



Hello friends,

I'm so happy to have this space to share what's happening around our Capital City this month. I hope you and your families are all able to enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Olympics

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced Salt Lake City-Utah as the preferred host for the 2034 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in a broadcast from Paris this week. This is an exciting step forward in our journey to welcome the Olympic and Paralympic Games back to Salt Lake City!

During the next several months, the Salt Lake City-Utah Committee for the Games will work closely with the IOC in their “[targeted dialogue](#)” process to confirm a vision and roadmap to deliver a sustainable, equitable, and volunteer-driven Games that will unite the global community and elevate our quality of life for generations of Salt Lakers.

We are one step closer to welcoming athletes from across the world to experience and compete on the Greatest Snow on Earth. I am excited about the endless opportunities for our residents and visitors in the coming years that will shape a successful Games in 2034. Most of all, I am energized for our youth—our future leaders, athletes, and gold medalists of tomorrow. Every day, our 2002 legacy facilities train aspiring, home-grown athletes who have big aspirations and dreams for the future. These exciting opportunities for our youth will only magnify over the coming years as we prepare to host the world again. Stay tuned!

On Friday, December 1, at 6 p.m., an Olympic and Paralympic cauldron lighting ceremony will take place at the plaza outside of Rice-Eccles Stadium to commemorate our Olympic and Paralympic legacy and celebrate these exciting, new developments in the host city election process. All are invited to join!



Shelter Update

I'm also encouraged that the work at the Temporary Shelter Community site is 99% completed. The buildings are in place, fencing and privacy screenings are up, lighting has been installed and 24-hour security is monitoring the site.

The State evaluation committee's work is underway to choose an operator, and I anticipate we'll hear their recommendation shortly. Once the operator has been chosen, we will work with them on the remaining details like additional site amenities, operating policies, tenant selection, introductions to the neighborhood, and other elements of a well-run program.

[Tim Cosgrove](#) from the Mayor's Liaison office and [Allison Dupler](#) from the Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART) have continued outreach to the neighborhood and are available to address concerns or questions for anyone interested.

Affordable Housing

Also this month, we celebrated the opening of another affordable housing development in Salt Lake City, [Richmond Flats](#). It marked the seventh affordable housing development the City has helped open this year. In the last four years, we've seen the largest investment in affordable housing in Salt Lake City's history. Richmond Flats is also the first 100% affordable multifamily project in Sugar House, offering one, two, three, and four-bedroom units to Salt Lakers.

There is no silver bullet to addressing the shortage of affordable units. But through thoughtful partnerships, meaningful investments, and evidence-based housing strategies, we are making a difference. When we invest in affordable housing, we're not just investing in units—we are investing in public health, safety, and economic mobility. Through the power of housing, we can generate opportunities for individuals and families to succeed.



Green Loop update

The Green Loop is an exciting opportunity for Salt Lake City to create more safe bike pathways, expand our urban tree canopy, and develop more pedestrian-centered areas Downtown. This month, the Green Loop project team organized public walking tours to showcase a design prototype for 200 East and engage with you about the vision for the project.

Once completed, the Green Loop will generate more activation and connection for individuals and families in Salt Lake City by transforming streets into a linear park network built for walking, biking, sitting, reading, playing, and everything in between!

The [project survey](#) is open through January 2024. The voice of Salt Lakers is instrumental to the concept design process. You can receive project updates, complete the survey, and learn more about the project vision at slcgreenloop.com. I am excited to see preliminary designs and guiding principles move forward in 2024.

Photo courtesy of David Newkirk

Great Salt Lake \$2.2M grant

In case you missed it, we also received great news related to the Great Salt Lake this month! Salt Lake City was selected to receive a [\\$2.2 million grant](#) from the Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust (GSLWET) to preserve and restore wetlands and habitat on the south shore of the lake.

The funding will help us acquire undeveloped land next to Great Salt Lake wetlands, which currently is zoned for development, and implement a long-term management plan to improve the ecology and flow of water from the property to the Great Salt Lake.

The wetlands surrounding our namesake are an essential part of our ecosystem, and we have a responsibility to defend this habitat. The City is committed to protecting as much of the wetland area as possible through intentional collaboration and meaningful partnerships with the lake's stewards.



Presidential Debate Coming to Salt Lake City

It will be an honor and a privilege to welcome presidential candidates to our Capital City for a debate about the most important issues affecting our country in 2024. We have a proven track record for successfully hosting events on a global scale, as evidenced by the success of the 2020 vice presidential debate at the University of Utah which was viewed by more than 50 million people. We'll be ready again to provide a welcoming environment for the candidates, the audience, and viewers around the world.

The University of Utah will host the third, and final, U.S. Presidential debate on Oct. 9, 2024.

Salt Lake City to host final 2024 presidential debate

Mayor's Office Hours

Hearing from you is important to me. Let's talk about the issues that impact your neighborhood during my virtual office hours on Wednesday, Dec. 13. To schedule a 10-minute slot beginning at 5 p.m., email [Tina Nee](mailto:Tina.Nee).



Mayor's Office Hours

Wednesday, December 13th from 5 to 6 PM
Meetings will be held virtually

E-mail your meeting request to Tina.Nee@slcgov.com and include the following information:

- The City Council district where your home or business is located
- A description of what you would like to discuss
- Any relevant background/attachments
- Names of meeting participants who will be present

**Please note: 10 minute meeting slots fill quickly and we may not be able to schedule all requests.*

Commerce and Culture Event

I am excited to invite you to our upcoming Commerce and Culture Event, The Art of Development, in collaboration with the Salt Lake City Arts Council and the Department of Economic Development on December 12 at 11 a.m. at the Utah Museum of


Contemporary Art.

Our panel will be led by Salt Lake developers, local artists, City Council, and myself discussing the importance of integrating artists and creative industries into future development projects in Salt Lake City and be followed by a mix and mingle. RSVP here.

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As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slcgov.com

Best regards,



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