



THE SARATOGA VIEW

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New Irrigation Water Rates

The City has adopted new irrigation water rates effective July 1, 2015. The new rates are tied to the new water meters that were installed last summer. The purpose of the new rates and meters are to encourage residents to conserve the City's water resources. A reduction in the overall water usage in the City will improve water pressures and extend the capacity of the existing infrastructure (wells, water lines, and storage ponds). In addition, residents who conserve water will be able to see a savings on their monthly water bill.

A new, lower, base rate will continue to be charged year round to cover some of the City's fixed costs in the water department. This will result in a significantly lower water bill during the non-irrigation months. The rest of the rates will be charged based upon water usage. Each lot will be assigned an allotment of water. This allotment is based upon how much water was purchased for your lot at development. The rates increase as you use more of your allotment.

The new rates will be effective July 1, 2015 to give residents enough time to review monthly water usage (supplied on your utility bill) and make adjustments to your irrigation system. In addition, for the first month of the new rates (July) the city will cap the irrigation portion of each resident's bill at 150% of the allotment. The full rates will be charged beginning August, 2015.

New Rates (effective July 1, 2015)

Single Family Residential Base Fee: \$65.00 per acre (reduced from \$104.72 per acre)

Non-single Family Residential Base Fee: \$65.00 per irrigable acre. This fee includes commercial, industrial,

institutional, condominiums, city parks, HOA parks, or any other non-single family property that the City has a record of the irrigable acreage of the property.

Water Allotment

The allotments are calculated as follows:

Single Family Residential monthly allotment (in thousand gallons): Gross lot acreage multiplied by 108.793732.

Non-single Family Residential monthly allotment (in thousand gallons): Irrigable lot area multiplied by 152.99127.

For example, a 1/4 acre lot would have an allotment of 27.2 thousand gallons. (0.25×108.793732)

Usage Rates

0 to 75% of allotment	\$0.35 per 1,000 gallons
75% to 100% of allotment	\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons
100% to 150% of allotment	\$1.25 per 1,000 gallons
150% to 200% of allotment	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
200% to 250% of allotment	\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons
above 250% of allotment	\$3.80 per 1,000 gallons

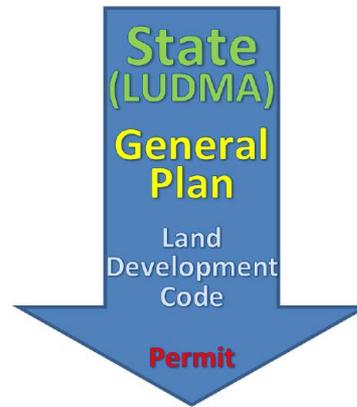
Irrigation Calculator

The City has created an irrigation calculator to help customers determine their monthly irrigation water allotment and estimate the cost of their bill. Visit www.saratogaspringscity.com and click on the "New Irrigation Water Rates." You'll be able to enter your lot size to determine your monthly water allotment. You can also estimate what your bill would be at different water usage amounts.



TIPS TO HELP SLOW THE FLOW

- With the warmer temperatures, landscapes still do not require much, if any water. Adjust the number of days you water each week depending on the season and weather. A helpful map is available online at www.slowtheflow.org and click on the "Utah Weekly Lawn Watering Guide."
- Schedule a free water check for your sprinkler system between May and August by visiting www.slowtheflow.org or calling 1-877-728-3420 to schedule an appointment. Water checks are free and help reduce water waste. The checks analyze the efficiency of your system providing a customized watering schedule based on soil type, grass root depth, sprinkler distribution and water pressure.
- Water smarter by installing rain and moisture sensors. The rain and moisture sensors help shut your sprinkler system off if there is rain and to measure the moisture level in the grass to reduce the amount of water used in regular watering. Once the sensors are triggered, the sprinkler system shuts off.
- Be selective in the plants you use for your landscape. Look for water-wise plants and/or plants that can thrive in our climate and soil types.
- Using mulch reduces evaporation from the soil and helps prevent weeds from growing in areas where water is needed for ornamental plants.
- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. Longer grass shades root systems and holds soil moisture better. By raising your lawn mower height another ½ to 1 inch, you are promoting the conservation of water in grass.
- Sweep your driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of spraying them off with a hose. It will save 80 gallons of water every time.
- More tips to conserve water both inside and outside your home are available online at www.slowtheflow.org.



Planning 101: Part 1 – Land Development Code

Have you ever wondered how the City determines land use designations or makes the rules that govern building height and design? How about how the City creates priorities for public investments in parks or transportation systems?

All of the City's land use and public infrastructure decisions occur within a framework of state, regional and local laws. The most tangible and visible part of this decision-making process are the specific capital projects (i.e., roads and parks), or private projects (i.e., new homes or stores) that you see around the city.

To understand the where, how and why of a project, you need to trace the decision-making process "upstream" through the approval process to find the origin of the regulations. In the State of Utah, there are 3 main areas that govern land use development; the State's Municipal Land Use and Development Act (LUDMA), the City's General Plan, and the City's Land Development Code (Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances).

The Land Development Code will be addressed in this month's newsletter. Every project requires a permit, which must comply with the requirements of the City's Land Development Code. The Land Development Code governs specific project details such as location, height, setback, parking and building design.

The City is divided into areas, or zones that allow certain compatible land uses to take place. For example, the Land Development code would not allow a new pig farm to open up in the middle of a suburban neighborhood where it would have a tremendous negative.

Just as a pig farm would have a negative impact on an existing residential neighborhood, so too would a new 15 foot concrete wall have a negative impact if it was permitted in a single family subdivision.

Therefore the detailed regulations of the Land Development Code stem from the purpose of mitigating the potential negative impacts of development as well as creating an order that is predictable and equitable to create a vibrant beautiful community.

For more information, contact Saratoga Springs Planning Department at (801) 766-9793 or at www.saratogaspringscity.com/planning

LIBRARY NEWS



Seeking Volunteers: We're currently in need of volunteers for the following positions: Shelves who can volunteer for just to 2 hours of service a week and tutors for the Summer Session of the Literacy Center. Call the library about volunteering at (801) 766-6513.

Book Buzz for Book Clubs: Utah State Library Book Buzz lends book sets to book clubs, book groups, libraries, organizations, schools, and community centers. The Utah State Library acquired the Book Buzz lending program from the Utah Center for the Book, Utah Humanities Council in 2012. There are currently over 400 titles available. The library can submit a request for multiple copies of a single title. They will be delivered to the library for a member of your book club to pick up and distribute. The book club will need to pay the postage cost of mailing these items back to the Utah State Library. The cost varies but is typically from \$20 to \$30.

Saratoga Springs Literacy Center Summer Session: June 9 to July 16. There are 24 spots available. For more information and to register go to www.saratogaspringscity.com/library.

Advanced Health Care Directive: Need to get your affairs in order? Begin with an Advanced Health Care Directive. Two separate one hour seminars will be taught by Rebekah Wightman, J.D. in June. Registration is required to participate and space is limited to 20 participants for each session. Classes will be taught at the Saratoga Springs Public Library:
Wednesday, June 10 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Register online at www.saratogaspringscity.com/library.

Weekly Storytime Programs: June 10 to July 31. The role of storytime is to inspire lifelong reading habits and give children a positive experience with the library. These programs include stories, finger plays, action rhymes, music, movement activities, art activities and more. Adults need to set a good example for their children by being attentive to the activity and by refraining from visiting with others. Programs in the library will be limited to 20 children, due to space.

Who do I contact to fix...?

Download the new service request mobile app for Saratoga Springs

Have you come across a streetlight issue, a pothole, a landscaping issue or something that needs attention in Saratoga Springs? Now you can notify City staff straight from your smart phone with the new Saratoga Springs mobile app.

The Saratoga Springs mobile app is a free, simple and intuitive smart phone application that helps residents and visitors of Saratoga Springs to report issues to the appropriate City department for a quick resolution.

Powered by CitySourced technology, the application uses your smart phone's location services to automatically provide the issue's location, submit pictures and simplifies the reporting process for both residents and City staff. Once residents have submitted an issue, the progress of the service request can be tracked and residents can receive updates about the issue within the app.



Simply download the app by visiting the Google Play store or the App Store on your Android or iOS device and search for "Saratoga Springs City Mobile."

*** Please note, this app is not intended for use during an emergency.**

Summer Reading Program

Registration Opens May 2nd

LIMIT 1,000 participants

Ages 4-12 years old



To Register Online Visit:

www.saratogaspringscity.com/library

Scroll down to Programs & Events

Click Registration

Click on the drop down arrow next to Select to register your child for the Summer Reading Program

OR

Register on a Computer at the Library.

The Summer Reading Events are free and open to children of all abilities. You do not need to be registered for Summer Reading to attend programs; however, you **MUST** be registered to earn prizes.

This program is limited to residents of Saratoga Springs only.

A calendar of events is online: www.saratogaspringscity.com/library
under 'Summer Reading Programs'

South Secondary Water Well Update

The City of Saratoga Springs will soon begin work for a possible new irrigation well in the southern portion of the City. The project site is located off the northeast corner of the parking lot in the Reid and Ursula Wayman Park. This project will temporarily restrict the use of the park's parking lot during the summer. The drilling contractor anticipates beginning site preparation on May 4 with drilling set to begin around May 15. The drilling portion of the project is anticipated to take up to 120 days to complete. For more information visit www.saratogaspringscity.com and select the South Secondary Well Project under Announcements.

Employment Opportunity

The City of Saratoga Springs is currently hiring for the following positions: public works/parks seasonal employees, part-time recreation site coordinator, part-time recreation referees and a part-time law clerk. Job descriptions and application instructions are available on the City's website at www.saratogaspringscity.com.

SARATOGA SPRINGS T-BALL/COACH PITCH

- T-Ball Age Groups: Preschool (must turn 4 before June 6), Kindergarten and 1st Grade (based on 2014-2015 school year).
- Coach Pitch: 2nd Grade and 3rd/4th Grade (based on 2014-2015 school year).
- All teams are co-ed. Everyone who signs up will play.
- Online registration April 12 – May 9 at: www.saratogaspringscity.com/recreation.
- Registration Fee: \$35 before May 9. \$40 May 10-16.
- Season runs June 6 – August 15. Games are on Saturdays and some weeknights.
- Coaches Needed! Coaches will be given a voucher good for one registration after equipment is returned. Sign up to coach online.

If you have any questions, please call (801) 753-8264.

2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A Municipal Election will be held in 2015 to elect the following office:

- Three (3) City Council members - four (4) year term each, January 2016 to December 2019

Candidates must meet the following requirements in order for their candidacy to be accepted: 1) must be a citizen of the United States, 2) must be at least 18 years old by the next election, 3) must be a registered voter within the City of Saratoga Springs and 4) must have resided in the City of Saratoga Springs or recently annexed area for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately before the date to the election. Citizens desiring to run for office must file a "Declaration of Candidacy" in person with the Saratoga Springs City Recorder. The forms will be available in the office of the City Recorder beginning Monday, June 1, 2015. The filing period will run: June 1, 2015 through June 8, 2015, Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For additional information contact the City Recorder's office at 1307 North Commerce Drive, Suite 200, (801) 766-9793 ext. 103.

Opportunities to be a Poll Worker for the City Municipal Election are available. To apply call Saratoga Springs City Recorder at (801) 766-9793 ext. 103 for more information.



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community. Saratoga Springs Fire and Rescue provides CERT training. To receive additional information, contact the CERT program at ssfrcert@gmail.com.

Let's Be Social!



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Pony Express Construction Project

Road construction on the Pony Express Parkway is scheduled to begin around the first of June, 2015. The project will provide several enhancements, including widening the road between 800 West and Redwood road, adding a signal at the 200 West intersection and extending the existing area trail.

The road widening between 800 West and Redwood Road is necessary to reduce congestion near the schools and will also address future traffic needs. The new traffic signal at the 200 West intersection will allow drivers to safely exit Westlake High School and will also reduce peak hour blockage of the traffic lane at the 200 West intersection by motorists trying to turn left. The new stretch of trail will begin at the trail near the middle school and will continue to Eagle Mountain. A trail will also be added to the east end of Pony Express Parkway. It will begin on the east side of 200 West and continue to Redwood Road.

The Pony Express Parkway Improvements project is a shared endeavor between Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain and UDOT. Construction is expected to be complete at the end of August, and most of the work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

More information about the Pony Express Parkway Improvements Project can be found at www.udot.utah.gov/go/ponyexpress. For questions please contact Scott at 1-800-948-4002.

Saratoga Springs Senior Council

The Saratoga Springs Senior Council has a number of activities scheduled from May through August. The activities include: Cinco De Mayo Celebration, a Book Club, monthly Munch and Mingles, concerts and much more. The activities are for residents 55-years and older. Visit www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents for a complete list of activities.

If you have questions please contact Darcey Williams at (801) 822-1159.

Youth Drama Camp

June 1, 2015 to July 15, 2015
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Ages 8-14

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Performances will be July 17 and July 18.

Cost: \$80

Includes 19 drama and vocal coaching sessions, a t-shirt and 2 performances.

Spaces are limited. Registration opens March 1, 2015 online at www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents.

Get Into the River Event

Saturday, May 30

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Inlet Park

Come join us in celebrating the jewel that is the Jordan River on Saturday, May 30, 2015, from 10 am to 2 pm. Come learn about the animals and habitats supported by the river and how communities and individuals are enjoying it each and every day. Take a canoe trip on the Jordan River, sponsored by Splore, or bring you bike or walking shoes and enjoy the Parkway Trail.



Help keep stormwater clean by sweeping all fertilizer, soil and vegetation off paved surfaces. Fertilizers, soil particles, grass clippings and leaves contain nitrogen and phosphorus which can cause nuisance weeds and algae growth if washed through storm sewers into nearby waterways. In addition, decomposing leaf and grass clippings can rob streams and lakes of oxygen.