



Important Public Works Dates:

- Second week of March: Public Works cemetery clean up. Make sure any items you would like to keep are removed from loved ones graves before then.
- Spring Clean Up: April 12th-19th. Details coming in April's newsletter.
- PI System startup: Public Works will begin filling the pressurized irrigation system mid April, depending on the weather. More information coming next month. Make sure your outside taps are turned off to avoid water running without you knowing.
- Green Waste Disposal Program: Program will start back up in April and will continue through November every second Saturday of the month. Look for more details next month.

Spring Open Burn

The open burn period for spring is March 30 to May 30. When the open burn window is open, a burn permit must be obtained. All of the rules and information related to the open burn are currently listed on the city's website under the Fire Department's tab, or visit the link below.

<https://www.santaquin.org/fireems/page/openburn-information> [Spring Open Burn](#)

Winter Parking

Winter Parking ends for the season on March 31st.

March Meeting Schedule

- 03/04 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 03/04 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 03/11 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 03/11 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 03/18 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 03/18 City Council Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
- 03/25 Development Review Committee 10:00 am
- 04/01 Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 04/01 City Council Work Session 5:30 pm
- 04/01 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.

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)

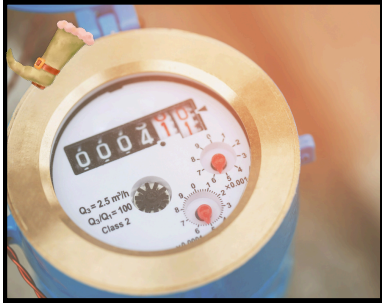
Gardening/Pests – 11:30 & 12:00 (RS Rm)

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

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



Meter Portal Information



Are you looking for a better way to monitor your Water/PI usage and the monthly cost? Our Water/PI Customer Portal is a good place to start!

What is the Water/PI Usage Customer Portal? The purpose of the Customer Portal is to give the utility user the opportunity to take a more active role in their water/pressurized irrigation consumption. You can track your hourly, daily, weekly, and monthly usage. You can also set up alerts to notify you if any usage is over the limits that you set up in the portal.

A link to the Water/PI Usage Customer Portal is now available on the city website at [Santaquin.gov](https://www.santaquin.gov) under <https://www.santaquin.gov/utilities/page/pi-water-customer-usage-portal>. We encourage you to read through the Water/PI Customer Usage Portal instructions for first time users and watch the videos that are provided by the developer of the portal. If you have questions, you can email the city at office@santaquin.gov or call us at 801-754-3211.

C.S. Lewis Academy Open Enrollment

C.S. Lewis Academy in Santaquin, Utah, is a free charter school dedicated to fostering a diverse and inclusive school community. We focus on instilling core values such as responsibility, accountability, and respect in our students. At C.S. Lewis Academy, we aim to create a supportive and engaging learning environment that encourages both academic and personal growth. Currently, we are in open enrollment for the upcoming school year. Be sure to join us at our upcoming Open House events to learn more about our mission and vision for student success.

Upcoming Open House Dates:

March 19th, 2025 5pm-7pm

April 16th, 2025 5pm-7pm



We look forward to meeting you and sharing the exciting opportunities available at C.S. Lewis Academy!

Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to the winner of the January 2025 Photo Contest, Kristin Collins! Kristen had this to say about her

photo: "What I love about Santaquin is the winter sunsets I see from my front yard. This light on Dry Mountain was seen during the sunset on New Year's Day. This photo was taken on January 1, 2025."

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 a hidden boot like the photo on the right in this newsletter, email: kmortensen@santaquin.gov or bshupe@santaquin.gov with the location and your contact information by 3/31/2025 to be entered in a random drawing for a prize.



Congratulations to Tyler Chatwin for winning January's Hidden Picture Contest!



Business Spotlight | Murdock Ford Santaquin



For a hundred years, the Murdock Auto Team has set the standard for building a lasting business in Utah. They've done so through trust, hard work, and an unwavering commitment to doing the right thing. Founded in 1925 by Jack Olsen with Olsen Oldsmobile, their legacy has grown through generations, expanding to serve Utah's communities with dealerships across the state.

In 1982, Jack's son-in-law, Kent Murdock, opened Murdock Chevrolet in Bountiful, Utah. From 2005 to 2008, his sons, J Blake and K.O., continued the tradition, adding three Hyundai dealerships in Logan, Lindon, and Murray. Murdock Volkswagen of Logan, Murdock Chevrolet of Logan, and Genesis of Lindon soon followed, now under the leadership of the fourth generation: Ben, K Blake, and Tyson Murdock.

Their success reflects the core values that make Utah strong—integrity, determination, and a deep connection to the communities they serve. The Murdock legacy is more than just a story of longevity; it's a story of driving progress while staying true to the principles that have guided them for a century.

Now the fourth generation of Murdocks are thrilled to bring those values to Santaquin with the opening of Murdock Ford of Santaquin. As Santaquin has doubled in size over the last ten years, the need for reliable vehicles and exceptional service has grown, and the Murdock family is proud to meet that demand. Previously owned by the Tischner family—known for their exceptional customer service—the dealership now enters a new chapter with the Murdocks, who are honored to uphold that legacy while bringing their own vision for the future.

Under the leadership of Dain Murdock, the younger son of third-generation owner J Blake Murdock, Murdock Ford of Santaquin will build on a legacy of excellence while forging new paths. J Blake will serve as the dealer, and Dain will take the helm as general manager, leading a state-of-the-art 42,000-square-foot facility on seven acres.

With 23 state-of-the-art service bays, Murdock Ford of Santaquin will be equipped to handle everything from personal vehicles and pickups of all sizes to RVs, ambulances, and fleet services—including school buses and commercial vehicles. With a mission to provide outstanding sales and service experiences, the Murdock Auto Team is honored to put down roots in Santaquin, blending its rich tradition with a new and growing community.

Murdock Ford of Santaquin officially opens its doors on March 21st.



In My Own Words | March 2025

Every Utahn knows that in Utah there are two major seasons: construction season and waiting for construction to resume. As an elected official, I have become wary of another season that used to only receive my casual attention. The State Legislative Session season now seems to swallow my "free time" like a hunger snake. (continued on next page)



In the heart of Winter, every year, our elected State Representatives and Senators meet on Capitol Hill in Salt Lake to propose, present, discuss, debate, amend, and pass new laws that will affect all of us living in Utah. Each year, it seems there's a new record number of bills proposed by our Legislators. This year it's over 800. With only 2 weeks left in the session - at least at the time of this writing - only about 10-15% of the bills have gone through the full legislative process. It'll be a busy couple of weeks.

Many of us are tracking bills on the Hill, along with the Utah League of Cities and Towns. Many of the bills that pass will affect how we are allowed to manage the City. The Mayor and City Manager have made multiple trips to the Hill to lobby for our (no longer) small town. The Mayor is, in my opinion, our Chief Lobbyist. He knows many of the legislative leaders and Governor by name, and you better believe that they know his, too. He advocates for UDOT funding for our much-needed Main Street Interchange reconstruction project and works to meet with anyone who can influence our budget.

The Mayor was also able to apply for a special type of grant that will help us fund another important project for the City. Each year about a hundred or more local leaders, business leaders, and others present their case to a Senate Committee to try to prove just how much they need additional State funding for a special project. In this committee, the Mayor presented Santaquin City's need for a major upgrade for our library. The committee then ranks the projects. Only the top 30 or so will have a chance at any State funding. This year, our library upgrade (moving it into the empty wing of City Hall) was ranked in the mid-twenties.

While it is a very busy time of the year for us at the City, there are some very exciting things in the pipeline. We look forward to the hectic nature to which we have all become accustomed during these upcoming two weeks. We are hopeful of good things that will come about for Santaquin. I would encourage all Santaquin residents to be aware of those bills that are being discussed and to contact your Representative and/or Senator with your support or concerns. They do listen. In Santaquin, we actually have two Representatives and three Senators. I don't believe any other city has access to that much representation on Capitol Hill, so take advantage of that and contact them.

Santaquin Representatives:

House District 65 - Doug Welton

House District 66 - Troy Shelley (though it is just a small portion of the south end of town)

Santaquin Senators:

Senate District 27 - Derrin Owens

Senate District 26 - David Hinkins

Senate District 25 - Michael McKell

Jeff Siddoway

Santaquin City Council Member

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