Hi, I'm excited to use this space to share news with you about our City! Please stay in touch and let us know what you think, as well as what else you want to hear about.

What Salt Lake City is doing to address homelessness

Since my first day in office, my team has been focused on solutions to homelessness. I’m encouraged by the progress happening at all levels of government and among all stakeholders. State and County funds are leveraging the City’s dollars to build more than 770 new permanent supportive housing units—with more to come.

WINTER PLAN

On August 10, the State accepted the Salt Lake County winter overflow shelter plan. This process to create a plan for winter shelter is something that did not exist two years ago. The work we are doing together now is propelling us toward real and lasting progress and our shared goal of a bed for every person. Highlights of the plan include:

- Winter overflow options will open by November.
- The plan introduces an increase in beds, with a goal of 600 available 24/7—an improvement from last winter when only 350 beds were available from 7 pm to 7 am.
The two homeless resource centers in Salt Lake City will have the ability to increase capacity by 50 beds each.

The plan identifies an additional 200+ beds for “Code Blue” events, which are temperatures 15 degrees or below or any other extreme conditions.

The majority of overflow beds are located outside Salt Lake City in other places in the county and it’s so heartening to see our neighboring cities play key roles in problem-solving.

**SANCTIONED CAMPING PILOT & OTHER SOLUTIONS**

In addition to the winter overflow plan, my administration and staff in Salt Lake City are working daily on other short- and long-term solutions, like a safe, structured sanctioned campground.

Read more: City homelessness efforts
Salt Lake City crime is down!

Another issue that’s a key area of focus for my team is crime. While many other cities across the nation continue to grapple with the outcomes of a rise in crime that started during the pandemic, Salt Lake City has reversed its rising crime rates and today, crime is down more than 16% citywide from this time in 2022. In fact, these numbers are some of the lowest we’ve seen in a decade, and in three City Council districts, crime rates are at 10-year lows. You can check out the most recent crime stats online.

But our work doesn’t ever stop. One crime in SLC is one too many and we will continue to innovate and employ new strategies, such as the recent implementation of stratified
policing and continued emphasis on our multi-year Crime Control Plan. I appreciate the work of our public safety employees. It is a challenging profession with risks and challenges at every turn.

As always, if you experience an emergency, call 911. For a non-emergency situation, call 801-799-3000.

Capital Improvement Program: Improving our City, Neighborhoods and Parks

This month, my administration’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) recommendations were accepted by the Salt Lake City Council and funding was approved for 33 projects that will greatly improve Salt Lakers’ lives. We've
incorporated City Council district mapping so that we can be transparent about where the City is allocating funds, and ensure that funding is more equitable citywide.

Learn more about the program

Safe Passage
There is never a more important time for drivers to slow down and pay attention than during the school year – especially before and after school. Every kid deserves to get to and from school safely, and that depends on all of us to drive safely.

For the first several weeks of this school year, Safe Passage, our student safety initiative, is back at Backman Elementary and Mary W. Jackson Elementary. Together, our Police Department and School District will enhance patrols as a proactive effort to ensure our children are safe as they return to school. And, if you have time to help out, the City is always looking to hire additional crossing guards. You can apply on our website – thank you!

As always, feel free to reach out to me at mayor@slcgov.com

Best regards,