

Salt Lake City Council

District One Community News

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As a result of the U.S. Census Survey, the Salt Lake City Council has the responsibility to rebalance council districts and school board precincts. It's a vital effort required by law to ensure equal representation for all residents of the City. Most of you took the time to be counted last year, and this is one of the outcomes of your effort.

The Council, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office, will appoint a Redistricting Working Group that will provide input to the Council as new City Council district and school district precinct boundaries are drawn. The volunteer group will independently review the 2010 Census data and make boundary suggestions for equal districts and precincts. Public hearings on redistricting will be held this fall as the Council invites residents to evaluate recommendations and offer their suggestions. I would encourage you to stay involved and informed as this process moves forward. Information will be available on the City's web site, or we'll notify you by signing up for the District One Email list at www.district1.com.

We have some great changes ahead for us as a community, city and state. This newsletter addresses some ongoing issues in our neighborhood, how you can be involved in the community, and city-wide issues of interest. I hope you become educated on the issues ahead for our City growth, and look forward to hearing from you. You may email me at carlton.christensen@slcgov.com or call me at 801-535-7600.



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North Temple Viaduct Re-Opening



Following a year of construction, road closures, and detours, the much anticipated re-opening of the North Temple Viaduct is near.

Expected to open by late Summer 2011, two lanes of traffic will soon be ready for motorists.

The re-opening is just the beginning of many significant changes. Referred to as the "crown jewel," the North Temple Viaduct will be the host of pedestrian and bike walkways, four lanes of traffic, and TRAX and Frontrunner stations. The viaduct will make transportation via light rail possible from the airport to Salt Lake's downtown area simple and energy efficient. Road and walkway completions are anticipated by Fall 2012, with the first TRAX and Frontrunner trips commencing in early 2013.

These improvements will provide a great economic boost to the North Temple area, as well as to Salt Lake City as a whole. With expected ridership of more than 6,000 people per day, the

TRAX and Frontrunner systems will help foster this economic improvement. The area of North Temple will also share in the updates and beautification process, and receive many street improvements, including widened streets, landscaping, and additional lighting. These changes will be made with the intent to attract shoppers and tourists to revive the area.



Neighborhoods surrounding North Temple, Salt Lake City residents, the Downtown Alliance, and visitors alike are anxiously awaiting the completion and opening of the North Temple Viaduct.

Stay tuned for the re-opening celebration by signing up to receive District One Email updates. You can sign up by visiting www.slcdistrict1.com or scan the QR code below.

Get Involved

Participate in our community and help develop the neighborhood. Join one of the following community councils: Rose Park, Jordan Meadows, Fairpark, or Westpointe.

Councils are defined by geographic areas. To locate your community council, please visit www.slcdistrict1.com and select the District One Link for Community Councils. You may also get involved by signing up to receive the District One Email Updates. Activities, meetings, and important notices are distributed through this source. You may sign up at www.slcdistrict1.com or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smartphone.



City Council Videos

Learn about the latest Council topics by visiting the City Council's YouTube page (www.youtube.com/slccouncil) and watch one of the many videos created by Council Members and City staff. Enhancing communication is a priority for the Salt Lake City Council, and YouTube clips provide one avenue for the Council to share information with the community about a specific site in the City, a new City program or service, available resources, and much more!

District One Videos include highlights about the area (Lee Creek, Day-Riverside Library, Audubon Preserve, and the Old Jordan River Delta) as well as conversations with other elected officials and the importance of community involvement.

Do you have a topic to suggest for an upcoming Council Member YouTube video that would be of interest to the community? Council Member Christensen welcomes your ideas. Email your suggestions to Brian Fullmer, Constituent Liaison for District One, at brian.fullmer@slcgov.com or call (801) 535-7600.

Regional Sports Complex Update

In November 2003, the City's voters approved a \$15.3 million bond issue for a regional sports, recreation and education complex, subject to a \$7.5 million matching funds requirement. The matching funds requirement was met by a pledge from the REAL Salt Lake soccer team. The City purchased property for the Sports Complex from the State in 2009 at a favorable price. The site is adjacent to the Jordan River and had been most recently used for a model airplane airport.

The Sports Complex will provide much needed playing fields for the City's youth. The City was ready to proceed with work on the Sports Complex last year. Unfortunately, the project has been seriously delayed by a series of lawsuits brought by an advocacy group—



the Jordan River Restoration Network (JRRN)—and a number of individuals. The City believes that these lawsuits are completely without merit and has vigorously opposed them.

ruled against the JRRN on those motions in each case. The JRRN also filed a lawsuit challenging the issuance of the bonds for the Sports Complex. In order to get that claim resolved as quickly as possible, the City filed a special proceeding under the Utah Bond Validation Act. The court rejected JRRN's arguments and upheld the validity of the bonds, concluding that "this is not even a close case." JRRN has appealed that decision to the Utah Supreme Court.

The JRRN has filed two new lawsuits and the City will oppose them as well. A groundbreaking ceremony was held late last year, with current plans to have the Sports Complex ready for play by the Fall of 2013. If you would like more information about the Regional Sports Complex, please visit www.slcdistrict1.com.

Orange Street Sewer Rehabilitation Update

Rehabilitation of the Orange Street (1850 West) sewer trunk line is "just around the corner." Bids are under evaluation, awarding of the contract, and construction are scheduled to move forward this year. Construction will continue through next spring.

The sewer trunk line is a 48 inch sewer line running from North Temple to the Water Reclamation Plant north of the Rose Park Golf Course (16,000 feet). The project will start on North Temple and go down Starcrest Drive to 1100 North, proceed east to Redwood Road and then north to the Rose Park Golf Course where it will connect east to the Sewer Treatment Plant. To view the project map, please visit www.slcdistrict1.com

Why Rehabilitate?

The pipe along this area was found in poor condition upon the 2008 inspection and was in urgent need of cleaning and rehabilitation or replacement. Collapses had occurred in the line, requiring emergency repairs in 2009, and the project process began.

How will the City Rehabilitate?

The project will be done using trenchless rehabilitation methods. The trenchless method should result in fewer impacts to the public and take less time to complete than traditional open-cut sewer pipe replacement methods. However we recognize construction is always inconvenient to the public. Sewer cleaning and rehabilitation will be carefully monitored to control noise and odors so that the public inconvenience is minimized.

If I have a Concern or Question?

Salt Lake City is committed to keeping the public informed of progress of the work as well as responding to public concerns. The City will work with the contractor, individual property owners, and community councils to address public concerns. If you have questions email Chuck Call, Engineering Administrator for Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, at chuck.call@slcgov.com or call (801) 483-6840.