



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## Water Conservation & Future Sustainability

By: David S. Johnson, PR & Economic Development Director

In 2015, Saratoga Springs City officials saw an increasing need to address an unsustainable trend in high irrigation water usage. This trend was further compounded by a rapidly growing population and a flat rate system that was not financially sustainable, nor did it encourage water conservation in an arid climate.

At the time, homes and businesses were using levels of irrigation water that far exceeded the allotment of water rights tied to their individual properties. When each new home or business development is built in the City, a specific allotment of water rights is dedicated to the City for the property to use.

**“Average usage...decreased 27 percent per customer....”**

When homes and businesses use more than their allotment, it begins to dip into the allotted water rights of other property owners. When several properties exceed their allotment, it then increases the financial burden of the City to purchase more water rights and invest in additional capital infrastructure to supply the larger amount of water being consumed.

Unfortunately, property owners across the City were using far more than their allotment of water every month during the irrigation season. This level of water usage, coupled with one of the fastest growing populations in Utah, was proving unsustainable for the City to fund the needed additional infrastructure and continue to operate the system.

To encourage residents and businesses to lower their water usage, the City switched from a flat-rate system to a per-thousand gallon, tiered system that is based on the lot size and allotment of water

rights of a property. In addition, the City lowered the per-acre base rate, which took into account the months that residents and businesses were not using irrigation water.

As a result, if a property owner now uses less than their allotment they will save money compared to prior years. However, if they use more than their allotment the payment of their bill will now contribute to the capital needed to sustain the higher level of usage.

Fortunately, the City has already seen a dramatic improvement in water conservation. Since implementation in 2015, city-wide water usage by residents and businesses decreased from nearly 1 billion gallons in 2015 to less than 800 million gallons in 2016—a 21 percent decrease—despite rapid growth. However, more telling than the total city-wide usage was the average usage per customer decreased by 27 percent per customer among residents and businesses.

As we continue to yield these more sustainable levels of water usage and conservation, we will better ensure that our community has adequate infrastructure capacity, funding, and staff resources to feasibly support the growing need for increased capacity for years to come.

To help further the water conservation effort, please remember to adjust your irrigation system to use less water as temperatures cool. To determine your water allotment, please check your monthly water bill. To determine what water usage is right for your home or business and estimate your monthly bill based on your acreage and usage, visit Saratoga Springs City's website at [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com) and click on the “Irrigation Calculator” link in the right-hand sidebar. We would like to invite you to the Water Open Houses at City Hall on September 20, 2017 and October 18, 2017 from 5pm to 7pm.



# 9/11 FIREWORKS SHOW

WITH A PERFORMANCE BY: THE UTAH NATIONAL GUARD 23RD ARMY BAND @ NEPTUNE PARK, 7PM  

## Community Calendar

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>SEPT 5</b>	Work Session	6pm
	Business Meeting	Immediately After Work Session
<b>SEPT 19</b>	Work Session	6pm
	Business Meeting	Immediately After Work Session

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

<b>SEPT 14</b>	City Council Chambers	6:30pm
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### WATER OPEN HOUSE

<b>SEPT 20</b>	City Council Chambers	5 - 7pm
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>SEPT 11</b>	Fireworks Show @ Neptune Park	7pm
<b>OCT 6</b>	Fall Festival @ Shay Park	5 - 8pm

### FLU SHOTS

<b>SEPT 12</b>	Utah County Vaccination Clinic	11:30am - 3:30pm
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### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

<b>SEPT 4</b>	Labor Day	Library Closed
<b>SEPT 6</b>	Book Club	7 - 8pm
<b>SEPT 9</b>	Farm Day	10am - 2pm
<b>SEPT 12,19,26 &amp; OCT 3</b>	Parenting w/ Love & Logic Classes Register online at <a href="http://www.healthyrelationshipsutah.org">www.healthyrelationshipsutah.org</a>	7 - 9pm
<b>SEPT 13 &amp; 20</b>	*Mermaid Story Time	10:30am
<b>SEPT 14</b>	Food \$ense CREATES	6:30 - 7:30pm
<b>SEPT 29</b>	Presentation on Immigration Options	6pm

\*Mermaid Story Time, Math Club & S.T.E.A.M Club require tickets or registration. Register at: [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library)

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS CONT.

<b>MONDAYS</b>	Preschool Story Time	10:30am
	Preschool Workshop	11am - 12pm
	English-Spanish Story Time	4pm

<b>TUESDAYS</b>	Music & Movement	10:30am
	Little Builders	11am - 12pm
	*Math Club 3rd - 5th	4 - 5pm

<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Lap-Sit Story Time	10:30am
	*Math Club K - 2nd	3 - 4pm

<b>THURSDAYS</b>	Music & Movement	10:30am
	Little Builders	11am - 12pm

	*Kids S.T.E.A.M. Club	4 - 5:30pm
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<b>FRIDAYS</b>	Crafternoon	2:30 - 6:30pm
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### BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Register at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/Library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/Library)

<b>SEPT 12</b>	Family Life	5:30 - 7pm
<b>SEPT 26</b>	Art	5:30 - 7pm

For info on more great things going on in Saratoga Springs visit: [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com)

## UDOT Walking School Bus App

Have you heard of the UDOT's Walking School Bus app?

This forward-thinking app makes walking and biking to school easier and safer than ever. It's like a carpool without the car!

The app allows parents to search by elementary school for existing walking groups, create new groups and invite neighbors to join, plan walks to and from school, assign parent leaders to walk with students, and group text within the app. It also alerts parents when students have arrived safely at school.

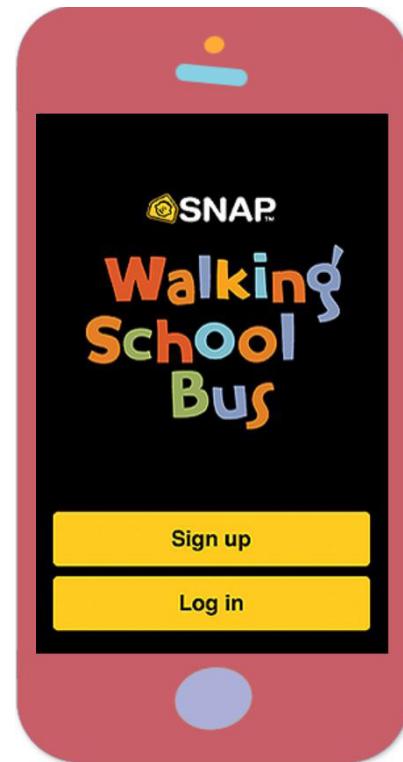
The UDOT Walking School Bus app even tracks Miles Walked, Calories Burned, Trips Reduced & Emissions Saved.

As UDOT works to create better access on Redwood Road and improve our roads for the ever-growing traffic in our community, check out alternative means, like UDOT's Walking School Bus app, to help get your kids get to school while relieving traffic and increasing safety during this busy time.

For more information about UDOT's Walking School Bus app and other great ideas for parents, follow the links below:

**UDOT's Walking School Bus App:**  
[www.udot.utah.gov/snap](http://www.udot.utah.gov/snap)

**Redwood Road Updates:**  
[www.udot.utah.gov/redwoodsaratoga](http://www.udot.utah.gov/redwoodsaratoga)



## Parking On Public Streets

By: Brian Miller, Assistant City Attorney



All those that live, work, and play in Saratoga Springs want a safe and desirable community. Our city council, police department, code enforcement and residents all must work together to achieve these goals.

Recently, the city council adopted new traffic and parking ordinances. These changes can be found on the city's website. Please familiarize yourself with our city code. The following are a few points we all need to remember:

- Parking a vehicle in one spot on

a public street for more than 48 hours is prohibited. 13.08.06

- It is unlawful to keep any trailer, unattached camper, or boat on a public street. 13.08.05

- All vehicles used on or parked on public streets, must have valid registration and both front and rear license plates. 13.08.08

- It is unlawful to park a motor vehicle or trailer on a city street, highway, or shoulder area for the purpose of displaying it for sale. 13.08.07(3)

## Disasters Don't Plan Ahead, But You Can

By: Ray L. Mills, CERT Program Manager

September is National Preparedness Month. We should all take action to prepare! We can help first responders in our community by training how to respond during an emergency and what to do when disaster strikes – where we live, work, and visit.

The goal of "National Preparedness Month" is to increase the overall number of individuals, families, and communities

that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school, and place of worship.

Your Saratoga Springs Fire, Search and Rescue, and CERT Team invite you to become involved this September and "Plan Ahead."

**September 1st – 9th** Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends.

**September 10th – 16th** Plan to Help your Neighborhood and Community.

**September 17th – 23rd** Practice and Build Out Your Plans.

**September 24th – 30th** Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger.

For more information go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

# Library Growing Leaps & Bound

By: Melissa Grygla, Library Director



This summer was busier than ever for the Saratoga Springs City Library. Our patron counters had an astounding count of 22,265 people who walked into the library or attended one of our programs in June and July. We had over 34,313 checkouts and we only own 24,000 items.

For residents who have lived in Saratoga Springs for a while, you've seen the growth in the library over the last five years. We've expanded our business hours from 20 hours a week to 52 hours a week. Programming has increased from one story time a week to multiple programming opportunities, all

currently listed on our website.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our volunteers. Next time you attend a story time, or see your child's tutor or a shelver in the library be sure to thank them helping provide these excellent services. Without their volunteer hours maintaining our daily operations would not be possible.

This growth has brought us many opportunities. However, it's also made it much more important for our customers to make sure their children are being safe while they are visiting the library. Please

keep your little ones with you, so that they don't get knocked down or hurt by running into someone, climbing the bookshelves, or performing other acrobatic feats inside the library.

The library is open to everyone, and as such, needs to maintain a safe and comfortable space for all. We ask that children under 5 remain within arm's reach of their caregivers and that children under 8 not be left at the library without an adult present.

JOIN US FOR THE SARATOGA SPRINGS

# Fall Festival

SPONSORED BY SMITHS MARKETPLACE  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 5-8 PM  
SHAY PARK- 358 ASPEN HILLS BLVD

Train rides, petting zoo, inflatables, climbing wall, free games, face painting, rockets, STEM activities, trick or treating, food trucks, and more

Stick around for the moon party from 8-9 and view the full moon through telescopes

**Smith's Marketplace**

**CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Towne Storage**

UTAH JAZZ YOUTH BASKETBALL  
**JR. JAZZ**

**Who:** Girls and Boys in Kindergarten through 2nd grade  
**Register:** July 3 - September 5  
**Season:** The 8-game season runs October 14 - December 16  
**Cost:** \$55. All late registrations are placed on a wait list with a \$10 late fee if called off of the list

**Who:** Girls and Boys in 3rd through 10th grade  
**Register:** September 4 - November 6  
**Season:** The 8-game season runs Starts in January  
**Cost:** \$65. All late registrations are placed on a wait list with a \$10 late fee if called off of the list

\*Games on Saturdays, unless there is need to combine with another City due to a lack of teams

## Citizens Academy



Ever want to experience and learn what it is like to be in a Police Officer's shoes?

Join the City of Saratoga Springs Citizen Academy and participate in nine courses that will teach you first-hand about a variety of topics, including: Use of force, DUI's, Radar/Lidar, Crime Scene Investigation, Domestic Violence, CPR, Firearms, and Emergency Vehicle Operations.

**When:** Wednesdays, Sept. 27 – Nov. 15, 7pm – 9:30pm

**Who:** Must be 18 years or older and reside or work in the City of Saratoga Springs or Bluffdale.

**What:** Applicants must pass a background check

For more details, please contact the Saratoga Springs Police Department at 801.766.6503.

## Water Open Houses

Learn how your utility bill is calculated and how to read your meter to estimate monthly water usage. City staff will be on hand to answer questions regarding water projects and questions related to water in Saratoga Springs.

Wednesday, September 20

Wednesday, October 18

5 - 7 pm

City Hall

1307 N. Commerce Dr.



## Helping Our Youth

Communities That Care (CTC) is working to prevent youth problems here in Saratoga Springs. CTC helps strengthen communities, families, and the school system as we raise, protect and teach our children.



The success of the CTC process depends on the efforts of a wide range of participants. Saratoga Springs' Community leaders have agreed to participate in the CTC process and we are now looking for community members to join our efforts.

There will be an orientation September 28, 2017 to explain CTC's purpose, how it benefits our community and the role of community members in the process. To participate, please contact Caryn Nielsen at [cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com](mailto:cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com) or 801-888-9147.

## Veterans Advisory Council



If you are a veteran or the spouse of a veteran, please apply to join our new Veterans Advisory Council. You will work with other local volunteers and make recommendations to the City Council on local veteran affairs. Applications are available at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents).

## Preparing Storm Drains for the Wet Months

By: Darl Brown, Storm Water Coordinator

Summer is drawing to a close with wet and colder seasons soon to arrive. With that brings a lot of moisture that we all need—as long as we're prepared for it.

Help prepare for the wet months by cleaning and maintaining the curbs and gutters in front of your home.

If you have a storm drain inlet near your property, please take the time to clean off the top of this grate. Doing so helps the water flow from rain showers and snow storms to continue moving throughout miles of storm drain inlets, pipes and outfalls.

Water is one of our most precious commodities. We all live down stream and that water eventually ends up in our rivers and lakes. As a community we can all do our part to help preserve that natural resource for years to come.

## Handel's Messiah Auditions



The 5th annual Community Messiah performance will take place on December 4, 2017 at Westlake High School.

Choral and Orchestra rehearsals begin on October 8, 2017

Soloist Auditions will be on October 14, 2017 at the Saratoga Springs city offices.

To register for the choir, orchestra and for more information on musical selections and rehearsal venue, go to

[www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents)

## Get Into The River Festival



As part of the annual "Get Into The River" Festival, the City of Saratoga Springs and Lehi City are co-hosting a Jordan River Parkway Cleanup

There will be prizes for the heaviest garbage bag and other prizes for individuals, families and more. Treats & garbage bags

will be provided. Please be sure to bring your own gloves.

**When:** September 16 at 9am

**Where:** Jordan Willows Park

## Office Hours

### CITY HALL

Monday - Thursday

7am - 6pm

Friday  
8am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-9793

### LIBRARY

Monday - Friday

10am - 8pm

Saturday  
10am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-6513

### RECREATION

Monday - Thursday

8am - 5pm

Phone Number:  
801-766-9793 ext. 211

## City Jobs

### FULL-TIME POSITIONS

- Maintenance Worker I, II, III, or IV – Streets
- Maintenance Worker I, II, III, or IV – Water
- Police Officer I, II, or III

### PART-TIME, TEMPORARY, OR SEASONAL POSITIONS

- Building Permit Technician
- Library Clerk
- Substitute Crossing Guards

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Library Board Member

For the latest updates, visit:  
[www.saratogaspringscity.com/employment](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/employment)