

# NEWSLETTER

#### **AUGUST 2025**

### **Howdy Neighbors,**

What a whirlwind it has been in District 4! Together, we host thousands of visitors each year from Open Streets, Twilight Concerts, Farmer's Markets, and the infamous Utah Symphony and Opera! We are the stewards of family friendly spaces and the engine block of our city.

Each of our neighborhoods— Downtown, East Central, Central City, and Central Ninth— plays a prominent role in our local economy and shaping our community: I am extremely proud to represent you all.

To address outstanding issues, The Council secured funding for more projects and maintenance across our neighborhoods, and now the City is focused on getting that work done.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with ideas or concerns. I'm all ears.

Thank you for partnering with me as we invest back in our neighborhoods and families.





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#### **Share Your Comments**

24-hour comment line: 801-535-7654

Council.Comments@slc.gov TinyURL.com/CommentSLC



## **Stay Connected with me!**

Want to know what's happening in our district? Have a comment, concern, or idea? Visit **slc.gov/district4** to sign up for our email newsletter, text message alerts, and for the best way to contact me.

### **mySLC**

Want to contact the City? Use mySLC— the City's communication hub that allows you to request services, report issues, and share comments.

Visit **slc.gov/myslc** to get started.

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### **FY26 Budget**

Earlier this summer, the Council approved the new City budget, which includes funding for important issues related to our district, such as:

- Ongoing funding to support homeownership and affordable housing efforts to address the City's housing needs.
- A new Clean City Team to help keep streets and public spaces clean. This team will focus on tasks like removing waste, daily trash pickup, reducing camping, and cleaning up graffiti.
- Dedicated overnight security services at Liberty Park, other high-use parks, and park restrooms citywide.
- A new e-scooter program to improve accountability and maintain parking options downtown. This will include hiring a part-time employee to keep scooters available for people to use while also making sure they don't block sidewalks and parking spots.
- Additional funding for street repairs and public lands maintenance like increasing trash removal, event support, snow removal and other repairs.

You can see a breakdown of what was approved at tinyURL.com/SLCFY26.

As part of the budget, the Council also approved \$55.8 million for the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which funds community projects that improve public property like parks, sidewalks and streets. The Council is currently reviewing CIP applications to decide how to distribute the funding. Learn more at tinyURL.com/SLCFY26CIP.



### **School Zone Safety**

As students return to school, we must all do our part to keep our streets safe. Whether driving, walking, or biking, please stay alert and look out for one another.

#### Important reminders for drivers:

- Always be on the look out for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Slow down near crosswalks and bus stops, and be ready to stop, especially near schools.
- Keep at least 3 feet away from cyclists when passing. In Utah, it's the law.
- Follow school bus traffic rules:
  - Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is about to stop for students. Drivers must slow down and prepare to stop.
  - Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign arm indicate drivers in both directions must stop and wait until these signals are off and the bus begins moving again.

#### Pedestrians and cyclists, stay alert:

- Stay aware of your surroundings and look both ways at intersections and crosswalks. Be on the lookout for moving cars.
- Always walk on sidewalks and use crosswalks.
- Cyclists should follow traffic laws and signals.
- Follow crossing guard instructions and crossing signals.
- Never walk behind a school bus. If you cross in front, make eye contact with the bus driver first.

For more safety tips, visit **slc.gov/transportation**.

#### Become a crossing guard:

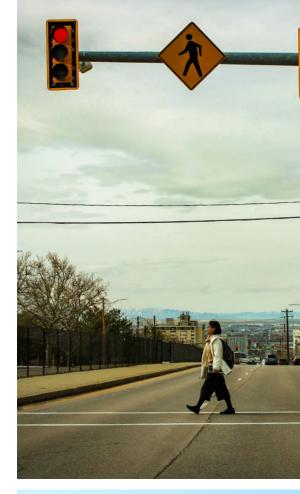
You can help ensure students get to class safely by becoming a street crossing guard! The hours are flexible, and it's a way to earn extra income.

You can apply at **tinyURL.com/SLCCrossingJobs**.



#### Adopt-a-Crosswalk:

Want to help make your neighborhood safer for pedestrians? The Adopt-a-Crosswalk Program is a simple way to make a big difference. When you adopt a crosswalk, the City will install bright orange flags at each end. Pedestrians can grab a flag while crossing the street to be more visible to drivers. Learn more at tinyURL.com/SLCWalking.







## **Family Friendly Places in District 4**



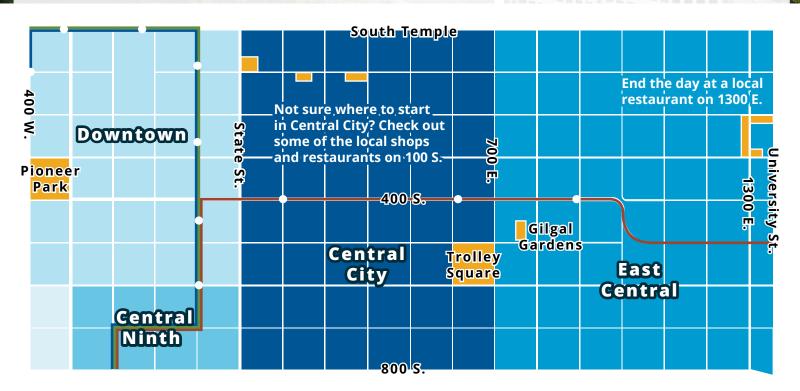
## Get up early on Saturday and head to Pioneer Park for the Summer Downtown Farmer's Market

Whether you're grocery shopping or looking for something unique for your home, the Summer Downtown Farmer's Market is the place to be. It runs every Saturday until Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



#### **Explore Central City**

Located between 200 East and 700 East from South Temple to 900 South, there are plenty of places to enjoy a hearty breakfast or a sweet treat.



## Take a stroll around Gilgal Gardens

You'll surely see something unique with the 12 original sculptures and over 70 stones engraved with scriptures, poems, and literary texts.



# Step back in time at Trolley Square

Learn about the history of Salt Lake City's streetcars, climb to the top of the Trolley Square tower for a breathtaking view, and visit the many local shops that now call it home.



## End the day in East Central

Take a stroll through the wonderful neighborhoods in East Central. Ready for dinner? Visit some of the delicious restaurants along 1300 East.

