



# Newsletter

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## Cemetery Clean Up Notification

Public Works will be cleaning fall, Christmas, and Valentine items off from the graves at the cemetery the second week of March. If there are items on your loved ones graves that you would like to keep, make sure to remove them prior to clean up.

## Save the Date for Spring Clean Up

The Spring Clean Up dates for 2026 will be from April 11<sup>th</sup> thru April 18<sup>th</sup>. Hours will be from 8 am to 4 pm, closed on Sunday. More details will be coming next month.

## PI System Startup

Public Works will begin filling the pressurized irrigation system mid April, depending on the weather. More information coming next month. Make sure your outside taps are turned off to avoid water running without you knowing.

## Green Waste Disposal

Green Waste Disposal Program: Program will start back up in April and will continue through November every second Saturday of the month. Look for more details next month.

## Open Burn Information

The open burn period for spring is March 30 to May 30. When the open burn window is open, a burn permit must be obtained. All of the rules and information related to the open burn are currently listed on the city's website under the Fire Department's tab, or visit the link below.

<https://bit.ly/4tpJA5N>

## March Meeting Schedule

03/03 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm  
03/03 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
03/10 Development Review Committee 10:00 am  
03/10 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
03/17 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm  
03/17 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
03/24 Development Review Committee 10:00 am  
03/24 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
04/07 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm  
04/07 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook:

<https://www.santaquin.gov/meetings>  
<https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment>

Santaquin City Council, PC, and DRC meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@santaquincity>

All of these meetings are now held in the new Santaquin City Hall building located at 110 S Center Street.

## Winter Parking Information

Winter Parking ends for the season on March 31st. View complete winter parking restrictions here: <https://bit.ly/4aHaTQI>

## Garbage Guidelines

Please remember that dirt, rocks, cement, tree branches, construction debris, equipment, fireworks not soaked in water, hot coals, embers, etc. cannot be put in garbage cans. Also, be careful of the weight of the garbage items you are adding to your cans. If it is too heavy for the garbage truck, you will have to find another way to dispose of your items.

If you have ever wondered where you can dispose of different types of items not allowed in your garbage can you can visit <https://www.suvswd.org/what-to-do-with> to find out.

## Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to the winner of the January 2026 “What Do You Love About Santaquin?” Photo Contest, Brooke Johnson!

Brooke said she took this photo at dusk during a walk at Theodore L. Ahlin Park.

We are glad she shared this amazing sunset with us!

For information on entering the monthly contest you can visit: <https://bit.ly/3NBNjum>. We always look forward to seeing what you love about Santaquin!

## Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the hidden rainbow like the one on the right in this newsletter, email: [kmortensen@santaquin.gov](mailto:kmortensen@santaquin.gov) or [bshupe@santaquin.gov](mailto:bshupe@santaquin.gov) with the location and your contact information by February 28<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to Kristie Nestle for winning January’s Hidden Picture Contest!

## myHometown – Putting the UNITY in our COMMUNITY

Term two was full of fun and learning! A heartfelt thank-you to all of our teachers and students who made the term such a success.

Last term wrapped up with several special highlights, including a recital by piano students, displays from sewing and watercolor classes, and delicious food prepared by our English as a Second Language class. It was a wonderful celebration and a lot of fun for everyone!

It is already time to register for Spring Term Three (2026), and we’re excited about what’s coming. New offerings include Sketching Nature and Gardening, along with a brand-new session of Beginning Watercolor. And for the first time Tutoring for Grades 1-12 will be available. Classes meet on Thursdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m., running March 12 through May 14 with no class on April 9 due to Spring Break. Registration is easy—just scan the QR code and follow the instructions.



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myHometown provides a Children’s Center for children of our students, ages 18 months through elementary school. It is a wonderful service for parents that allows everyone to participate for free.

We are always grateful for volunteers and would love additional help in both the Children’s Center and Tutoring classes. If you’re interested, please email your name and phone number to [sqrc.castillo@gmail.com](mailto:sqrc.castillo@gmail.com).

## Group Fitness Classes

Santaquin City offers a fun and energizing variety of group fitness classes for all fitness levels! Classes are held at two convenient locations—City Hall (110 S. Center Street) and the Recreation Activity Building (190 S. 400 W). Whether you’re looking to move more, build strength, or connect with your community, there’s something for everyone. To explore class options and get started, visit: <https://santaquin.activityreg.com/fitness>.

## Small Business Spotlight: Old Pioneer Press



Old Pioneer Press first came about in 2003 after my father passed away and gave me all of his printing equipment. He initially started printing in 1967. I remember in my younger years working many hours as a family and having printing presses in our garage and some rooms in our house. He later started "Pioneer Press" in SLC. After my father's passing, we started printing in our home and then gradually moved to Main Street here in Santaquin in 2010. This is after having many other careers and businesses, one of them being "Pioneer Pizza" on Santaquin Main Street next to where Ivanovs Market is. We have really enjoyed our history of small business here in this quaint little town. Like all businesses, we've had our ups and downs but have always come through. The building we are in is one of the oldest buildings in Santaquin. Brigham Young gave several discourses right in front of our building.

We do all kinds of printing and book binding and are starting to branch more into hardback books and have helped many people create family heritage books and family histories. We have a team of editors, Amy and Beverly, who have helped people from beginning to end and have inspired many people to write their stories, histories and novels that would normally not be published.

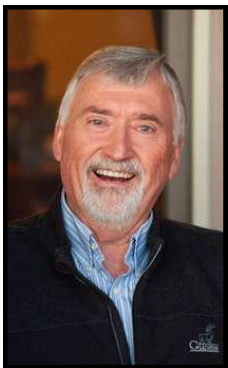
One claim to fame was my boy's baseball coach who told me a story when he was young about a big red bike he wanted so badly and all the crazy things he did to earn the money for it. I turned to him and said "You need to write a book, and I know someone who can help you do that." He smiled, knowing I had a printing business and said "Yeah, I've been starting to write it." His book turned out to be a bestseller and is in most of the Elementary Schools here in Utah. The name of the book is "The Big Red Bike" by J. Tims.

Amy started here in 2012 and learned many layout and design skills from Beverly. They both are wonderful at what they do, keeping the business running and helping people with their projects and books.

We are happy to be here to serve our community and make people's dreams come true.

Kevin Kraut, Owner

## Mayor's Newsletter | March 2026



Happy March to you all,

I wanted to make this announcement earlier but chose to wait until it was formally presented in Council on February 17, 2026.

Four years and two months ago, during a meeting with the regional director and engineers from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), we were informed that the Santaquin Main Street interchange replacement was many years away from even being considered. At the time, many citizens and travelers along Santaquin Main Street and along the Interstate 15 corridor had expressed serious concerns about congestion, difficulty accessing businesses east of I-15, left turns from the northbound off ramp, and what many described as a failing interchange—along with lane capacity issues stretching from Payson and farther south.

In January 2022, we went to work to find a way to move this project forward—potentially moving it up by decades.

On the afternoon of January 27, 2026, after four-years of collaboration with state leaders—including efforts from the Governor’s Office down through regional leadership—I received a phone call from UDOT Region 3 informing me that the new Santaquin Main Street interchange project is officially funded and programming and design will begin immediately.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for a project program manager has been advertised by UDOT. UDOT’s Region 3 engineering and planning teams have directed that the project move forward using a Design-Build approach. This method allows planners, designers, and engineers to assemble a team to complete the initial design work in preparation for a November 2026 construction RFP followed by a summer 2027 construction start.

The project will include:

- Replacement and widening of the Santaquin Main Street overpass
- New traffic patterns to improve flow both on and off the interstate both northbound and southbound
- Rerouting of Highway 198 and Highland Drive to converge at 900 East in Santaquin
- Installation of new traffic signals at the 900 East intersection and at the offramps
- Improvements and modifications to surrounding roads, some of which have already been acquired using County Corridor Preservation funds

Engineers and planners have been meeting directly with property owners—especially business owners—to ensure the final design maintains as much uninterrupted access as possible for both local businesses and the traveling public.

We anticipate additional public outreach and involvement will be held to provide further information and gather additional input.

This effort will expand I-15 to three lanes in each direction from just north of the 800 South Payson exit to approximately four miles south of the Utah/Juab County line. This improvement will help alleviate backups, improve safety on the valley summit, and enhance traffic flow through Santaquin during peak travel times.

Construction is currently planned to begin in summer 2027 and is expected to span two-three construction seasons. The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$300 million. This is classified as a Phase 1 critical project, as our current overpass is the oldest along the I-15 corridor from the Arizona border to the Idaho border.

This is a major win for our community—improving traffic flow, business access, and safety for years to come.

We will need patience during construction, but the Design-Build process gives us confidence that this will be the fastest and most cost-effective way to complete the project and keep it on budget.

**Mayor Dan Olson**