafternoon: Rainbow Cloud
 19 - WIP Wednesday
 20 - STEAM Kids' Club: Stars / Astronomy
 22 - Success With Potty Training
 24 - Summer Reading Program Registration Begins
 24 - MESS Kids: Butterfly Life Cycle
 25 - Let's Get Artsy! Age 8-11: Tessellations
 26 - Crafternoon: Frog
 26 - Books & Treats Book Club
 27 - STEAM Kids' Club: Music / Sound

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

7 Easter eggs in various colors (pink, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, purple) are lined up at the bottom.



Pressurized Irrigation
 WILL BE CHARGED
 APRIL 15

To Prepare:

- Make sure the valve connecting your system to the city system is in the OFF position
- Turn off your sprinkler system
- Check the DNR weekly lawn watering guide to see when to start watering your lawn

www.saratogaspringscity.com/pressurizedirrigation



Spring Yard Clean UP
 SAVE THE DATE
 MAY 11 - 20

www.saratogaspringscity.com/springcleanup

Spring Cleaning Awareness

By: Thomas Gwynn, Storm Water Division

Proper handling and disposal of hazardous materials is critical to insuring our environment remains pollutant free. We would like to inform our residents of upcoming events that may aid in your disposal of these difficult-to-dispose of items.

The Utah County Health Department is holding a household hazardous waste and E-waste collection event throughout the month of April at the following locations:

- Ace Intermountain Recycling Center, 249 W. 700 S., Pleasant Grove

- North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District, 2000 W. 200 S., Lindon.
- South Utah Valley Solid Waste District, 2400 W. 400 S., Springville.

Please visit Utah County Website for more details at www.health.utahcounty.gov/hhw/.

The City will also be holding its annual spring cleanup event. This event will be held in May; for more information please see the City's website at www.saratogaspringscity.com/Springcleanup.

Thank you for utilizing the hazardous waste disposal opportunities. Please reach

out to us with any concerns you may see regarding improper disposals in our waterways, and remember, only rain down the drain.



Speed Limit FAQ's

By: Saratoga Springs Police Department

We often get questions about speed limits and the speed at which drivers can legally drive. The following FAQ's address many of these questions. The Saratoga Springs Police Department hopes this information is helpful and that drivers will keep this in mind while driving in Saratoga Springs so that we can all safely travel.

Who sets speed limits?

Speed limits in the City of Saratoga Springs ("City") are set by the respective highway authority. Speed limits for Redwood Road, Mountain View Corridor, Pioneer Crossing, and other state roads are determined by the Utah Department of Transportation ("UDOT"). The speed limits for City roads are determined by the City Manager after consultation with the City Council.

What are the speed limits in the City?

The speed limits are often posted on speed limit signs per the specifications of the highway authority. However, when no speed limit is posted, the speed limits are 20 mph in a school zone, 25 mph on a neighborhood street, and 55 mph on a highway.

At what speed can I receive a ticket?

A person may receive a ticket at 1 mph over the speed limit. The fine of \$130 is the same whether a person is driving 1 mph or 10 mph



over the speed limit. If a person is traveling 100 mph or more the fine increases by 150%.

Is it always lawful to drive the posted speed limit?

No. According to the Utah Code, a person may not operate a vehicle greater than that which is "reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions, giving regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing." Examples of the conditions or situations that may necessitate a slower speed than the posted speed limit include

but are not limited to the following:

1. Bad weather;
2. Poor road conditions;
3. Presence of pedestrians;
4. Approaching and driving through an intersection;
5. Approaching and driving around a curve in the road;
6. Approaching a hill crest;
7. Approaching an emergency vehicle with lights activated at the side of the road;
8. School zones or residential streets with children nearby;
9. Narrow or winding roads; and
10. Driving at a speed that leads to failure to control the vehicle or stay within a lane.

In any of these conditions or situations, a driver may be issued a citation for speeding even if the driver is not exceeding the posted speed limit.

Employment Opportunities

FULL-TIME POSITIONS

- Water Maintenance I & II
- Sewer/Storm Water Maintenance I or II
- Sewer Maintenance III
- Streets Maintenance III or IV
- Maintenance Supervisor Sewer

- Public Improvements Inspector I
- Planner II
- Police Officer
- Seasonal Maintenance

PART-TIME POSITIONS

- Court Clerk
- Reserve Police Officer
- Sports Official (Adult & Youth Programs)
- Recreation Site Supervisor
- Crossing Guard
- Seasonal Maintenance

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

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.