

Newsletter



Fire Department Blood Drive



**SANTAQUIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE**

**WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 9, 2023
1:00 PM to - 7:00 PM**

SANTAQUIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
275 W. MAIN ST.
SANTAQUIN

PLEASE JOIN US



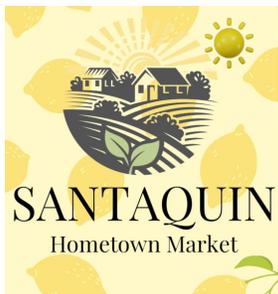
For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Share the vibe. Give blood to help save lives.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | Call 1-800-RED CROSS

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Santaquin Hometown Market



Experience the Santaquin Hometown Market and Concert in the Park every Monday night in August from 6 to 8:30 PM at Centennial Park! Come see what your neighbors are offering at the vendor booths, grab some food, and enjoy the family friendly atmosphere. Make Monday in the park a family tradition!

August Meeting Schedule

08/01 City Council Work Meeting ~~5:30 pm~~ **Canceled**
08/01 Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
08/08 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
08/08 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
08/15 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
08/15 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
08/22 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
08/22 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
09/05 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
09/05 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>

Chamber of Commerce Website

The Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the launch of their new website, www.PaysonSantaquinArea.com! As Santaquin residents, you now have one website to find information on events happening all around our area. More importantly, you now have one place to go for a listing of local businesses with detailed information about each one. If you are a business and not part of the Chamber yet, please reach out and let us introduce you to this invaluable tool so anyone can find you. The Mission of the Payson Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce is to support business growth in our community by providing resources, connections, and education to improve business success. Enjoy this new resource and remember to Shop Local!

Garbage Disposal Reminder

Please remember that you should not put hot ashes, coals, fireworks, etc. in your garbage cans until they have been soaked and cooled completely. Also, please do not put manure in your cans. If you need to put grass clippings in your garbage can, please bag it first.



August Green Waste Disposal Day

Saturday, August 12th will be the next green waste day at the old city landfill, 1100 W 200 N Santaquin. Hours of operation are 8 am to 4 pm.

Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the hidden sun like the one on the right in this newsletter, email: kmortensen@santaquin.org or bshupe@santaquin.org with the location and your contact information by 8/31/2023 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize. 

Congratulations to Milly Swenson for winning June's Hidden Picture Contest!

Preparedness Fair

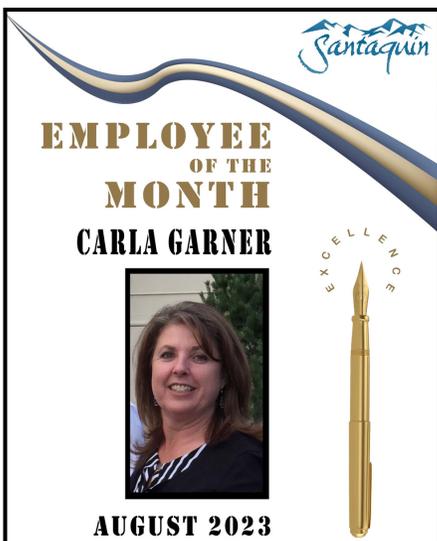


Save the Date!

South Utah County
Emergency Preparedness Fair
September 16th
8 am - Noon
439 West Utah Ave
Payson, Utah

**More Details
COMING SOON!**

Employee of the Month



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
CARLA GARNER

AUGUST 2023

EXCELLENCE

Santaquin

Our August 2023 Employee of the Month is Carla Garner. Carla was hired just over one year ago as an office clerk in the Finance/Utility Office. A few months ago, when there was a need to fill a custodian position, Carla excitedly jumped at the opportunity to fill that need. She currently splits her time between the Finance/Utility Office and Public Works Department, working one day a week, and then spends the rest of her part-time hours cleaning city facilities. Carla is very detail oriented and organized and takes great pride in her work in both areas.

Shannon Hoffman, the city's Finance Director, stated, "Since taking over the cleaning of the city facilities, there have been numerous comments made by various staff members about the cleanliness of the buildings. I'm sure all the city departments would agree that the buildings have never looked better.

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Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to Caitlyn Garrett! She is the winner of June's photo contest. She took this beautiful

picture a mile and a half up Pole Canyon.

For information on entering the monthly contest you can visit: <https://bit.ly/3NBNjum>

Job Fair



UTAH VALLEY

JOB FAIR

FREE for job seekers

Tuesday
August 29, 2023
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Utah Valley
Convention Center
220 W. Center St.
Provo, UT

Bring many copies of your resume and be ready to talk to recruiting representatives.

- Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/UtahValleyJobFair>
- RSVP that you're attending and to win prizes on our events page at: <https://tinyurl.com/mr33xba9>

[UtahValleyJobFair.com](https://www.UtahValleyJobFair.com)



Carla has assisted with the ordering of cleaning supplies and maintenance equipment to ensure needs are being met in a fiscally responsible manner. She is a great addition to the wonderful staff in both departments. She is a long-time resident of Santaquin and is a friendly face when residents come into the City Office." Carla's supervisor, Brenda Shupe, said, "Carla is such a joy to work with. She is so positive, helpful, and always willing to jump in when needed. I am so thankful she is here."

Carla and her husband, Brent, have lived in Santaquin for 39 years, where they raised their eight children. Six of their children live in the area, and two outside of the state. They are the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren. In her spare time, Carla enjoys spending it with her family, hiking, taking trips up the mountain with her husband on their side-by-side, learning through courses at UVU, and cooking. She really enjoys making things look beautiful and clean. When asked what she loves about her job, Carla stated, "I love the people I work with and enjoy the great atmosphere in the city offices. I appreciate associating with every department and getting to know my co-workers. It makes a job easy when I feel loved and welcomed. Everyone is so kind at the city."

We sure appreciate Carla's efforts, great attitude, happy countenance, and willingness to do whatever is asked of her. She is a wonderful addition to our city staff.

In My Own Words | Community



Friends and Neighbors,

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the 247th birthday of our great Country. We have much to be grateful for. Our reservoirs are nearly full. We have the freedom to choose and become whatever we want.

Summer is drawing to a close. Nebo School District starts school on August 16th. So, let's get out and celebrate the remainder of the summer.

Every Monday night at Centennial Park (100 S. 300 W), there is entertainment, food, and vendors. Come out and socialize and enjoy what makes Santaquin great.

Starting on July 29th through August 5th is our Orchard Days Celebration. The Grand Parade is on Saturday, August 5th. The Rodeo is August 4th and 5th. Come join the fun.

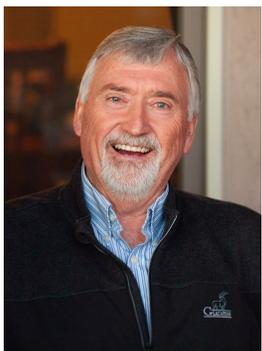
Most importantly, spend time with those you love. We don't know what tomorrow might bring. Hug them a little tighter and tell them that you love them a little more often.

Let's all work together to make our Community what we want it to be.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you on the City Council.

Councilman, Art Adcock.

Mayor's Message | August Newsletter



As you read this message, Orchard Days will be in full swing and I hope you're able to enjoy all of the community activities. This year's events are planned to be the biggest ever. We anticipate record-breaking attendance and have planned for dozens of activities that the entire family can enjoy. The hustle and bustle in our community reminds me of the growth we've seen over the past decade, with the number of homes in Santaquin more than doubling. This unprecedented growth has brought wonderful opportunities but also significant challenges. One of those challenges has been funding vital emergency services to so many more people.

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August 2023



As many of you know, the city is facing a budget shortfall and is responsibly and proactively planning ahead for growth through a proposal to increase property taxes. This decision did not come lightly. For the last year and a half, we dug deep into the city's finances to identify budget cuts that reduced our expenditures by nearly ten percent. We halted needed building repairs, reduced staffing levels, and delayed equipment purchases.

To increase revenues, we actively engaged federal and state partners, and pursued grants and other funding opportunities. We have worked to create a business-friendly environment that allows the private sector to flourish. The City has proactively attracted new businesses to the community and incentivized existing businesses to stay in town. This has helped to diversify our revenues, provide additional budget stability and minimize residents' tax burden.

City Government Revenue Per Capita



Best 5

Clinton	\$493.24
Taylorsville	\$501.25
Roy	\$520.65
Pleasanton	\$533.48
Santaquin	\$548.31

Worst 5

Murray	\$1,191.41
St. George	\$1,230.86
American Fork	\$1,432.06
South Salt Lake	\$1,455.82
Salt Lake City	\$1,945.80

This metric, revenue from taxes and fees per capita, shows how much revenue the city collects in taxes and fees per resident in the city.

This figure is especially useful in comparing different cities and indicates the level of fiscal restraint exercised by elected officials.

On average, Utah cities collected \$805.94 per capita in taxes and fees.

"2023 Cost of City Government Report"
Utah Taxpayers Association.

I am a fiscal conservative who does not like the prospect of raising taxes. After years of diligent financial discipline, the City has grown its budget reserves from less than 5% in 2009 to 35% last year, which is the maximum amount allowed by state law. We have worked hard to earn an AA+ credit rating from S & P Global, an independent, third-party credit rating agency. This AA+ credit rating ultimately saves residents tens of thousands of dollars in lower interest rates over time.

The Utah Taxpayers Association has taken notice of our excellent fiscal management. The association recently released their annual 2023 Cost of City Government Report. We're pleased to announce that Santaquin City ranks in the top five as one of the best cities in Utah to keep the tax burden low for our residents.

Over the past few months, I have had the privilege of meeting with many of you about the property tax increase. I have met with you in your homes, places of business, and at the City offices. We have sent email updates, text messages, hosted public meetings and town halls, and posted regularly on social media about the proposal. We continue to work to make this city the best it can be and want to assure each resident we are responsibly engaged to make Santaquin a sustainable city now and as we move forward.

While it wasn't always easy conversations to have, I appreciated all of you who were willing to engage with us on these important issues and add your voice to the process. We are better for it!

Mayor Dan Olson

Santaquin Community Services FREE Phone App

Scan to get the app for access to Community Services news, events, activities, etc.



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