

Dear Salt Lakers,

This month, we're celebrating the power of gathering—whether it's by opening our streets for people, reimagining community spaces, or getting outside to explore the Foothills. Whatever way you choose to gather this season, I hope you get to take advantage of this great weather and the great outdoors.

The Main Library rooftop has always been a special space for Salt Lakers. But with its recent renovation, it's become something more. It's a true third space, where people can connect with ideas, nature, and each other. Plus...the bees are back! That's right. Our downtown City Library has two hives that house tens of thousands of bees. They work together to produce between 30-50 pounds of honey each year (the Library has even won ribbons at the fair for it). I think that's a beautiful reminder of what Salt Lakers can do, too. When we share responsibility and build with a common purpose, we can create amazing things.

P.S. Speaking of libraries, we also just celebrated the opening of the brand new Ballpark Library Lab. Check out their unique events and hours.



Open Streets Returns

Open Streets is back! Every Friday and Saturday in June from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Main Street will be closed to vehicles, creating space for pedestrians, artists, and performers to bring energy and activity to the area. The best part about Open Streets is that there's something for everyone—family-friendly activities, performance artists, buskers, live music, a beer garden, DJs, and extended outdoor patios for restaurants. I hope you'll join us.



A New Chapter for Pioneer Park

For decades, Pioneer Park has been a work in progress. But with the City's Pioneer Park Vision Plan fully funded and breaking ground this fall, we're taking the next step.

Plus, I'm excited to announce a new partnership with the Downtown Alliance to explore the feasibility of a new, public building at Pioneer Park. The possibilities for a potential building are endless—a weekly farmers market all year long, community events, and even a permanent home for our beloved Downtown Ambassadors. I'm so excited to see what the future holds!



New Foothills Trailheads

There's nothing quite like the views from our Foothills. This summer, it's getting easier for all to enjoy them. Yesterday, we celebrated the opening of the Bonneville Boulevard Trailhead, which features native plant gardens, improved access, educational signage, and picnic tables.

We're also opening three other major trailheads along with 25 new minor trailheads this year:

- Popperton Trailhead (360 North Popperton Park)
- Victory Road Trailhead (670 Victory Road)
- Emigration Trailhead (2749 Sunnyside Avenue)

These new access points aren't just about recreation. They're about sustainability, safety, and making sure everyone, no matter their experience level, can get out in Salt Lake City and explore.

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

Your friend,



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