



Newsletter

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Holiday Office Hours

The city offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day. Offices will re-open Tuesday, February 18th at 9:00 am. Garbage pick will not be affected.

Cemetery Clean Up

Public Works will be cleaning fall, Christmas, and Valentine items off from the graves at the cemetery the second week of March. If there are items on your loved ones graves that you would like to keep, make sure to remove them prior to clean up.






Preparedness Classes



12 Areas of Preparedness

(72-Hour Kit Focus)

Booths in the Cultural Hall

Saturday, March 8, 2025
9-1 pm in Santaquin
548 South 400 East

Classes

Alternate Cooking & Heating – 9:30 & 10:00 (RS Rm)

Water Storage & Treatment – 9:30 & 10:00 (Primary Rm)

Important Documents – 10:30 & 11:00 (RS Rm)

Basic Food Storage – 10:30 & 11:00 (Primary Rm)

Gardening/Pests – 11:30 & 12:00 (RS Rm)

Active Shooter/Self-Protection – 11:30 & 12:00 (Primary)

Pruning – 12:30 (High Council Rm & Demonstration after)

February Meeting Schedule

- 02/04 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 02/04 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/11 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 02/11 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/18 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 02/18 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 02/25 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 02/25 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 03/04 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 03/04 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm

Santaquin City public meeting agendas are posted on our website and on Facebook:

<https://www.santaquin.gov/meetings>
<https://www.facebook.com/santaquincitygovernment>

Santaquin City Council, PC, and DRC meetings are streamed LIVE on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@santaquincity>

All of these meetings are now held in the new Santaquin City Hall building located at 110 S Center Street.

Washington DC Memorial Fundraiser




SERGEANT HOOSER MEMORABILIA

Help send Sgt. Hooser's family and coworkers to Washington DC for National Police Week Memorial!

Hats: \$40

T-Shirts: \$20

Hoodies: \$50



Sold at the Santaquin Police Department and Santaquin City Hall



2024 Overall Photo Contest Winner



Our overall winning image of the “What Do You Love About Santaquin?” Photo Contest for 2024 was submitted by Chelsea Rowley and won for the month of July. We are excited to recognize Chelsea and thank her for

participating in our photo contest with this beautiful photo of Santaquin cherries at Rowley’s Red Barn. Chelsea has regularly participated in the contest since it was started in 2015 and she is well deserving of this recognition. She was gifted with a basket full of merchandise and gift cards from our local businesses along with a print of her winning image.

Photo Contest Winner



Our “What Do You Love About Santaquin?” Photo Contest is celebrating its 10th year! As of December 2024, approximately 1,500 images have been

submitted showcasing our beautiful city. Many of these photos are used in the Santaquin Orchard Days magazine, in the Payson & Santaquin Area Chamber of Commerce annual magazine, on the Santaquin City website, in our monthly newsletter, on the city’s social media pages, and in our annual City calendar. Join us in celebrating this milestone by submitting your pictures to photocontest@santaquin.gov. Review the rules of the contest at <https://www.santaquin.gov/community/page/photo-contest>.

Community Services Guide

Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to the winner of December’s Photo Contest, Seth Reynolds! He captured this beautiful photo of the reservoir at sunrise.

For information on entering the monthly contest you can visit: <https://bit.ly/3NBNjum>. We look forward to seeing what you love about Santaquin!

Hidden Picture Contest

If you spot hidden suckers like the picture on the right in this newsletter, email: kmortensen@santaquin.gov or bshupe@santaquin.gov with the location and your contact information by 2/28/2025 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize.



Congratulations to Scott Bergera for winning December’s Hidden Picture Contest!

Library Fun



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Volunteer of the Month



Keela Goudy has been an invaluable volunteer for Santaquin City for many years. Beginning as early as 1990, she volunteered alongside her mother prior to the dedication of the Chieftain Museum. In 2015, she joined the Museum Board and served until 2019, when the board merged with the Community Services Board, where she continues to serve today.

Keela has dedicated hundreds of hours as a museum docent, leading tours and contributing to events like Spooky Night at the Museum. She is also actively assisting with the development of the Museum Experiential Master Plan and Operations Plan, an ongoing project that will shape the museum's future.

In addition to her work with the museum, Keela has served on the Miss Santaquin Committee since 2010 and has been a co-director since 2019. For the past 13 years, she has been a member of the Nebo Education Foundation, which reviews and awards grants written by teachers. Keela has also spent her life serving in her church and cherishes her current assignment at the Payson temple.

Born and raised in Santaquin, Keela attended elementary school in what is now the Chieftain Museum, before moving on to junior and senior high school in Payson. She later attended Snow College and BYU, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. Her teaching career began at the same building where she attended elementary school. When the school closed, she transitioned to Santaquin Elementary and later to Payson, where she completed 29 years of service with the Nebo School District.

Keela married her sweetheart, Andrew Goudy, in 1983, and together they raised two children, Hayden and Hannah, in Santaquin. Their family has since grown to include four beautiful grandchildren.

Keela's hobbies include vocal performing, both as a soloist and in choirs, and she has had the opportunity to perform at various events throughout her life. She also enjoys camping with her family and helping Andrew on their farm with the cows.

"Keela is a great example of someone who truly cares about Santaquin's history and its current residents. Her desire to serve and improve the quality of life for our community is exemplary. We are so grateful to work with her each year," said Community Services Director John Bradley.

Thank you, Keela, for your outstanding volunteer spirit. You have shown generations of residents how to support and build a strong community.



February 2025: A Month of Appreciation and Love



As we step into February and anticipate the arrival of spring, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes this month special. For many, February is synonymous with love, particularly with Valentine's Day. I encourage everyone to take time to express love to those around you—whether it's family, friends, or even a stranger. There can never be too much love.

February is also a time to honor our nation's Presidents, a chance to enjoy a day off work and celebrate in our own ways. For some, it's a time to plan ahead for summer vacations and camping trips. For me, it's a reminder of how much we have to be thankful for right here in Santaquin.

I'm incredibly proud to live in a community where so many individuals work tirelessly to make this place great. Our Police Department, Fire, and EMS teams go above and beyond, not just responding to emergencies but also offering aid, comfort, and safety in ways we often take for granted. They serve us all with bravery and dedication.

I also want to express my gratitude for our Public Works team. They ensure that our essential services—like water, sewer systems, and snow removal—function smoothly. They're the ones behind the scenes, ensuring that our roads, parks, and public spaces are ready for us to enjoy.

I'm proud of our Community Services, from the programs that support our youth to the efforts to serve our seniors. Our library is a hub of learning, with hundreds of young readers and program participants improving their lives and brightening their futures. The museum is another treasure that helps us connect with our past—if you haven't yet, I encourage you to visit!

I'm grateful to the office staff who handle everything from cemetery lots to building rentals, from receiving payments to helping with city services. They are the backbone of our operations, ensuring our City functions smoothly and that we are able to enjoy all the resources Santaquin has to offer.

Our engineers, planners, and inspectors are hard at work every day to make sure we meet the needs of our growing City. And let's not forget the volunteers who serve on boards or committees related to planning, zoning, recreation, and the library, as well as coaches, event organizers, and others who keep our community thriving.

We are lucky to have such dedicated individuals working in so many roles to help this City function at its highest level. From the cooks and janitors to the court staff and everyone in between, each person plays an important part in making Santaquin what it is today.

Finally, I'm proud to call this part of the state home. Our beautiful canyons, hills, and thriving businesses create an environment that's welcoming to all, and I am always excited to see new families joining our community.

Thank you to everyone who works, serves, and contributes to making Santaquin a wonderful place to live. As spring draws near, let's take this month to appreciate where we are and the people around us.

Happy February, and let's continue to love and support our community!

Mayor Dan Olson

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