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## Hi Salt Lakers,

As we close out another year, I'm reminded of this community's steady strength. Even in moments of uncertainty, you continue to show up for one another—from rallying around neighbors impacted by the Main Street fire to supporting families, small businesses, and community organizations citywide. Wishing you a restful holiday season and a hopeful start to the year ahead.

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## Salt Lakers Making a Positive Impact

Earlier this month, we gathered to celebrate Human Rights Day. It was a powerful reminder that dignity, safety, and belonging aren't abstract ideas but daily commitments. I'm deeply grateful to the individuals and organizations who work every day to make equality a lived reality. Thank you as well to our Human Rights Commission for 20 years of advancing dignity, fairness, and inclusion across our city.

### **Emerging Leader for Human Rights Award—Under 18**

- Tiraya Bruinsma

### **Emerging Leader for Human Rights Award—Over 18**

- Khadija Kele

### **Inspirational Advocate for Human Rights Award**

- Ciriac Alvarez Valle
- Marina Lowe

### **Community Partner for Human Rights Award**

- The Utah Chapter of American Immigration Lawyers Association
- Salt Lake City Public Library's Social Service Team

### **City Excellence for Human Rights Award**

- Salt Lake City's Fairpark Family Learning Center

Read more about these individuals and organizations

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## **Smoother, Safer Streets**

Salt Lake City has officially [completed more than 100 road and infrastructure projects citywide](#), rebuilding 122 miles of worn-out streets and resurfacing over 300 lane miles of pavement. This is thanks to the voter-approved streets bond.

These investments are already paying off: nearly one-third of the City's worst roads have been fully reconstructed, more than half of all streets now rank in good, satisfactory, or fair condition, and coordinated utility upgrades mean many of these roads won't need major work again for many years!

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## Glendale Park is Open

Phase one of Glendale Park opened this month—a milestone shaped directly by community input. The first seven acres of this 20-acre site include an all-abilities playground, a full basketball court, looping walking paths, shaded seating, open lawn space, a food-truck promenade, parking for accessibility, and a newly planted native wetland that supports biodiversity and stormwater management.

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### ICYMI:

- Support [Neighborhood House](#) this holiday season! Their educational programs are seeking new art supplies, classroom materials, sensory tools, and comfort items. Donations can be dropped off on the second floor of City Hall until Jan. 1.
- Save the date for my annual State of the City address at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2026. Watch live on [YouTube](#) or my [Facebook page](#)!

As always, feel free to reach out to me at [mayor@slc.gov](mailto:mayor@slc.gov).

**Your friend,**



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