



THE SARATOGA VIEW

Employee Recognition



Employee of the Year

Shylee Nielson
Maintenance Worker
Public Works - Parks

Shylee Nielson, a CDL Class A holder and Certified Playground Safety Inspector, brings professionalism and pride to every project, from managing Patriot Park tournaments to overseeing playground safety and coordinating volunteer efforts.

Her innovative ideas, like infield home plate mats, save resources while improving quality, and she plays a key role in civic events like Splash and Fall Fest. Shylee's leadership, dedication, and commitment to team success make her a valued and inspiring member of the Public Works Department.



Excellence In Leadership

Cindy Coombs
Battalion Chief
Fire

Chief Cindy Coombs has been a tremendous advocate and example in all she does, for and on behalf of the City of Saratoga Springs. Chief Coombs has been a crucial part of Saratoga Springs Fire & Rescue over the course of her career. She has been an advocate in helping and assisting other women who seek a career in the Fire Service.

Chief Coombs has a tremendous and diverse resume, and it is her collective body of work that makes her so impressive and amazing! She is as passionate about serving others today, as she has ever been in her life.

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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING****November 18**

Council Chambers

6 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**November 13**

Council Chambers

6 PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**November 11**

Conference Room

6:30 PM

IMPORTANT DATES**ELECTION DAY****November 4****VETERAN'S DAY****November 11**

City Offices Closed

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**November 27 & 28**

City Offices Closed

EVENTS**VETERAN'S FLAG CEREMONY****November 8**

Patriot Park

11 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS**CELEBRATE IN SARATOGA**

See advertisement on page 5



Your Vote Makes a Difference! Prepare For The November 4 General Municipal Elections

Easy Ways to Cast Your Ballot!

All active, registered voters, in Utah County, unless otherwise requested, were mailed a ballot three weeks before election day (the week of October 15). There are several options to return your ballot:

- **Ballot Drop Boxes:** Secure ballot drop boxes are available throughout Utah County. Drop boxes are open as soon as ballots are mailed and remain open until 8:00 PM on Election Day, November 4, 2025. A drop box is located in the north end of the Saratoga Springs City Hall parking lot.
- **Early In-Person Voting:** Early voting will be held each weekday from Monday, October 27 through Friday October 31, 2025 at the Utah County Elections Office, located at 100 E Center Street, Suite 3100, Provo, UT 84606, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each weekday.
- **Vote by Mail:** Ballots can be returned through US Postal Mail. Voters should mail ballots back early to ensure timely receipt by the Elections Office. **Under new state law, all ballots must be received at the Elections**

office by close of polls on election day to be counted. Postmarks are no longer used to determine whether a ballot has been returned on time.

- **In-Person Voting Centers:** If you prefer to vote in person on Election Day, or need assistance, voting centers will be open on Election Day.
- **Voting Information, Early Voting, Ballot Drop Box Locations, Voting Center Locations, and more:** For all the specifics, including dates, times, locations, and sample ballots, please visit: vote.utahcounty.gov. You can also contact the Utah County Elections office at 100 East Center Street, Suite 3100, Provo, Utah 84606, or call 801-851-VOTE (8683).
- **Candidate Information:** Want to learn more about the candidates on your ballot? Visit vote.utah.gov for voter information on candidates.
- **Accessibility for Voters with Disabilities:** If you require assistance to vote in an accessible manner, please visit vote.utahcounty.gov, or contact the Utah County Elections office at 801-851-8128.

VETERANS FLAG CEREMONY

Honoring all who served

Saturday, November 8

11 AM

Patriot Park Monument

Flag Ceremony

Patriotic Program

Recognition of new monument honorees



Employee Recognition Cont.



Excellence in Leadership

Jake Motter
Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works - Parks

Jake Motter, a Certified Arborist and Certified Park and Recreation Professional, has played a critical role in improving parks operations through key projects such as signage installation, GIS mapping, and landscape development. He leads with expertise and initiative—streamlining snow operations, advancing inventory tracking, and mentoring staff toward professional certifications.

Jake's dedication, leadership, and problem-solving make him an indispensable team member and a true role model within the Public Works department.

Employee of Merit Award Winners

Bella Bailey-Palafox
 Library Assistant
 Library

Wendy Wells
 Deputy City Recorder
 Recorder

Certificate of Excellence Award Winners

Corrine Prestwich
 Civic Events Coordinator
 Public Relations & Community Outreach

Jennifer Weight
 Crossing Guard Supervisor
 Police

November LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library is closed on Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans Day

We have multiple programs each week; many require registration. See the Calendar of Events on our website for more information.

The Library is closing its current location at 5 PM on Wednesday, November 26; we will re-open at our new location in January.

Remember: programming is for Saratoga Springs Public Library cardholders, and registration is required for most programs.

saratogasprings-ut.gov/library



Draining Hot Tubs and Swimming Pools

By: The Storm Water Division



Can you believe it? Fall 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 unsalted first. You can do this by shutting off the cleaning system for a week and allowing

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 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, 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.



Recreation Programs: saratogasprings-ut.gov/recreation

Jr. Jazz Basketball High School (9-12 Grade)

