

#### **Dear Salt Lakers**,

With Earth Day and Arbor Day just behind us, it's been a month full of digging in, both literally and figuratively. Our work this spring speaks to who we are as a city. We care about the future. And we plant roots—not just for ourselves, but for the generations that will come after us.

# **Affordable Housing Open and In The Pipeline**

Affordable housing continues to expand in Salt Lake City. During April, we celebrated both a groundbreaking and an opening in the same month. We broke ground on Latitude Apartments' **105 new affordable units** for households at or below 60% of the area median income. These are future homes for teachers, mechanics, firefighters, and families. Our Housing Stability Division committed \$2.4 million in funding to this development, and to me, it's money well spent.

New City Plaza is a renovation project that transformed two aging buildings into nearly 300 updated, deeply affordable apartments for seniors and individuals with disabilities. With an \$82 million investment—over \$2.2 million in Salt Lake City support—this finished project honors these residents with safe, dignified housing that's built to last. Want to follow along with us as we continue to invest in affordable housing? Check out the Affordable Housing Construction and Preservation Dashboard to see how we're making progress on our goals.



### **Planting Trees, Growing Community**

Trees make a difference in a neighborhood. They clean our air, cool our streets, make space for wildlife, and create welcoming spaces where we spend time together.

On Earth Day, 300 volunteers helped our Public Lands Department dig tree wells around mature trees in Jordan Park to support them for a longer, healthier life. Just a few days later on Arbor Day, volunteers planted 140 more trees in that same park. In the past six months, we've planted about 1,850 trees—and over 5,000 trees have been planted on the westside in the last five years.

**ICYMI**: A great way to help Mother Earth is to swap out your gas-powered landscaping equipment for electric through the Clean Air SLC program!

### **Budget Season Is Here!**

We're deep into planning for the fiscal year ahead, and your voice matters in this process. I'll present my recommended City budget to the Salt Lake City Council during their formal meeting at 7 p.m. on May 6. I hope you'll tune in and stay engaged, because your priorities help shape our path forward.



## **Repairing Our Roads**

Our incredible City crews filled 5,960 potholes during our week-long Pothole Palooza! I'm so grateful for their hard work, and I know users across the city are, too. Of course, we'll still be filling potholes for the rest of the year while also reconstructing numerous roads during construction season. If you see a pothole, report it through the mySLC Mobile app or by calling 801-535-2345.

To stay up to date on road projects happening in your neighborhood, visit the City's Current Street Projects webpage.

### **Get \$\$ To Improve Your Neighborhood**

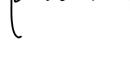
Salt Lake City's Love Your Block program is back—and we're inviting residents to lead the charge in revitalizing their neighborhoods, one project at a time. Starting May 1, you can apply for a mini-grant of up to \$2,000 to bring small-scale ideas to life—from public art to cleanups and home repairs.

Eligible neighborhoods include Glendale, Poplar Grove, Fairpark, Rose Park, Westpointe, Jordan Meadows, and Ballpark. Let's build something great together. Applications close May 31.

Apply today!

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

#### Your friend,







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