



NORTH SALT LAKE INSIDER

MAYOR HORROCKS' STATE OF THE CITY



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UPCOMING EVENTS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

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| 1.19: Holiday - Office Closed | 2.10: Planning Commission | 2.17: City Council |
| 1.20: City Council | 2.11: Senior Lunch Bunch | 2.24: YCC Mobile Food Pantry |
| 1.27: Planning Commission | 2.14: 2 nd Saturday Garbage | 2.24: Planning Commission |
| 2.3: City Council | 2.16: Holiday - Office Closed | 2.26: Writing Contest Entries Due |



STATE OF THE CITY - MAYOR HORROCKS



As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share that North Salt Lake continues to move forward with purpose, collaboration, and a strong commitment

to quality of life for our residents. The accomplishments of 2025 are a direct result of engaged citizens, dedicated staff, and a City Council focused on thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship.

At the close of 2024, the City Council approved the creation of three new citizen committees: Civic Events, Trails and Active Transportation, and Arts. Early in 2025, residents eager to serve filled these committees and quickly went to work on behalf of the City. From launching new events and initiatives to advancing a new trails master plan and completing our first public mural project, their impact has been meaningful. I sincerely thank all of our



volunteers, including those serving on the Health & Wellness Committee, Golf Oversight Committee, and Planning Commission, for the time, energy, and creativity you bring to North Salt Lake. Community input continues to play an important role in shaping our City. On January 29, the City hosted a public open house focused on the design of Hatch Park and received 58 written responses offering thoughtful, detailed feedback. That input directly shaped the final design and allowed the City to move confidently into contracting and construction. This year, we broke ground on the demolition and reconstruction of Hatch Park. While the project



experienced a slower start than anticipated, work is now fully underway. When complete, Hatch Park will be a lasting gathering place in our Town Center, built to serve the community for generations to come, funded through existing revenues and requiring no property tax increase.

FOXBORO WETLANDS PARK

We also celebrated the completion of the Foxboro Wetlands Park, a project that began construction last year and included stream dredging, removal of invasive vegetation, habitat restoration, and the installation of new boardwalks. A ribbon cutting was held on September 11 with Foxboro Elementary fifth-grade students joining us for the celebration. While the main project is complete, additional trees will be planted this spring to further enhance the area.



QUIET ZONE REINSTATED

After considerable effort and collaboration with neighboring communities and our congressional delegation, the railroad Quiet Zone was reinstated in March, bringing welcome relief from train whistles at our crossings. While some crossing improvements are still underway, this milestone has made a noticeable difference for nearby neighborhoods.



COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Community celebrations are at the heart of life in North Salt Lake, with an exciting lineup of events held throughout the

year, including the NSL Kite Festival, Winter Lights Fest, Easter Egg Dash, and, most notably, Liberty Fest, our largest and most anticipated annual celebration.



Spanning three days each summer,

Liberty Fest brings neighbors together in a shared spirit of pride and connection. In 2025, increased sponsorships covered approximately 61% of Liberty Fest costs, helping reduce the impact on City resources while allowing this longstanding tradition to continue to grow and thrive. We invite residents to take part in these events throughout the year as we celebrate the strong sense of community that defines North Salt Lake.

MAKE HISTORY WITH US

Be part of Liberty Fest 2026, our biggest year yet celebrating America 250!

Sponsorships offer prime visibility to thousands of people and a chance to support a beloved community tradition.

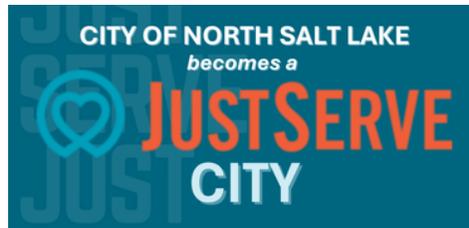
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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS



Maintaining and improving public infrastructure continues to be a priority. This year, the City replaced water and storm drain lines and resurfaced roads in several neighborhoods, including 850, 900, and 950 North, Madsen Lane, Coventry Lane, and Freedom Drive. We also began installing new sidewalk on the south side of Center Street between Orchard Drive and 350 East, an important safety improvement for students walking to Orchard Elementary School.



“JUSTSERVE” CITY DESIGNATION

In September, the City Council approved a resolution designating North Salt Lake as a JustServe City. We were honored to be recognized at the National League of Cities conference as one of only about 100 cities nationwide to formally commit to volunteerism and service. This commitment is reflected throughout our community, including the work of our Youth City Council, which exemplifies service in many meaningful ways, most recently through a service project creating blankets for patients at Primary Children’s Hospital.



AMERICA 250

That same month, North Salt Lake formalized its participation in the America250 celebration, marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Civic Events Committee now serves as the City’s official Utah250 Committee, with commemorative events already underway, from honoring veterans at a special luncheon to hosting a patriotic photo contest. We look forward to expanding these thoughtful, educational efforts and invite residents interested in helping to volunteer with the Events Committee.



Photo by Madison Golden



NEW LOGO DESIGNS

September also marked the approval of the City’s new logo designs. You’ll begin seeing these used more frequently, representing a fresh and unified look as we move into the future.



EXCELLENT FINANCIAL CONDITION

Finally, I am pleased to report that North Salt Lake remains in excellent financial condition. We continue to provide high-quality public services while making important behind-the-scenes improvements in policies, procedures, finance, and auditing. While many of these efforts may not be visible day-to-day, they are critical to building a strong, stable foundation for the years ahead.

Thank you for being engaged, supportive, and proud members of our community. As we begin a new chapter with a new City Council and renewed leadership, I am honored to serve and confident that together we will continue building a North Salt Lake that honors its past and plans boldly for its future.

Brian J. Horrocks

Brian J. Horrocks, Mayor

2026 SHORT STORY CONTEST
THEME: **"MAKE YOUR OWN MAGIC"**

Winners Announced:

- 2026 AUTHOR NIGHT WITH ERIN STEWART
- Thursday, March 5
- 6:30 pm
- NSL City Hall

2026 AUTHOR NIGHT with special author **Erin Stewart**

Socks that teleport? A mug that tells secrets? A pen with a mind of its own? "Make Your Own Magic" is the theme for the 2026 NSL Reads Short Story Contest. Writers of all ages are invited to choose an everyday object, give it a magical twist, and tell us what happens next. Entries are due February 26, 2026, with winners announced at our annual Author Night on March 5, featuring author Erin Stewart. Now in its 11th year, NSL Reads—a program of the NSL Arts Committee—continues to spark creativity and imagination across our community. Join us at City Hall on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the magic of storytelling.



Contest Rules Rules & Info



Preorder Erin Stewart's books by 2.19

SPRING SOCCER

NSL Recreation Soccer returns this spring with Saturday games from April 11 through May 16 at Legacy Park. This recreational program is a great way for kids ages 3-10 to stay active, learn new skills, and have fun with friends.



New Uniforms This Season

The 2026 season launches a new two-year (four-season) uniform cycle, making this a great time to join and be part of the fresh new look.

Early-Bird Savings

Register by January 31 to save \$10 on registration. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to register early.

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Our small family of three moved to North Salt Lake on Halloween of 1999. What began as a temporary relocation quickly became home. We loved the community so much that we put down roots, and for the past 26 years it has been a blessing raising our family here. I appreciate the small-town feel, values, and culture that make North Salt Lake such a special place. My husband, Shandell and I raised our four children in this community, and all of them graduated from Woods Cross High School. We are now enjoying the next stage of life as grandparents to two wonderful grandchildren.

Before choosing to be a full-time stay-at-home mom, I worked as a public school teacher. Over the years I have volunteered in local schools and supported my children's sports teams. I have also taught piano lessons, operated a small interior-design consulting business, and worked outside the home in the automobile industry. I currently serve on the board of the Bountiful Davis Arts Council and on the North Salt Lake Arts Committee. It is an honor to serve in local government. By working together and adding our collective voices to the conversations about what is best for our community, we can continue to create the neighborhoods and city we want.

HATCH PARK REDESIGN

Construction at Hatch Park is officially underway, with heavy equipment now on site and grading in progress. While the project experienced a slower start than anticipated, work is now expected to move forward steadily following the work group's finalization of the park's design plan. Work being done now is grading and utility work in preparation for all of the above-ground improvements. The remainder of the park construction will continue after grading and utilities and is expected to be completed in approximately 18 months or mid to late 2027.

When complete, Hatch Park will be a true jewel of the City, a welcoming, multi-generational gathering space in the heart of our Town Center designed for recreation, connection, and community enjoyment for years to come.



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CITY EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

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2026



Events and Important Dates Holidays-Office Closed Recycling weeks 2nd Sat. Garbage Public Meetings

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| New Years Day - Office Closed | Thurs Jan. 1 |
| Christmas Tree Pick Up | Jan. 5-9 |
| MLK Holiday - Office Closed | Mon Jan. 19 |
| Presidents Day - Office Closed | Mon Feb. 16 |
| NSL Reads Writing Contest: Entries Due | Thurs Feb. 26 |
| NSL Reads Author Night | Thurs Mar. 5 |
| Easter Egg Dash 9 am | Sat April 4 |
| Spring Rec Soccer League | Apr 11-May 16 |
| Purge the Spurge Trail Clean-up 10 am | Sat April 11 |
| Food Trucks Opening Night (Mondays thru 9.21) | Mon April 13 |
| Arbor Day Tree Planting | Sat April 25 |
| Golden Spoke Bike Ride (a JRC event) | Sat May 9 |
| Spring Clean Up | May 15-17 |
| Kite Festival | Sat May 16 |
| Splash Pad On | Sat May 23 |
| Memorial Day - Office Closed | Mon May 25 |
| Summer Recreation Classes Session 1 | June 1-4 |
| Vendor Fair (w/UIC nights only) | Mon June 1 |

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| Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Pride | Mon June 1 |
| Trail Clean-up: National Trails Day | Sat June 6 |
| Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: America250 | Mon June 8 |
| Summer Rec. Classes Session 2 | June 8-11 |
| Juneteenth - Office Closed | Mon June 15 |
| Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Juneteenth | Mon June 15 |
| Summer Rec. Classes Session 3 | June 15-18 |
| Liberty Fun Fair, Races and Volleyball | Sat June 27 |
| Eaglewood Auto Fest | Thurs July 2 |
| Liberty Fest Fireworks | Fri July 3 |
| America's Pot Luck | Sun July 5 |
| Summer Rec. Classes Session 4 | July 6-9 |
| Summer Rec. Classes Session 5 | July 13-16 |
| Summer Rec. Classes Session 6 | July 20-23 |
| Night Out Against Crime & Health Fair | Thurs Aug. 6 |
| Unity in Comm. & Vendor Fair: Back to School | Mon Aug. 10 |

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| Trail Clean-up: 9/11 Day of Service | Sat Sept. 5 |
| Fall Rec Soccer League | Sept. 5- Oct 10 |
| Splash Pad Last Day | Mon Sept. 7 |
| Labor Day - Office Closed | Mon Sept. 7 |
| Get to the River Event | Sat Sept. 12 |
| Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: (A Bolder Way Forward) | Mon Sept. 14 |
| Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Latino Heritage | Mon Sept. 21 |
| NSL Photo Contest: Entries Due | Thurs Sept. 25 |
| Fall Clean-Up | Oct. 9-11 |
| Halloween Trot & Treat Spooktacular | Sat Oct. 24 |
| Veterans Day - Office Closed | Wed Nov. 11 |
| Thanksgiving - Office Closed | Thurs Nov. 26 |
| Winter Lights Fest | Mon Nov. 30 |
| Christmas Day: Dec. 25, 2026 | Holiday |
| New Years Day: Jan. 1, 2027 | Holiday |

- Senior Lunch Bunch: 2nd Wed. of each month @ 11am
- Youth City Council: Every Tues. at 5pm
- YCC Mobile Food Pantry: 4th Tues. (3rd in Nov. & Dec.)

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- ▲ City Council - 1st and 3rd Tues.
- ▲ Planning Commission - 2nd and 4th Tues.

• Visit the website for updated meeting schedules for the Arts Committee, Events Committee, Health & Wellness Committee, Golf Oversight Committee and Trails & Active Transportation

All dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please check website calendar for latest updates: www.nslcity.gov



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