

# Happy spring, Salt Lakers.

This season is a good reminder about the important role that every raindrop and every spring snowstorm plays in our drinking water system. Come rain or shine, the City is committed to protecting our water supplies and ensuring the highest water quality for everyone  $\widehat{\mathbb{R}}$ 



Speaking of water, it was an honor to welcome the Second Gentleman of the United States, Doug Emhoff, and Tom Perez, Senior Advisor to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, to Salt Lake City last week on World Water Day! Together, we announced the City's receipt of a \$39 million low-interest loan to replace thousands of lead service lines throughout our drinking water system. We convened a roundtable discussion at City Hall with our guests and local and state leaders on the Great Salt Lake to share the need for federal partnerships to help protect the Lake's future.

## Snowpack and water runoff update

Our water supply is looking great this year. The Provo-Utah Lake-Jordan River watershed snowpack currently sits at 126% of the 1991-2020 median and our reservoirs look great, with Deer Creek Reservoir at 97.4% full as of March 18. The Great Salt Lake is expected to rise this year, but will still be below what is considered a minimum level to thrive.

While our water supply looks optimistic this year, we could very well see multi-year drought conditions in the future. Conserving **now** helps us stay resilient in future droughts.

Fortunately, we are not anticipating flooding risks this year but are continuing to monitor the system through the spring. We are planning early releases of water from Little Dell Reservoir to make room for anticipated runoff in the Parleys Creek watershed. Residents should expect Parleys Creek to run a little faster and deeper than usual. Please be safe around our waterways.



# 2100 South construction underway

There's no way around this orange cone. The 2100 South reconstruction will cause short-term headaches and rerouting for residents, businesses, and visitors in Sugar House. In 2018, voters approved the Funding Our Future bond demanding better roads and we're delivering on that promise to improve one of our city's most loved roads. Through the reconstruction, we'll be able to make Sugar House more beautiful, safe, and accessible—the way the community wants it. **Sugar House is open** and I encourage you to plan ahead as you visit your favorite businesses and restaurants in the area.

2100 South construction updates

After tracking more than 200 bills during the 2024 legislative session that could impact our city government and residents, we've come away with a historic investment for homeless services, a path for downtown reinvestment and potential for a National Hockey League team, a vision for a new Fairpark and Power District, and a potential Major League Baseball stadium.

Read my Deseret News Op-Ed

# **HEART** hygiene kit drive

The City's Homeless Engagement and Resource Team (HEART) is hosting a resource drive with the homeless resource centers in the City from March 18 to March 29. Residents can drop off donations from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays at Dynapac (338 Hansen Ave.) or Maven STRONG (155 E. 900 South #200).

They are asking for toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, washcloths, deodorant, wipes, sunscreen, chapstick, floss, menstrual hygiene products, socks, underwear, and nonperishable food items—ideally in travel size form! There is an Amazon Wish List if you cannot donate in person.

On April 2, Salt Lake City will host a hygiene kit packing event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sorenson Unity Center (1383 S. 900 West) for community members to assemble items into individual kits for distribution. The goal is to pack 600 kits to distribute to clients at the homeless resource centers.

To volunteer, RSVP online

#### Hygiene Kit ADDRESS FOR DROPOFF 338 HANSEN AVE, SALT LAKE CITY ITEMS NEEDED TOOTHBRUSH SUNSCREEN CHAPSTICK TOOTHPASTE BODY WASH FLOSS SHAMPOO MENSTRUAL HYGIENE CONDITIONER PRODUCTS WASHCLOTH UNDERWEAR DEODORANT WIPES NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ALSO ACCEPTING DONATIONS VIA AMAZON, PLEASE FOLLOW OR CODE FOR DETAILS! TO SEE OTHER DROP OFF LOCATIONS AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE FOLLOW QR CODE

## Clean Air SLC Landscaping Equipment Exchange

Did you know that gas-powered lawn equipment creates a lot of air pollution? For instance, using a gas-powered leaf blower for one hour creates the same pollution as driving a car 727 miles. That's why we're excited to bring back our annual gas-powered lawn equipment exchange. Salt Lake City is offering a limited number of vouchers for residents to switch from harmful gas-powered equipment to electric lawnmowers, leaf blowers, and string trimmers.

Applications for this lottery-based program will open in April.



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

# Best regards,







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