



Hello, friends.

Change is one of the few constants in life, but that doesn't make saying goodbye to the Salt Lake Bees any easier. The team played their final games at Smith's Ballpark this past weekend. But, their legacy will live on in Salt Lake City and we look forward with optimism for [what lies ahead](#) in the Ballpark neighborhood.



Certified Welcoming City

I'm proud Salt Lake City is joining Salt Lake County by being officially designated as a 'Welcoming City.' Last week, we became the first and only city in the state of Utah designated as a [Certified Welcoming city](#).

The [designation](#) shows we have embraced welcoming policies and programs, not only through City Hall, but in partnerships throughout our community. These initiatives are imperative to building a future where every resident feels a true sense of belonging.

To me, this is not a recognition of our past efforts, it's a promise to the future when we host the world once again to host the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2034. We can't do our work in City Hall in isolation. We rely on the support of our nonprofit partners and organizations who are as dedicated to this work as we are. I am so grateful to them all.

Redwood Road funding

Salt Lake City recently received a [\\$2.9 million federal grant](#) to improve a 6.4-mile stretch of Redwood Road by retiming signals, installing three new high-intensity activated crosswalk beacons, and creating more sidewalks. These incremental steps are important in the creation of safe streets for everyone.

We continue to pursue partnerships wherever we can to prevent traffic violence.

Open Streets at the Granary grand finale

Got any plans this weekend? It's time for the grand finale of Open Streets in the Granary District! Come down between 4 and 10 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday for your last chance to take in all the live music, street soccer, food trucks, local beer and fun activities for all ages.



And don't miss the Green Loop demonstration on 500 West between 700 South and 900 South.

Let's wrap up September with a good party! There will be a bike ride at 4:30 p.m. Friday from The Whale down to Open Streets. Register for the bike ride [here](#).

SLC named one of three finalists for Sundance

Lights, camera, action! Earlier this month, Sundance Film Festival announced that Salt Lake City and Park City made the cut — [one of three finalists to host the festival](#). The script isn't finished yet but I'm excited to see how the plot unfolds in 2025!

Immigration dialogue

I want to invite you to a community dialogue about immigration on Saturday, Sept. 28 with the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission, the State of Utah, Salt Lake County, Center for Economic Opportunity and Belonging, and Braver Angels.

The event will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sorenson Unity Center.

During this free event, community members will learn about the state of immigration in Utah and listen to diverse perspectives while finding points of agreement with each other.

Register in advance

Upcoming ACE events

I'm so thrilled to announce the [ACE grant](#) has been renamed to the "Arts, Culture, and Entertainment" grant and will begin accepting applications on Oct. 1st through Nov. 1st for events in 2025.

With a budget increase to \$300,000, it means we'll be able to fund more events and meet the rising demand from applicants.

I hope you check out some of these ACE events coming up around our Capital City this month.

9/28 – Groove in the Grove: 11 am – 3 pm at Pioneer Police Precinct, 1040 W 700 S

10/5 – Giant Pumpkin Palooza: 12 - 5 pm at the Gateway, 400 W 200 S

10/11 – Pizza in the Park, Central City Neighborhood Council: 5 - 7 pm at Richmond Park, 440 E 600 S

10/12 – Celebration of the Day of the Dead: 12 - 5 pm at Trolley Square, 602 E 500 S

10/19 – Downtown Farmers Market (last of the season at Pioneer Park): 8 am - 2 pm at Pioneer Park, 350 S 300 W



The poster features a light blue background with a decorative border of yellow icons representing various arts and culture activities. At the top left is the Salt Lake City logo. The main title "ARTS, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT" is in bold, with a subtitle "ACE Grant provided by the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office" below it. A section titled "HOSTING A COMMUNITY EVENT?" states "The Salt Lake City Mayor's Office can support you!". The central focus is "APPLY FOR THE ARTS, CULTURE, & ENTERTAINMENT GRANT", followed by a description: "The ACE Grant is a funding opportunity from the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office to grow neighborhood and community events that contribute to our city's unique and vibrant culture. Both large and small events are encouraged to apply!". A QR code is on the right. At the bottom left, a calendar icon indicates "Accepting Applications: Oct. 1 - Nov. 1, 2024". At the bottom right, it says "Want to learn more? Scan QR code, visit slc.gov/mayoroffice-fund Or reach out to ACE@slc.gov".

As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slc.gov

Your friend,



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