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Our Vision: Every Child in South Salt Lake Graduates from College

October 2012

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Columbus Library
Presents:
Create a Scary Button
Wednesday, October 10
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Columbus Library

Columbus Senior Center
Presents:
The Power of Positive
Thinking classes
October 11, 18, 25 and
November 1, 8, 15
11 a.m.
Columbus Senior Center

Author Visit: Shannon
Hale and Libba Bray
Saturday, October 13
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Viridian Event Center

Columbus Senior Center
Presents:
Personal Preparedness
Presentation
Monday, October 15
11 a.m.
Columbus Senior Center

Future of the Granite Campus: Have You Heard the Exciting News?

Questions and Answers: Just the Facts, Ma'am...

What is happening at the Granite Campus?

The former Granite High Campus will be developed into a full service film and television production studio—a project that will bring economic stimulus and jobs to the city while retaining the classic character of the campus.

Who is involved? When will it happen?



Woodbury Corporation and their partner, **Redman Movies and Stories**, a Utah Film Company, formed a joint venture that will renovate the historic Granite High School buildings to be used in films and television sets. They will infill with 90,000 sq. ft. of new office and retail space for the entertainment industry, and use the existing green

Columbus Senior Center
Presents:
Trip to Living Planet
Aquarium
Tuesday, October 16
9:40 a.m.
Meet at Columbus Senior
Center

Free Health Clinic
Hser Ner Moo
Community and Welcome
Center
For the uninsured or
underinsured
Thursday, October 18
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Call 801-466-3238 to
schedule an appointment

Lights On! for Afterschool
Too Cool 2B Fooled
Carnival!
Hser Ner Moo
Community and Welcome
Center
Saturday, October 20
10 a.m. to Noon
Activities at the carnival
will be focused on
prevention.

Columbus Library
Presents:
What's in the Haunted
House?
Monday, October 22
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Columbus Library

Spooktacular
Friday, October 26
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Granite Campus
3305 South 500 East

Midnight Cats Film
Festival
Friday, October 26
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Pioneer Craft House,
Grand Room

Chess Tournament

space on the 27 acre campus for outdoor and large-shot film projects. Numerous movies and TV shows have been and will be filmed on the campus. Clean up and renovation will begin immediately and major construction will begin in 2013.

“South Salt Lake’s beloved community activities will carry on at Granite,” says Mayor Cherie Wood “Because of a partnership attitude among the City, Woodbury Corporation, and Redman Movies and Stories, we can continue to use the green space and host our community events, such as the South Salt Lake 4th of July Freedom Fest,” she added. “This is a one-of-a-kind project of statewide economic importance that celebrates the historic value, quality, and size of the campus and our neighborhood. It was conceived with the same strength, purpose, and intention on which the school was founded,” says Wood. “As a Granite Alumna and lifelong South Salt Lake resident, I knew there was a way to regain the glory of this campus, and I am so glad we have finally found it.”

(Photo at top right courtesy of Paul Fraghton, Salt Lake Tribune)



South Salt Lake Awarded National Recognition for Community Connection Program

The City of South Salt Lake received an Award of Excellence from the **National Association for County Community and Economic Development** because of the tangible results of its Community Connection

Saturday, November 3

PAL Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 22

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 1

Upcoming Meetings

City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 10
7:00 p.m.
220 East Morris Ave,
Council Chambers

Planning Commission
Thursday, October 18
7:00 p.m.
220 East Morris Ave,
Council Chambers

Promise South Salt Lake
Early Learning Network
Tuesday, October 23
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location TBA

City Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 24
7:00 p.m.
220 East Morris Ave,
Council Chambers

Promise South Salt Lake
Destination Graduation
and Beyond
Friday, October 26
10:30 a.m. to Noon
PAL Boxing Center
200 East 2800 South

Planning Commission
Thursday, November 1
7:00 p.m.
220 East Morris Ave,
Council Chambers

City Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 7
7:00 p.m.
220 East Morris Ave,
Council Chambers

Program.

The community connection program in 2011 included 134 projects, involving 1,627 volunteers, working over 11,000 hours. Two neighborhood businesses and a number of community homes were improved.

“Community Connection [began] as an initiative of our Mayor, Cherie Wood, who was elected on a campaign to make South Salt Lake clean, safe, and beautiful. We are in the second year of the program,” said Francis Lilly, Deputy Director of Community Development and Housing Administrator for South Salt Lake



The Community Connection Program utilizes CDBG funds in targeted neighborhoods to rehabilitate housing, improve landscaping, enhance accessibility, and resolve code and safety issues.

Lilly said, “Just as people notice when a broken window goes unrepaired, they notice immediate positive changes in their neighborhoods. These changes translate to increased property values and neighborhood solidarity.”

Community Center Updates

PAL Pete Suazo Boxing and Welcome Center

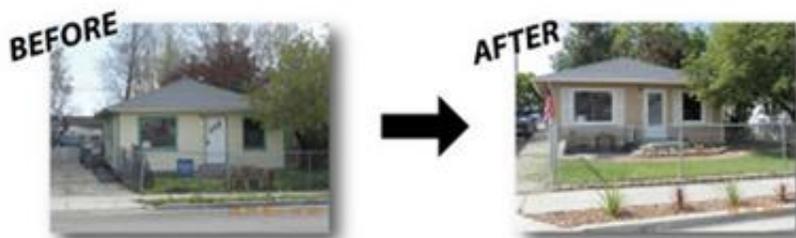
This month was the 3rd Annual PAL Boxing Invitational at the PAL Center. On September 7th and 8th fighters from in-and-outside the community competed, with 15 bouts each night. There was a great turnout with around 250 spectators coming to our center for the event both nights. The money collected at the door and from concessions will help fund future programming.

Woodrow Wilson Community Learning Center

The Afterschool program has taken on Woodrow Wilson Elementary's theme for the year of "Fill the Bucket." This comes from the book by Carol McCloud, "Have You Filled a Bucket Today?" Students are encouraged to fill one another's bucket by being kind and helpful.

Lincoln Community Learning Center

One girl who regularly attends the afterschool program proudly stated with a huge smile on her face, "I never have time to finish my homework, and I did it. It feels so good!"



Utah Afterschool Network Works to Make Children Safe

Thirty percent of American middle school students (3,722,219) and four percent of elementary school children (1,133,989) are unsupervised after the school bell rings, according to a 2009 survey from Afterschool Alliance.

That's why the Utah Afterschool Network works to establish its vision of getting every child in Utah access to high-quality afterschool programs.



The **Utah Afterschool Network** (UAN) believes quality out-of-school time programs improve outcomes for children and youth in a variety of ways. Participation in quality programs improves academic achievement, school attendance, student engagement, work-study habits, and social and emotional development.

"UAN serves as the state-wide catalyst for building strong, safe and healthy youth, families and communities through out-of-school time programs," said Executive Director of UAN, Anneli Segura.

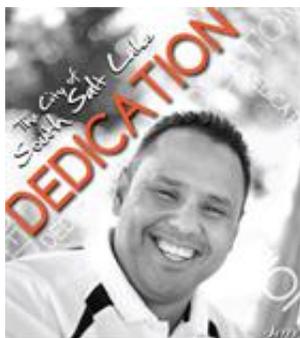
Hser Ner Moo

Recently, the Center has begun pairing mentors with kids who could use individualized attention. With the help of volunteers from Salt Lake Community College, Westminster College, and Service Learning classes from the U of U, the center is working toward providing all teenagers needing extra attention with a helping hand.

Villa Franche

Villa Franche staff has made many home visits to the families of the students and have found many needs in this small community. With a new understanding of the needs of the families, there is now a definite direction to move to aid these families. Parental support will continue to be a focus for the Villa Franche community.

October Community Character Initiative



Dedication: Complete and wholehearted commitment.

“Most of us serve our

Afterschool programs keep kids healthy and safe, support working families, and foster strong links among schools, families, and communities. The supports and services that high quality out-of-school time opportunities provide are especially important for low-income and minority youth who often lack sustained access to enriching activities and academic support during non-school hours.

Segura said, “The opportunities that South Salt Lake provides to its residents and working collectively to support one another in the work that we all do is critical to the success of supporting youth and their families. We are thankful to have such a great resource in Utah!

South Salt Lake Neighbor Fair

Near the end of September, South Salt Lake hosted a Neighbor Fair at 700 West Fine Drive, located by a large apartment complex area. The fair connected community residents with helpful information and free services in health, safety, education, housing, jobs and economy.



The **South Salt Lake Fire Department** brought their “Fire Safety Trailer” to the fair, complete with show kitchen and bedroom, to teach local youth about what to do when they are in a house fire.

South Salt Lake Battalion Chief Eldon Farnsworth said the fair is a “place for the community to come together not only to get to know each other, but to get to know some of the city officials as well. It gives us a chance as city officials to show what the city is doing and can do to help people.”

The Neighbor Fair was successful in connecting residents with a variety of community resources, specifically organizations funded by United Way of Salt Lake as "strategy partners" who are working to achieve common goals.

“[The fair] means a lot because it gets us out of the house,” said South Salt Lake resident Megan Morrey, parent of two. “It’s nice because it’s free.”

Please contact Myrna Clark for more information on Promise SSL Neighbor Fair opportunities at 801-483-6076 or mclark@southsaltlakecity.com.

ideals by fits and starts. The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. That is dedication.” -Cecil B. DeMille

“Real leaders are ordinary people with extraordinary determination.” - Unknown

“Dreams and dedication are a powerful combination.” -William Longgood

Presented by the [South Salt Lake Coalition for Drugfree Youth](#)

PAL makes its Television Debut



The South Salt Lake Police Athletics/Activities League (PAL) Boxing Center makes its Television Debut this week on KPDR Channel 19. The recent South Salt Lake PAL Amateur Boxing event will be featured during 6 One-Hour shows, set to air Monday through Saturday at 5 p.m. starting October 8th with a boxing marathon on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. South Salt Lake Police Chief Chris Snyder commentates for the rounds involving South

Going the Extra Mile: Trina Valdez

As the **Roosevelt Community Learning Center** Manager, Trina Valdez believes in the value of instilling a desire for higher education in students at a young age.



She graduated from Saint Joseph’s High School and later went on to become the first person from her family to receive a college degree. Not only did she receive a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah, but she also went on to gain her Masters in Education.

Her passion is making sure that students of color graduate from high school and college. As part of her job, she takes a diverse group of K-6 students on fieldtrips to places like The Leonardo Museum and Red Butte Garden. Doing this, she says, plants seeds of inspiration in students and helps them to discover long-term career goals.

She said South Salt Lake is on the right track for helping to educate youth. “South Salt Lake is being very innovative and very creative. We’re doing a lot of things to help the community because we see that there’s a need.”

She says the best part of her job is interacting with students and families. “I’m here to learn,” one sixth grader told her. Experiences like that are why she works as hard as she does.

She’s inspired by learning. “Education for me has really changed my life,” she said. Because of that, she’s driven to share the value of education with diverse students throughout the community.

Thank you for your service Trina!

Serving South Salt Lake: Sergeant Darin Sweeten

Sgt. Darin Sweeten originally came to South Salt Lake so he could serve the community. He had lived in

Salt Lake youth.

“It was so special to see whole families—grandparents, aunts, uncles, brother and sisters, all gathered together to support their young boxers,” says Kari Cutler, President, PAL Board of Directors. “The South Salt Lake Police Athletics/Activities (PAL) league programs are an integral part of the Promise South Salt Lake strategy to support positive youth development for young people.” Approximately 70 youth each day gather to take part in Boxing Center Programming.

KPDR TV Channel 19, "K-Powder" is Salt Lake's newest TV Station. K-Powder broadcasts on 5 channels 19.1-19.5. As one of the top affiliates for the America One Network, K-Powder combines national and local programming.

Further Reading

Check out United Way of Salt Lake's [Living United Newsletter!](#)

many different areas including Idaho, Bountiful and Sandy, when he was hired by the South Salt Lake Sheriff's Department. Nearly twenty years of police work later, he now calls South Salt Lake home.

Sweeten oversees the community resource division at the South **Salt Lake Police Department**. His favorite part



about being a sergeant is the variety. One day he's solving crimes and the next he's examining the safe design of streets and parks. He loves to help make South Salt Lake a safer place for its citizens.

He said he's inspired by young people who succeed despite difficult situations. “I think young people are in those situations and they have every excuse to fail, [but] for some reason they figure out a way to succeed.”

Sweeten believes the Promise South Salt Lake initiative is “crucial” to the success of the city's future. The only way to get better is through focusing on the city's youth, he said. “We have to care of our youth. We need them to be the priority. Education is what's going to get them there.”

Thank you for your commitment to the safety of South Salt Lake Sergeant!

South Salt Lake "On The Move" City Newsletter



The City of South Salt Lake features a city newsletter in each monthly edition of the South Salt Lake Journal. Available at a news stand near you, the next edition will be "hot off the press"

on Thursday, October 25!

All the News about South Salt Lake!

Salt Lake Tribune:

"Old Granite High campus to be redeveloped for movie productions" by Christopher Smart



Deseret News:

"Granite High campus to become film studio" by Jasen Lee

KUTV Channel 2:

"\$40-Million Production And Television Facility Announced In South Salt Lake"

ABC Channel 4:

"Film production facility set for South Salt Lake"

KSL Channel 5:

"Old Granite High sold to film production companies"

FOX 13 News:

"Former Granite H.S. to become movie, TV studio"

KUER:

"Lights! Camera! Action! Former Granite High Campus to Become Production Studio" by Brian Grimm

KCPW:

"Collective Impact," featuring United Way of Salt Lake



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