



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Annual Employee Recognition



**Melissa Grygla - Library  
Director  
Excellence In Leadership**

Melissa is an incredible library director. She is compassionate, and kind, and goes above and beyond for our residents. She is doing an incredible job at keeping the library running smoothly and finding ways we can better serve the community. Melissa is an advocate for the library, library staff, and the community. We would like to recognize Melissa for all of the hard work she has put in over the past years to help our library grow and continue to be a valuable resource for our residents..



**Zachary Beglarian - Po-  
lice Department  
Sergeant  
Employee Of The Year**

Zach has proven to be a reliable and knowledgeable member of the department. Zach has helped the department run smoothly by helping to enforce policies, and ensuring staff has the proper equipment and training needed for their jobs. This along with daily communication ensures everyone is on the same page. Zach is kind and approachable. He has gone above and beyond to help new employees feel welcome and part of the team. His contributions help officers in the department have the training and equipment they need to serve our community.

# Community Calendar



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 19

Council Chambers

6 PM

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

November 14

Council Chambers

6 PM

## IMPORTANT DATES

### ELECTION DAY

November 5

Library will close at 5 PM

### VETERAN'S DAY

November 11

City Offices Closed

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

November 28 & 29

City Offices Closed

## EVENTS

### VETERAN'S FLAG CEREMONY

November 9

Patriot Park

11 AM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHILDREN'S VISUAL ART CONTEST

Submissions Due December 2

See advertisement on page 3

### CELEBRATE IN SARATOGA

Events December 2 - 16

See advertisement on page 3

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

## Jr. Jazz Basketball

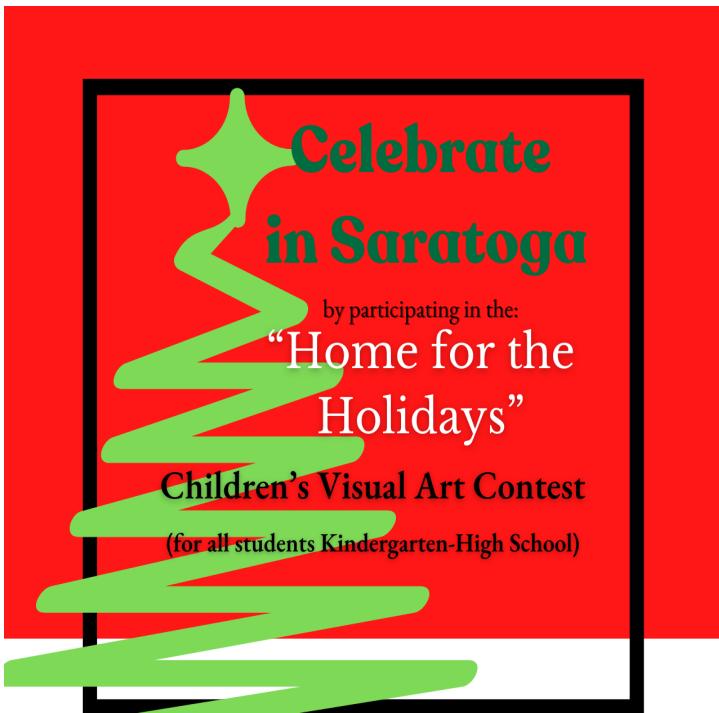


# VETERANS FLAG CEREMONY

Honoring all who served

**Saturday, November 9**  
**11 AM**  
**Patriot Park Monument**

Hosted by the  
Saratoga Springs Veterans Council



details at:

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



# 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

**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)

## Ballot Drop Box Access Map



### City of Saratoga Springs Passport Office

NEED A PASSPORT?  
Schedule an appointment today  
Our team is here to help guide you!

## Draining Hot Tubs And Swimming Pools By: The Storm Water Division



Maintaining a hot tub or swimming pool can create challenges for many homeowners. When preparing your hot tub or swimming pool for winter, please discharge your water to the ground when feasible. Some helpful tips to help prevent downstream damage are listed here:

- Discharge water slowly to prevent

soil runoff, especially if your property is sloped.

Filter or skim your water to prevent solids from entering the groundwater or storm drain system.

When discharging, ensure that your water does not flood properties downstream.

Prevent nuisance conditions such as those caused by ponded water for prolonged periods of time.

If it is not feasible to discharge to the ground and you need to use the City's storm drain system, make sure that the water has been dechlorinated or unsalinated first. You can do this by shutting off the cleaning system for a week and allowing

## Emergency Preparedness Important Documents

It is important to have printed copies of documents for identification and reference during an emergency and to help in post-emergency recovery. At the same time, during disasters, ATM machines, banks, and credit card readers may be inoperable. Having cash on hand will help cover costs until normal services resume.

It is important to have your important documents in order and have some finances set aside to "be ready" for emergencies and hard times.

- Gather and make copies of your important documents and put the originals in a fire/water proof safe or safe deposit box.
- Put COPIES of important documents in disaster supply kits.
- Secure digital copies of important documents in a secure cloud account.
- Put together an ICE (In Case of Emergency) finance book.
- BONUS: Include in your budget a percentage of each check until you have at least a \$1000.00 emergency fund. Keep the cash in small bills and store it with your important documents in the safe.

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



the chlorine to dissipate. Follow your pool or hot tub manufacturer's instructions to do so. Please measure the chlorine levels before discharging water, even low concentrations of chlorine are harmful to aquatic life, measure the pH to ensure the range is within 6.5-9.0 as this pH level is considered to be safe for aquatic life. Pool test strips can be found at most pool suppliers and most home improvement centers.

For more information on discharging pool/spa water please visit the Utah Department of Environmental Quality website at [deq.utah.gov/division-water-quality](http://deq.utah.gov/division-water-quality) and search pool water discharge.



## Cooking Safety Tips From the Fire Department

### Deep Frying a Turkey

- Stay away from the house - Set up the turkey fryer more than 10 feet away from your home and keep children and pets away. Never leave unattended.
- Find flat ground - The oil must be even and steady at all times to ensure safety. Place the fryer on a flat, level surface and carefully gauge the amount of oil needed.
- Use a thawed and dry turkey - Make sure your Thanksgiving turkey is completely thawed and dry. Extra water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over. If oil spills from the fryer on the burner, it can cause a fire.
- Monitor the temp - Use caution when touching the turkey fryer. The lid and handle can become very hot and could cause burns. Also be sure to keep track of the oil's temperature as many fryers do not have their own thermostats.
- Be prepared - Have a fire extinguisher (multipurpose, dry powder) ready at all times in the event that the oil ignites.

Information from:

<https://www.pbs.org/food/features/five-safety-tips-for-deep-frying-turkey>

### Extinguishing Grease Fires

- Turn off the heat source!
- Remove all oxygen from the source by smothering the fire with a pot, pan lid or baking sheet.
- Use baking soda or a dry chemical fire extinguisher if needed.
- DO NOT use water to extinguish a grease fire.



### Basic Cooking Safety

- Do not leave cooking food unattended.
- Do not leave anything that can catch fire near a heat source. Items such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, dish towels or food packaging.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove.
- In case of oven fire, quickly turn off the oven and keep oven door closed.
- Keep children and pets away from stove and oven.
- Keep knives out of reach of children.



## 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)