



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Halloween Safety Tips

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 1  
October 15

Council Chambers 6 PM  
Council Chambers 6 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

October 10  
October 24

Council Chambers 6 PM  
Council Chambers 6 PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

October 8

Conference Room 6 PM

IMPORTANT DATES

COLUMBUS/INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY  
October 14 City Offices Closed

PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION SHUT OFF

Week of October 15 See information on page 3

EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL  
October 4

Shay Park 5 - 8 PM

PIE WITH PLANNERS

October 30

Public Safety Community Room 12-1:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

VETERAN'S FLAG CEREMONY  
November 9

Patriot Park 11 AM

CHILDREN'S VISUAL ART CONTEST

Submissions Due December 2 See advertisement on page 5



HAPPY HALLOWEEN  
TRICK OR TREAT





# FALL FESTIVAL

## OCTOBER 4

### SHAY PARK | 5-8 PM

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

**Sponsored by:**




Pepsi Cola | Intermountain Health  
Avative | Harris Orthodontics | Zions Bank  
We Win Injury Law | Republic Services

[WWW.SARATOGASPRINGS-UT.GOV/FALLFESTIVAL](http://WWW.SARATOGASPRINGS-UT.GOV/FALLFESTIVAL)

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

**Jr. Jazz Basketball**



## Pressurized Irrigation

WILL BE TURNED OFF  
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

- Leave the valve connecting your system to the city system in the ON position to allow the system to drain.
- After November 1 close the valve connecting your system to the city system to prepare for spring.

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

## RAP Tax

### Recreation, Art, Parks & Culture

#### Argument For

Proposition 13 relates to whether the City of Saratoga Springs ("City") should impose a sales tax of .001 (1/10th of a penny) on each dollar spent in the City to fund recreational, cultural, botanical, and zoological facilities, programs, and non-profit organizations (commonly referred to as a "RAP tax"). This amounts to one penny for every \$10 spent or ten cents for every \$100 spent for non-food transactions. Sales tax on food transactions will remain unchanged. The RAP tax will help meet the recreational and cultural needs of a growing city with over 60,000 residents. The City Council encourages residents to vote **"YES"** on Proposition 13 for the reasons herein.

Recreational and cultural activities are valued aspects of the lives of City residents. Recreational and cultural activities provide opportunities for individuals, families, and seniors to improve their mental and physical health, build relationships and community, spur creativity, and advance general well-being. Saratoga Springs continues to grow and add exceptional parks and cultural activities and programs that draw people to our community from the whole region. These activities will be enhanced by the passage of the RAP tax.

Those who use the parks, rec-

reational, and cultural programs and facilities should help pay for the upkeep and growth of such. Revenue from the RAP tax comes from all shoppers (residents and non-residents) who shop here and come here to recreate and participate in activities such as Splash Days. Approximately 71% of point of sales transactions in Saratoga Springs come from individuals and businesses from outside the city. In other words, those who recreate here but don't reside or pay property taxes will help pay for the recreational and cultural services they enjoy when they visit our City if the RAP tax is approved.

Most surrounding cities have a RAP tax. These cities include but are not limited to Lehi, American Fork, Highland, Alpine, Cedar Hills, Pleasant Grove, Lindon, Orem, and Provo. The amount of 1/10th of a penny for each dollar spent is not a deterrent for those who choose to shop in other cities. For example, non-resident shoppers will still choose to shop in the City regardless of the imposition of the RAP tax, and these shoppers will help fund the City's growing recreational and cultural amenities they enjoy. The RAP tax is not imposed on food transactions, so the majority of revenue will come from non-essential transactions.

If approved, RAP tax funding

may be used to support services such as:

- Theatre and musical performances
- Arts and cultural festivals and programs
- Parks
- Playing fields
- Sports courts
- Trails
- Marinas
- Amphitheaters
- Splash pads
- Swimming pools
- Recreation centers

The City Council encourages residents to help support recreational and cultural activities, programs, and facilities in the City by voting "YES" on Proposition 13. The RAP tax will be a major benefit to the lives of City residents and help fund many of the activities, services, and programs that make this such a great place to live.

-Saratoga Springs City Council

Public meeting to hear arguments will be held Oct. 15, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. City of Saratoga Springs Council Chambers 1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, Saratoga Springs, UT 84045

**No Argument Against was submitted.**

## General Voting Information

The General Election will be held on November 5, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Information regarding the location of ballot drop boxes, polling places 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 the location of an additional polling place, may be found at:

the Utah County Clerk Election Website:

[www.vote.utahcounty.gov](http://www.vote.utahcounty.gov)

the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website:

[vote.utah.gov](http://vote.utah.gov)

the City of Saratoga Springs website

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

To obtain information regarding the location of a polling place, voters may also call (801) 851-8128, or email [Elections@utahcounty.gov](mailto:Elections@utahcounty.gov)

# Pie With Planners

October 30

12-1:30 PM

367 S Saratoga Rd

Public Safety

Community Room



**Celebrate  
in Saratoga**

by participating in the:  
**“Home for the  
Holidays”**

**Children’s Visual Art Contest**  
 (for all students Kindergarten-High School)

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



## Why Raking Matters

By: The Storm Water Division

Can you believe it? Fall is almost here.

There’s something special about fall with its crisp air, cozy gatherings, and colorful leaves. It’s a beautiful season that brings our community closer together. One way you can contribute to our community this season is by making sure to rake up your leaves.

Raking your yard offers several benefits beyond the simple joy of jumping

into a pile of leaves. For instance, leaving leaves on your lawn for too long can block sunlight from reaching the grass, leading to dead patches. Additionally, leaves left in your yard can be blown or washed into storm drains. When too many leaves enter the storm drain system, they can clog the drains, causing excessive flooding, and create a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Leaves that enter our storm drains

may also be washed into Utah Lake or the Jordan River. Once there, they decompose, causing the water to become cloudy, promoting algae growth, and harming wildlife.

So this season, as you enjoy your fall festivities, please make sure to rake up those leaves and dispose of them properly. Thank you!

## Emergency Preparedness Cooking



Can you prepare food without your normal kitchen appliances? It's important to know how to safely make meals when the lights are out and the gas is gone.

You can eat "ready to eat" meals for a while, but you will need something more substantial for longer-term physical and mental health. Some foods require cooking before they are safe to eat and can slow the deterioration of food as well. Cooking is not only used in the preparation of food, but also in purifying water, and sterilizing pots, pans, utensils and medical equipment.

Having a safe source of cooking heat and knowing different means of cooking are vital to "be ready" for emergency survival.

- Learn how to safely use BBQ and other outdoor cooking equipment.
- Gather cooking equipment and keep it in working order.
- Safely store cooking fuels (charcoal, wood, propane) according to local regulations.
- Learn how to safely build, start, and put out a fire using a variety of different starting and extinguishing methods, then practice.
- BONUS: Build additional cooking supplies like a solar box oven or soda can stove.

Information from [beready.utah.gov](http://beready.utah.gov)

## 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

213 N 900 E  
Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 5 PM

Phone Number:  
801-766-6510

### OTHER FACILITIES

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

## Employment Spotlight

### • Legal Assistant

- Job Status: Full Time
- Rate of Pay: \$21.87 - \$26.25
- Schedule: Monday - Friday

### • Planner I, II or Senior Planner

- Job Status: Full Time
- Rate of Pay: \$52,816 - 81,066
- Schedule: Monday - Friday

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