

# Newsletter



## City Office Closure

The city offices will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Tuesday, December 27th for Christmas. We will open at 9:00 am on Wednesday, December 28th. The city offices will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd for New Year's Day. We hope you and your family have a safe and very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Holiday Garbage Pick up Schedule:

Garbage day will be delayed one day the week of January 2nd. Pick up days that week will be Tuesday, January 3rd and Wednesday, January 4th.

## Free Concert

The Santaquin Combined Community Choir and Nebo Brass invite the public to a Christmas Concert "A Star's Light", on Sunday, Dec 11, at 7:00 PM in the Santaquin LDS Stake Center, 50 S 500 W. Bring the Family.

## Snow Plow Information

Santaquin City has more than 77 miles of road. Main Street and SR 198 are plowed by UDOT. The City's three large snow plows are used in the following priority: First, the hillsides and main roads are cleared. After that, arterials (primary access roads) are plowed. Side streets and subdivisions are next, with dead ends and cul-de-sacs being plowed last. For small areas such as cul-de-sacs, where there is not enough room to turn one of the larger plows around, the City's smaller plow is brought in.

Public Works spends hours plowing, often through the night. Please be patient as they work their way around town. Residents are responsible to clear their own driveways, sidewalks and access areas in front of their homes. Please use caution around the snow plows.

## December Meeting Schedule

12/06 No City Council Meetings  
12/13 Development Review Committee 10:00 am  
12/13 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm  
12/20 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm  
12/20 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm  
01/03 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm  
01/03 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook:  
<https://www.santaquin.org/meetings>  
<https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment>

Santaquin City public meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/2P7ICfQ>

## Winter Parking:

Parking is not permitted on City Streets or in right-of-ways from November 1-March 31. For detailed information, see the City Code here:

[https://santaquin.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=7.04.030\\_WINTER\\_PARKING](https://santaquin.municipalcodeonline.com/book?type=ordinances#name=7.04.030_WINTER_PARKING)

## Winter Mail Delivery

Remember to keep the area around your mailbox or cluster unit free of vehicles and snow.



## Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to the winner of the October Photo Contest, Leah Watkins! She took this beautiful photo in Santaquin Canyon.

For information to enter contest visit: [santaquin.org/page/photo-contest](http://santaquin.org/page/photo-contest).



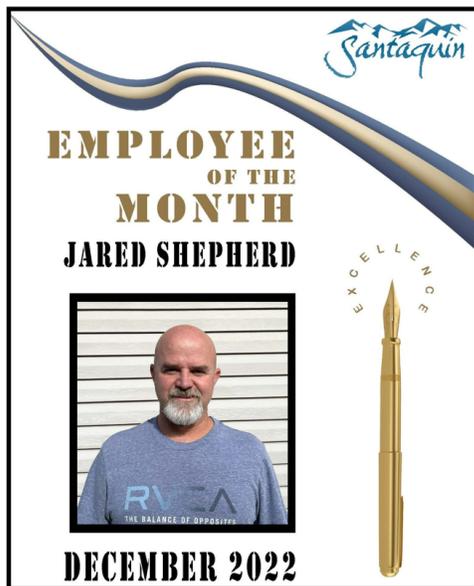
## Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the gingerbread man in this newsletter, email: [kmortensen@santaquin.org](mailto:kmortensen@santaquin.org) or [bshupe@santaquin.org](mailto:bshupe@santaquin.org) with the location and your contact information by 12/31/2022 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize.



Congratulations to Mary Cople for winning October's Hidden Picture Contest! Thank you for entering.

## Employee of the Month



Jared Shepherd is our December 2022 Employee of the Month. He started working in Santaquin City's Community Development department in 2007 as an infrastructure inspector. Before working for Santaquin City, he worked for Spanish Fork Community Cable Network.

Jared's supervisor, Randy Spadafora, shared, "I have enjoyed working with and watching Jared grow over the years as a person, coworker, building inspector and as a great friend. He takes great pride in his job, and the work that he does for the City. In past years as a Fire Fighter, and continuing on with the city in community development, and in the Building Department as a Building Inspector. Jared has worked hard over the years in obtaining all his Residential, and Commercial ICC Building Inspection certifications.

He is now working on obtaining his Plan Review Certification."

Randy continued, "He has also become a great asset to the Santaquin City Building Department as a mentor and trainer to Jon Hepworth. Together they have really improved our department in the inspection process, and Jared has established himself as being known as one of the most knowledgeable, fair, and thorough inspectors in the surrounding area. I'm proud to be able to call Jared my friend, and to have him here in Santaquin in our Building Department. Santaquin City is in great hands for the future."

## Garbage & Recycle Schedule

You can find the garbage and recycling schedule here:

[santaquin.org/utilities/page/garbage-collection](http://santaquin.org/utilities/page/garbage-collection)

## Blood Drive

BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.  
Give blood.

**Santaquin Fire Department**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**1:00 pm – 7:00 pm**  
275 W. Main St.

For an appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using  
**SPONSOR CODE: Santaquin Fire**

Contact Tiffany Christensen @801-717-8971 with any questions or help with online appointments\*\*  
*Thank you for your time, your donations and your service!*

Download the Blood Donor App | [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

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Jared grew up in Spanish Fork and graduated from Spanish Fork High. He has been married to his sweetheart for the past twenty years and they recently celebrated their anniversary in Hawaii. They have two children, a daughter Mckenzie and a son, Ryan. They live in Santaquin and enjoy camping, hunting, fishing, and ATV rides together.

“I love my job”, Jared said when asked. “I love it because I provide a service which helps residents feel safer in their homes. Santaquin is a great place to work and live. I also love the group of people I work with in the Community Development Department. Santaquin City has great staff.”

Thank you, Jared, for your dedicated service to Santaquin City as a building inspector. Your time with Santaquin City has made a real difference in the lives of many.

### **In My Own Words: Finding More Love and Gratitude in Our Hearts**



I love a good baseball game! Hot dogs, Cracker Jack, and the smack of the bat as it hits the ball, all bring back great childhood memories. The Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies are playing in the World Series as I am writing this. I recently read an experience about one of the all-time baseball greats. His name was Jackie Robinson. He played for the Dodgers, before the team moved to Los Angeles.

“In 1947, Jackie Robinson was the first African American baseball player to play in the Major Leagues with the Brooklyn Dodgers. He faced a lot of opposition from his coaches, teammates, other players, and the public, but he was chosen because he had the intelligence to understand that he would have to show self-control. Philadelphia Phillies manager Ben Chapman and his squad faced the Dodgers in just the fifth game of the season. During the three-game series from April 22 to April 24, the native Alabaman was reported as having told his players to “ride Robinson unmercifully” from the bench. According to Robinson after the season, the news report was not an exaggeration. “Hey, you black [expletive]” and “Why don’t you go back where you came from?” are two taunts Robinson recalled hearing players yell during his first at-bat. As much as Robinson wanted to “take a sock at one of them,” he gritted his teeth and used the epithets as motivation to hit a single. This was one of the defining moments of Robinson’s entire baseball career, which lasted until 1956, because he showed his inner strength by holding back, retaliating with his bat instead of his fists.”

Jackie Robinson set a strong example of how to stand up against hate and bigotry. He used the opportunity given to him to be a leader and create a lasting legacy. He never forgot from where he came or how many young people were watching him. He did not let anyone else control his thoughts, beliefs, feelings, or actions.

As we prepare for Christmas, I hope that each of us will look into our own heart and clean out whatever anger, hatred, or contempt we may be holding. The potential damage of those types of feelings can poison our heart more than anyone else’s. I encourage each to stand up to those who are unkind by being kind. When we take the time to do our own housecleaning, in our own heart, there can be room for more gratitude and love to grow.

I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.  
Council Member Betsy Montoya



Greetings to all for this December and upcoming Christmas.

Our wish is for all to have the best Christmas ever and a happy outlook for a great New Year in 2023. There are so many good things going on and plans to better Santaquin in so many ways. Please stay tuned to the open meeting night with the State of Santaquin in early January.

But first is the final month of 2022. We have been working on so many things with great successes and positive outlooks to better our city in so many ways. We have commercial and economic development we are working on, a new updated Main Street starting this coming year, with CUP planned construction within 2023-25. We will follow up each month with changes, start dates, and construction impacts. All this while working to move the timeline up to replace UDOT's aging interchange structure on I-15 at Main Street.



It is most important to show and explain our changes and we will do so. It is also important to honor people who go the extra mile for Santaquin City. We have a great friend of Santaquin who passed away recently. Gregory Fowkes, a lifelong resident of Santaquin, passed away this past summer (2022) and I feel we should make note of the kindness and strength he gave to this city.

Greg was in the spotlight, in a way, most of his life. But, in the background, he was a Santaquin Boy through and through. He gave to the city in so many ways that we will feel his influence for years to come. His kindness to our senior citizens went so far as to provide meals and rides, any time he could serve them. He stopped for visits, and he was always thinking of the arts and the items he could provide for the enjoyment of every citizen in Santaquin.

Many of the lights and decorations, the new scenes, from Snowmen, to nativity scenes were graciously provided to Santaquin to bring joy to children's eyes and inspire them at Christmas. We have added many new displays and lighting that will help bring a great Christmas and holiday feeling to our city.

With the loss of Greg, we should all silently thank him for thinking of us and including his way of giving to a city that he had loved for over 70 years. Greg will be missed, and yet we will see the touch of the master's hand in his gifts to us for many years to come.

As Mayor, I thank Greg through his family and representatives and only wish he would be able to see his hand in making this city all the better. Thank you, Greg, may you rest in peace.

At this time of year can we all take a moment and thank our neighbors, help each other, and see what each of us can do to make this city better, our friendships more heartfelt, and bring a big helping of love to all that live around us.

From myself, the City Council, and the many people who serve us such as fire, EMT's, police, public works, community services, community planning, and all of our staff, may each of you have the merriest of Christmas.

**Mayor Dan Olson**

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# COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

GET READY FOR OUR UPCOMING



**Friday, December 9th**

Location: Apple Valley Elementary

Bells Of Joyful Sound 7:00 to 8:00 pm | FREE admission

**Saturday, December 10th**

SANTAquin Santa Run 5K & Fun Run: go to [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com) for more details

There will be craft booths, food trucks, live entertainment, santa, fireworks, and more!

Location: Santaquin Elementary | 4:00 to 8:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

[SANTAQUIN.ORG/COMSERVICES/PAGE/SANTAQUIN-HOLLY-DAYS](http://SANTAQUIN.ORG/COMSERVICES/PAGE/SANTAQUIN-HOLLY-DAYS)

THE SANTAQUIN LIBRARY PRESENTS

## *SANTA STORY TIME*

Santa Claus is coming to town and he's doing a children's story time!

December 6th

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Santaquin City Seniors Center

Spaces are limited, so reservations will need to be made in advance either in person at the library or by calling the library at 801-754-3030.

Times available are 4:00, 4:15, 4:30 and 4:45. Each reservation includes story time with Santa, a tour of the city museum and a small treat.

Children may also write a letter to Santa for him to take back to the North Pole.



# SANTAQUIN COMMUNITY SERVICES FREE! PHONE APP

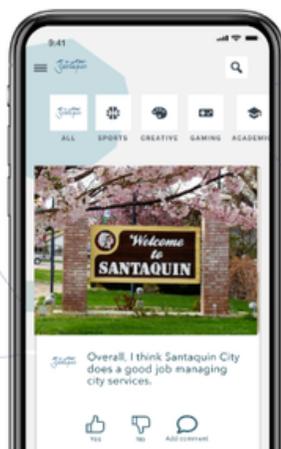
At your fingertips, access to information regarding sports, trails, events, classes, library, museum & more!

Once you download the app, you can join the organizations you are interested in. This will allow you to view content specific to our organization and receive notifications or updates regarding specific topics.

## Download Our New Mobile App!

Introducing *Santaquin Community Services*, a new mobile app brought to you by Santaquin City designed for residents to stay connected with their community.

Download today!



Scan here with your smart phone to download!



Available on the App Store and the Google Play store.



Download the *Santaquin Community Services* mobile app today!



## SANTAQUIN SENIORS

55 West 100 South Santaquin  
Center Hours: 9:30 am-4:00 pm  
Weekly on Thursdays

Upcoming dates to remember: On December 7th we will meet @ 5:00 pm to travel to Spanish Fork to see the Christmas lights. December 13 we will meet at 12:30 pm for lunch at Olive Garden in Spanish Fork. There will be a \$3.00 fee for each activity and sign ups will be at the Senior Center.

For more information, please contact Judy Robbins @ 801-360-1698

### MENU

\*\*\*Menu subject to change

December 1st: Overnight Praline French Toast, Omelet Muffins, Hash Browns, Mandarin Orange, Juice

Program: Bingo

December 8th: Crockpot Chicken w/Rice, Green Beans, Cranberry Orange Muffins, Mint Chocolate Ice Cream Roll

Program: Alli Blake --Miss Santaquin

December 15th: Ham, Baked Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Holiday Jello, Rolls, Cheesecake Bites, Eggnog

Program: Payson High Trouvères

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

The Senior Citizen Center will be closed on Thursday December 22 and December 29, 2022 for the Christmas Holidays.

PURCHASE A COOKBOOK  
FULL OF SENIOR CENTER  
RECIPES, FOR JUST \$10!