

NORTH SALT LAKE INSIDER

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY

• Financial Health

As we begin 2019, I am again pleased to report that the City is in good, stable condition. Our General, Public Utility and other funds are sound and we currently have a reasonable reserve. In 2018, we adopted a General Fund budget of \$11,205,593. We've maintained the City's "rainy day" fund at 25% of the General Fund, the maximum allowed by State Law. The City has very little long-term debt, most of which has been issued for water and parks projects. The City has a diverse tax base and healthy industrial park that assist in keeping our property tax rates reasonable.

Most City assets are in good repair, although as these assets age, repairs to roads and other infrastructure will require increased investment. We currently have 60 miles of roadway, 86 miles of culinary water lines, 16 miles of secondary water lines, and 42 miles of storm drain lines in North Salt Lake. Although built for varying degrees of useful life, many of these are over 30 years old. Our goal is to maximize use through proper maintenance and repair. In 2018, Utah State University assisted the City in completing a comprehensive road condition survey. This project was an important step in putting together a tool that will help the City Council make important decisions about where to spend limited road repair funds over the next five years. We are also identifying existing and projected revenue sources



to pay for these projects. We are committed to re-invest in roads, water lines and other utilities so that City services are useable, safe and efficient.

• City Landscape Changing

Technology, recreation and shopping habits continue to affect our local economy. Sadly, we recently lost Winegar's grocery store and Orchard Bowl, two longstanding businesses in our community, due to changes in consumer preferences. These changes were not unexpected, and the City has made efforts to plan for the past and coming economic changes. In 2013, the City updated its General Plan after community outreach to see how residents wanted the areas along Highway 89, Orchard Drive and Redwood Road to develop. The Plan



recognized the demand for some higher density housing along these corridors as well as a desire for mixed-use commercial plans that could be supported by the community. This metamorphosis is now accelerating, and the face of the City is changing. Although there are still underutilized properties along these corridors, we are attracting high quality construction projects and businesses, largely along the lines of our General Plan.

• New Businesses

In general, these changes have been positive for our community. Property values continue to increase, the City provides a wide variety of housing options, streetscapes are improving, and our City is becoming more economically vibrant. Retail growth continues Redwood Road. Over the last year, we welcomed Ace Hardware next to Lee's Marketplace, Our Kitchen Café, Pace Setters, Goldenwest Credit Union and others. Also, on the west side of the City, Spectrum Academy opened an expansion on the southeast corner of Cutler and Foxboro Drives. In December, the City welcomed R&R Barbecue to the corner of US89 and 2600 South. We also approved mixed-use office buildings on the Orchard Bowl site as well as north of City Hall. We permitted several new industrial and retail projects throughout the City that will be under construction and completed in 2019.



• Quality of Life

As a City, we continue to be concerned about livability issues. With the increase of population in the city center area, we are working to expand and improve Hatch Park. We have done an inventory of our other park assets and are working on a plan to improve Mathis Park as well as other parks around the City. We have

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applied and been approved for grants to install sidewalks along the southern portion of Orchard Drive and along Center Street west of Redwood Road. We also received a grant to build a paved trail that branches off the Legacy Parkway



Trail along the Jordan River.

We are currently in the third year of a five-year plan proposed by our police department to improve public safety in our city. With the growth of our population



and businesses, an increase in staffing was requested and approved by our council. As a result of these changes, we have made progress across a broad range of safety factors in our city.

• Transportation

Construction began in 2018 to reconstruct the I-215 interchange at Redwood Road. To improve this longstanding traffic bottleneck, the City co-funded a traffic study with UDOT resulting in this project that includes the re-construction of the Center Street/Redwood Road



intersection, the widening of Redwood Road between Center Street and I-215, and the addition of new on and off-

ramps to the freeway. This should make access on and off I-215 quicker and easier beginning this summer.

In 2018, the City, in partnership with Woods Cross City and the Utah Department of Transportation, initiated an engineering and right-of-way study for a possible bridge structure on 1100 North that would elevate and separate the road from the main railroad corridor. We have been successful in getting this bridge structure on the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan and we felt that we needed to understand the project needs and costs better in order to move this work forward. We know that east-west travel is frustrating when there are train delays, and the City is trying very hard to advance this project to provide one major east-west route that is not subject to train delays. In 2019, we expect to be able to present this study to the public, hold open houses and



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publish a final study. Funding sources have not been identified for this major improvement yet, but this study will help both cities and the State progress toward the next steps of completing this needed improvement.

• Volunteers

This year, the Council and I would like to give special thanks to all of the various volunteers that make our city such a great place. Public service comes with a price and it is gratifying to see our neighbors taking time out of their busy lives to make our community better. Whether you serve on our Planning Commission, Parks and Arts Board, Uniting Neighbors committee, with the Youth City Council, direct any of our fabulous celebrations and festivals, or help carry out any of these, or the other activities that make this such a great community; we would like to thank you for your selflessness and willingness to serve. For those that want to become more involved, follow us Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or contact City Hall.

Our city continues to grow and evolve. We are blessed not only with great access to the vibrant business climate of the Salt Lake valley, but also the wonderful scenic and recreational opportunities right outside our doors. We will inevitably face challenges, but our future is bright. Thanks to the City's capable employees, citizen volunteers of many kinds, and our great residents. I speak for the entire City Council in thanking you for the opportunity to serve you.



Mayor Len Arave



NOTE FROM CHIEF BLACK

One of the key points of the mission of the North Salt Lake Police Department is to work with our community to not just solve crime, but to prevent it. The department closely tracks many different categories of crime to develop strategies to deter incidents that have a deep impact on individual lives, as well as affect our overall feeling of safety.

Two of the most closely watched and often related crimes in our city are home burglaries and the theft of cars. Car thieves continue to find ways to overcome technological advances that are intended to thwart their thievery, but in North Salt Lake one of the starkest common factors with car theft is very preventable. Keys and key fobs are being left easily accessible to crooks. Nearly half of the motor vehicles stolen in North Salt Lake were taken because of access to keys and push start key fobs. Many of these cars were stolen right from the owner's garages being left open and accessible with keys in the vehicle, or in plain sight in the garage.

Our department is asking all of our residents to be aware of these simple fixes to decrease the likelihood of your vehicle being stolen or your garage and home being illegally entered.

- First, **KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED**, even during the daytime. More than 90% of the reported residential burglaries are simply thieves going in open garages and slightly more than half are during the daytime. If you see your neighbors garage door open, be a good neighbor and let them know.
- 2nd, **KEEP KEYS AND KEY FOBS WITH YOU**, or away from the cars they belong to.
- 3rd, **KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF PLAIN SIGHT** in your vehicle.
- 4th, **USE OUTDOOR LIGHTING ON HOME** or motion detecting lights.

Don't make yourselves an easy target for these crimes, and let's all do our part to help North Salt Lake continue to be a safe city.

Craig Black,
Chief of Police



PROPERTY CRIME
PREVENT IT

- KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED.
- TAKE KEYS & KEY FOBS WITH YOU.
- KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF PLAIN SIGHT.
- LEAVE EXTERIOR LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT OR USE MOTION DETECTING LIGHTS.

 **NSL POLICE DEPARTMENT**
NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH (801) 298-6000

SAVE THE DATE

- Jan 15: City Council Mtg.
- Jan 21: Human Rights Day (Office Closed)
- Jan 22: Planning Commission
- Feb 5: City Council
- Feb 7: VITA Tax Prep begins
- Feb 12: Planning Commission

CONSTRUCTION



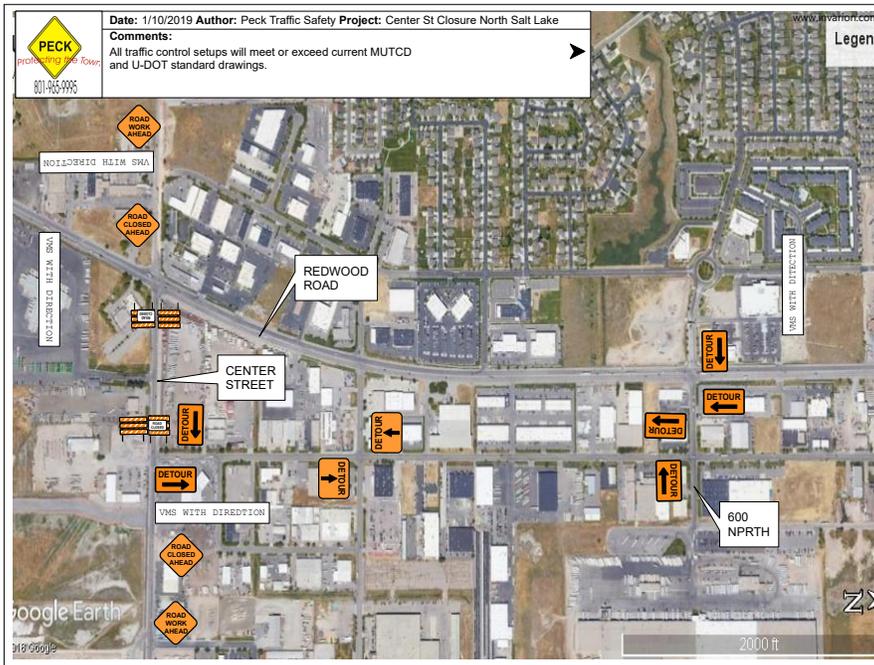
Center Street is scheduled to be closed February 2 (weather permitting) for necessary road work. Hard closures will be at Redwood Road and 700 West. Detour signs will be posted. See diagram below for more information or the City's website www.nslcity.org.

- **DOES THE CITY HAVE YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION?**
- **COULD WE CONTACT YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?**
- **IF YOU'VE DISCONNECTED YOUR HOME PHONE, DO WE HAVE YOUR MOBILE #?**



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Email Alysia at Alysiah@nslcity.org.



DIABETES PREVENTION



Davis County Health Department offers the National Diabetes Prevention Program (PreventT2) to Davis Co. residents. Topics include healthy eating, physical activity, how to face daily challenges of behavior change and more.

Contact the Davis County Health Department at 801-525-5070 for info. or visit <http://go.usa.gov/cJZPV>. Classes for 2019 begin in February, April, July and October. Register today at livingwell.utah.gov!

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- Building Inspections (801) 335-8721
- Burn Plant & Landfill (801) 614-5600
- City Manager (801) 335-8725
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- Code Enforcement (801) 335-8677
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- Mayor (801) 335-8718
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