



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Celebrate In Saratoga

The Holidays are a special time in Saratoga Springs as the Library and Civic Events departments team up to provide a variety of fun activities for our residents. Celebrate in Saratoga is a multi-week event that starts the Monday after Thanksgiving. Kids in the community are invited to write a letter to Santa and either put it in Santa's mailbox at any Celebrate in Saratoga event or Santa's mailbox at the Library. Letter templates can be found on the city website. Letters that include the child's address and are turned in by December 16 will be answered by Santa.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 2. Santa arrives at 6 PM followed by a tree lighting program and holiday firework show at 6:30 PM. Often those needing special accommodations find it hard to find a time or place to visit with Santa. Saratoga Springs is excited to hold their annual Silent Santa event on Saturday, December 7. This event provides a time to meet Santa in a low-stress, quiet environment. Attendance at this event is by registration only. Registration opens in November each year.

The Saratoga Springs Arts Council hosts multiple holiday events each year starting with The

Children's Visual Arts Contest. Contest submissions will be accepted through December 2. Winners will be announced at the Holiday Orchestra Concert on December 9 at 7:30 PM at Vista Heights Middle School. This free, family-friendly concert is traditionally marked by a visit from Santa and a holiday gift for all of the kids in attendance. The Saratoga Springs Youth Council is proud to partner with the Westlake Student Council again as a sponsor of the Christmas Jars Program. The Youth Council and the Miss Saratoga Springs Royalty invite residents to join them at the Stuff the Jar Night, Holiday Carnival on December 11 at Westlake High School at 5 PM. All proceeds earned will go to help families in need in Saratoga Springs. Our holiday events end with a family movie night featuring "Home Alone" on December 16 at 6 PM at Thunder Ridge Elementary.

Many of these fun activities have become family traditions for our residents. We are pleased to continue to work with other groups in

the community to provide fun family events and activities to help everyone celebrate the holiday season. Events that bring the community together help make Saratoga Springs a great place to live, work, and play and ensure that Life's just better here.

For more information on these events go to: [www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/celebrateinsaratoga](http://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/celebrateinsaratoga)



# Community Calendar



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

December 3

Council Chambers

6 PM

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

December 12

Council Chambers

6 PM

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

December 10

Council Chambers

6 PM

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

December 24  
December 25

City Offices Closed at 1 PM  
City Offices Closed

**NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY**

December 31  
January 1

City Offices Closed at 3 PM  
City Offices Closed

**LIVE TREE DISPOSAL**

December 27 - January 10

See advertisement on page 5

**EVENTS**  
**CELEBRATE IN SARATOGA**

December 2 - 16

See advertisement on page 3

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

- Spring Soccer
- Girl's Fast Pitch Softball
- Youth Baseball
- Adult Spring Softball
- Pickleball League





## Citizen's Academy Class Of 2024

By: The Police Department



Conducting traffic stops, investigating crime scenes, and analyzing blood splatter may sound like the plot of a TV show, but these are just some of the exciting, hands-on experiences offered in the Saratoga Springs Police Department's Citizen Academy. Participants have the chance to engage in a variety of interactive learning

opportunities throughout the course, gaining real-world insights into police work and law enforcement techniques.

This program, held annually in the fall, is meant to give citizens a chance to learn what officers do on a day-to-day basis as well as allow citizens to ask questions they might have about officers' jobs. It is a free nine-week academy offered to any citizen age 21 and up living in Saratoga Springs or Bluffdale City. Classes are held in the Community Room at the Saratoga Springs Public Safety Building one evening a week for a couple of hours.

If you are interested in learning more about being part of the fall 2025

class please fill out this application: [www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/citizensacademy](http://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/citizensacademy) If you have questions about the academy send them to [mhamer@saratogasprings-ut.gov](mailto:mhamer@saratogasprings-ut.gov). Get a video peek into what the academy looks like on our Facebook page.



### "Home for the Holidays"

Monday, December 2, 6 PM, Neptune Park

annual Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa and fireworks

Saturday, December 7, 9 AM-1 PM, Public Safety Building

Silent Santa (must pre-register)

Monday, December 9, 7:30 PM, Vista Heights Middle School

Holiday Orchestra Concert and art contest winners

Wednesday, December 11, 5 PM, Westlake High School

Stuff the Jar Night (community carnival fundraiser)

Monday, December 16, 6 PM, Thunder Ridge Elementary

Free Family Movie Night (Home Alone)

- 8 PM, Saratoga Springs Library: Letter's To Santa must be turned in to receive a response.

Sponsored by:



Rocky Mountain Power

Pepsi Cola

Harris Orthodontics



**NEW SERVICE CALENDAR**  
AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER

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

## Preparing For The Cold Season

### By: The Storm Water Division

As fall fades and winter approaches, it's important to consider how seasonal changes impact our environment. Preparing for winter isn't just about staying warm—it's also about protecting our stormwater systems. Here's how you can help reduce stormwater pollution and keep the City of Saratoga Springs clean:

1. **Properly Dispose of Green Waste:** To prevent stormwater pollution, it's crucial to manage your green waste properly. Avoid leaving grass clippings, leaves, and other organic debris on the road or near storm drains. Instead, bag your green waste and dispose of it in the trash. For large quantities, consider using a green waste disposal facility. Additionally, sweep or blow any stray clippings back onto your lawn. This practice helps

keep pollutants out of our storm drains, reducing the risk of water pollution.

2. **Drain Sprinklers and Hoses Correctly:** Make sure to thoroughly drain your sprinklers, hoses, and irrigation systems to avoid freeze damage. Discharge the water into your storm drains only if it is free from contaminants. Proper drainage prevents excess water from accumulating and potentially carrying pollutants into the stormwater system.

3. **Get Salt and Ice Melt Early:** Winter storms can catch us off guard, so it's wise to stock up on salt and ice melt in advance. However, be mindful of the quantity you use. Over-application can lead to salt runoff, which can contaminate water bodies and harm aquatic life. Use these products sparingly to manage ice

while minimizing environmental impact.

4. **Keep Curb Areas Clean:** Ensure that any objects or trash are removed from the curbside near your home. This simple step helps snowplows operate more efficiently and prevents debris from entering storm drains. Reducing curbside litter helps keep pollutants out of our stormwater system, contributing to cleaner waterways.

By following these tips, you'll help reduce stormwater pollution and contribute to a healthier environment for everyone. We appreciate your commitment to keeping Saratoga Springs clean and protecting our water resources. Thank you for doing your part!





## Live Christmas Tree Disposal

DECEMBER 27 - JANUARY 10

- Drop off trees north of the south fire station building off of Ring Rd
- Please remove all lights and decorations
- Live trees ONLY

WWW.SARATOGASPRINGS-UT.GOV

## Emergency Preparedness Transportation & Navigation

Transportation is about getting you, your loved ones, and basic preparedness supplies from Point A to Point B. Point A is anywhere that is not safe and Point B is where you may find safety for a time. Navigation is knowing where you are, where you are going, and the safest routes to take. Having emergency evacuation plans with details about where to go and how to get there are important to any preparedness plan. “Be ready” with the plans, knowledge, and tools you need to get you safely from here to there, wherever here and there may be.

- Make a plan for two areas to evacuate to in an emergency. One outside your home, and another outside your neighborhood.
- Have a comfortable, sturdy pair of shoes with each emergency kit.
- Learn how to use a map and compass.
- Put a compass and maps of your local area in your emergency kits.
- Keep fuel tanks in vehicles at least half full.
- Maintain vehicles with spring and fall tune-ups, and before long road trips.
- Make plans for transportation needs of children, elderly, those with access and functional needs, and pets.

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

# Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant

Applications available online December 1  
[www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/misssaratogasprings](https://www.saratogasprings-ut.gov/misssaratogasprings)

Register by January 23, 2025

## Strengthening Family Bonds Over The Holidays

There is no better time to strengthen the most important relationships in your life than the holiday season! Holidays are typically the time of year that families from near and far gather for celebrations. This is a great time for families to engage in activities together to build relationships. Spending time together helps strengthen family bonds, builds resiliency in children, and creates lasting memories.

Try a few of these fun, inexpensive activities this holiday season. They are sure to bring your family closer together:

- Have a “no phone/technology rule” during dinner or other family activities, so family members are encouraged to talk, share and interact with one another. Make it a game and see who can go the longest without being on their phone!

- Play games together. Family Game Night is a great way to bring everyone together, create fun memories and even teach social skills.

- Watch a movie together with popcorn and other snacks to make it a special night. Time together is what childhood memories

are made of.

- Cook together! Baking or preparing special foods or treats are a great way to instill cooking skills in youth. Young children can wash vegetables, set the table help mix, and frost cookies. Teaching children new skills builds family bonds.

- Express appreciation for one another through acts of kindness. A hug or heartfelt “thanks” reinforces your love and support for family members.

- Make time for each child individually to build a sense of belonging and a feeling of importance.

- If grandparents visit, spend time sharing family traditions and stories about past generations. Sharing family traditions gives family members a sense of belonging and strengthens values and beliefs.

Spending quality family time together strengthens family bonds and provides each family member with a sense of belonging. No matter what activities your family engages in, the memories that you create throughout the holiday season will be special and lasting.



## Employment Spotlight

### • Storm Water Coordinator

- Job Status: Full Time
- Rate of Pay: \$29.12 - \$34.95
- Schedule: Monday - Thursday

### • Maintenance I - Streets

- Job Status: Full Time
- Rate of Pay: \$20.43 - \$24.52
- Schedule: Monday - Friday

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

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.