

# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Annual Employee Recognition

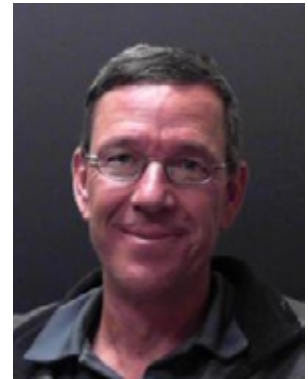


**Cindy LoPiccolo - City Recorder  
Employee of the Year**

Cindy LoPiccolo is a truly remarkable individual who embodies dedication to our City's success. She is a consummate professional and goes out of her way to make a situation easier for everyone.

With unwavering kindness, understanding, and support for her colleagues she creates an inclusive and welcoming work environment where everyone feels valued and heard. She always has a smile on her face which brightens the work space for those around her. She fosters a culture of collaboration and innovation, always showing she cares about the employees and the City.

Cindy will be retiring at the end of the year. Her contributions to our city deserve to be recognized and celebrated.



**Lance Parkinson - Water  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Excellence in Leadership**

Lance has done an amazing job dealing with significant staffing shortages while simultaneously keeping up with the City's extraordinary growth and the demands that brings to his department.

When there are concerns brought up, Lance and his team quickly respond and address the issue. When there are issues that cannot be handled by his team, Lance does not attempt to hide or disguise the problem but brings it to the attention of our management team so we can provide additional insight and ideas to solve the problem.

Throughout all his years of service, Lance has been an essential leader in our City's drinking and irrigation water system operation and maintenance team.

# Community Calendar



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 7

Council Chambers

6 PM

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

November 9

Council Chambers

6 PM

November 30

Council Chambers

6 PM

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

November 14

Conference Room

6 PM

## IMPORTANT DATES

VETERANS DAY

November 10

City Offices Closed

## GENERAL ELECTION

November 21

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 23 & 24

City Offices Closed

## EVENTS

### BUSINESS COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

November 9

Public Safety Community Room

10 - 11 AM

### VETERANS FLAG CEREMONY

November 11

Patriot Park

11 AM

### CELEBRATE IN SARATOGA

Begins November 27

See advertisement on page 4

## Recreation Programs:

### Registration Ending Soon:

- High School Jr Jazz Basketball - Closes November 13

### Upcoming registration

- Girls Fastpitch Softball
- Youth Baseball
- Spring Soccer
- Spring Pickleball League
- Spring Adult Softball

[saratogasprings-ut.gov/recreation](http://saratogasprings-ut.gov/recreation)



## Holiday Harmony: Keeping Utilities Uninterrupted and Safe

By: Brad Davis, Code Compliance Inspector



During the festive holiday season, it's crucial to exercise caution and refrain from tampering with city utilities. This time of year brings a wave of enchantment, with

twinkling lights and decorations adorning homes and streets, often involving the use of electricity and public services. Interfering with city utilities can have severe consequences.

City utilities, such as electricity, water, and sewage systems, are vital for the functioning of the community. Interfering with or tampering with city utilities, such as street lights, roads, water lines, or sewer lines, can result in catastrophic accidents, endangering lives and property. Service disruptions can negatively impact your holiday celebrations, daily life and even jeopardize critical services and can strain

City resources and taxpayers' wallets.

Celebrate safely and enjoy the season while respecting the importance of undisturbed city utilities, ensuring a festive and secure environment for all.

If you have any questions about holiday light displays please contact the City prior to performing any installations.

*Photo by: Ken Harvey*



## GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 21, 2023










## November 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.*

- 1 - Crafternoon: Leafy Hedgehog Magnet
- 2 - STEAM Kids Club: Junk Bots
- 6 - MESS Kids: Colors
- 7 - Let's Get Artsy! age 5-7: Air Dry Clay
- 8 - Crafternoon: Acorn Characters
- 9 - STEAM Kids Club: Owl Pellets
- 11 - Library Closed for Veteran's Day
- 13 - No Programming
- 14 - Let's Get Artsy! age 8-11: Air Dry Clay
- 15 - Crafternoon: Turkey Sticker Mosaic
- 16 - STEAM Kids Club: Codes
- 20 - MESS Kids: 5 Senses - Taste
- 22 through 27 - No Programming
- 22 - Closing Early: 5 PM
- 23 through 25 - Library Closed: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29 - Crafternoon: Christmas Kindness Chain

*Let's Get Artsy! and STEAM Kids Club take a break after Thanksgiving and will return in January.*






## CELEBRATE IN SARATOGA and STEP INTO CHRISTMAS


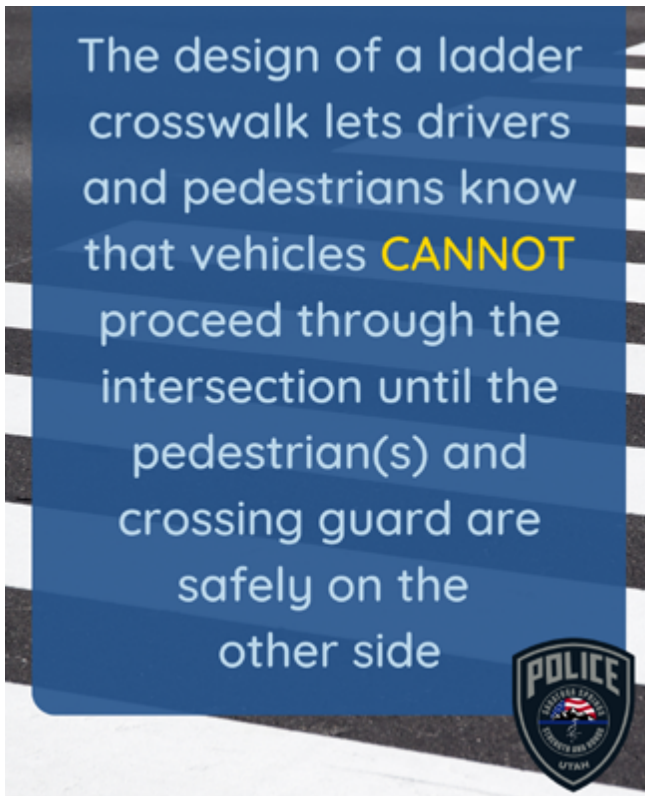
### EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- November 27- Children's Art Contest submissions due
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 2- Silent Santa
- December 4- Holiday Community Orchestra Concert
- December 11- Family Holiday Magic Show
- December 13- Christmas Jars - Stuff The Jar Night charitable holiday carnival
- December 16- Letters to Santa must be turned in to receive a response


details for all events:  
[www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/celebrateinsaratoga](http://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/celebrateinsaratoga)



Pepsi Cola  
Rocky Mountain  
Power

The design of a ladder crosswalk lets drivers and pedestrians know that vehicles **CANNOT** proceed through the intersection until the pedestrian(s) and crossing guard are safely on the other side



## Council Spotlight: Ryan Poduska (2020-2024)



Ryan Poduska was raised in Orem, Utah and later moved to Saratoga Springs for a few years while attending BYU, where he studied film and business. After marrying the love of his life, Crystal, they slowly moved their way up from Provo to Pleasant Grove and finally settled down in Saratoga Springs. This is the place they have called home for over eight years while raising four wonderful children and can't

imagine for a second any other place they would rather call home.

Ryan has worked in various roles within the film industry for the past fifteen years and continues to enjoy the occasional producing, project management, motion graphics, animation, and web design projects that come along periodically from clients such as EnergySolutions, BYUtv, and many others.

Ryan has a passion for serving others and became involved in 2012 as the president of The Villages at Saratoga Springs HOA where he served in that capacity for nearly five years. This is a very active HOA with currently over 700 homes along with future regional commercial development. During his service, he had dedicated countless hours in improving communication, transparency, systems, organizational structures, budgets, and listening to and educating the local residents about the

“how’s” and “why’s” of the HOA. During those years, he also attended regularly city council meetings and the occasional planning commission meetings, to not only help keep the residents within their HOA informed about city matters that affect them, but in also taking an active role in the developer submittal process to ensure that the HOA is pleased with what is being built without infringing on anyone’s property rights.

Ryan was extremely humbled and honored to be appointed as a member of the city council for the interim term ending January 2020 and has worked tirelessly to serve the fantastic residents of Saratoga Springs in hopes of strengthening our sense of community along with maintaining the unique aspects of our beautiful city throughout his service.



## E. coli In Our Waterways?

By: Thomas Gwynn, Storm Water Management Division



E. coli in our waterways? Yes, scary but a true and real possibility. Just this year, the Department of Environmental Quality for the State of Utah has targeted

a new nuisance for the Jordan River Watershed. Surprisingly, the pollutant that they are now targeting is the bacteria *Escherichia coli*; better known as E. coli.

This bacteria is commonly found in both human and animal waste, and in some cases, E. coli can be considered a waterborne pathogen. We need to keep these pathogens and waste products out of the storm drain system.

When walking your dog, please do not discard their waste in the storm drain system, but rather discard it in a trash receptacle. The storm drain system is not a sewer or septic system, and as such does

not receive appropriate treatment before the storm water discharges to the Jordan River or Utah Lake.

If you happen to witness raw sewage or any Illicit Discharge coming from any storm pipes, please report this to the Public Works Department or Storm Water Division at (801) 766-6506. We are here to investigate and apply any necessary measures to correct these Illicit Discharges.

Let's do our part in keeping our Storm Drain System and the Waters of the State free of these bacteria and protect the waterways we love.



## Safeguarding Important Documents and Money In An Emergency



In today's unpredictable world, being prepared for any situation is essential. One aspect of preparedness often overlooked is organizing important documents and securing your finances. **Organizing Important Documents**

Having quick access to vital documents during emergencies can make a significant difference. Start by creating a digital and physical file containing essential papers like identification documents, medical records, insurance policies, and important contacts.

Utilize waterproof and fireproof containers for physical copies and store digital copies in secure cloud services.

Regularly update these documents to ensure they remain current.

### Securing Your Finances

Economic stability is fundamental during crises. Establish an emergency fund in a separate account, ensuring it's easily accessible. Store some cash at home in a safe place, providing immediate access if electronic transactions are disrupted. Additionally, maintain a list of account information, contact numbers, and passwords, securing them in a password-protected file. Regularly review your financial plans and update beneficiaries to guarantee your family's financial well-being.

By focusing on these aspects of preparedness, you're not only ensuring your family's safety but also enhancing your ability to handle unexpected challenges. Stay vigilant, stay prepared, and remember, readiness today can secure a safer tomorrow.

[beready.utah.gov/family-preparedness/12-areas-of-preparedness/important-documents-money/](https://beready.utah.gov/family-preparedness/12-areas-of-preparedness/important-documents-money/)

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE

November 9  
10 - 11 AM  
Public Safety Community Room  
367 S Saratoga Road  
*Light Refreshments Served*

Topics:  
-Signage - What is allowed  
-Q&A on Planning,  
Zoning and Economic  
Development

## Employment Spotlight

### • Electrician

- Job Status: Full Time
- Rate of Pay: \$27.46 - \$33.64
- Schedule: Monday - Thursday

### • Sports Official

- Job Status: Part Time
- Rate of Pay: \$13.44
- Schedule: Monday - Saturday (hours vary)

For more information on this and other positions visit:  
[www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/employment](https://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/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:  
801-766-6510

### OTHER FACILITIES

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