



Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

Salt Lake County is ready for fall! I look forward to connecting with you at one of our many events and venues.

## Pumpkins Days at Wheeler Farm

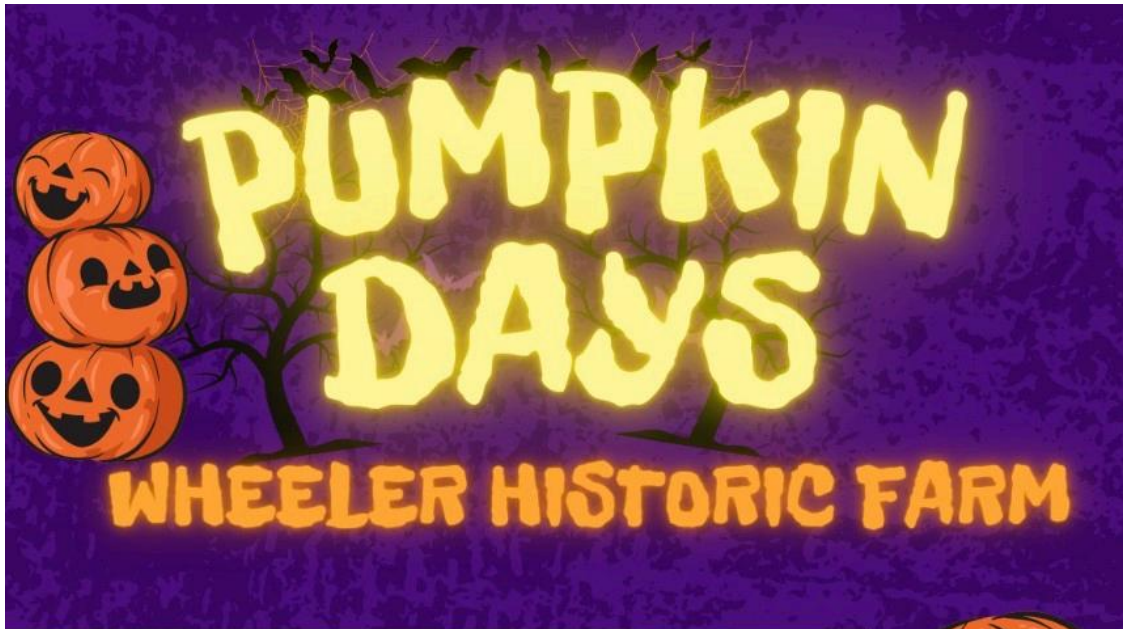
From now **until October 31**, bring your family and friends and have fun at Pumpkin Days at Wheeler Historic Farm. This is the **perfect fall outing for families** who want a non-scary, fun-filled experience. Guests can explore a family-friendly maze, corn pit, duck races, and more.

**Visit the Animals:** Don't miss out on visiting the farm animals and experiencing the charm of Wheeler Historic Farm, daily, dawn to dusk.

**Pumpkin Boo-tique:** Something's brewing at Wheeler Historic Farm, and it's going to be ghoulishly fun! Fly on over to our Pumpkin Boo-tique on October 11, 4 pm -8 pm, for a free, wicked good time. Discover unique treasures from local artisans and small business owners!

**Owl-o-ween:** Every Wednesday in October, 6 PM - 7:30 PM, Hawkwatch International will be at the farmhouse with feathered friends.

**Friday Night Food Trucks:** On Friday nights, 5 PM - 9 PM, grab dinner or a treat from one of the local food trucks.



**SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 31**

Corn pit, duck races, food truck  
Fridays, a maze, wagon rides & more!



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COUNTY  
PARKS & RECREATION

WHEELER  
HISTORIC FARM  
EST. 1887

**When:** September 27 - October 31, daily

**Where:** Wheeler Historic Farm, 6351 S 900 E, Murray, UT 84121

**Cost:**

- \$12: Pumpkin Days Maze and Play Area (includes wagon or cow train ride)
- \$10: Tuesday Special Pricing
- Pumpkin Patch: Prices per pumpkin are based on size, starting at \$3. There is no entry fee for the pumpkin patch.

Wheeler Farm Events



# Halloween Costume Swap

Donate your old Halloween costume, then shop the swap for free to find a new look for this year's spooky season.

The County Library's Annual Costume Swap is accepting Halloween costumes at all branches now through October 16. People who donate a costume can come back on October 19 to shop for a new-to-them Halloween costume.



## Costume Collection:

- Where: All County Library branches
- When: Tuesday, October 8 – Wednesday, October 16
- Who: All ages

## Costume Swap:

- Where: Library's Viridian Event Center, 8030 S 1825 W, West Jordan, UT 84088
- When: Saturday, October 19, 10 AM – 12 PM
- Who: All ages

County Library Costume Swap Information

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## Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

What hazards concern you? We need your input on the risks, from natural, man-made, and technological hazards, that could affect Salt Lake County, and what actions should be taken to reduce those risks.

Take the Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

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## Two-Page Ballots for the 2024 General Election

As the largest county in Utah and home to over half a million registered voters, **Salt Lake County will issue two-page ballots for the first time in the upcoming 2024 General Election**. The extensive ballot is designed to accommodate a broad range of federal, state, county, and local issues and give voters the opportunity to express their preferences at multiple levels of government. This election will include 179 candidates across 88 contests, as well as important bond measures and constitutional amendments.

This year's ballot consists of two double-sided pages. Each page is clearly labeled to help voters ensure they voted on and will return both pages, as well as help with internal processing of the ballots. Page 1 will feature a blue box labeled "1 of 2" in the upper right-hand corner, while Page 2 will have an orange box labeled "2 of 2" in the upper right-hand corner.

Voters are encouraged to carefully review both sides of each page and ensure they fill out and return both pages in their signed ballot return envelope to ensure all votes are counted.

**Ballots will be mailed out starting the week of October 15**, ahead of Election Day on November 5, 2024.

2024 General Election Ballot Information

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## Daybreak Net Zero Certification

Salt Lake County Library's Daybreak branch has achieved a historic milestone, becoming **Utah's first Certified Zero Energy building**. Congratulations to everyone who made this possible.

If you haven't been to the Daybreak branch, stop by!





## Synthetic Turf Fields in Murray

I am thrilled to announce the completion of the **converted turf fields at Salt Lake County Athletic Fields in Murray!** Rain or shine, these synthetic fields can be enjoyed year-round!

This new turf field **will save nearly 50,000 gallons of water per day**, 7,000,000 gallons each year, that will be diverted to the Great Salt Lake!



[Reserve a Field](#)

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# Youth Government

## Welcome Youth Government Mayor Schwankl and Deputy Mayor Dvoretzkiy!

On October 10, 2024, Youth Government successfully held its latest election, resulting in Sophie Schwankl being elected as this year's Mayor. Her primary advocacy focus will address the fentanyl crisis, marking a significant shift from her previous advocacy on airsoft gun usage policies in public parks, a topic she passionately presented to various municipalities across Salt Lake County.

Eva Dvoretzkiy was elected Deputy Mayor and will prioritize increased funding, educational opportunities, and resources for refugees in Salt Lake County, a cause she deeply cares about after her work with refugees learning English. The newly elected Council Members—Aashita Mandiwal, Adwita Mandiwal, Daniel Dustin, Emily Dustin, Daniel Whalen, Julia Fazzino, and Wild Violet Badger—bring a diverse range of advocacy topics to the table, focusing on air quality, mental health, suicide prevention, and drug usage among youths.

Additionally, our senior members, Julia and Wild Violet, are committed to helping Youth Government grow by implementing more service projects and enhancing recruitment strategies. This election marks an exciting new chapter for Youth Government as we strive to address pressing issues and engage our community more effectively.

Growing young leaders is so important! **The Salt Lake County Youth Government is an excellent opportunity for Salt Lake County middle school and high school students to learn more about their government.** They also develop leadership, advocacy, and service skills through hands-on experience.

More info: [saltlakecounty.gov/get-involved/youth-government](https://saltlakecounty.gov/get-involved/youth-government)



Get Involved in Youth Government

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## Public Safety Bond: \$507 million (Salt Lake County, Utah Local Special Bond Election)

### Building a Justice and Accountability Center:

- The Justice and Accountability Center is an alternative to jail primarily for low-level offenders who are repeatedly involved in the criminal justice system because of underlying issues, such as unstable housing and mental health and substance use disorders that have not been addressed
- The Justice and Accountability Center will connect people to outpatient treatment, job training, permanent housing opportunities, and support services to get their lives back on track with a goal of eliminating criminal behavior

### Consolidating and Improving the County Jail by:

- Combining the two county jails
- Increasing the number of beds
- Expanding access to mental health treatment

- Building a reentry unit to help people leaving jail prepare to rejoin society

The jail costs \$136/day per person—the Justice and Accountability Center will cost \$75/day per person, a \$60/day savings to taxpayers.

## Public Safety Bond

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# Zoo, Arts, & Parks (ZAP) Tax

The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax was approved by voters in 1996 and went into effect on January 1, 1997. Every ten years since, voters have voted in favor or reauthorizing the ZAP tax. The ZAP tax is on the ballot this November and, if approved by voters, the tax will continue another ten years, beginning January 1, 2027.

### What ZAP funds:

- The mission of the Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) Program is to grant ZAP tax funds to art, cultural, botanical, and zoological organizations. ZAP also funds parks and recreation projects in Salt Lake County. Thirty percent of ZAP tax revenues support Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.

### How much is the ZAP tax and is it going up?

- The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax funds a variety of arts and culture programs in our community. It also funds parks and recreation projects in cities and towns around the county, as well as Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.
- The ZAP tax is one penny for every \$10 spent within the county, which equals 0.1 percent. If approved by the voter it will be a continuation of the ZAP tax, not a tax increase.

## Learn About ZAP

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Sincerely,



**Jenny Wilson**

Mayor of Salt Lake County



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