June 2023

Happy Summer! This is construction season for the city. Beginning June 19, there will be road closures on 1400 North and 600 West as we finally complete the widening and upgrading of that intersection over the railroad tracks, complete the crossing gates and put the traffic signals into service. The Railroad does all the work in their right of way, and the city does the adjacent work. It is expected to take up to two months to complete, so that area will be difficult to navigate. Please be patient while we make the improvements. We'll send out more details later.

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Spring runoff and flooding

On May 25, I issued an executive order declaring the banks of the Logan River as a disaster area because of the dangerous levels of water in the river. Luckily, officials are saying we may have passed the peak of spring runoff. The sandbags we have placed in areas of the city more susceptible to flooding have held, and the cooler May temperatures have helped slow down the flow. We should soon be able to re-open some of the trails that we closed for safety reasons, although the 10th West underpass (shown above) will take longer to dry out and be passable again. More information on Logan's floodplains

A Day in the Life of a Garbage/Recycling Truck Driver

After my winter snow plow ride-along, I asked to spend a few
hours on a garbage truck. Driving our environmental trucks is another tough job, but critical to keeping our city beautiful. Thirty five years ago I lived in NYC for a few years and remember several garbage strikes. It was disgusting!! Trash would pile up on the sidewalks and smell really bad, so I do appreciate our drivers.  
Read more about my experience and some tips to help our drivers

Center Block Plaza Update
Slowly but surely the plaza is taking shape and we anticipate a summer opening! The splash pad is poured and crews are working on the underground cooling system for the ice rink. Brick is going up on the stage building. There are supply chain issues getting the precast to finish the top of the Plaza 45 building and brick columns. They are also working on the beautiful archways to the entrance of the plaza as well as the Main Street planters.

More information on the Center Block Plaza

Library Construction Update

Construction for the new library is coming along well. Most of the beautiful windows have been installed and the brick is nearly complete. Much of the construction has moved to the interior, preparing for the library’s opening later this fall. There will be beautiful views from the windows and the two outdoor terraces. The Children’s area will include a delightful mural, and the Public Art Committee just selected the artist for an
outdoor sculpture on the library plaza, paid for by a donor.

More information

The new parking lot next to city hall, which will also provide additional parking for the library, is nearly finished.
Wilson Neighborhood Tree Planting

The Wilson Neighborhood had a great time planting a Bur Oak in Merlin Olsen Park on June 2. If other neighborhoods are interested in planting a tree, please contact me.

Adams Neighborhood Meeting

On May 18, we met with members of the Adams neighborhood at Adams Elementary School to discuss ideas on how to improve the neighborhood, including parking, over-occupancy, accessory dwelling units, other code enforcement questions and more concerns the residents had. Aaron Smith, Logan’s neighborhood improvement manager and Jeannie Simmonds, city council member, joined me at the meeting. We answered questions residents have about these topics.

We had a constructive conversation. We love to hear from the citizens of Logan and interact with them. We look forward to meeting with the Adams neighborhood again as well as other neighborhoods in the city!

If you have code enforcement related questions, you can email Aaron Smith at aaron.smith@loganutah.org or you can email me by clicking on the button at the bottom of the page.
The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is gathering public input on improving the route from I-15 to US-89/91 in Logan. If you would like to fill out a survey that will help UDOT explore solutions, the link is listed below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd19hQjzF_Kt_8LqO13cDusuTOZAR6GRHpqVC4-cyBCH2Shg/viewform?usp=sf_link

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