



Hello, Salt Lakers.

What a month it's been! At my State of the City address in January, I laid out an ambitious vision for our capital city to level up, cementing our position as the sports, culture and entertainment hub for the State of Utah. My goals also included a vision for ensuring those amenities are available to and serve all residents, visitors and, most importantly, families. And look where we are just a few short months later. We're on the cusp of bringing back the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2034, and just last week, we were [awarded an NHL team](#).

I believe there has never been a better time to be a Salt Laker and I look forward to our opportunities ahead.



NHL to SLC

It's official! The National Hockey League, along with owners Ryan and Ashley Smith, announced Salt Lake City will be the new home of an NHL franchise. [This is a HUGE moment for Salt Lake City' trajectory.](#)

While there is still much work to do to get ready for the team in the short term, we are committed to making the heart of our downtown a place where sports, entertainment, education, and culture can reach their greatest potential.

I want to thank [Ryan and Ashley Smith](#) for their incredible leadership and commitment to supporting our community. Their partnership is critical to this journey.

I can't wait for the future of our downtown and the first NHL game in Salt Lake City!



IOC explores Salt Lake City

Earlier this month, [Salt Lake City welcomed](#) members of the International Olympic Committee's Future Host Commission to explore [our incredible venues and our passion](#) for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Salt Lakers are honored to hold a powerful legacy from 2002, BUT we continue to adapt and transform each day, creating exciting pathways built for our community and the possibility of an even GREATER Olympic and Paralympic future.

But I want to be clear. Our capital city will continue its path forward, embracing progress and shaping a bright future for everyone. This work will not be accomplished with a singular goal of serving hundreds of thousands of people for two weeks in February a decade from now, but for our residents everyday.

[The vision and aspirations for our future deeply compliment the Olympic movement](#), and I am excited to see where we will be in a decade when we welcome the world back.

Budget season

One of the most important tasks of our city government is just around the corner. I'm looking forward to delivering my recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2025 at **7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7th** to the Salt Lake City Council. It will focus on the goals laid out in [this year's State of the City address](#) and how we plan to achieve them.

It's an exciting time to live in Salt Lake City with so many opportunities ahead for us.

Watch it live

Water Conservation

Spring has arrived! The flowers are blooming and the grass is greener but **don't turn on your sprinklers just yet**. Rain is in this week's forecast and temperatures are still cool which means we still have plenty of soil moisture.

Water conservation is one of the best ways to be good water stewards, protect the Great Salt Lake, and extend our existing water supply. Every drop counts!

Upcoming ACE events

Since 2012, the Mayor's Office has provided more than \$2 million in funding for events that celebrate the City's cultural and artistic diversity, protect the local environment, and build a sustainable city. This year, more than 126 events received funding.

Upcoming events sponsored by the ACE Fund:

April 27 – Nihon Matsuri (Japan Festival):
10 am - 5 pm at Japantown St. (268 W 100 S)

April 27 – Storytelling Through Song (with Bomba Marile):
10 am - 7 pm at Sorenson Unity Center (1383 S 900 W)

May 3-5 – International Federation of Sport Climbing World Cup, SLC 2024 (hosted by USA Climbing):
See event times and locations online - USA Climbing Training Center (440 W 800 S) / Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S)

May 10 – Queer Food FEASTival (hosted by the Utah LGBTQ+ Chamber of Commerce):
5:30 - 9 pm at Mountain West Hard Cider



(425 North 400 West)

May 11– Urban Bird Festival:

9 am - 5 pm at Tracy Aviary (589 E 1300 S)

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

Best regards,



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