



Dear Salt Lakers,

The past few weeks, we've had to grapple with feelings caused by ongoing global conflict and heartbreaking events closer to home—from confusion and fear to frustration and a desire for stability. During times like these, I want to invite you to lean into connection. Being together is healing, and it reminds me of the love and peace that is so abundant in our community.

From Pride and the Utah Arts Festival to Open Streets and the Red Bull Soapbox Derby, these moments of shared joy matter. Thank you for being part of them.

FY2026 Budget Adopted

The City Council officially adopted Salt Lake City's [Fiscal Year 2026 budget](#), which will go into effect on July 1.

Here are a few highlights I think you should know:

- Nearly \$4 million for **public safety initiatives**, to fulfill seven actions in our [Public Safety Plan](#)
 - \$5 million for **deeply affordable housing**
 - Launch of the **Clean City Team**, focused on improving North Temple and the Jordan River Trail conditions
 - **Infrastructure upgrades** through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), including trails, parks, restrooms, and streets—final project allocations to be made in August
 - Vision Zero **road safety improvements** on Redwood Road, 900 West, and 800 South
 - No property tax increase and modest utility, waste, and recycling rate adjustments to continue vital services
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SLC → Seoul

A new chapter in Salt Lake City's global story took flight with the inaugural nonstop service to Incheon, South Korea. ✈️

[This new connection](#) to Incheon, one of the world's busiest international hubs, is one of those steps. From Seoul, Salt Lake City travelers can now reach more than 50 cities across Asia. That kind of access is transformational. It strengthens our ability to welcome the world, deepen cultural ties, and create new opportunities for local businesses to thrive.



Celebrating our Diversity

Salt Lakers gathered at City Hall to honor Pride Month and Juneteenth, raising new flags to celebrate with the beautiful communities they represent. It reminds me of the progress we've made and the ongoing work of justice, and that must continue. They're also moments of joy, resilience, and recognition. And I'm proud to live in a city where we make space to celebrate that with care.

If you're looking for more opportunities to connect and gather with each other, here's what's coming up in our city:

- **Final weekend of Open Streets on Main Street** (this Friday & Saturday)
 - **SLC Pride celebration** for free at The Gateway (Saturday & Sunday)
 - **Salt Lake City Drone Shows** (displays beginning around 10 PM)
 - **July 5:** Independence Day at Jordan Park
 - **July 24:** Pioneer Day at Liberty Park
 - **Ballpark Blockbuster** featuring "Shrek" at the Ballpark Stadium (July 11)
 - **Twilight Concert Series** (**tickets required**)
 - July 12: Earthgang at Gallivan Center
 - July 17: Sierra Ferrell at Library Square
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You're Reducing Pollution 💪

Not only is our [Clean Air SLC](#) program working, but it just hit a new milestone! With a record 1,434 applicants, this year's landscaping equipment exchange removed 4,000+ pounds of pollution, equal to taking 600 cars off the road. 73% of applicants recycled their old equipment.

Salt Lakers, thank you for doing your part for cleaner air!

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

Your friend,



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