

**Planning Department News**

**Sign Code Changes:**

The Saratoga Springs Planning Commission will consider changes to the City's sign code. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the sign code changes is available online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas) in the December 10 Planning Commission Meeting Packet.

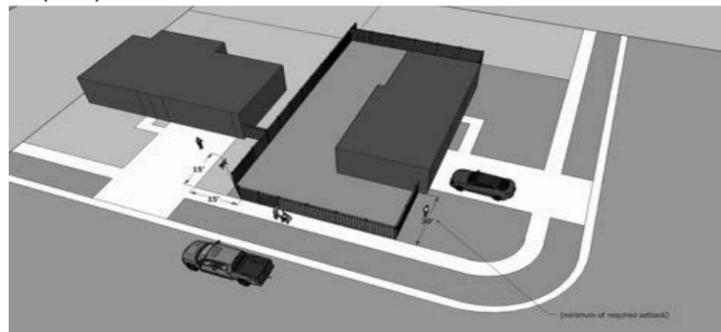
**Planning Commission:**

Planning Commission is held on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed. Visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas) for more information.

**Fencing for Corner Lots:**

The City Council recently approved a Code amendment to clarify fencing for corner lots. For some time there has been confusion over whether the fence in a street side yard could be 6 feet tall, or whether it had to be 3 feet or shorter like in a front yard. Now, it is clear that the fence in your street side yard can be 6 feet tall up to the sidewalk, as long as it is outside of the clear sight triangle. This means that if your neighbor's driveway is right next to your side yard, your fence has to drop to 3 feet in order to make it safe for their car to back out, but if there is no driveway, your side-yard fence can be 6 feet tall all the way up to the sidewalk. The approved language in Section 19.06.09 now reads:

1. Front yards: fences exceeding three feet in height shall not be erected in any front yard space of any residential lot.
2. Street side yards: fencing in street side yards adjacent to a driveway shall not exceed three feet for a distance of fifteen feet back from the intersection of driveway and sidewalk, or driveway and property line where no sidewalk exists as shown in the drawing below. Fencing shall also comply with all other clear sight triangle requirements as stated in 19.06. For additional information, contact the Planning Department at (801) 766-9793.



**Saratoga Springs Police  
Holiday Safety Tips**

The holidays, a time for cheer, hope and joy, are here, but unfortunately it can be a time when crime becomes more prevalent. The Saratoga Springs Police Department cautions shoppers that crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but chiefly because it is an opportunity for crime.

These holiday safety tips are offered to help make your holiday season a safer one. Please take some time to read them and share with your family.

- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you.
- Never carry large amounts of money. Whenever possible, use credit cards or checks instead of cash. Make sure that only one credit slip is printed with your charge card.
- Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or on a counter while you pay for your purchases.
- Shopping with kids? If children become separated from you while holiday shopping, teach them to look for people who can be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed security officer, salesperson with a name tag, the person in the information booth or a uniformed police officer.
- Cars can be an easy target for criminals. Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted area.
- When you do your shopping always lock your car. Remember to store your packages in the trunk of the car and not on the back seat. Also, if you take packages to the car but plan to return to the store or mall, drive your car to a new location within the parking lot. Criminals can be on the lookout for unsuspecting shoppers who simply drop their purchases into the trunk and then return to keep shopping.
- Make sure to collect packages delivered to your home in a timely manner. Packages left on doorsteps for long periods of time are easy targets for criminals.



**Snow Removal Prioritization**

During the winter months, the City's goal is to keep the streets safe for travel. The City is responsible for approximately 90 miles of road equating to about 180 miles of plowing. City crews conduct snow removal and road salting operations around the clock if necessary during winter storms. In order to achieve this, the City has a prioritized sequence in which the roads will be plowed and salted.

**Residents are asked to not park vehicles on roadways during or immediately after a snowstorm to allow snow plows to clear roadways.**

Additional information regarding the City's snow removal guidelines and a map of street prioritization are available online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com).

**Handel's Messiah**

The Saratoga Springs Arts Council and the Eagle Mountain Arts Alliance are pleased to announce the second multi-community presentation of Handel's Messiah. Bring your family and come celebrate the season with us, by joining our chorus in singing songs from this fabulous classical piece. Cost is free, seats are available on a first come first serve basis.

**December 7, 2015**  
Westlake High School  
7 p.m.

For updated information visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents) or "like" Saratoga Springs Civic Events on Facebook.

**Saratoga Springs Community Orchestra**

The orchestra will be performing its Christmas Concert on **Monday, December 14, 7 p.m. at Vista Heights Middle School**. Visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents) for more information.



**Let's Be Social!**  
Follow Saratoga Springs on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofsaratogasprings](http://www.facebook.com/cityofsaratogasprings) and on Twitter @saratogasprngut

**Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**



The beginning of fall and winter is a good reminder that batteries in carbon monoxide detectors must be changed on a regular basis and the unit must

be tested regularly. Carbon monoxide detectors also have an expiration date and the lifespan depends on the model and/or manufacturer. An alarm with no batteries or that no longer works offers no protection at all. Always have a functioning carbon monoxide detector in your home. Here are some tips for preventing carbon monoxide poisoning: Keep all appliances, including boilers and heaters, in good working order; Never use a gas oven to heat a room; Never use or test gas-powered tools indoors or in an enclosed space; Never use an outdoor barbecue or grill indoors or in an enclosed space; Never idle a car in a garage, even if you leave the door open.

**LIBRARY NEWS**



**Holiday Closures:**  
**Wednesday, December 23 at 5 p.m.**  
**Thursday, December 24**  
**Friday, December 25**  
**Saturday, December 26**  
**Thursday, December 31 at 5 p.m.**  
**Friday, January 1**

**Special Events:**  
 Saturday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Family Ornament Party. Join us for our annual ornament crafting event. Stop by and take the opportunity to make a great gift for grandma, grandpa or even just to take home and put up on your tree.

Wednesday, December 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Craft activities special story times will be held at 11:00 AM and 1 p.m. You may even be able to catch a glimpse of Santa himself to put in your last minute Christmas requests.

**Merit Badge & Scouting Classes.**  
 Merit Badge classes are typically scheduled on Wednesday or Saturday. Typically two classes are offered each month, however the schedule varies based on volunteer availability. At this time there are only a few classes scheduled due to lack of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer as a merit badge class volunteer, please contact the Library at (801) 766-6513. Current class being offered is Fire Safety.

Registration is required. Register online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library). Select "Events" under Registration "Click Here" to register your scout.

For a complete list of events and activities at the library, visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library).



**Switch to Paperless Billing**

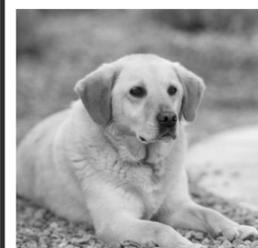
Saratoga Springs residents can go paperless for their utility bills. Just set up an account at [www.xpressbillpay.com](http://www.xpressbillpay.com) to receive your bills through email. Then call the City offices at (801) 766-9793 to have your paper bills stopped.

**Christmas Tree Disposal  
 Dates and Information**

The City of Saratoga Springs will collect live Christmas trees for City Residents. Please remove all ornaments and lights; then take your tree to the parking lot south of the South Fire Station at 2015 S. Redwood Road. An area with signs will be available starting December 26, 2015 to January 9, 2016.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Public Works Department at (801)766-6506.

**Help keep stormwater clean by removing leaves from gutters. Leaves and other vegetation contain nitrogen and phosphorus which can cause nuisance weed 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.**



**LOOKING TO ADD A PET TO YOUR FAMILY OR LOST YOUR PET?**

The North Utah Valley Animal Shelter provides services to northern Utah County. The shelter provides pet adoptions, lost and found and dog licensing among other services. Residents looking for lost pets should contact the shelter as soon as possible. Animals picked up by Animal Services are taken to the shelter for owners to claim.

Looking to add a member to your family? The shelter has many animals in need of a caring home. Contact the shelter at (801) 785-3442 or visit <http://northutahvalleyanimalshelter.org/available-pets> to view pets currently available.

**Save the Dates**

**Saratoga Springs  
 Winter Festival**

**February 6, 2016**

Mark your calendar now for the Saratoga Springs Winter Fest which will be held February 6, 2016. More information will be available as it gets closer. Check the city website [www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents) or follow Saratoga Springs Civic Events on Facebook for updates.

**Sweethearts Dinner Dance**

Saturday, February 20, 2016  
 6-9 p.m. at Westlake High School

**Saratoga Springs  
 Literacy Center  
 Winter Session**



**January 25 to March 3**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.  
 OR  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Registration opens on December 1.** Space is limited - please register early. There is a \$5 non-refundable supply fee for each Saratoga Springs resident enrolled. Non-residents may participate with a \$20 registration fee. For more information and to register, visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library).

**Miss Saratoga Springs Pageant**

Applications and information for the 2016 Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant will be available online at the city website [www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/civicevents) beginning January 1, 2016. The pageant will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Applications will be due at the mandatory Orientation/Parent Meeting on Thursday, January 21 at the Saratoga Springs Library. No applications will be accepted after that date. Young ladies who are interested must be between the ages of 16 and 21 and a resident of Saratoga Springs.

For questions regarding the pageant please contact the Assistant Civic Events Coordinator, Darcey Williams at (801) 822-1159.

**Employment Opportunity**

The City of Saratoga Springs is currently accepting applications for the following positions; they include a full-time City Engineer, Engineer II, Public Improvements Inspector, Public Works Utility Maintenance II Worker - Water, a part-time firefighter/paramedic, library clerk and recreation site supervisor. An employment application and job descriptions are available online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com).

**Are You A  
 Business Owner?**



Join the Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce and the Saratoga Springs Business Alliance. Visit [www.lehiareachamber.com](http://www.lehiareachamber.com) for membership information. Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce membership provides eligibility for the Business of the Month Award, advertising opportunities in "Welcome to the City" totes for Saratoga Springs, Lehi and Eagle Mountain, monthly networking opportunities, participation on chamber committees and much more.