

Newsletter



City Office Closure

The city offices will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th for Christmas and will reopen Wednesday, December 27th at 9 am. We will also be closed on Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Holiday Garbage Pick up Schedule:

Garbage day will be delayed one day during the weeks of December 25th and January 2nd. Pick up days those weeks will be Tuesday, December 26th and Wednesday, December 27th and Tuesday, January 2nd and Wednesday, January 3rd. Please have cans curbside by 7:00am.

Utility Drop Box Info

The utility payment drop box has been moved to the back parking lot of the new city hall at 110 S Center St.



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

- 12/05 Special City Council Meeting-Election Canvas
- 12/05 No Council Work Meeting (Employee Party)
- 12/05 No Council Regular Meeting (Employee Party)
- 12/12 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 12/12 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/19 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
- 12/19 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/26 No DRC Meeting (Christmas)
- 12/26 No Planning Commission Meeting (Christmas)
- 1/02 City Council Work Meeting 5:30 pm
- 1/02 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 Council, PC, and DRC meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at: <https://bit.ly/2P71CfQ>

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

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

Garbage & Recycle Schedule

You can find the garbage and recycling schedule here: santaquin.org/utilities/page/garbage-collection

Winter Mail Delivery

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



Free Concert

The Santaquin Combined Community Choir will present their 40th Anniversary Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM. It will be held at the Santaquin North Stake Center, 545 N 200 E in Santaquin. The choir will be joined by the Nebo Brass Ensemble who will present their marvelous brass sound.

This will be a wonderful evening for families as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

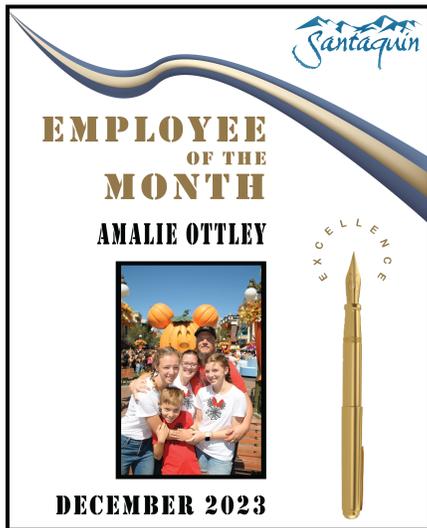
Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot the hidden bells 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 12/30/2023 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize.

Congratulations to Colby Eler for winning October's Hidden Picture Contest!

Employee of the Month



Our December 2023 Employee of the Month is Amalie Ottley. Amalie started working with Santaquin City as the City Recorder in March of 2022. She was previously with Saratoga Springs for seven years as their Justice Court Administrator and, before that, with Sandy City in their Justice Court. Altogether, Amalie has 17 years of municipal work experience. When asked what she enjoys about her job, she stated, "I love working with all the city's different departments each day. I enjoy getting to know my colleagues and helping them. I also enjoy the processes of record retention required of my job."

Amalie grew up in Riverton, Utah, and graduated from Riverton High School. She attended Weber State University and received a degree in Criminal Justice. She has been married to her sweetheart, Trevor, for 19 years, and they have three beautiful children, Codie, Brooklyn, and Jackson. They have lived in Santaquin for the past three years. In her free time, Amalie enjoys embroidery work, quilting, and camping with her family.

Jason Bond, Assistant City Manager, shared about Amalie. "Amalie is a great employee that focuses on the details. She is patient, thorough, easy to work with, and most importantly, she has a great attitude. She is a very good City Recorder, and we are glad to have her here at Santaquin City!"

Thank you, Amalie, for your dedicated and essential service to Santaquin City. You are greatly appreciated.

Photo Contest Winner



The winner of the October photo contest is Mikayla Costa. She said, "I love that I am not too far away from the trails where I can adventure and I am surrounded completely by nature." Congratulations Mikayla!

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



In My Own Words | December Newsletter



As my time serving Santaquin City as a City Council Member draws to a close, I have pondered on what I want to share in this, my last submission to the newsletter. Viktor Frankl (1905–1997) was an Austrian Psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor. In his book *Man's Search for Meaning* (2006) about his experiences in a Nazi concentration camp, Dr. Frankl states that “Between every stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom.” Serving on the City Council has provided a tremendous opportunity for me to see the truth of those words! The way that others treat us, or the things that others say (or write) about us, are not a reflection of us. How we choose to respond is a reflection of ourselves.

How others treat us reflects the person giving the treatment. There is something in their own heart that results in that sort of behavior. There is anger and bitterness that existed long before you, or I, came into the picture. That anger and bitterness will remain long after you and I are out of the picture, unless the giver chooses to do what it takes to heal their heart. The first thing that I do to help my heart heal is to forgive. There is so much power in making that choice! We can remain free from bitterness, hatred, and anger because of that **one** choice.

I believe that is what Viktor Frankl is teaching in his statement. We get to choose! We get to choose the condition of our own heart at any given moment in time. We get to choose how, or whether, to respond to a comment on social media, or to an email. We get to choose how we respond to those who are unkind. We choose how we respond to those who do show kindness. It is unwise to surrender the power of that choice to anyone else. When an error is made in our response, it is important to reflect on that and to be willing to improve; to change. None of us is perfect. That's just the way it is.

Especially at this Holiday season, I encourage each of us to reflect on the condition of our own heart and take inventory of our choices. Those who will one day lead this nation, state, and city are watching. They are listening and reading. The choices we make today influence the world in which they live.

In closing, I want to thank our amazing employees for their dedicated service. It has been a joy working with you. I want to thank the members of the Youth City Council for their many hours of service to the community and their desire to learn. You will always have a piece of my heart. I want to thank those who have shown kindness to me and to my family. It has not gone unnoticed. I want to thank my family for supporting me in more ways than I can keep track of. It is not just the elected person who makes sacrifices. I am ready to return my focus to my family and my professional work and will look back with fondness on my time as a Council Member. After all, some of the most lasting lessons seem uphill both ways.

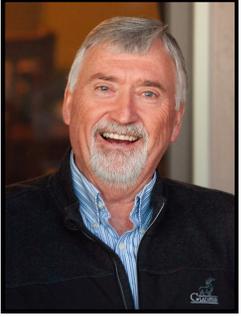
Most Sincerely,

Council Member Betsy Montoya

December 2023



Mayor's Message | December Newsletter



Greetings to all, and my hopes that your Thanksgiving celebrations went very well.

Christmas will soon be here and with it, thoughts of all that surrounds this wonderful season fill our heads. We older folks think of the excitement we had in our youth, waiting for the magic of Christmas. I hope as you plan and work toward Christmas of 2023 that it will be filled with many good memories.

As 2023 is wrapping up, I want to report that good things are happening in the City. New businesses and investors are working to make Santaquin a better place. We have even moved forward this past year with the development of a new industrial park, called Santaquin Peaks. As of November, we will have developed and partnered with businesses to build the park (which is still under construction), place the needed infrastructure, and we've not had to raise taxes or take on any debt to accomplish this. We have been successful, while creating a development that will bring jobs, taxes, and commercial growth to our city. This effort has been a lot of work, but is also a real investment in our future. Thanks to our council and staff for working through this.

In the second week of November, bids were opened to award the last piece to the Central Utah Project (CUP) water pipeline to Santaquin. The Santaquin Reach will be under construction this winter. It will take a couple years to finish and then it will be ready to deliver water for our citizens. With this, we are working to ensure that we as a city are ready for the costs. Preparations for this pipeline have been underway for years. The previous City administration arranged for a financial set-aside to cover the costs for the water. The first few years are already well planned out as we near the delivery timeframe. Everything that could be done to reduce the cost, yet plan for construction and delivery is complete, right down to cleaning out the water pipe when needed. Please prepare for some construction delays and traffic to reroute at times in the coming months. The project starts near Spring Lake, goes west, under I-15, then mostly follows the railroad tracks to the northwest side of the reservoir that is west of the City.

Some have felt the CUP would never arrive, but it is here. It will be here to stay. Let's make the most of it and continue our wise use of this precious resource. We continue to work on water projects and will ensure that we, as city stewards, do our utmost to make this resource work for years to come. I have heard that this pipeline was coming since 1958. This has been a lifelong project for us to now see coming to fruition.

With the reconstruction planned for Main Street in the later parts of the winter, please know that we are working to make this city a better place to live, shop, recreate, and to make it better for our future generations. Thank you for your part in it all, We ask for your patience as slowdowns will certainly come with these projects. We will most certainly see more projects in the future and will work to make the construction as bearable as possible.

One last thing, I wish you all a Happy New Year! May 2024 bring the very best to each of you and your families.

Mayor Dan Olson

December 2023

