

# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Transportation

By: Mayor Jim Miller & Representative Jefferson Moss

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Utah's nation-leading growth has converged on Saratoga Springs – sprouting new homes, restaurants, businesses, and bumper-to-bumper rush hour traffic.

When you're sitting at a standstill between where you've been and where you want to go, you begin to reflect on life's pressing issues – like – why am I still sitting in traffic? The answer is both simple and complicated. So, before we dive into the weeds, we want to recognize your frustration and provide you with hope for the future of Saratoga Springs.

Here's the good news: the Utah Transportation Commission has allocated 10 percent of the approximately \$7.7 billion state highway capacity funding through 2030 for projects in House District 51 – a critical crossroads between Cedar Valley and Utah Valley, Salt Lake County and Utah County, and our homes in Saratoga Springs.

This historic investment is the result of our work to ensure transportation dollars followed the data, funding projects in areas experiencing acute congestion and growth. Areas like Saratoga Springs.

In the Beehive State, the Legislature has invested historic sums in transportation; however, legislators and mayors don't directly fund state road projects. Instead, UDOT funds road projects based on recommendations from Utah County's regional transportation planning group – the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG).

Over the past six months, we have worked with MAG to improve their plan for transportation in our area. MAG has been working to update its transportation planning formula to better address growth and congestion in our region. We worked with other Utah County legislatures and mayors to successfully push for a change to the formula to prioritize roads where they are needed most while being prudent about Utah's limited resources.

In total, the Transportation Commission has committed more than \$750 million for the Utah Department of Transportation to build transportation projects that will keep our community moving.

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Community Calendar



<b>CITY COUNCIL MEETING</b> March 19	Council Chambers	6 PM
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING</b> March 14 March 28	Council Chambers Council Chambers	6 PM 6 PM
<b>LIBRARY BOARD MEETING</b> March 12	Conference Room	6 PM
<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> <b>PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SYSTEM CHARGED</b> The week of April 15		
<b>EVENTS</b> <b>MISS SARATOGA SPRINGS PAGEANT</b> March 9	Lake Mountain Middle School	7PM
<b>SPRING FESTIVAL</b> March 18 - 23	See advertisement on page 3	
<b>CITY HALL/LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING</b> March 18	367 S Saratoga Rd	4 PM
<b>BREAKFAST WITH PLANNERS</b> March 21	Public Safety Community Room *New Location	8:30 -10 AM
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>YAPPY HOUR</b> April 27	See advertisement on page 6	

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

- Tennis Lessons
  - Tennis League
  - Summer Adult Grass Volleyball (Women’s, Coed)
- Spring Pickleball League
  - Track & Field
  - Instructional Baseball
  - Youth Pickleball League - June



# JOIN US

NEW CITY HALL/LIBRARY

GROUNDBREAKING

**MARCH 18  
4 PM**

**PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
367 S SARATOGA RD**

Join us for the  
groundbreaking, a  
special story time  
and a touch a truck  
event



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



## Breakfast WITH PLANNERS

**March 21  
8:30 - 10 AM**

**Public Safety  
Community Room  
(367 S Saratoga Rd)**

There will be one  
session with the  
following topics:

- Transportation Master plan (including trails)
- The decision Making process and Public input
- Planning Q&A



# SPRING FESTIVAL

**March 18-22** Adult Egg Hunt, **City's Website**  
**March 22, 9 PM sharp!** Teen Egg Hunt, **Patriot Park\***  
**March 23, 9 AM sharp!** Kids Egg Hunt, **Patriot Park\***

**\*New Location**

More info can be found at: [SaratogaSprings-ut.gov](http://SaratogaSprings-ut.gov)

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## Transportation Cont.

Soon, four miles of new roadway on the Mountain View Corridor will stretch from 2100 North in Saratoga Springs to Porter Rockwell Boulevard in Herriman. The \$350-million project will usher in upgrades at the 2100 North/Redwood Road Interchange and improve traffic flow with its completion anticipated in fall 2025.

Redwood Road along Utah Lake will exceed capacity in the next two years. UDOT is doing an analysis of the Foothill Boulevard corridor, a natural southward extension of Mountain View Corridor.

We also supported a pedestrian crossing under Redwood Road.

Importantly, they set aside \$395 million to transform 2100 North into a freeway with UDOT construction beginning in 2026.

We realize these massive multi-million-dollar projects seem to move at a snail's pace compared to our rapid growth. Between our big families and the magnetic pull of the best economy in the nation, Utah is buzzing with activity and Saratoga Springs is at the epicenter. We're all experiencing the growing pains.

On average, 2,700 people move to Saratoga Springs each year. In a decade, we will nearly double in size. By 2060, about 124,000 people will call this community home, and 39,000 will work here. Eagle Mountain and Cedar Valley are much the same story.

Fortunately, the Transportation Commission and MAG are sending transportation resources in our direction. We will continue to work together to solve these transportation issues. The wheels are turning. We're making sure of it.

## Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant

March 9

7 PM

Lake Mountain Middle School

Tickets available online

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

### Saratoga Springs City

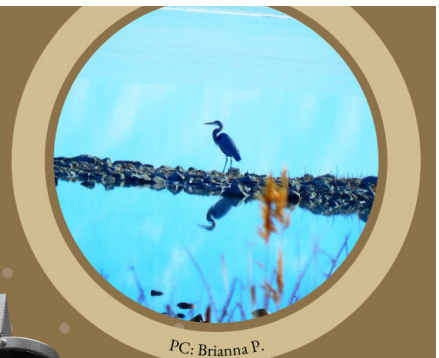


#### Annual Photo Contest

April 1–30, 2024

Theme: Saratoga Springs-  
Explore the Great Outdoors

FOR DETAILS:  
[SaratogaSprings-ut.gov](http://SaratogaSprings-ut.gov)





Your Voice Matters! How is life in Saratoga Springs?

Saratoga Springs has joined the Utah Wellbeing Project to conduct a public wellbeing survey. All adult residents (age 18+) are encouraged to participate in this survey. It will take about 10 minutes to complete. Disponible en Espanol! Thank you for supporting your community.

[tinyurl.com/saratogasprings2024](https://tinyurl.com/saratogasprings2024)



For more information, contact Dr. Flint at [courtney.flint@usu.edu](mailto:courtney.flint@usu.edu)



**Read 5 books or 300 minutes and earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out.**

*Ask the librarian for details.*



**It's time for our Cover to Cover program again! The program starts on Saturday, March 2nd and runs through Saturday, April 13th.**



## Water Run Off

By: Isaac Silvas, Storm Water Inspector



During the winter season we have received a good amount of snow in the City of Saratoga Springs and in the mountains. With that being said, the City of Saratoga Springs gets hit with water run-off. We need to be aware of the situation and try to prevent any flooding from happening.

With the weather warming up, we need to be prepared for the run-off.

Storm water run-off comes from rain or melting snow that does not immerse into the ground. Storm drains and any sort of water containment collects that storm water and discharges it to local bodies of water. Ideally, storm water run-off would be free of contaminants.

In reality, storm water does pick up pollutants such as animal waste, pesticides, fertilizers, salt, oil, grease, soil and debris and transports them to water ways where they are discharged with no treatment. You can identify storm drains by the open grates along the curb and gutter on roadways.

What is an "Illicit Discharge?" An illicit discharge is anything entering a storm drainage system that is not composed entirely of storm water. These illicit discharges end up in storm drains, pipes, and ditches and make their way to local bodies of water.

Residents can also prevent illicit discharge by ensuring that sanitary waste is always disposed of in the sanitary sewer system (sinks, toilets or tubs), washing the car in the yard rather than the driveway, and by disposing of hazardous waste at the nearest household hazardous waste facility. Disposal of anything other than storm water in storm drains is illegal.



## Emergency Preparedness FOOD

There are a lot of stories throughout history of people eating strange things because they were starving. Through war, famine, political and economic turmoil, natural and man made disaster, people have been known to eat tree bark, shoes, dirt, pets, and worse. Have a basic food storage supply for maintaining your energy and health in an emergency, and to keep yourself and your family from hunger and malnutrition. Gathering and storing food and other supplies now will help your family "be ready" for an emergency and have peace of mind in the event of a disaster.

Determine the dietary needs of your family members. Are there allergies or other food restrictions?

Make a list of the foods that your family eats for a month and create a

one month menu of foods that can be made from your pantry and food stores. Make sure you are covering the basics of nutrition.

Store a MINIMUM one month food supply in your home for you and your family. Work towards a three month supply.

Create a food and emergency storage room or area in your home.

Develop and maintain a food rotation system to prevent waste.

Try new foods and recipes to add to the variety in your food storage. Keep the ones you and your family like and will eat. Information from: [www.beready.utah.gov](http://www.beready.utah.gov)



## Employment Spotlight

### • Utility Billing Clerk/Receptionist

- Job Status: Part Time
- Rate of Pay: \$17.26 - \$21.14
- Schedule: Monday - Friday

### • Facilities Technician

- Job Status: Full Time, Non-Exempt
- Rate of Pay: \$18.29 - \$22.40
- Schedule: Tuesday - Saturday

For more information on these and other positions visit:  
[www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/employment](http://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/employment)

## Office Hours

### CITY HALL

1307 N. Commerce Dr

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

319 S Saratoga Rd

Monday - Thursday  
9 AM - 5 PM

Phone Number:  
801-766-6510

### OTHER FACILITIES

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