



# THE SARATOGA VIEW

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## PRISON RELOCATION UPDATE

The site adjacent to Saratoga Springs that was previously considered as a relocation site for the state prison was permanently withdrawn by the applicant. That withdrawal was acknowledged by the Prison Relocation Commission during their December 22 meeting. Also at the meeting, the consultants hired by the Prison Relocation Commission recommended removal of the Saratoga Springs site following the latest round of evaluations on cost and feasibility recommended by the Commission at the December 6 meeting.

The City appreciates the efforts of everyone involved with helping the Prison Relocation Commission understand why locating the prison to the site is not in the best interest of the State nor for Saratoga Springs and our residents.

We understand that an additional site is being considered in neighboring Eagle Mountain. Residents wishing to voice their opinions on the matter can contact the Prison Relocation Commission at [PrisonRelocation@le.utah.gov](mailto:PrisonRelocation@le.utah.gov).

The City of Saratoga Springs will continue to monitor the prison relocation process as other sites are being considered.

## Contact Your City Council

The Saratoga Springs City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month unless otherwise posted. Meeting agendas are available online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/agendas). The mayor and city council members appreciate residents' input on issues in our community.

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## SIGN UP FOR DIRECT EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS

Residents can sign up to receive email notifications from Saratoga Springs regarding City news and general information, special events, emergency notices, job openings and the City newsletter. To sign up residents can visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com/email](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/email), enter your email address and then verify your email address to start receiving email notifications.

### South Secondary Water Well

The City of Saratoga Springs is interested in constructing a new irrigation well in the southern portion of the City. The City's 2014 Secondary Water Capital Facility Plan identified the need for a new source of irrigation water in the southern part of the City to not only improve existing pressures, but also to meet the needs for future growth. A preliminary well siting study completed by the City's consultant has determined that the best location for a well is near the intersection of Harbor Parkway and Redwood Road. Because of the unknown production capability of the aquifer in that area, the City will need to perform some exploratory drilling before completing a full size production well. The City anticipates this occurring sometime in January. For more information or with questions contact the City Engineer at (801) 766-9793 x137

### Employment Opportunity

The City of Saratoga Springs is currently hiring for the following positions: Public Works Inspector. Job descriptions and application instructions are available on the City's website at [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com).



**Polar Plunge**  
**"Freezin' for a Reason"**  
**Saturday,**  
**February 7, 2015**  
**Support Special**  
**Olympics Utah**

Register at [www.sout.org](http://www.sout.org) and support Special Olympic Athletes in Utah. Sponsored by the Saratoga Springs, Lehi Police Departments and the Utah County Sheriff's Office.

### 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).



### Saratoga Springs Literacy Center Winter Session

**January 12 to March 19**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 OR  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

No Literacy Center January 19, February 16 and March 9.

**Needed Literacy Center Tutor Coordinator:**  
 This is an unpaid volunteer position. Preferably an adult who can help to keep tutors and children on task. The Tutor Coordinator will be asked to attend Literacy Center sessions, arrange for tutors and any necessary tutor training, keep children on task, provide direction to tutors setting up and taking down supplies, tables and computers used for the Literacy Center.

**Tutors Needed!**  
**The Literacy Center needs tutors for the winter session.** Tutor registration is now open for the Winter Session. Tutors preferred to be at least 12 years old and read on a 5th grade reading level.

This program is free to Saratoga Springs residents and \$20 for nonresidents. Register online at [www.saratogaspringscity.com/library](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/library) under the "Literacy Center" section.

## Save the Date

### North Utah County Winter Festival

**February 5-7, 2015**

Mark your calendar now for the North Utah County Winter Fest which will be held February 5-7, 2015. This will include the communities of Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain and Lehi. Activities will include the annual Polar Plunge to support Special Olympics as well as ice skating, sledding and fun for the whole family. 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.

### Saratoga Springs Senior Council

We are looking for 5-10 Saratoga Springs citizens 55 and older to help form a Senior Council. They will help to coordinate activities for senior citizens in our community. **A meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, at Noon in the City Council Chambers for those who are interested in helping.** A light luncheon will be served. If you have questions please contact AnnElise Harrison at (801) 703-8006 or Darcey Williams at (801) 822-1159.

### Spring Youth Outdoor Soccer

**Registration:** January 25 - February 21; Late registration February 22-28.

**Season:** Season begins March 21. This will be an 8-game season. Games played Saturdays with weeknight games March 23-27.

**Cost:** \$40; Jersey: \$9. Jerseys are the same as previous years.

**Ages:** Four years to 6th grade. Shin guards are required for all ages. Everyone who signs up will play.

Volunteer coaches needed! For questions, contact the Saratoga Springs Recreation Department at (801) 753-8264.



### Communities That Care

Communities That Care is offering a FREE five-session workshop series called Guiding Good Choices to parents of children in grades 4-8. In this FREE workshop, parents will learn to set clear family guidelines, as well as learn and practice skills to strengthen family bonds, help their children develop healthy behaviors, and increase children's involvement in the family. Dinner and daycare provided.

Following are the dates, times and locations of the Guiding Good Choices workshops.

**Session 2:** January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Session 3:** March 4, 11 18, 25, April 1, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Both sessions will be held at the Saratoga Springs City Offices**

Registration is now open. Space is limited. Please contact Caryn Nielsen at (801) 888-9147 or [cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com](mailto:cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com) for more information and to register.

**Service Opportunity** Do you have a child who needs service hours for school, church, scouts, college or scholarship applications? If so, contact Caryn at (801) 888-9147 to learn more about an upcoming opportunity within the community.

### Planning Commission Vacancy

The City of Saratoga Springs is now accepting applications for members of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is a volunteer board that meets twice monthly to review items such as potential development and land use projects. For a complete description, visit [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com). Please submit a letter of interest and resume via email to Lori Yates at [lyates@saratogaspringscity.com](mailto:lyates@saratogaspringscity.com), or Saratoga Springs City, 1307 N. Commerce Dr., Suite 200, Saratoga Springs UT 84045. Open until filled.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Open Hours:

**Monday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Tuesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Friday and Sunday Closed**

**Library Closures** The Library will be closed January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

**DVDs and Audio Books** Beginning January 1, 2015, all DVDs, audio books and other media must be returned inside the library during open hours because of the high number of disks and cases being broken by large books.

**Facts About Book Repair** Did you know it takes between 20-40 hours of training to be able to repair library books the right way? Did you know that a water-damaged book can grow mold for up to two years after it's been exposed to water?

**What if you find a damaged book or damage a library book?** Please do not tape any books or pages. The library uses special glue to fix ripped, torn or loose pages and covers. Tape is actually bad for the paper the books are printed on. So, if you accidentally rip a page or find a torn or loose page, please gather the pieces and let a librarian know about the damage when you bring the item back.

Avoid underlining text in your books, particularly with permanent marker. Do not insert sticky notes or paper clips to mark pages. Sticky notes may get lost between the pages and become permanently adhered and plastic or metal paper clips can damage the paper. And, of course, do not turn down the corners to mark your place. Use long strips of paper to mark your place; they won't damage the paper or get lost in a book.

If you happen to check out a book with irreparable damage, please let us know when you return the book at the front desk. We do our best to keep our collection neat and clean for the next person to check out.

**Friends of the Library** Interested in learning more about how the Friends of the Library support the Saratoga Springs Public Library? Contact Larry Whiting (801) 376-4280 with any questions.

## Miss Saratoga Springs Pageant

Applications and information for the 2015 Miss Saratoga Springs Scholarship Pageant are now available online at the city website [www.saratogaspringscity.com](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com). The pageant is open to all young women ages 16-21 who are residents of Saratoga Springs. A parent meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the city offices. Applications can be turned into the city receptionist anytime before January 22 or at the parent meeting as well.

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

## GRADING PERMITS

The City Council recently passed Ordinance 14-14 which established rules and regulations on grading and earthwork activities. These new rules and regulations establish administrative procedures for the issuance of grading permits and the regulation of grading activities.

All grading activities that cover an area greater than 1,000 square feet or involve an excavation and/or fill in excess of 2 feet now requires a permit from the City. This new permitting policy will assist the City in mitigating the impact of such activities to adjacent property owners and the general public.

For more information regarding the new grading rules and regulations or to verify the Status of a Permit, contact the Engineering Department at (801) 766-9793 x137. Illegal dumping and other prohibited grading or land disturbance activities should be reported to code enforcement at (801) 766-6515.

**Did you know everything that enters our storm drain system ends up in our lakes and streams? Help prevent storm water pollution by properly disposing of pet waste. Take a bag with you when walking your pet and pick up any waste and deposit in the trash or flush it down the toilet.**