



### City Office Holiday Closure

The city offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th and Tuesday 28th for Christmas. They will also be closed on Friday, December 31st for New Year's.

### Winter Parking:

**Parking is not permitted on City Streets or in rights-of-way from November 1-March 31.** For detailed information, see the City Code.

### Snow Plow Information

Santaquin City has more than 65 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 and 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.

### Photo of the Month Contest Winner

Our winner for October's 'What Do You Love About Santaquin?' Photo Contest is Gavin Fitzsimmons. Gavin took this fall photo in Santaquin Canyon after a snowstorm. Congrats to Gavin! You can enter by sending your photos to [photocontest@santaquin.org](mailto:photocontest@santaquin.org)



### Winter Mail Delivery



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

### Calendar of Meetings

- 12/14 DRC Meeting 10 am (As needed)
- 12/14 City Council Special Meeting 5:30 pm
- 12/14 Planning Commission Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/28 Special City Council Meeting Possible
- 01/04 City Council Meeting

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

Did you know that Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook? <https://www.santaquin.org> ~ <https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment>

If you follow the link below you can find Santaquin City meeting information in written or video format? To see something specific in a meeting, you can select "View Details" and it will take you to that meeting with hyperlinks to the exact topic you would like to view. <https://www.santaquin.org/meetings>

**WORKFORCE SERVICES**  
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**Need help paying for your water?**

Have you received a notice that your water will be shut off, or has it already been shut off?

**The HEAT Program may be able to help.**  
In addition to assistance with heating and cooling, HEAT helps eligible households with water assistance on a limited basis.

You qualify for HEAT if your household:

- Is at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Is responsible for paying home energy costs
- Contains at least one U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen

**Questions?**  
Call your local HEAT office or the HEAT Program line: 1-866-205-4357

**HEATING COOLING WATER**

For more information and to apply go to [jobs.utah.gov/heat](http://jobs.utah.gov/heat)

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program \* Auxiliary aids (accommodations) and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities by calling 801-526-9240. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments may call Relay Utah by dialing 711. Spanish Relay Utah: 1-888-346-3162.

**American Red Cross**

**BE THE LIFELINE PATIENTS NEED.**  
Give blood.

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

**Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**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**

Due to COVID regulations this drive will be by appointment ONLY.  
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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**Hidden Picture Contest**

There is a hidden picture like the one on the right in this issue of the newsletter. If you spot it, email: [kmortensen@santaquin.org](mailto:kmortensen@santaquin.org) or [bshupe@santaquin.org](mailto:bshupe@santaquin.org) with the location and your contact information to be entered in a random drawing for a fun prize by 12/31/2021.



**Hidden Picture Contest Winner**

Congratulations to Jackie Tamayo for winning the Hidden Picture Contest for October! We hope you enjoy your prize!

*Santaquin*

**EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH**

**MINDI TYLER**      **LORI SILVA**

EXCELLENCE

**DECEMBER 2021**

Mindi Tyler and Lori Silva are our December Employees of the Month. They are court clerks for Santaquin City and both have worked for Santaquin City for five and one-half years and work part-time.

They are being recognized together because of their excellent cooperative work in a very difficult department. They are also being recognized because of their ability to adapt to major changes, which they've seen more than their fair share of over the last year. Courts are subject to federal and state court guidelines, so when COVID-19 hit they had to switch over to all electronic meetings to stay compliant with those higher court regulations. These court meetings required links to be created for themselves, the judge, the attorneys, the defendants, and witnesses. In the middle of learning all of this, our long time Judge passed away and an interim Judge was recruited to fill in until a new judge could be hired, which took more than 6 months. Lori and Mindi are the reason our court has been successful with implementation of new processes and procedures put in place by a new Judge and new federal and state court guidelines.

Mindi and Lori's responsibilities comprise of all aspects of running a court which include serving as the terminal access coordinators, entering citations, taking payments, tracking cases for payment compliance, adhering to extensive Utah State Court compliance and reporting, and scheduling court hearings for all involved. Both women are very knowledgeable and terrific at what they do.

Thank you both for your dedicated service to Santaquin City and its residents!





## In My Own Words...

It is my pleasure again to write a few words. I love Santaquin and the people who choose to live here. There are great people with similar life goals.

I have loved serving with Mayor Hunsaker; he is a great man and I have nothing but respect for him. I wish him well in his future endeavors. Likewise, I have enjoyed serving with Nick Miller and Betsy Montoya; they have given a lot to the city and its residents. I appreciate all they have done.

I look forward to serving on a new council with a new Mayor. All of this change reminded me of a story that was shared with me by a good friend. I have included the story below.

Please remember we are citizens just like you and have been elected to represent you. We do the very best we can. Be patient, be kind to everyone, and know that we do have the best interest of our residents in mind every time we make a decision. We need to join together as a city and continue to work together for the greater good of the residents.

Council Member D. Lynn Mecham

## All Together Now

Do you know the story of swimmy?

Perhaps like me, you read the 1963 book by Leo Lionni over and over again as a young child. Or, like me, you read it night after night to your own children.

Here's how it goes.

Swimmy is a little fish who lives happily in the ocean with his many brothers and sisters. One day, a much larger fish comes darting through the waves and, in one gulp, swallows every fish in the school except swimmy himself. Swimmy escapes to wander the seas and, though at first scared and lonely, eventually comes upon another school of fish just like his own family.

"Let's go and swim and play and see things!" Swimmy says happily.

But the fish are hiding in the dark shade of rocks and weeds. If they come out, they explain, a big fish will eat them all. Swimmy thinks for a long time. Suddenly, he says, "We are going to swim all together like the biggest fish in the sea!" And he shows them how, if they swim close together, just so, they will look like one giant fish.

Swimmy and the triumphs of these little fish leapt to mind when I read one of the articles Stanford psychologist Al Bandura selected, among the hundreds he'd written, to mail to me months before he died. The choice was timely because Al was working on a book on collective efficacy, a groups belief in their combined power to achieve shared goals. The choice was also timely because, as he pointed out in what would be our last phone conversation, a single person alone can't solve challenges like climate change, social inequality, or the pandemic.

Just as self-efficacy emboldens the individual to chase their dreams, collective efficacy motivates the group to set shared goals, coordinate their actions, and overcome obstacles. "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world," said anthropologist Margaret Mead. "Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Don't think that solving problems depends on either the individual or social structures. "Personal agency and social structure," Bandura wrote, "operate interdependently." It's not either/or, it's both/and. Do share the story of swimmy with a young person in your life. And remember the legacy of Al Bandura when you read the very last line:

And so they swam in the cool morning water and in the midday sun and chased the big fish away.



## Dear Santaquin Residents and Friends,

The election is over, and we have newly elected officials. They will be sworn in on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon, and will from that point on, carry the weight of the city's decision-making on their shoulders. It has been a pleasure for me to get to know each of the candidates that ran for office, and I look forward to seeing how the new officials will tackle challenges as they serve. I encourage you to support your new officials, especially your new mayor, Dan Olson. He is a great man, and he genuinely cares about Santaquin City and the wonderful people who reside here. The new officials will be experiencing a very steep learning curve immediately upon taking office, and they will need your help to make their time in office a success. Be quick to help and slow to judge. In time, each will learn what is required to truly be a benefit to our great city.

With winter coming on, I would like to encourage each resident to look out for your neighbors. There may be times when driveways and sidewalks could be cleared of snow, and there may be times when a meal could be taken in or an errand run. We are still in the throngs of a worldwide pandemic, and the ramifications are still touching families in our community whether it is financial or health wise. Please pay attention to the people around you and reach out to help when you see the need. Also, if you know of someone who has lost a job because of the pandemic, please be on the lookout for new opportunities that might fit their skill set. It is often those who you know that can help those looking for a new career.

I would also like to make our residents aware of a new ordinance which was passed during a recent city council meeting. (Ordinance 11-01-2021 - OHV Regulations) Because we have seen an increase in the number of children operating OHV's on our city streets and because there have been some serious accidents involving children who were not supervised by parents while operating said OHV's, a new law has been passed that requires OHV operators (on our city streets) obtain a Utah state driver license, with an exception for agricultural/husbandry. This means drivers must be at least 16 years old to qualify for the license after obtaining the required hours of practice, education, and testing. Because OHV's have the capability of running anywhere from 40 to 85 mph maximum, and due to their weight, these OHV's pose a risk to their operators, passengers, as well as to pedestrians and the driving public. Drivers need to have the intellect, motor skills, training (both on OHV operation as well as understanding of vehicular traffic laws), and emotional stability to operate one. I recognize this change will feel restrictive to some, but to others it will be a welcomed relief because of the number of unsupervised children drivers on our streets. As mayor, I have spent many nights worrying about the children of our community and have prayed that not one of them lose their lives while speeding up and down our streets on motor vehicles. Safety is not only my primary duty as outlined by law, but it is also my highest personal priority. I feel this new law will enhance safety and protect our children in the long run.

Lastly, our "Santa"quin's Holly Days festival is finally just a few days away. I would really like this new event to become something special, not only for our residents but for those in the surrounding communities. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to the events taking place on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Details are found in this newsletter and on our city website. Come enjoy visiting with Santa and an exciting fireworks show.

With Thanksgiving behind us and Christmas rushing in, I encourage you to focus in on the Spirit of the Season. We have much to be grateful for and we have much that can be done to support one another. Look for opportunities to share joy and blessings. Look for ways to build one another up and offer kindness in word and deed. Our world has become much too cynical with social media being the means to hide behind unkind words. Be the one who lifts others up; be the one who brings about a change of positivity, brotherhood, and sisterhood to members of our community.

I welcome anyone who would like to visit with me concerning city matters. Please contact my assistant, Suzy McDowell, to schedule an appointment, [smcdowell@santaquin.org](mailto:smcdowell@santaquin.org) (801)754-3211.



Merry Christmas My Friends!

**Mayor Kirk F. Hunsaker**

# COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



## "Santa"quin's Holly Days

Get ready Santaquin because Santa Claus is coming to town!! Don't miss all the exciting events that are coming with him as we kick off our inaugural "Santa"quin's Holly Days.

### **Friday, December 10** **Santaquin Elementary** **5:00 - 9:00 PM**

Santa's Elves Crafts and Goodies  
Mrs. Claus's Gingerbread House Display  
Holiday Community Performances

### **Apple Valley Elementary** **7:30 - 8:30 PM** Hand Bell Concert: Bells of Joyful Sounds

## SPONSORS



### **Saturday, December 11** **Santaquin Elementary** **10:00AM - 9:00PM**

Santa's Elves Crafts and Goodies  
Mrs. Claus's Gingerbread House Display  
Holiday Community Performances

### **Centennial Park** **5:30 PM**

North Pole Food Trucks and Delights

### **6:00 PM**

100 South, Santa's Lights Parade

### **6:30 PM**

Visit with Santa Claus in his workshop  
**FREE** marshmallow roasting and hot  
chocolate  
Christmas Caroling

### **9:30 PM**

**NEW!** Fireworks Show

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### **Mrs. Claus Gingerbread House Display**

Register to participate at [santaquin.org/recreation](http://santaquin.org/recreation)

Fees:

- Adults Categories \$5.00
- Youth Categories \$2.00

### **Lights Parade**

Businesses and community members sign up to be a part of our lights parade down 100 South. Register to participate at [santaquin.org/recreation](http://santaquin.org/recreation).

# SANTAQUIN SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

55 WEST 100 SOUTH SANTAQUIN

CENTER HOURS: 9:30 AM-4:00 PM, WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS

As we spend time with our family and friends during this Christmas Season may your lives be filled with joy and happiness. Patrons are welcome to play cards and games, work on jigsaw puzzles, play pool, play table tennis, use our computer lab or just come and visit with our wonderful members. Our weekly entertainment begins at 12:00 noon, followed by a delicious home cooked meal at 12:30 p.m. We look forward to having any one who is age 60 and older come and spend a day with us or join and become a member. Meals are \$3.00 a week and membership for the year is \$3.00. Upcoming dates to remember: On December 1st we will meet @ 5:00 pm to travel to Spanish Fork to see the Christmas lights. Please sign up @ the Senior Center.

The Monday movie, "It's a Wonderful Life" will be held on Monday December 6th @ 2:00 pm.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please don't feel too "YOUNG" to check us out! Come spend a day with us!

**MENU** \*\*\*Menu subject to change

**December 2** Breakfast Casserole Hash Browns Mandarin Orange Butterscotch Bundt Roll Juice

**Program: Bingo**

**December 9** Crockpot Chicken w/Rice Green Beans Cranberry Orange Muffins Mint Brownies

**Program: Christmas Program/Sing Along**

**December 16** Christmas Dinner Ham Baked Potatoes Buttered Carrots Holiday Jello Rolls Cheesecake

Bites Eggnog **Program: Payson High Trouvères**

## SANTAQUIN CHIEFTAIN MUSEUM

December Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 9AM-12PM

Wednesday 4PM-6PM

## SANTAQUIN SANTA RUN

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

**9:30am Start Time**

Santaquin Recreation is a proud "sponsor" of this event.

Register at: [RunnerCard - 2021 SANTAquin](#)

[Santa Run 5K and Fun Run](#)

DISGUISE THE  
GINGERBREAD  
MAN >>>



+ FOOD  
DRIVE



Come in to the library between  
>>> Nov. 29th- Dec. 17th <<<  
to pick up your Gingerbread  
Man.

Disguise him/her as your  
favorite book character so  
he/she doesn't get eaten!  
Bring it back to the library to  
display.



Promoted by: Santaquin City Library Board

3 PRIZES WILL  
BE DRAWN

WAYS TO GET TICKETS  
FOR THE DRAWING:



BRING BACK YOUR DECORATED  
GINGERBREAD MAN TO DISPLAY



BRING NON PERISHABLE, NON-  
EXPIRED FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE: 1  
TICKET PER DAY OR  
\$0.50 IN REDUCED FINES PER ITEM