

February/March 2015

North Salt Lake STAR

State of the City – Mayor Arave



Dear Residents,

One of my favorite authors, Charles Dickens, began his great novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” This explains very much how I have felt over the last year. I’m sure as you have watched the news, you have seen some of our city’s challenges. We have experienced a landslide, issues with Stericycle, a fatal helicopter crash and a significant wash-out of one of our streets due to a broken water line.

These are issues we can and are dealing with. In spite of headwinds, there continues to be great progress unfolding in our city. Our financial condition continues to be stable and the economy of our community continues to thrive. Our population and business sectors continued to grow last year which is reflected in a growth of our sales tax allocation from the state of 7.8%. New construction and business growth also helped our property tax revenue grow by 8.84%, without a tax increase. The new revenue allowed us to increase our investment in our police department as well as increase maintenance funding for our streets which had been reduced during the last recession.

In 2014, the city completed the single most expensive road project in its history. With financial help from state sources, we completed the widening of 1100 North, a primary east-west arterial route west of Interstate 15. Originally we had obtained federal funds to help with the project, but thanks to the creativity and perseverance of our staff, we became the first city in the state to participate in an exchange program to exchange these federal funds with a state fund. The exchange saved the state 15% of the project and the city nearly 35% because we did not have to follow cumbersome Federal regulations. Because of these savings, we were not only able to repave the road, but include structural upgrades which will extend the life of a street that has significant truck and commuter traffic.

1100 North is functioning and will only improve as UDOT’s 2600 South interchange reconfiguration is completed in July, 2015. This interchange has been dysfunctional for many years. Working together with UDOT, the city of Woods Cross and our business community, creative solutions have been incorporated into the plan which should improve freeway and east-west connectivity in the city. During the last year, we have also begun discussions with UDOT to improve the I-215, Redwood Road, Legacy interchange. We jointly funded a study to find solutions for this area which has been problematic for many years.

Public safety continues to be a priority for our city. We remain focused on training police officers and seeking community outreach opportunities to improve our community policing. Part of our new revenue was spent on our police force as we funded additional officers to help with the demand of our growth. The police department has continued its community outreach programs, dealing proactively with residents in efforts to prevent crime. We also recently upgraded our police software to improve our ability to track and analyze police crime data in an accurate and timely manner. I would also note that our officers do wear cameras, which as illustrated in recent national and local news, is important to protect our officers as well as citizens.

We have worked with other cities in South Davis County to approve an increase in staffing for our fire and paramedic services. The addition of firefighters/paramedics will be the first in 15 years and is needed to address growth in our region. Recently approved, we expect the staffing to be completed in July of this year.

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This will lead to an increase in costs to the fire agency which is funded primarily by contributions from the cities in the agency, including ours. We are looking at ways to fund this increase, but to date, no decision has been made by the City Council. We will be scheduling an open house to discuss options with residents.

Over the next year we will continue to deal with the challenges facing our city. We have met with Stericycle and they agree that it is in their best interest for them to relocate. The Division of Air Quality has also agreed with this and, in a violation settlement agreement, placed an informal deadline for this to happen. This will take time, as Stericycle will need to go through additional permitting processes including an evaluation of technologies to reduce their emissions.

We will also continue to deal with the recent landslide off of Parkway Drive. This was obviously a large and frightening occurrence. In no way trying to minimize the losses to those affected, the actual damage from so large an event was reasonably contained. We are fortunate that there were no injuries, although the damage and impact to some adjacent owners was significant. Over the last five months we have spent significant time and financial resources studying the slide, the potential for future failure and evaluating plans to remediate hazards. Currently, the slide seems to be stable, and the chance of damage to previously unaffected buildings is minimal. This does not mean that there will be no future movement in the slide, and the city will work with affected property owners to help them understand their risks. The city is committed to help coordinate a funding process to implement the remediation plan to protect these property owners, but there is no guarantee this will happen. I would note that to date, most discussions with the various parties have been productive. Economically, this is a difficult situation for the Council to deal with and we continue to consider many options. We do intend to use our powers to protect life and safety. Our hope is that we can also work effectively with affected property owners toward permanent solution.

As we enter a new year, you can see there are many bright spots, opportunities and challenges we are facing. We have the benefits of a great location as well as wonderful natural beauty surrounding us. I believe our greatest asset, however, is the wonderful citizens of our great city. Many have stepped forward to make a difference. It may have been to help a neighbor in need, participate in a political event, support our schools, or in hundreds of other ways, but you have helped make the City of North Salt Lake a great place to live, work and play. I look forward to continuing our work to make us even better in 2015.

Respectfully, Mayor Len Arave

Eaglewood Clubhouse – Space Available

Now is a great time to relocate your business to the prestigious Eaglewood Golf

Course clubhouse. We currently have 785 sq. ft. of office space available for \$800/month. Please contact

Brent Moyes at 801-335-8693 or brentm@nslcity.org for more information.



Public Meetings

City Council: Feb. 3, 17 & Mar. 3, 17 (7 pm)
 Planning Commission: Feb. 10, 24 & Mar. 10, 24 (6:30 pm)
 Youth City Council: Every Tuesday (5 pm)
 Uniting Neighbors: Feb. 11, Mar. 11 (7:30 pm)

How do you find out what's happening?

- Sign up for e-mail notifications: www.nslcity.org
- www.facebook.com/northsaltlake
- Twitter: @nslchat

Utility Billing Cycle Changing

The billing cycle for utility bills is changing. Beginning in March, utility bills will be mailed by the 15th of each month and will be due the last day of each month. Between February and March there will

be a **one-time 6 week gap between bills.** This cycle change will provide you with more up-to-date water usage information. Currently, usage data you see is 30-60 days old. This creates a problem if

you you have an internal leak or don't know you are using too much water until it's too late to make early corrections or repairs. We hope this will help you better monitor and control usage and costs.



Senior Lunch Bunch – February 11 and March 11

Seniors! Join us at City Hall at 11:00 AM on the second Wednesday of every month for our Senior Lunch Bunch activity. It's open to all

seniors, 55 and older, who want to share a good lunch, entertainment and fun. Bring a gift of nominal value (or white elephant) for BINGO

prizes, and come knowing that you'll have a good time--and that we will, too, if you're there with us.



Rent your Plot at NSL Community Garden

Did you know NSL has a community garden? It is a beautification and community-building project located on the NW corner of Orchard Dr. and Center St.

The garden includes twenty larger plots (8x4) available to rent for \$20 per year, and seven smaller plots (4x4) available for \$10. Each plot is

watered by an automatic drip system maintained by the city. Make your reservation in person at City Hall soon. Spring is right around the corner!



Woods Cross High School Presents Mary Poppins

Mary Poppins the Broadway Musical! Feb 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16 at 7:00 PM. Feb 7, 14 at 2:00 PM. WXHS Auditorium 600 W. 2200 S. Tickets \$5 and \$8. Thursday performances all seats \$5. For

information call 801-402-4611. WXHS is the first high school in Utah and one of the first in the country to stage Mary Poppins. WXHS Drama was the winner of 'Best Musical', 'Best Actress' and

'Best Supporting Actress' in the 2014 Utah High School Musical Theater Awards. Director Janet Cook will be retiring at the end of this year, and this will be her 18th and final musical at WXHS.



Legacy Preparatory Academy Looking for Donations

Legacy Prep Charter School in NSL is looking to improve the play area for their children and would like to raise funds to replace the playing field with artificial turf. Having replaced the sod each year,

the field has been destroyed within a few months with over 500 students using it daily. The school has received a bid for turf that will last 10-15 years and help the kids avoid injuries. This is a costly

project and they would appreciate any contributions. Please contact Jill Poulsen 801-502-9126, jillpoulsen@gmail.com or Jennifer Townsend 801-520-4146, townsend6@mac.com. *Donations are tax deductible.*



You may Qualify for Free Tax Assistance: VITA

Earn it. Keep it. Save it: Utah's statewide campaign to strengthen family financial stability through utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance (VITA) and asset formation programs. You may qualify for tax preparation at a VITA site if you earn \$52,000 or less per year. This service will be available at City Hall on

Thursdays from 5-8 pm February 5 – April 9. To make an appointment, visit www.utahtaxhelp.org or call 2-1-1.



NSL Live

Thanks for Survey Input

Thank you for sending us your feedback on NSL Live community events. We are happy to hear about the events you prefer, enjoy, or don't mind missing. The NSL Live committee is proud to present a list of community events below to consider

attending in 2015 ranging from hunting to running, flying to rafting, movies to drama, and steady on to speed and good reads ahead. Look for updates here in the newsletter or on our website: www.nslcity.org. New events may be added and announced. If you would like to

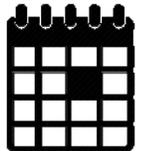
volunteer, please email us at: nslive@nslcity.org.

On behalf of the NSL Live committee, thank you again for your support. We appreciate your contribution and interest in NSL Live events that can help shape our community.



Save the Dates

- **Feb 8:** 2nd Sunday Concert
- **Feb 11:** Seniors Lunch Bunch
- **Feb 11:** Uniting Neighbors
- **Feb 16:** NSL Office Closed
- **Mar 8:** 2nd Sun. Concert 6 pm
- **Mar 11:** Seniors Lunch Bunch
- **Mar 11:** Uniting Neighbors
- **Apr 4:** Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Festival Kick-off
- **Apr 12:** 2nd Sun. Concert
- **Apr 17-19:** Spring Cleanup
- **Apr 18:** Kite Festival Ends
- **Apr 25:** Arbor Day Planting
- **Jun 5-6:** Children's Theatre
- **Jun 14:** 2nd Sun. Concert
- **Jun 20:** Three Kings Cycling Event
- **Jun 27:** NSL 5K
- **Jul 2:** Eaglewood Festival of Speed
- **Jul 3:** Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks
- **Aug 3:** Healthy NSL
- **Aug 9:** 2nd Sun. Concert
- **Aug 10:** Healthy NSL
- **Aug 17:** Healthy NSL
- **Sep 4:** NSL Reads Writing Submissions Due
- **Sep 5:** Family Golf Tourn.
- **Oct 1:** NSL Reads Family Event
- **Oct 11:** 2nd Sun. Concert
- **Oct 24:** Halloween 3K
- **Nov 8:** 2nd Sun. Concert
- **Dec 13:** 2nd Sun. Concert



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 Brian Horrocks
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 Ryan Mumford
 Stan Porter
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City Recorder	(801) 335-8709	Business Licensing	(801) 335-8701
Planning & Zoning	(801) 335-8729	Justice Court	(801) 335-8640
Utilities	(801) 335-8702	Code Enforcement	(801) 335-8677
Bldg. Inspections	(801) 335-8721	Police (non-emergency)	(801) 335-8651
Park Reservations	(801) 335-8721	Eaglewood Golf Course	(801) 299-0088
Animal Control	(801) 444-2200	Eaglewood Reception Ctr.	(801) 918-0600
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