



Hello, friends.

Have you felt that buzz in the air? Whether you are a lifelong fan or just discovering the thrill of hockey, there is no denying the **excitement and energy** the Utah Hockey Club team brings to our community.



Strengthening our relationship with Matsumoto

Earlier this month, a delegation of local leaders and I visited Matsumoto, Japan, Salt Lake City's first and oldest [Sister City](#). Last year, leaders from Matsumoto [came to our city](#) for Pioneer Day and the 65th anniversary of our Sister City bond, so with more than a decade since a mayoral visit, it was time to return the honor. Since the late 1950s, we've shared a unique bond and many similarities—our populations are roughly the same, and even our mountains look alike. While Matsumoto and Salt Lake City have much in common, this trip gave me time to reflect on what truly sets our city apart.

Introducing the Tenant Resource Center

Every Salt Laker deserves access to stable, affordable housing, so I'm excited to announce our new **Tenant Resource Center and RAFT programs**, part of Salt Lake City's broader [Thriving in Place](#) plan.

- The **Tenant Resource Center**, staffed by Community Development Corporation of Utah (CDCU) navigators, is a one-stop service hub offering personalized assistance to renters. Navigators connect renters to various services, including eviction assistance, affordable housing resources, and support with basic needs like food and childcare. [The Center](#) will prioritize low-income households but is open to all Salt Lake City renters seeking support.
- The **RAFT program** will offer financial aid to displaced renters due to development or rent restriction expiration. Eligible renters can receive funds to help cover expenses such as deposits, first and last months' rent, and application fees, making relocation less financially disruptive.



Your walk to the B Gates just got shorter

Big news, travelers! The Salt Lake City International Airport just [unveiled Phase 3](#), and it's a game-changer. The new [River Tunnel](#) connects Concourses A and B, shortening your walk and giving you a full sensory experience with its [100-song playlist](#) (featuring music ranging from Post Malone to The Tabernacle Choir) to enjoy along the way.

We've also added five more gates and [12 new concessions](#) that showcase the best of Salt Lake's dining and culture right inside the airport. That's not to mention the incredible new art, Gordon Huether's [Canyon 2.0 and Northern Light](#), that brings Utah's natural beauty indoors. Oh, and one more surprise—the airport has a [new friend](#) over 150 million years old. 🦕 I couldn't be more proud of the incredible teams that made this happen!



Utah Olympic and Paralympic athletes come home

I'm so proud of our Olympians and Paralympians from Utah who competed in Paris this summer! It was inspiring to meet amazing athletes like Sam Watson, a University of Utah student and world-record setting rock climber. (You should see the bling he brought home! 🏆)

With 34 athletes with ties to the Beehive State who competed in this summer's Olympic and Paralympic Games, Utah is proving we're not just a Winter Olympic state—we're a year-round powerhouse for world-class athletes.

Love Your Block grant applications open

The SLC [Love Your Block](#) program is not just about sprucing up spaces—it's about the connections that strengthen our community. Every effort, no matter how small, makes a meaningful impact. This is what it truly means to cherish the place we call home. In 2023, here's the impact Love Your Block made:

- 1029 volunteers
- 3,701 volunteer hours
- 97,868 pounds of trash
- 19 projects
- \$51,077 invested into the community

Is there a project you'd like to see in your westside or Ballpark neighborhood?
Applications for mini-grants open on Nov. 1.

[Apply here!](#)



Upcoming ACE events

Since 2012, the Office of the Mayor has provided Arts, Culture and Events (ACE) funding to support and grow neighborhood and community events in Salt Lake City. ACE sponsored events contribute to Salt Lake City's unique and vibrant culture and bring communities together to celebrate and learn.



Nov. 9th - **ILLUMINATE: Light Art & Creative Technology Festival**: 5 - 11 pm at Library Square (200 E 400 S)

Nov. 9th (weekly) – **Downtown Farmers Market, Winter Market**: 10 am - 2 pm at the Gateway (18 N Rio Grande St.)

Nov. 14-20 – **Filméxico Mexican Independent Film Festival**: Show times vary at Salt Lake Film Society (111 E Broadway 300 S)

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

Your friend,



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