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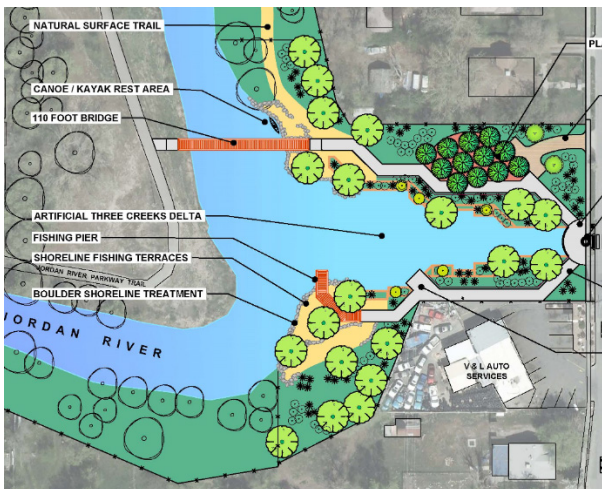
Three Creeks Confluence Artist Selection

The Three Creeks Confluence project aims to restore, highlight and reactivate a unique location along the Jordan River in Salt Lake City. It is located at 1300 South 900 West. The location signifies where three major tributaries of the Jordan River join (Red Butte Creek, Emigration Creek, and Parleys Creek). The tributaries are currently paved over, and the site is heavily impacted by invasive species, garbage, and private property encroachments.

Through the development of the Three Creeks Confluence site, four main goals will be met:

- Health: Improve and expand green infrastructure.
- Transportation: Expand and improve multi-modal transportation infrastructure.
- Environmental: Enhance the ecological value of the land and improve water quality.
- Community: Create a place for the community to connect to the Jordan River and an opportunity to interpret environmental and social history of the site

The Salt Lake City Arts Council recently commissioned a team of local artists' to collaborate with the City's design consultant to develop a public art proposal for the site. The primary goal of the public art project will be to activate the site and provide context to the unique environmental significance of the area. The team of artists is currently working with several community organizations to develop a proposal. They will present the proposed art design in September 2018.



DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

PIONEER PARK
SATURDAY 8AM - 2PM

LIBERTY PARK MARKET

FRIDAYS
4PM - DUSK

SUGAR HOUSE FARMERS MARKET

FAIRMONT PARK
WEDNESDAY 5PM - 8PM

9TH WEST FARMERS MARKET

INT'L PEACE GARDENS
10AM - 2PM

Fertilizing the Regional Athletic Complex

The Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) recently began using a fertilization product called Agri-Inject. The fertilizer is distributed to the sports fields through the RAC's regular irrigation system during normal watering times. Agri-Inject distributes fertilizer by connecting an injection valve to the irrigation system then a liquid mix of fertilizers is dispersed evenly throughout the irrigated areas.

How will the new fertilization system benefit the RAC?

- **Precision.** Fertilizer is applied through precise measurements and timing. This reduces product waste and ensures maximum turf health throughout the season.
- **Effectiveness.** Many fertilizers are more effective when applied with water or through an irrigation system.
- **Ease of Use.** Through Agri-Inject the fertilization schedule is automated which allows staff members to focus on other maintenance needs throughout the complex.
- **Sustainability.** The system allows for reduced use of chemical fertilizers minimizing the environmental impact of fertilizing the RAC's 16 fields.
- **Safety.** Human exposure to fertilizer is minimized and the likelihood of over-application or spills is reduced.

Fish Bowl: New Warehouse Inventory Software

Salt Lake City Parks & Public Lands recently implemented a warehousing software tool called Fishbowl. Over the past few months the software has been integrated into the daily inventory procedures. Fishbowl increases our capability to track the cost of supplies, creates an efficient system with fewer accounting errors, and ensures more accurate tracking of fiscal budgets. The inventory software allows warehouse staff to track, intake and distribute equipment, tools and materials more efficiently. Through the simple act of scanning an employee badge, staff members can now ensure supplies are billed to the appropriate maintenance accounts. Additionally, through use of the software, the warehouse is organized into easy to find categories reducing the potential to over or under stock inventory. Managers can create monthly reports to track and record purchases. The software will increase accountability and transparency which will help identify areas that need to be improved in the overall distribution practices of the Parks & Public Lands Warehouse.



CEMETERY ARBORETUM

The Salt Lake City Cemetery has a lot of trees! In fact, it has enough tree species to qualify as a tree-focused public garden and to become an accredited arboretum. Through ArbNet, a community of registered arboreta and botanical gardens, the Salt Lake City Cemetery can be added to the Morton Register of Arboreta (a comprehensive list and database of public gardens with a substantial focus on woody plants). Arboretum accreditation recognizes the standards of excellence of tree-focused gardens internationally.

Each month the Cemetery staff members highlight and provide detailed information about a tree species found on the grounds. To learn more visit <https://www.slc.gov/parks/city-cemetery/> by clicking on the Tree of the Month tab.

Parks and Public Lands Building Back Lot Fire

On July 25th several staff members were in the Parks and Public Lands Building back lot and storage area when they noticed smoke rising in the back forty acres. Within minutes, 10 foot flames were rising from just beyond the hill. The flames quickly spread through the dry grass.

After the fire was contained, we learned that it likely originated from a transient camp in the area. We also learned that due to the compost piles located on the land, the fire may continue to flare up and keep the ground heated until December 2018.



Capital Improvement Project Application Period is Open

The city is accepting applications for capital improvement projects. A site improvement project is a construction project that is greater than \$50,000 and has a useful life of five or more years. Constituents and City Departments apply to this program administered by the City's Housing and Neighborhood Development Division (HAND).

Constituents interested in applying for funding should contact Holly Draney, Capital Improvement Project Specialist, by September 28, 2018. City staff will then work with applicants to collaborate on project proposals and develop a full application.

CIP Process

1. The Community Development Capital Improvement Project (a citizen appointed board) reviews all funding requests and makes recommendations on funding allocations in the first quarter of 2019.
2. Recommendations are provided to the Mayor's office.
3. The Mayor's office will review all project applications both constituent requests as well as City department requests, and the CDCIP recommendations to identify the administrations priority projects for funding during the second quarter of 2019.
4. The Mayor's project recommendations are included in the Mayors Recommended Budget Book and is provided to the City Council for final approval.
5. City Council will review the Mayor's recommended projects and make final decision on funding allocations in the third quarter of 2019.
6. Project funding is available in the fourth quarter of 2019.

For more information visit <https://www.slc.gov/hand/>

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