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## OF NOTE



### In the middle of Happy Valley

Readers Digest has named Provo as the winner of its 2024 Nicest Places in America award, a national crowd-sourced effort to uncover stories of kindness, respect and community. Provo received the top honor in acknowledgment of the Hope Squad, a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program. By working with local mental health experts, Hope Squad members are trained to recognize the warning signs of suicide, ask the right questions and guide struggling classmates to social workers and counselors.

## SKYLINE CORRIDOR PROJECT AREA

### UIPA board approves 12th inland port project

**Brice Wallace**  
*Business Journal*

Utah now has an even dozen inland port areas.

The Utah Inland Port Authority board, meeting in Richfield last week, approved the creation of the Skyline Corridor Project Area, expected to someday

help drive economic and infrastructure development in parts of Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties.

The Skyline Corridor consists of a total of 1,420 acres in five zones but not in one piece of property. Areas in the project zone range in size from 0.22 acres to 330.12 acres in Ephraim, Gunnison Valley, the Salina Industrial Park, Richfield and the unincorporated Wayne County Industrial Park. Project area zones will have their own goals and objectives but can collaborate on larger projects.

"This is a really special project area for us," Ben Hart, UIPA executive director, told the board. "Today's adoption is very unique, and this part of the state, we're excited to be supporting and excited to be working in."

While the three-county region has several major highways, it has no immediate access to the national rail network and thus is heavily reliant on truck traffic to move goods. UIPA documents say there is a collaboration possibility that could lead to a transload facility in the nearby Castle Country Project Area that would provide regional rail access along



Gunnison Mayor Lori Nay speaks in support of the Skyline Corridor Project Area during a meeting of the Utah Inland Port Authority board last week in Richfield. The board approved the area's creation, making it the state's 12th such area.

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## CONSUMER SENTIMENT DROPS IN UTAH AS NATION'S INDEX CLIMBS

Utah's consumer sentiment index saw its first significant change in several months in September, dropping 6.1 percent to 77.9 from August's 83.0, according to the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute's Survey of Utah Consumer Sentiment. A similar survey conducted by the University of Michigan found a 3.2 percent increase in sentiment among Americans as a whole during the same time, from 67.9 to 70.1.

"With Utah's decrease in consumer sentiment and a slight increase in U.S. consumer sentiment, the gap between the two narrowed slightly in September," said Phil Dean, chief economist at the Gardner Institute. "These results highlight the mixed economic signals right now. Easing inflation and lower interest rates should contribute to increased consumer sentiment. However, rising unemployment and slowing employment growth likely weigh on consumer confidence. Additionally, international conflicts and the pending U.S. election likely contribute to consumer uncertainty."

The Utah consumer confidence survey uses key questions from the University of Michigan's Survey of Consumers. These questions measure residents' views of the present economic situation and their expectations for the economy in the future. Data gathered from the key questions are used to create the consumer confidence index for Utah. Demographic questions are included in the questionnaire to allow for additional analysis of the data and to assess the representativeness of the sample.

The full results of the monthly Utah Consumer Sentiment survey can be accessed through the Gardner Institute website at [gardner.utah.edu](http://gardner.utah.edu).

## Clean Air Act violations

### Ovintiv fined \$5.5M and ordered to upgrade Utah oil and gas facilities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice have announced a more than \$16 million settlement with Ovintiv USA Inc., resolving Clean Air Act violations at the company's oil and gas production facilities on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah and on Utah state lands.

The settlement requires Ovintiv, a Denver-based petroleum company, to pay the United States and the state of Utah a civil penalty of \$5.5 million. It also requires Ovintiv to implement extensive compliance measures to achieve major reductions in pollutants emitted from 139 of its facilities across the state.

The settlement resolves a civil suit, filed jointly by the EPA and the state of Utah, alleging that Ovintiv failed to com-

ply with federal and state requirements to capture and control air emissions and comply with inspection, monitoring and recordkeeping requirements from 22 of its oil and gas production facilities in the Uinta Basin. These violations resulted in illegal emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which contribute to asthma and increase susceptibility to respiratory illnesses. Greenhouse gases, including methane, were also released in large quantities, contributing to climate change.

"This settlement reduces pollutants that contribute to ground-level ozone in the Uintah and Ouray Reservation communities and beyond that are already

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# News

## Pure Healthcare leads MWCN's list of Utah's fastest-growing companies

Pure Healthcare is Utah's fastest-growing company and Layton Construction saw the highest dollar growth over the five-year period from 2019-2023, according to rankings released by MountainWest Capital Network.

MWCN, a business networking organization devoted to supporting entrepreneurial success and dedicated to the flow of financial, entrepreneurial and intellectual capital, each year reveals its Utah 100 list of the fastest-growing companies in the state. Companies are ranked according to a weighted average calculation of percentage and dollar growth.

MWCN also releases its list of Top 15 Revenue and Emerging Elite companies. The Top 15 are ranked according to the highest total dollar growth over the past five years. The Emerging Elite lists organizations less than five years old that show the most promise of future growth.

Companies are eligible to be included in only one award category.

The Utah 100 are:

1. Pure Healthcare, 2. Motos America, 3. Gabb, 4. Pura, 5. Cottonwood Communities, 6. Co-Diagnostics, 7. Just Ingredients, 8. &Collar, 9. Dorai Home, 10. Five Star Franchising;
11. CoFi, 12. LVT, 13. Cinch, 14. Action Solar, 15. C.W. Development Group, 16. Blue Raven Solar, 17. Bucked Up, 18. SINTX Technologies, 19. Platform Accounting Group, 20. Spoonful of Comfort;
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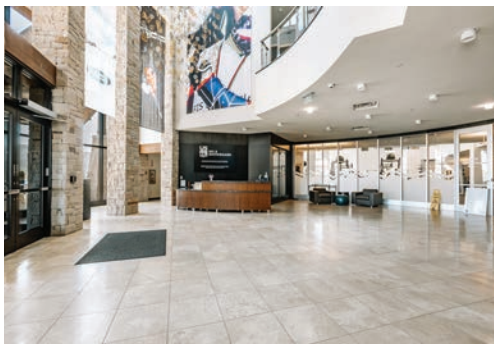
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The Top Revenue Growth Companies are:

1. Layton Construction, 2. Zions Bancorporation, 3. Extra Space Storage, 4. Pattern, 5. Young Automotive Group, 6. HealthEquity, 7. Sportsman's Warehouse, 8. Westland Construction, 9. Innovative Industrial Properties, 10. Merit Medical, 11. Beauty Industry Group, 12. Aptive Environmental, 13. Lucid Software, 14. Angel Studios, 15. Peak Capital Partners.

The Emerging Elite companies (listed alphabetically) are:

- Beehive Meals, Bloom, Devos, HERO Home, Hona, Kajae, Kingbee Rentals LLC, Nursa Inc., Pressed Floral, Savvos Health, Torus Inc., Turner Imaging Systems Inc., WeLink and Zartico.



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# Study: Just build 100 housing units and watch the benefits roll in

**Brice Wallace**  
*Business Journal*

A new study indicates that 100 housing units for residents employed locally in the Wasatch Back would produce several positive impacts.

Those effects include \$43.1 million in economic impact from 173 jobs, \$4.2 million in local household spending, \$73,000 in new local sales tax revenue, and \$186,000 in new local property tax revenue.

Those figures are part of the Affordable Housing Economic Impact Analysis, unveiled by the Park City Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau, in partnership with the Mountain Lands Community Housing Trust and prepared by Economic & Planning Systems Inc.

The report notes that the Wasatch Back has evolved into a prominent hub for summer and winter outdoor recreation, resulting in growth in the local population, in guest visitation, and with part-time residents. However, the ability to lever-

age the economic drivers represented by visitation is dependent on the availability and affordability of housing for the local workforce, it says.

“As we approach the peak season, this report is especially timely, shedding light on the critical role affordable housing plays in sustaining our community,” said Scott House, vice president of partner services for the chamber/bureau. “While analyzing the key impacts, it’s essential to highlight the opportunity costs as well. For example, if we heavily rely on in-commuters, who currently contribute to 70 percent of our employment growth, we face additional expenses, such as the need for parking.”

The report pegs the total impact of the community benefits at \$1.6 million, economic value at \$47.5 million, and opportunity costs equating to \$9.4 million. The total economic impact across the three metrics equates to \$58.5 million, or \$585,127 per housing unit.

The report indicates that total employment in the area has grown by 47.6 percent since 2010, largely driven by in-

commuters who now account for 70 percent of that growth.

“The substantial shift in the composition of the local workforce, with increasing reliance on workers living outside the region, represents a risk to the economic longevity of the Wasatch Back,” it says. “In-commuting workers, by definition, are mobile and have choices as to where to work. Maintaining a commitment to local business has become increasingly difficult, given the growing reliance on out-of-town employees.”

Other effects on the economy and community from 100 resident housing units include \$180,000 in local revenues generated through per-pupil funding from the state of Utah for 40 school-aged children; \$150,000 in added value from increased volunteer labor contributions annually; 65,700 commute hours eliminated annually, equating to a value of time savings of \$1.2 million per year; and 3.3 million vehicle miles reduced each year, leading to a \$75,000 decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.

The report noted that households earning \$75,000 or less fell by 17 percent

since 2010, while those earning \$200,000 or more has increased by 291 percent during that time.

“At the root of the region’s resident housing investment policies, dedicated resident housing units ensure that year-round residents can live and work locally, which ripples through the economy and reinforces the stability of other sectors of the economy,” the report says. “The adequate supply of locals housing also impacts the character of the community through greater potential for civic/resident engagement and presence of school-aged children. It also improves the quality of the guest experience with employees that are more engaged in and committed to the local community.”

The study suggests that the fiscal benefits of commercial activities are contingent upon an ample labor supply. “When these elements are balanced, communities thrive,” it says.

Promoting locally occupied housing may entail similar costs to municipali-

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## Agencies announce collaboration to strengthen talent pipeline in aerospace and defense industries

Three Utah organizations have united to form a collaboration designed to build a talent pipeline for building a source of employees for the aerospace and defense sectors within the state.

YouScience, a science and technology education platform based in American Fork; Ogden-based Apogee Worx, an aerospace and defense manufacturing company; and 47G, the state’s newly formed aerospace and defense industry association, announced the new effort in late September.

Utah’s defense industry plays a crucial role in the state’s economy, contributing more than \$19 billion in economic activity and supporting 211,000 jobs, the new group said. Since 2015, the sector has nearly doubled in size, according to a report from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute at the University of Utah.

“We’re excited to work with Apogee Worx and 47G to significantly impact the future workforce,” said Edson Barton, CEO and co-founder of YouScience. “Recognizing the need to boost awareness of aerospace and defense manufacturing careers and enhance the skill sets of high school and college graduates, we decided to join forces. By leveraging YouScience’s innovative aptitude-based career guidance tools, Apogee Worx’s industry expertise and 47G’s access to a deep community

of members, we aim to create a robust talent pipeline that meets the specific needs of the aerospace and defense sectors.”

“We’re proud to be part of this initiative that not only supports our company’s growth but also contributes to the broader goal of sustaining Utah’s aerospace and defense industry,” said Brian Janroy, co-owner of Apogee Worx. “This collaboration is a critical step in ensuring that we have a steady pipeline of skilled talent ready to meet the challenges of tomorrow.”

In addition, YouScience, Apogee Worx and 47G are working together to develop a new certification specifically designed for aerospace and defense manufacturing. This certification will provide students with the industry-specific skills needed to thrive in these high-demand fields, further aligning educational outcomes with workforce needs.

“We are thrilled to join forces with YouScience and Apogee Worx in this groundbreaking initiative,” said Aaron Starks, CEO and president at 47G. “By integrating our organization’s network with YouScience’s cutting-edge career guidance tools and Apogee Worx’s expertise, we are setting a new standard for how we prepare and connect the next generation of Utah professionals with critical career opportunities.”

## Delta to open Salt Lake-Seoul route

Next year, Delta Airlines will launch the first direct flight from Salt Lake City to Asia with the inauguration of service from Salt Lake City International Airport to Seoul-Incheon International Airport in Korea. Service will begin June 12, 2025.

“The launch of Salt Lake City to Seoul service offers customers convenient access to Delta’s growing global network and ensures that virtually all U.S. demand is connected to Seoul via nonstop or one-

stop service,” said Joe Esposito, Delta’s senior vice president of network planning. “As Salt Lake City continues to grow as a vital Delta hub, our strong joint venture with Korean Air allows us to offer unmatched connectivity between the U.S. and Asia, leveraging strong hubs on both sides.”

Salt Lake City joins Atlanta, Detroit, Minneapolis-St. Paul and Seattle as U.S. cities with direct flights to Seoul.

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## UTAH WOMEN & LEADERSHIP PROJECT

# Utah women CEO count has increased over past few years

Fewer than 10 percent of Utah companies report having a woman as CEO, according to new research from the Utah State University's Utah Women & Leadership Project (UWLP). Of the 710 companies reporting in the survey, 68 (9.6 percent) said their CEO is a woman. That's up from 4.7 percent in 2018, the last time the survey was reported.

The UWLP first released research in 2014 about the status of women leaders in Utah business, with an update in 2018 to determine if progress had been made. The 2018 update reported a drop in women CEOs before the latest report showed an increase.

"Measuring progress, or lack thereof, is important so we are aware of what is happening, and we can work toward positive change," said Susan Madsen, UWLP director and Karen Haight Huntsman Endowed Professor of Leadership in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business at USU, and a report author.

The 2024 research report was based on information from a list of Utah companies obtained from the Utah Department of Workforce Services' FirmFind, an online directory of over 80,000 companies in Utah. Researchers pulled information on firms with at least 100 employees and 2,032 companies comprised the initial population for the study.

Combining all leadership categories for the study (CEO, president, top manager), 253 of 1,239 (20.4 percent) top leadership roles were held by women, compared to 6.4 percent in 2018 and 11.6 percent in 2014. Importantly, in this year's dataset, there were significantly more general managers than CEOs or

presidents. Yet, overall, in the past six years, there has been a solid increase in the percentage of women serving in top leadership roles in Utah businesses having 100 or more employees.

Utah still has substantial work ahead to promote women to these leadership roles, Madsen said.

The top industry categories for women CEOs include educational services (28.6 percent), health care and social assistance (24.4 percent) and accommodation and food services (20.7 percent). The industries with the fewest women CEOs include real estate, rental, and leasing (0 percent); construction (1.1 percent); finance and insurance (2.4 percent); and transportation and warehousing (4.5 percent).

Regarding corporate boards, the recent study showed that 29 of 239 boards (12.1 percent) were chaired by women, up from 7 percent in 2018. It also showed that boards with female chairs were more likely to have female directors and company CEOs.

"Although some business leaders continue to state they have difficulty finding qualified women to serve in top leadership positions or on corporate boards, others argue that the low representation of women has little to do with a lack of capable women and more to do with women not being as visible or networking as effectively as men, i.e., the 'good old boys club,'" said Madsen. "Either way, it is well worth the time and effort for current CEOs and board chairs to create diverse leadership teams as the business environment continues to be more globally competitive and tumultu-

ous."

The report also suggests ways to increase women in corporate leadership positions. The report suggests the following:

- Create a pipeline of women leaders by providing them with opportunities to be coached, mentored, trained and stretched through new assignments.

- Educate and encourage top company leaders to become change agents and male allies by having women on boards and in the highest company leadership positions.

- Consider at least two women candidates for every director opening and ensure the company has one or more women on its board.

- Expand the pool of potential directors by looking beyond current CEOs to other executive-level candidates.

- Examine company practices to make changes to recruit, promote and retain women leaders for executive positions and boards.

"We hope the data and insights shared in this brief will spark discussion and assist companies in making needed structural changes to their leadership teams and corporate boards," said Madsen. "This will add more value to Utah organizations and create opportunities and pathways to success for more Utah employees and companies."

Additional report authors included Shirlayne Quayle, founder of the PowerLane Podcast and UWLP research associate; and Robyn Blackburn, UWLP research fellow.

The full report is available at the UWLP website, [www.usu.edu/uwlp](http://www.usu.edu/uwlp).

## BUSINESS Journal LIST

# Top 'minor-league' sports in Utah

The Utah Jazz and Real Salt Lake and Utah Hockey Club are Utah's most prominent sports teams because of their status as "major league." But Utah has other options for sports fans looking for a good time.

- The **Salt Lake Bees** play from late March into September. The Triple A farm team for the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim and a member of the Pacific Coast League, the Bees finished 2024 at Smith's Ballpark in Salt Lake City and start play in 2025 at Daybreak Field at America First Square in South Jordan.

- The **Ogden Raptors** play from late May into September at Lindquist Field in Ogden. The independent team is part of the Pioneer League.

- The **Utah Grizzlies**, part of the East Coast Hockey League, play from mid-October to mid-April at the Maverik Center in West Valley City.

- The **Utah Warriors** play in Major League Rugby from early March through June at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman.

- The **Real Monarchs**, a professional soccer team, play in the MLS Next Pro division from mid-March to early October at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman.

- The **Utah Royals** are part of the National Women's Soccer League and play from mid-March to early November at America First Field in Sandy.

- The **Utah Archers** of the Premier Lacrosse League play from early June to mid-August at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman.

- The **Utah Falcons** are a women's tackle football team that plays from mid-April to mid-May at Highland High School and Cottonwood High School.

- The **Salt Lake Shred** sling the disk as part of the Ultimate Frisbee Association, playing matches at Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman during a spring/summer season.

## USOR names 50th annual Golden Key Awards recipients

The Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) has named its 50th annual Golden Key Awards recipients. The awards were made at the Disability:IN Utah Summit. USOR said the awards honor Utah businesses for their efforts in creating job opportunities for people with disabilities.

"The Golden Key Awards recognize Utahns who are making a real difference in the lives of people with disabilities," said Gov. Spencer J. Cox. "People with disabilities bring so much to the table — knowledge, skills, talents and unique experiences. They make Utah's workforce

more creative, inventive and resourceful."

Disability:IN Utah and USOR partner to help employers connect with skilled workers with disabilities, offering training and resources to aid businesses improve their hiring practices. By recognizing the talents and contributions of people with disabilities, the Golden Key Awards celebrate and champion the community leaders that are creating a stronger, more dynamic workforce, USOR said.

"These employers are leading the way in supporting people with disabilities find meaningful jobs," said Sarah Brenna, director of USOR. "They set a great ex-

ample. They show just how much these untapped workers can contribute to Utah's workforce."

Those receiving Golden Key Awards were Zion Jellystone Park, Small Employer of the Year; Avis Car Rental, Freedom Award; Ivati, Large Employer of the Year; Marissa Gray of Big D Construction, ACE Award; Columbus Community Center, Provider of the Year; Roxane Durtschi of Empowerment Employment Services, Lifetime Achievement Award; the Utah Department of Government Operations, ASAP Award; and Capstone Nutrition, Medium Employer of the Year.

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## Work DAZE

### These essentials will let you not work from anywhere

“Just when I thought I was out, they pulled me back in.”

That’s what Al Pacino so famously says in “The Godfather Part III.” He’s bemoaning the fate of Michael Corleone, who thought he had gotten out of a life of crime, only to be dragged back in.

It’s also what millions of remote workers say when they thought they had gotten out of a life at the office, only to be dragged back in by heartless managers — not criminals, perhaps, but mobsters all the same.

Whether you are officially back in the office or still clinging to the dream of working from home, there are times when you find yourself somewhere in-between. You could be on a business trip, spending endless hours in airports in order to spend useless minutes with clients, or you could have ventured out on your own, hoping to find renewed energy and regenerated commitment by plunking yourself down at a table at Starbucks or setting up shop on a bench in the park.

While there is much to say for

freeing yourself from the tyranny of hot desks and Aeron chairs, there is a fundamental problem with being able to work from anywhere. That problem, of course, is that being away from your desk makes it difficult to not work.

And if you don’t want to work in the office, and you don’t want to work at home, why would you want to work when you’re on the road?

Jenni Gritters doesn’t understand this. That’s why the “Wirecutter” writer recently published “These Essentials Will Let You Work From Anywhere,” a comprehensive buying guide for road warriors in the *The New York Times*. While Gritters does provide a comprehensive list of “essentials” you can use to work anywhere, the shopping guide that follows covers the essentials you need if you want to not work from anywhere.

No. 1: The Mighty Midget 1-Inch Power Cable-\$47.75.

One of the most enjoyable places to not work is a coffee shop. The smell of roasting Robusta will energize you, and the faces of the frustrated custom-

ers who can’t find anywhere to sit (because people like you are monopolizing all the chairs) will provide endless entertainment.

The problem of not working at a coffee shop is that you may feel guilty taking up space and start working. This can’t happen if your laptop is out of power.

While there are extra-long power cables recommended by Gritters, allowing you to keep working even if you are far from a power source, the Mighty Midget 1-Inch cable makes it almost impossible to bring power to your device. Even if you are sitting next to an outlet, connecting the 1-inch power cord to your laptop will force you to start working under the table while it charges (assuming you aren’t working under the table to begin with).

Note: For an additional \$745.99, an upgrade choice includes a special slow-charge feature and a solar array that covers three tables.

No. 2: The Good Luck Finding It Wi-Fi Hot Spot-\$136.50.

“If you’ll be traveling often or working entirely from public spaces,” writes Gritters, “a dedicated hotspot makes a big difference for guaranteed connection.” If you want to not work from public spaces, the area in which this hotspot can find a signal is so limited you can only access it by standing on a chair and waving the device in the air. Even finding the Wi-Fi will result in extreme frustration, since the device is engineered to disconnect 20 seconds after making a connection.

No. 3: Thunderdome Noise-Amplifying Headphones-\$267.45.

An environment of peace and quiet can make it difficult to not work. The Thunderdome noise-amplifying headphones will magnify the sound of a leaf dropping into an earthshaking cacophony, impossible to work through. Whether you’re trying to work in a public library or quiet spot in nature, your noise-amplifying Thunderdome headphones will make sure that all you produce is an ear-splitting migraine.

No. 4: Tony’s Teeny-Tiny Backpack-\$16.15.

Need to travel with a laptop, a cellphone, assorted cables and cords, plus physical and digital files and reports? Well, forget it. Tony’s Teeny-Tiny Backpack contains six dedicated micro pockets and three minuscule zipper pouches, all in a high-fashion backpack made of butter-soft palmelato leather, smaller than a Toaster Strudel. By turning a carry-all into a carry-none, doing work will become impossible. You will, however, be able to carry a stick of gum, two aspirins and a toothpick.

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## SL City Council approves agreement, tax hike for downtown rebuild project

The Salt Lake City Council has approved the final participation agreement between the city and Smith Entertainment Group (SEG) that will allow the Utah Jazz and the Utah Hockey Club to stay in downtown Salt Lake City. The agreement gives the go-ahead to a revamped entertainment and sports district and sets in motion the imposition of a 0.5 percent sales tax hike for city businesses. The tax increase, which doesn't apply to groceries and major purchases like vehicles, takes effect on Jan. 1.

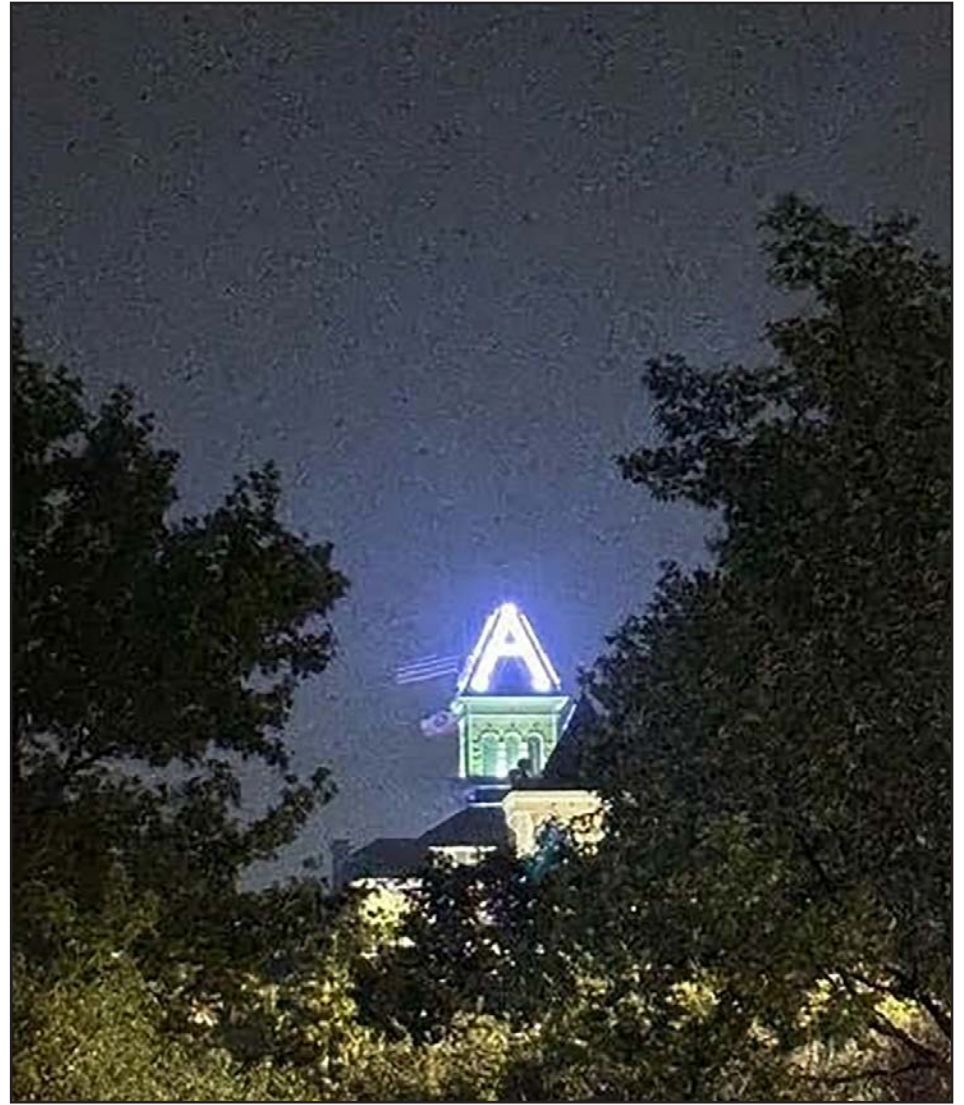
Under the agreement, SEG will receive up to \$900 million in bonds that will be repaid by the sales tax increase over the next 30 years. The bonding will help pay for a downtown rebuild that will include a Delta Center revamp to accommodate hockey.

In April, the National Hockey League approved the sale of the Arizona Coyotes to SEG, an investment group headed by Qualtrics founder and Utah Jazz owners Ryan and Ashley Smith, which kicked off the current push to rebuild the district. A committee of the Utah Legislature voted unanimously last month in favor of the project.

SEG intends to put \$3 billion of its own money into redeveloping a three-block area in the city center, which includes reconfiguring the Delta Center entrance to face east. Also in the plans are building pedestrian plazas, building a residential tower and a hotel and providing retail and restaurant space. Current plans also include preservation and upgrading of Abravanel Hall.

The agreement between SEG and the city also includes the creation of a community benefit fund from fees SEG would attach to ticket sales for basketball and hockey games and other Delta Center events, ranging from \$1 to \$3 per ticket depending on the ticket price, starting in July 2025. The city would use the money for affordable and family-sized housing, a Japantown streetscape project and public art.

Salt Lake City residents are likely to see changes to the downtown area beginning with Delta Center renovations at the end of the Utah Jazz and Utah Hockey Club seasons that are just beginning and run through next spring.



*The iconic lighted tower on Utah State University's Old Main administration building in Logan has received a major upgrade. YESCO (formerly Young Electric Sign Co.) recently completed refurbishing the readily recognizable landmark, removing the old LED strips forming the "A" that stands for Aggies, and replacing them with new RGB LED lighting. The company also installed a new control box by which the school can display the tower in blue or white lights and a photocell switch that turns the light on at dusk and off at dawn. The block A lighting was first installed on Old Main as a gift from the graduating class of 1909.*

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# Tech hiring ramps up, according to latest CompTIA employment analysis

The nationwide unemployment rate for technology occupations fell to 2.5 percent in September, the steepest month-over-month decrease in four years, according to analysis by Downers Grove, Illinois-based CompTIA, a nonprofit association for the tech industry and workforce. The report does not specify a Utah tech job unemployment rate but reported a slight drop in the job posting for tech positions in the state, a statistic that generally accompanies a lower jobless rate.

Utah employers listed 2,343 job posting for tech positions in September, down slightly from August, which reported 2,443 tech postings. In the Salt Lake City metro area specifically, there were 1,570 tech jobs postings in September, compared to 1,783 in August.

All four of the monthly metrics tracked by CompTIA were in positive territory in September, according to the report. In addition to the drop in the unemployment rate, other takeaways from the report include:

- Tech companies added 8,583 workers.
  - Tech occupations in the entire economy increased by 118,000 new positions.
  - Employers increased the number of job postings for future tech hiring.
- Analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Jobs Report data reveals new hiring was primarily driven by the subsectors of cloud infrastructure, data processing and hosting (up 6,000 jobs); and the tech services and custom soft-

ware development sector (up 2,900 jobs). An estimated 6.4 million professionals are now employed in core tech occupations by companies of all types across the economy, CompTIA said.

“It was never really a question of if, but when employers were going to resume hiring,” Tim Herbert, chief research officer at CompTIA. “A broad mix of companies viewed recent economic developments as the greenlight to move forward in addressing their tech talent needs.”



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# Office of Energy Development relaunches energy efficiency loan program C-PACE

The Utah Office of Energy Development has relaunched the Utah C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) program, an initiative designed to provide developers and property owners with access to long-term financing at fixed rates for energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy projects, seismic retrofits and more.

Established under Chapter 42a of the Utah C-PACE Act, the program helps developers and property owners increase energy and water efficiencies and building resilience by lowering the overall weighted cost of capital. Existing buildings are eligible for up to 100 percent cost recovery and new projects are eligible for up to 35 percent of eligible construction costs. C-PACE is a program of the Office of Energy Development and

is administered by Sustainable Real Estate Solutions Inc. (SRS) with participation from over 30 private financial institutions.

“The C-PACE program offers our industry and community partners a streamlined, standardized underwriting process for energy and resiliency improvements that is both transparent and technically sound,” said Dusty Monks, OED’s acting director. “With SRS as our administrator, we are able to offer an innovative, transparent and proven financing tool that will drive energy improvements. We are looking forward to seeing the statewide C-PACE program start again here in Utah.”

C-PACE covers a range of commercial property types, including agricultural, industrial, manufacturing, retail, office space, multifamily residential, nonprofits

and others. Cities and counties throughout the state can benefit their economies through new investment, job opportunities, energy savings and improved air quality, Monks said. The program also covers a wide variety of projects, such as new heating and cooling systems, lighting, water pumps, insulation, renewable energy projects and seismic upgrades — almost anything that improves energy and water efficiency and a building’s resilience.

SRS CEO Brian McCarter said, “SRS is delighted to partner with OED to support the timely relaunch of the state’s

C-PACE program. In today’s challenging lending market, more building owners and developers are embracing C-PACE as an attractive financing solution to fill gaps in their capital stack and lower the cost of capital for both new construction and retrofit projects.”

Developers and existing property owners do not need money down or a personal guarantee to participate in C-PACE, and SRS supports all stakeholders throughout the process.

Interested developers and property owners can visit the <https://utahcpaace.com/> for more information.

## Survey: Half of current tech workers feel they can’t learn fast enough to keep pace with tech

Draper-based technology workforce development company Pluralsight has released the results of a survey that polled over 500 current and aspiring technology workers about their perception of the tech industry and skills needed for success. The survey found that 50 percent of current tech workers and 31 percent of aspiring ones feel that they can’t learn fast enough to keep pace with the rapid rate of change in technology.

The findings also reveal misalignment in perceptions of the most critical technology skills for securing a tech job, a shared preference for hands-on and expert-led learning experiences and expectations for salary increases following upskilling.

“While the technology industry continues to evolve at a rapid pace, there is a significant gap between aspiring and current technology professionals regarding which skills are deemed most crucial,” said Chris Herbert, chief content officer at Pluralsight. “This divergence underscores the need for tailored learning paths that address both immediate job market demands and long-term career growth. It’s clear that hands-on, expert-driven learning experiences are essential for bridging this gap and helping professionals at all stages stay competitive.”

Survey data reveals that current and aspiring professionals don’t see eye-to-eye on which tech disciplines are the most important. Aspiring tech workers are all about AI and machine learning, with 37 percent saying those skills are crucial for landing a job. They also prioritize cybersecurity (28 percent) and software engineering (15 percent), feel-

ing the pressure to level up in those areas. In contrast, seasoned tech workers place software engineering at the top of their list for important skills (30 percent), followed by cybersecurity (27 percent) and then AI and machine learning (23 percent).

Most aspiring tech workers are motivated by higher salaries, with 88 percent saying that’s their main reason for seeking a career in tech, followed by career stability (54 percent). In fact, 41 percent of aspiring tech workers surveyed expect a \$10,000 to over \$20,000 salary increase if they were to land a job in tech.

Meanwhile, most current tech workers (85 percent) anticipate a salary increase as a result of improving their skills.

In an environment where technology is rapidly advancing, technology workers must find ways to upskill quickly to keep pace, study authors said. This is no small feat, however, as the survey revealed that half of current tech workers and almost a third of aspiring ones are struggling to learn fast enough to keep pace with technological advancements.

Despite these challenges, both surveyed groups have a strong understanding of their learning preferences when it comes to skill development. While 54 percent of current tech workers initially pursued a university degree in tech or a related field, 64 percent of current and 46 percent of aspiring workers prefer hands-on, immersive learning experiences, like labs and simulations. Additionally, 27 percent of current and 40 percent of aspiring workers favor video content from experts.

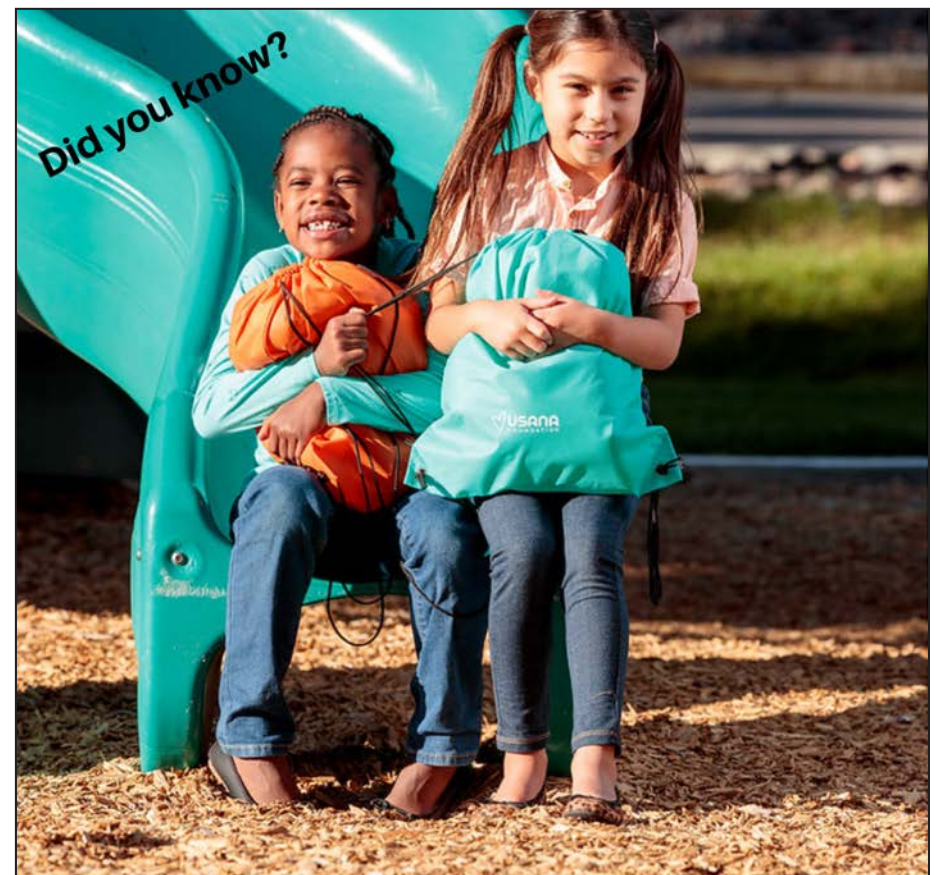
## Big Lots closing 340 stores, 3 in Utah

Big Lots, the Ohio-based discount retailer, has announced that it is closing 340 of its 1,389 stores nationwide, including three of its five Utah locations. The chain will close stores Layton, Logan and Murray in the coming weeks.

Also on the chopping block in nearby states as part of Big Lots’ bankruptcy are

at least one Las Vegas location and as-yet-unnamed locations in Idaho. Several dozen California stores will close, the company announced.

Big Lots, founded in 1967, started as a closeout business for auto parts. Over time, it transformed into a well-known discount retailer, offering deep savings on home goods and lifestyle products.



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## ARTS

• The nonprofit **Utah Arts Alliance** has selected **The Gateway** in Salt Lake City as the new location for **Dreamscapes Utah's Immersive Art Experience**. It had been at The Shops at South Town in Sandy for two years. The alliance said it is "re-imagining what Dreamscapes will look like, what stories will be told, what art will be showcased, and how to continue supporting artists." The costs of the move, rebuild and associated costs are likely to exceed \$200,000, and it is accepting financial help from the community.

## BANKING

• **Sunwest Bank**, a Sandy-based commercial bank, has hired **Mike McKean** as senior vice president and director of treasury and payments. He will lead the bank's deposit growth, payments strategy and sales across multiple states and divisions. Prior to joining Sunwest Bank, McKean spent four years at Umpqua Bank. He also spent eight years at U.S. Bank and 12 years at JPMorganChase. He started his career at First USA/Paymentech. He is a member of the board of directors for Wespay, a payments association, and also served as a city councilman for Plain City. McKean attended Weber State University and University of Phoenix, studying business administration.



Mike McKean

## ECONOMIC INDICATORS

• **Salt Lake City** is ranked No. 12 in the **2024 "Scoring Tech Talent"** report, compiled by **CBRE**. Salt Lake rose four positions from a year ago. CBRE produces the annual analysis of labor market conditions, costs and quality in North America for highly skilled tech workers. The report covers 75 North American markets, ranks the top 50 tech markets in the U.S. and Canada and outlines tech talent labor market trends amid economic shifts and increased remote hiring. The top-ranked area is the San Francisco Bay Area. Details are at <https://www.cbre.com/insights/books/scoring-tech-talent-2024>.

• **Utahns** are prepared to work six hours and 33 minutes of **overtime per week** to be completely free of financial obligations, according to a survey by **CardRates.com**. The national average is six hours and 25 minutes. The highest number is in South Dakota, at 13 hours. The lowest is in Vermont, at two hours and 40 minutes. Details are at <https://www.cardrates.com/studies/americans-prepared-to-pay-off-debt-by-working-overtime/>.

• **Roofer** is Utah's **least desired job** (based on safety issues), according to a survey by **Tradesafe**. Other listed jobs in Utah are (in order) meatpacker, skyscraper window cleaner, steel worker, power line worker, oil rig worker and electrician. Details are at <https://trdsf.com/blogs/news/least-desired-jobs-in-america>.

• **Lehi** is included on a list of the **"Seven Best Towns in the West to Celebration Halloween,"** compiled by **AAA**. It notes that Baird Manor has one of the best Halloween displays statewide, with residents projecting scenes from Halloween movies over the entire house each evening. It also mentions Ashton Gardens hosting its annual Scarecrow Festival, and the Lehi Legacy Center putting on "Halloween Comes to Life," an all-ages night of games, trick-or-treating and a Halloween-themed movie.

## EDUCATION

• The **University of Utah** is ranked No. 8 among universities for **undergraduate entrepreneurship** for 2025 by **U.S. News & World Report**. The UofU also is No. 5 among public schools. The entrepreneurship program at the Eccles School of Business is provided in partnership between the Department of Entrepreneurship & Strategy and the Lasonde Entrepreneur Institute. In related rankings issued earlier this year, **U.S. News & World Report** ranked the MBA program at the Eccles School No. 12 for entrepreneurship overall (No. 5 among public schools) in 2024.

• The **U.S. Department of Education** has notified the **Utah Association of Public Charter Schools** that it is receiving a \$44 million grant to expand high-quality charter schools in Utah. UAPCS will administer this grant over five years to develop new charter schools and to help existing charter schools open new campuses. The federal grant is part of the U.S. Department of Education's Charter School Program. State-level applicants compete for a share of the annual \$440

million Congress has appropriated for the CSP. Strict federal rules govern how new charter schools may use these funds. For example, new schools and new campuses can hire a director; rent office space; and get the training, technology, software and supplies new charter schools need.

• **Fifty-two students** are enrolled for fall 2024 in the **Master of Business Creation** program, which is provided by the Department of Entrepreneurship & Strategy in partnership with the Lasonde Entrepreneur Institute at the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business. They will be accelerating their startup companies in the program for entrepreneurs with help from personalized mentoring, applied curriculum, access to grants for their business and more. Thirty who started 26 companies and are from eight states are enrolling in **MBC Online**, a virtual, flexible option that spans three semesters. Twenty-two of the founders who started 21 companies are enrolling in **MBC In-Person**, a full-time option that spans two semesters. Some of the startups have more than one founder in the program.

## EVENTS

• The **Central Wasatch Commission**, an inter-governmental entity that seeks to engage the public, build consensus, and coordinate action in the Central Wasatch Mountains, has announced it will host the **Central Wasatch Symposium** on Jan. 9-10, 2025, at Millcreek City Hall. The conference-style event will bring together the various interests and stakeholders in the Central Wasatch for two days of expert panels, interactive workshops and networking. Terry Tempest Williams, author and environmentalist, will provide the keynote address about the unique qualities of the Central Wasatch Mountains, and her personal tie to the Central Wasatch. A standard entry ticket includes attendance for both days of the event and costs \$50. Details are at <https://cwc.utah.gov/central-wasatch-symposium/>.

## FOOD

• **Dentric Estate**, a 20-acre site in the Kamas Valley, has announced its first dry mountain cider production season. The ciders are expected to be on store shelves by mid-2025. Dentric Estate also will offer a 4,200-square-foot tasting space available to accommodate intimate weddings, business functions and private gatherings. Groundbreaking for the space

will take place later this year, with its public opening slated for the fall harvest season of 2025. The company was founded by **Brendan and Carly Coyle**. Brendan Coyle has years of spirits experience from his role as master distiller of Park City's High West Distillery.

• **Life Cider**, a beverage company with manufacturing in Salt Lake City, has appointed **Shawn Wells** as chief science officer. He will leverage his background in formulation, biochemistry and clinical nutrition to provide insights and innovation. Wells is an ingredient expert, formulator, chief clinical dietitian, sports nutritionist and bestselling author of the health optimization book *The Energy Formula*. Wells is the founder and CEO of the consulting firm Zone Halo Formulations.



Shawn Wells

## GOVERNMENT

• **Salt Lake City** has opened more funding for community's **Arts, Culture, and Entertainment (ACE)** events in 2025. The increased funding totaling \$300,000 is for community-organized celebrations. Grant applications are being accepted through Nov. 1 for the ACE Fund for 2025. The annual grant program is designed to support neighborhood and community events in Salt Lake City, with awards ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. In 2024, the fund supported 126 community celebrations. An information session about the fund and the application process will take place Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m., at the Downtown Main Library, Conference Room A, 210 E. 400 S., Salt Lake City. Details are at [slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund](http://slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund).

## HEALTH CARE

• **Recursion**, a Salt Lake City-based clinical-stage techbio company, has hired **Erica Fox** as chief people and impact officer. Fox most recently was chief people officer at Primeri.ai. Before that, she spent 15 years at Google leading various strategic people initiatives, including global onboarding,



Erica Fox

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- **Wasatch BioLabs LLC**, a research and development and clinical services laboratory, has announced a move from Heber City through a consolidation of several Utah County locations into a new 19,636-square-foot space in Pleasant Grove. The company signed a lease with St. John Properties Inc. at Valley Grove, a 130-acre mixed-use business community. It will take occupancy at 2315 W. 700 S. in early 2025. The company currently has approximately 30 employees but expects to increase its workforce to approximately 50 following its relocation and expansion. Jarrod Hunt of Colliers International represented the landlord and Josh Smith of Colliers International represented the tenant in this transaction. Financial terms were not disclosed.

- **HealthEquity Inc.**, a Draper-based health savings account and consumer-directed benefits administration company, has launched its new **HealthEquity Community Foundation**. Dedicated to building health care literacy and confidence in communities across the United States, the foundation will focus initially on providing grants to nonprofit charitable organizations. In its first year, the HealthEquity Community Foundation has committed to providing grants to charitable nonprofit organizations whose work is focused on one or more of four focus areas: health and medicine, financial education and literacy, mental health and crisis support, and basic human needs.

- **SINTX Technologies Inc.**, a Salt Lake City-based ceramics company that develops and commercializes materials, components and technologies for medical and technical applications, has promoted **Ryan Bock** to chief technology officer and **Ann Kutsch** to president of SINTX Technology Assessment and Transfer, a subsidiary of SINTX. Bock has been with SINTX since 2008, where he has played a role in driving the company's research and development efforts, as well as advancing partnerships in the biomedical and industrial sectors. Kutsch has been instrumental in developing and overseeing various research and technology transfer initiatives within SINTX TA&T.

- **Wellnest**, a fertility clinic, will launch its Assisted Reproductive Technology services center in early 2025

at 1491 E. Ridgeline Drive, South Ogden, serving as a center for comprehensive fertility solutions with a lab on-site. The Ogden location is the first of several clinics being planned in secondary markets across the U.S. where people have little to no access to fertility care. Wellnest's medical team is led by **Dr. Nastaran Foyouzi**, a specialist in reproductive endocrinology and medical genetics, and chief medical officer is **Dr. Nicole Noyes**, a reproductive endocrinologist with more than 30 years of experience.

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**NONPROFITS**

- The **Utah Housing Preservation Fund** has announced a \$2 million investment from **Milestone Bank**, a Utah-headquartered industrial bank. UHPF said the money will enable it to continue its work in preserving and expanding access to affordable housing for Utah's most vulnerable populations.

- Registration has opened for **Utah Food Bank's** 19th annual **Utah Human Race**, set for Thanksgiving morning (Nov. 28) in Sandy. Every registration fee and sponsorship dollar benefits Utah Food Bank's mission of fighting hunger statewide. Utah Food Bank is looking forward to seeing close to 4,000 participants. Participation is open to individuals of all ages and abilities, offering both 5K and 10K options. The registration fees are \$30 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K and includes a race shirt. A \$5 discount is available through Oct. 31. There will be no same-day registration or timing chips available, and online registration closes on Nov. 26. Details are at [www.UtahHumanRace.org](http://www.UtahHumanRace.org).

- The congregation at the **Episcopal Church of the Resurrection** in Centerville closed its gift shop, **The Ark & Olive Branch**. The gift shop began over 40 years ago as an interfaith effort between the Bountiful Community Church and the ECOR, to raise funds for outreach organizations such as The Bountiful Food Pantry, The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake City and, more recently, the Center for Homeless Teens at Woods Cross and Bountiful High

School. The current caretaker of the gift shop, Linda Besselievre, said the number of customers has shrunk because many religious gifts can be bought online.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

- A recent collaboration among **Real Salt Lake, Utah Royals** and **Comcast NBCUniversal+Xfinity** called "**Game On: Tech Meets Soccer**" was designed to provide an unforgettable and inspiring experience for youth from Comcast's nonprofit partner organizations in Utah. Attendees got a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the world of sports technology, exploring how cutting-edge innovations are revolutionizing the game. The event aimed to ignite a passion for careers in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, encouraging the next generation to consider future pathways in sports technology. Youth participants from across Utah engaged directly with professional soccer players and got a better understanding the role technology plays in training, strategy and game-day operations.

**REAL ESTATE**

- **Miracle Mile**, a California-based investment and asset management firm, has announced an off-market acquisition of **Madison Towns on 40th**, a townhome development in South Ogden. Financial terms were not disclosed. As part of the acquisition, **Mecca Property Management**, based in Cottonwood Heights, will provide property management services.

- Homebuilder **Lennar** has expanded into St. George with **La Spazio**, with 98 single- and two-story homes within the masterplanned community of Divario, located southwest of the Sunbrook Golf Course. Sales for La Spazio are anticipated to begin in December, with prices starting in the \$600,000s.

**RECOGNITIONS**

- The **Salt Palace Convention Center** recently received the **Best Convention Center Southwest (Gold) Award** from the **2024 Stella Awards**, a program of **Northstar Meetings Group**. A total of 248 organizations globally were recognized for outstanding achievements in quality service and innovation for meeting and event professionals. The Stella Awards honor excellence across key industry segments: hotels, convention and conference centers, airlines, cruise lines, DMOs/CVBs and DMCs. This year's winners were selected from more than 8,000 votes and 1,001 nominations. After nominations closed, finalists in each category were determined by meeting planners during an open voting period. Winners were then selected by an expert panel of judges overseen by the editors of Northstar Meetings Group's leading brands, Meetings & Conventions and Successful Meetings. The Salt Palace is owned by Salt Lake County and managed by ASM Global.

- **Tanner LLC**, a Salt Lake City-based firm providing audit, tax and a suite of advisory services, has been named to

**Inside Public Accounting's Best of the Best Accounting Firms for 2024.** Each year, IPA names 75 Best of the Best CPA firms, including 60 firms over \$10 million in net revenue, 10 under \$10 million and five Canadian firms. To select these outstanding firms, IPA applies a proprietary scoring formula of more than 35 metrics to the 600-plus firms that participate in the IPA Practice Management Survey.

- The **Davis Technical College Foundation** recently honored several organizations for their commitment to changing students' lives, at its annual Life-Changer Luncheon. The honorees are **Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation, Haven J. Barlow Legacy Award; Renishaw, Industry Partner Award; Snow College, Education Partner Award; Kaysville City, Community Advocate Award; and Division of Facilities Construction and Management, President's Award.** In the 2023-24 school year, Davis Tech awarded 381 awards to students totaling \$272,934 from funds raised by the foundation.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Western Governors University**, based in Salt Lake City, has created a new \$10 million scholarship fund called "**Heartbeat of Healthcare**" to support its registered nurse students joining the redesigned Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the bridge Master of Science in Nursing program at the Michael O. Leavitt School of Health. The investment, running through June 2025, aims to advance access to the university's nursing program and address the demand for more baccalaureate and graduate nurses for improved patient care.

**TECHNOLOGY**

- **401GO**, a Sandy-based fintech startup in the 401(k) industry, has appointed **Joseph Marullo** as chief of staff.

Marullo's has experienced in the military, finance and business intelligence, including as an intelligence officer for the U.S. Army while on active duty from 2004 to 2012 and serving in the U.S. Army Reserves for an additional six years.

- **Cricut Inc.**, a South Jordan-based company focused on technology for DIY consumers, has added **Heidi Zak** as an independent member of its board of directors and a member of its audit committee. Zak has over 20 years of experience in the consumer and retail sector, specializing in e-commerce and direct-to-consumer, marketing, strategy and new business development. She current serves as a co-founder and CEO of ThirdLove. She also worked at Google, Aeropostale, McKinsey and Bank of America.



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## Who We Are:

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# Calendar

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## Oct. 15

**Crossroads Business Expo & Crosstalks**, an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Expo takes place 9-11:30 a.m. Lunch is 11:30 a.m.-noon. Crosstalks take place noon-2 p.m. Location is Union Station, Ogden. Expo is free. Crosstalks cost (including lunch) is \$60 for members, \$70 for nonmembers. Details are at [ogdenweberchamber.com](http://ogdenweberchamber.com).

## Oct. 15, 22, 29, 9 a.m.-noon

**“Cash Flow is King” Workshop Series**, a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Salt Lake SBDC at Salt Lake Community College. Cost is \$70. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Business Women’s Forum 2024: The Power of Storytelling Through Relationship-Building and Community Involvement.”** Presenter is Cynthia Gambill, chief relationship officer, Saprea. Location is Ken Garff University Club, Rice-Eccles Stadium, 451 S. 1400 E., Salt Lake City. Details are at [slchamber.com](http://slchamber.com).

## Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Leadership Luncheon**, a Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Location is The Riverwoods Conference Center, 615 Riverwoods Parkway, Logan. Cost is \$25 for members and \$32 for nonmembers pre-registered, \$28 for members and \$35 for nonmembers not pre-registered. Details are at [cachechamber.com](http://cachechamber.com).

## Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Professional Development Series**, a ChamberWest event. Speaker U.S. Rep. Burgess Owens will discuss “Federal Insights, Local Impact.” Location is Sprung Structures, 5711 Dannon Way, West Jordan. Cost is \$35 for nonmembers and members. Details are at [chamberwest.com](http://chamberwest.com).

## Oct. 15, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Tax Planning Clinic**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 15, 6-8 p.m.

**“How to Start a Business 101,”** a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Orem-Provo SBDC at Utah Valley University. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 16-Nov. 20, 4 p.m.

**“Contract Preparation & Procurement Training,”** presented by the Utah MBDA Business Center and LSI, taking place Wednesdays for six weeks, and designed to provide information about essential skills and procurement knowledge. Event takes place online and in-person. Free. Details are at [Utahmbda.com/training](http://Utahmbda.com/training).

## Oct. 16, 23; 11 a.m.

**Third Annual Small Business Cyber Summit**, a U.S. Small Business Administration event featuring hands-on advice, interactive forensic assessments and cyber-expert panelists discussing local and federal resources that are available to entrepreneurs across America. Event takes place online. Free. Details are at <https://bit.ly/SBACyberSummit2024>.

## Oct. 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Business Boot Camp**, a South Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Josh Downs, motivational speaker, podcaster and life coach at Josh Downs Coaching, will discuss “The Value of Mindset: How Business Owners and Leaders Can Build Confidence, Find Focus and Stay Balanced.” Location is Salt Mine Productive Workspace, 7984 S. 1300 E., Sandy. Cost is \$35 for members, \$55 for nonmembers. Details are at [southvalleychamber.com](http://southvalleychamber.com).

## Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Lunch Break Networking,”** a Point of the Mountain Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Ganesh, 784 E. State St., American Fork. Details are at [thepointchamber.com](http://thepointchamber.com).

## Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Business Alliance Luncheon**. Location is Boondocks Fun Center, 525 Deseret Drive, Kaysville. Free (lunch is available for purchase). No RSVP needed. Details are at [davischamberofcommerce.com](http://davischamberofcommerce.com).

## Oct. 16, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**“Thrive in the Hive,”** presented by the Utah Korean Chamber of Commerce & Bridge and focused on how to start, optimize and sell businesses. Event includes panel discussions, breakout sessions and Q&A. Speakers include U.S. Rep. Burgess Owens; Kat Kennedy, general partner, Kickstart; Paul Shin, vice president of marketing, B10 Energy; Beth Colosimo, executive director, The Mill Entrepreneurship Center; Scott Paul, general partner, Convoi Ventures; Jimmy Choi, CEO, Bridge; and Xingcheng “X” Hua, head of growth strategy, corporate development and operations, MX Technologies Inc. Location is Kiln, 26 S. Rio Grande St., No. 2072, Salt Lake City. Free. Registration can be completed at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## Oct. 16, 4-6 p.m.

**Women in Business**, a Murray Area Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker Kienna Villaplana, certified breathwork expert, will discuss “Finding Balance: Breathwork and Business Leadership.” Location is the Murray Area Chamber, 141 E. 5600 S., Suite 300, Murray. Details are at [themurraychamber.com](http://themurraychamber.com).

## Oct. 16, 6-8 p.m.

**Marketing Clinic**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 17, 6-8 p.m.

**2024 TOUMAC “Big Hat” Awards Dinner**, a Top of Utah Military

Affairs Committee event honoring Peter Jenks, district director for U.S. Rep. Blake Moore. Location is Timbermine Steakhouse, 1701 Park Blvd., Ogden. Cost is \$55. Details are at [davischamberofcommerce.com](http://davischamberofcommerce.com).

## Oct. 17, 6-6:30 p.m.

**“Urgent: New Business Mandate: The BOI,”** a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 18 and 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Government Affairs Boot Camp**, a Salt Lake Chamber event designed for new and experienced government affairs professionals, company executives and public policy advocates to learn how to improve their effectiveness and understanding of advocating in the state of Utah. Oct. 18 activities take place at the Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol, 350 State St., Salt Lake City. Oct. 25 activities take place at the Salt Lake Chamber, 201 S. Main St., Suite 2300, Salt Lake City. Cost is \$750 for members, \$1,000 for nonmembers. Details are at [slchamber.com](http://slchamber.com).

## Oct. 18, 8:30-10 a.m.

**“Friday Connections,”** a multi-chamber networking event. Location is Utah Trucking Association, 4181 W. 2100 S., West Valley City. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Details are at [chamberwest.com](http://chamberwest.com).

## Oct. 22, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Trends Conference**, a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event. Theme is “Future Forward: Unleashing Innovation for a Thriving Utah.” Event is a gathering of local, regional and national experts in real estate, business and economics. Keynote presentations include Nikki Greenberg discussing “AI & The Future of Commercial Real Estate” and Tim Mahedy discussing “What Comes Next: Navigating the Post-Election Economy.” Location is Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City, 170 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City. Cost ranges from \$190 to \$250 for members, \$275 to \$340 for nonmembers. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2/>.

## Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**“The Most Important Skill a Manager Can Develop,”** a Silicon Slopes event featuring speaker Robert Morgan, CEO, Disruptive Leadership. Location is Silicon Slopes, 2600 W. Executive Parkway, Lehi. Details are at <https://app.siliconslopes.com/events>.

## Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Nourishing Your Well-Being through Acts of Service,”** a South Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker is Utah first lady Abby Cox. Location is Magnolia Event Center, 1117 W. South Jordan Parkway, South Jordan. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for nonmembers. Details are at [southvalleychamber.com](http://southvalleychamber.com).

## Oct. 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Women in Business**, an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event.

Speaker Kim Bowsher, CEO of Roosters Hospitality Group and owner of kbENT and Wildflower Outdoor, will discuss “Advocate Fiercely.” Location is Jeremiah’s Lodge & Garden, 1329 W. 12th St., Marriott-Slaterville. Cost is \$25 for members and first-time guests, \$35 for nonmembers. Details are at [ogdenweberchamber.com](http://ogdenweberchamber.com).

## Oct. 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Annual Cache Business Women’s Conference**, featuring learning, networking, food, vendors and information and inspiration tailored specifically for women professionals and entrepreneurs (all are invited and welcome to attend). Location is The Riverwoods Conference Center, 615 Riverwoods Parkway, Logan. Details to be announced at [cachechamber.com](http://cachechamber.com).

## Oct. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Preparing Your SaaS Company for a Tax-Free Exit,”** a Silicon Slopes event. Location is Silicon Slopes, 2600 W. Executive Parkway, Lehi. Details are at <https://app.siliconslopes.com/events>.

## Oct 23, noon-1 p.m.

**“Trust: An Essential Element in People and Organizations,”** a Women’s Business Center of Utah “Solve the Business Puzzle” event. Speaker Mary Pearson, CFO/vice president of finance and administration and dean of the School of Business at Southern Utah University, will discuss the role of trust in fostering innovation, enhancing communication, and building authentic relationships that empower both employees and customers to thrive. Event takes place online. Free. Details are at [wbcutah.org](http://wbcutah.org).

## Oct. 23, 5-6:30 p.m.

**“Connect After Hours,”** a South Valley Chamber event. Location is Eight Settlers Distillery, 7321 Canyon Centre Parkway, Cottonwood Heights. Cost is \$15 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. Details are at [southvalleychamber.com](http://southvalleychamber.com).

## Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m.

**“Facebook/Instagram Ads: Create and Manage Ads Like a Pro,”** a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

## Oct. 24, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Zero Gravity Summit**, a 47G event focusing on national security and frontier technology and including keynote presentations and six breakout sessions. Location is The Depot in Salt Lake City and nearby locations at The Gateway. Cost is \$500. Details are at [zerogravity-summit.com](http://zerogravity-summit.com).

## Oct. 24, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Gene-Based Therapies Symposium and Workshop**, a University of Utah event. Location is Helix Building, 30 Mario Capecchi Drive, Salt Lake City. Registration deadline is Oct. 16. Details are at <https://lu.ma/bnppmm2tp>.

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### Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Witches, Werewolves and Women in Business” October Luncheon**, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Lagoon at the Beirgarten, Farmington. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Registration is required. Details are at [davischamberofcommerce.com](https://davischamberofcommerce.com).

### Oct. 24, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Lunch & Learn,”** a Point of the Mountain Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker Rachelle Peterson, public relations specialist and media relations master, will discuss “Grow Your Business From Your Own Back Yard: Learn How to Pitch Local Press, Work with Local Influencers and Launch on Amazon.” Location is the chamber office, 225 E. State St., Lehi. Cost is \$20 for catered lunch, or bring your own lunch. Details are at [theptchamber.com](https://theptchamber.com).

### Oct. 24, noon-1 p.m.

**Women in Business Meeting**, a Box Elder Chamber of Commerce event. Contact the chamber for location and other details. Cost is \$10. Details to be announced at [boxelderchamber.com](https://boxelderchamber.com).

### Oct. 24, 5-7 p.m.

**“Business After Hours,”** a Salt Lake Chamber event. Location is Slalom Consulting, 650 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Free for members and \$30 for nonmembers before Oct. 20; \$20 for mem-

bers and \$40 for nonmembers thereafter. Details are at [slchamber.com](https://slchamber.com).

### Oct. 24, 5-6 p.m.

**Legal Workshop** (in English and Spanish), a Small Business Development Center event. Location is the Orem/Provo SBDC at Utah Valley University. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Oct. 24, 6-7 p.m.

**Intellectual Property Clinic**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Oct. 29, 9-10 a.m.

**Appreciation Breakfast**, a Women’s Business Center of Utah event. Location is 201 S. Main St., No. 2300, Salt Lake City. Virtual option is also available. Free. Details are at [wbcutah.org](https://wbcutah.org).

### Oct. 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**HR Leaders “Lunch ’n’ Learn,”** part of the Executive Forum Roundtable Series presented by ACG Utah. Location is Parsons Behle & Latimer, 201 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. RSVP/registration requested by Oct. 25. Details are at <https://www.acg.org/utah/events/utah-2024-fall-hr-leaders-forum>.

### Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Business Success Series**, a ChamberWest event. Speaker Winthrop “Win” Jeanfreau will discuss “Become the Leader Your Company and Employees Need.” Location is Salt Lake Community College’s West Valley Center, 3460 S.

5600 W., West Valley City. Cost is \$25 per session. Details are at [chamberwest.com](https://chamberwest.com).

### Oct. 30, noon-1 p.m.

**“Startup Funding Lunch & Learn,”** a Mill Entrepreneurship Center event. Speaker is Bill Kirth, a partner with Rectify Partners and owner/operator of Rectify Capital LLC. Location is The Mill, 9690 S. 300 W., Building 5, Room 333, Sandy. Free. Registration can be completed at [Eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com).

### Nov. 1, 8-10 a.m.

**“First Fridays Speed Networking,”** a West Jordan Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Legacy Retirement Center, 1617 W. Temple Lane, South Jordan. Details are at <https://wjc-ut.com/>.

### Nov. 1, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**2024 Tourism Fall Forum**, a Park City Chamber/Bureau event. Speakers include Deirdra Walsh, vice president and COO at Park City Mountain; Susie English, vice president of marketing at Deer Valley; Nathan Rafferty, president and CEO of Ski Utah; Calum Clark, COO at Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation; Gareth Trayner, general manager at Woodward Park City; Catherine Raney-Norman, chair of the Utah Committee for the Games; and Haley Batten, Olympic silver medalist and World Cup athlete. Location is Stein Eriksen Lodge Deer Valley, 7700 Stein Way, Park City. Details are at <https://www.parkcitychamber.com/event/2024-tourism-fall-forum/27421/>.

### Nov. 1, 6-9 p.m.

**“November First Friday: Thanksgiving Dinner,”** a Utah Black Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Traeger Wood Pellet Grills, 1215 Wilmington Ave., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$10 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Details are at [utahblackchamber.com](https://utahblackchamber.com).

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overburdened by health impacts from ozone,” said EPA Regional Administrator KC Becker. “We are proud to bring a strong enforcement presence to areas that are disproportionately impacted by air pollution released by the oil and gas industry.”

Along with the civil penalty, the settlement requires Ovintiv to take corrective action and mitigation projects estimated to cost over \$10 million at 139 of its facilities that will eliminate over 2,000 tons of VOC emissions annually. It will also eliminate methane emissions equivalent to a reduction of over 50,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually, a reduction similar to taking nearly 13,000 gas-powered cars off the road each year.

“This case is a win for the environment and for consumers,” said Todd Kim, assistant attorney general of the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. “The work required under the consent decree will significantly reduce the amount of gas Ovintiv facilities vent into the atmosphere and return some of that gas to the sales pipeline where it can be sent to productive use.”

The settlement requires Ovintiv to invest in extensive compliance measures for the proper design of Ovintiv’s oil and gas facilities to capture all VOC emissions and send the emissions to an appropriate control device. Compliance measures also include periodic infrared camera inspections, enhanced maintenance requirements and installation of storage tank pressure monitors at many facilities.

“And sometimes unfortunately — or fortunately, depending on the situation — sometimes it does make sense to have government step in and play a role,” he said. The community is doing everything it can to provide opportunity for young people, “and this [port] is exactly what they need to really see the type of economic development that this area desperately needs,” he said. “So, I’m just very grateful that we’re moving this ahead.”

The Skyline Corridor Project Area is the state’s 12th. Others are an area in Salt Lake County, including in the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City; the Iron Springs Inland Port near Cedar City; the Verk Industrial Park Project Area in Spanish Fork; the Golden Spike Project Area in Box Elder County; the Central Utah Agri-Park in Juab County; the Mineral Mountains Project Area in Beaver County; the Historic Capitol Project Area in Millard County; the Tooele Valley Project Area and Twenty Wells Project Area, both in Tooele County; the West Weber Project Area in Weber County; and the Castle Country Project Area in Carbon and Emery counties.

“We feel like 12 project areas is a pretty good mass for us. ... We’re probably not going to be creating six or seven project areas every year like we have in the past,” Hart said, predicting that two to three per year is more likely going forward.

“So, they’re going to be much fewer than what we’ve done in the past two years,” he said. “We feel like we want to make sure we’re focusing on these project areas that are in front of us and ensuring that we are doing good things at optimizing these areas economically. We feel like we’re absolutely doing that.”

Hart mentioned that 26 local communities had expressed interest in having a project area and about 16 had adopted resolutions to that effect. “We would like to get to all of them,” he said. “We won’t. We can’t. ... But where they make sense, we’ll continue to move forward.”

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the Interstate 70 corridor.

Industries of focus and recruitment for the Skyline Corridor are light to medium manufacturing, technology and remote hubs, transportation and logistics, cold storage, agribusiness and ag processing, health care and senior services, and renewable energy.

UIPA will work with the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity and local stakeholders to implement a targeted recruitment strategy focused on creating high-wage jobs and encouraging sustainable development with projects that align with environmental regulations and local development goals. The project area will also include investments in transportation infrastructure, utility improvements, and logistics-specific facilities, further supporting the economic diversification of Central Utah.

“We’re really excited about this opportunity to do the inland port. It will give us the tools we need to develop this area,” Gunnison Mayor Lori Nay said, referring to the community’s available 180 acres of land. Through partnerships, she said, infrastructure and road work will make the land shovel-ready, “and that’s what we’ve been wanting to do for a long time.”

Brayden Gardner, a Richfield city council member, said the project area will help to create new businesses and allow the area to continue to grow in a way that makes sense to the community.

Board member Jerry Stevenson told the audience that the project area creation will help keep young people in the area, “if that’s their choice and your choice,” noting that a lack of economic opportunities prompting them to leave has been a common sentiment that UIPA has heard throughout the state.

Board member Jefferson Moss said UIPA works to figure out how it can help communities.

### Nov. 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

**WordPress Workshop**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Business Alliance Luncheon**. Location is Boondocks Fun Center, 525 Deseret Drive, Kaysville. Free (lunch is available for purchase). No RSVP needed. Details are at [davischamberofcommerce.com](https://davischamberofcommerce.com).

### Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“Wasatch Back Business University: Financial Planning and Cash Flow Management,”** presented by the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce. Location is Utah Valley University’s Wasatch Campus, 3111 College Way, Heber City. Free, but registration is required. Details are at <https://www.parkcitychamber.com/events>.

### Nov. 6, noon-1 p.m.

**“Walkable Wednesday,”** a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event featuring The Citizen, a new Class A apartment community in Salt Lake City’s Central City neighborhood. Location is The Citizen, 515 S. 400 E., Salt Lake City. Free for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

### Nov. 6, 6-7:30 p.m.

**“Online Marketing Fundamentals,”** a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 7, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Growth and Prosperity Summit 2024**, a Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce event featuring several panels that will address Utah County’s biggest issues and opportunities. Panel will address topics such as business environment, workforce development, transportation and infrastructure, water, housing, health care, natural resources and education. Location is Utah Valley University, Sorensen Student Center, 800 W. University Parkway, Orem. Details are at [thechamber.org](https://thechamber.org).

### Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-noon

**Workplace Mental Health & Well-Being Summit**, a Salt Lake Chamber event. Keynote speaker is Dr. James D. McDonough Jr., vice president for corporate and foundation relations and government grants for the Huntsman Mental Health Foundation. Summit topics include “Mental Wellness in the Workplace and Beyond,” “A Snapshot of Mental Health in Utah,” “Navigating Mental Wellness Conversations” and “Suicide Prevention.” Location is Salt Lake Chamber, 201 S. Main St., Suite 2300, Salt Lake City. Free. Details are at [slchamber.com](https://slchamber.com).

### Nov. 8, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**“UrbanPlan for Public Officials,”** a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event for city officials to learn about real estate and land use. Workshop participants experience challenging issues, private and public sector roles, complex trade-offs, and fundamental economics in play when proposing realistic land use solutions to vexing growth challenges. Location is Lehi City offices, 153 N. 100 E., Lehi. Registration is available by emailing Brette Pattillo at [brette.pattillo@uli.org](mailto:brette.pattillo@uli.org).

### Nov. 9, 6-10 p.m.

**Annual Awards Gala**, a Utah Manufacturers Association event that fea-

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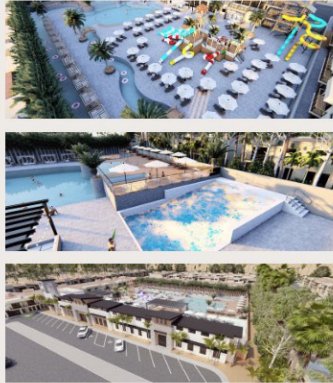
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turing a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. and an awards presentation at 8 p.m. Location is Mountain America Exposition Center, 9575 S. State St., Sandy. Cost is \$400 for two, \$1,800 for a table of 10. Registration can be completed at Eventbrite.com.

### Nov. 11, noon-1:30 p.m.

**Membership Luncheon**, a Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Ivy Hall Academy, 4692 N. 300 W., Provo. Details are at thechamber.org.

### Nov. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.

“Starting Your Business 101,” a

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ties and counties to serve new residential units while offering substantially greater economic benefits, it says. “Additionally, steps can likely be taken to situate affordable housing near existing population centers and along existing infrastructure corridors, thereby minimizing the marginal increase in service costs,” it says.

The chamber/bureau is continuing a partnership with Mountainlands Housing Community Trust and Rossignol called the Workforce Employer Rental Incentive Program (WE RIP). Under the program, landlords can apply online and rent to the local workforce for their choice of Rossignol alpine skis, nordic skis or snowboard and bindings, a one-week HOTWORX pass and other potential incentives. Rentals will be listed on the WE RIP website and available until rented to all employees of chamber partners. Last year, the program incentivized 12 units, comprising 19 rooms and up to 34 beds, and this season the program hopes to incentivize 40 to 50 beds.

The chamber/bureau also has renewed the Slopeside Village partnership, offering a 10 percent discount on leases, special month-to-month lease terms and waived short-term lease fees of \$200 per month through Oct. 31.

Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 13, 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Fall Conference**, a ChamberWest event. Keynote presenters are Boyd Matheson, host of KSL NewsRadio’s “Inside Edition” and KSL-TV’s “Sunday Edition”; and Robert Spendlove, senior vice president and senior economist at Zions Bank. Location is Utah Cultural Celebration Center, 1355 W. 3100 S., West Valley City. Cost is \$99 for members before Nov. 7, \$125 for nonmembers and members thereafter. Details are at chamberwest.com.

### Nov. 13, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Cache Women in Business Luncheon**, a Cache Valley Chamber of Commerce event. Location is Logan Country Club, 710 N. 1500 E., Logan. Cost is \$20 for members, \$23 for nonmembers, \$25 at the door. Details are at cachechamber.com.

### Nov. 13, 5-7 p.m.

“**Business After Hours**,” an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Location is BMR Auto Detailing, 2108 S. 1100 W., No. 1, Ogden. Free for chamber members and first-time guests, \$10 for nonmember guests. Details are at ogdenweberchamber.com.

### Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m.

**Marketing Clinic**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 14

**Utah Life Sciences Summit**, hosted by BioUtah. Theme is “Innovation for Life.” Location is Hilton Salt Lake City Center, 255 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City. Cost is \$275 for members and \$375 for nonmembers. Details to be announced.

### Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Annual Women in Business Summit**, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Speakers are Amanda Covington, chief corporate affairs officer, Larry H.

Miller Co.; Julianne Nagle, owner and founder, Garden O’Veaten, consultant and coach; and Becki Wright, founder and CEO, Proximity. Location is Weber State University Davis Campus, Stewart Ballroom, 2750 University Park Blvd., Layton. Cost is \$65 for members, \$85 for nonmembers. Details are at davis-chamberofcommerce.com.

### Nov. 14, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Employer Tax Workshop**, a Small Business Development Center event. Location is Salt Lake SBDC at Salt Lake Community College. Cost is \$25. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

“**Downtown Daybreak: Utah’s First Sports-Anchored Mixed-Use Development**,” a ULI (Urban Land Institute) Utah event. Panelists from Larry H. Miller Real Estate, South Jordan City and Wasatch Front Regional Council will share insight on the benefits of mixed-use, transit-oriented urban developments and how they enrich the lives of future generations. After the panel discussion, an optional tour of Daybreak Field at America First Square will be available. Location is South Jordan Fire Station No. 64, 5443 W. Lake Ave., South Jordan. Costs range from \$30 to \$50. Details are at <https://utah.uli.org/events-2>.

### Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m.

“**Business Essentials**,” a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Women & Business Conference and Athena Awards Luncheon**, a Salt Lake Chamber event that is the primary fundraiser for the Women’s Business Center of Utah. Theme is “ILLUMINATE.” Opening keynote speaker Nicole Sherman, president and CEO of Riverview Bancorporation and Riverview Bank in Washington state, will discuss “This is Your Now! Daring to Be You.” Location is Grand America Hotel, 555 S. Main St., Salt Lake City. Cost is \$150 for members and \$200 for nonmembers before Oct. 18, \$180 for

members and \$250 for nonmembers thereafter. Details to be announced at slchamber.com.

### Nov. 15, 8:30-10 a.m.

“**Friday Connections**,” a multi-chamber networking event. Location is Utah Trucking Association, 4181 W. 2100 S., West Valley City. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers. Details are at chamberwest.com.

### Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Women in Business**, an Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce event. Speaker Abby Monroe, WIB chair, will discuss “Give Back.” Location is Jeremiah’s Lodge & Garden, 1329 W. 12th St., Marriott-Slaterville. Cost is \$25 for WIB members and first-time guests, \$35 for nonmembers. Details to be announced at ogdenweberchamber.com.

### Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Business Alliance Luncheon**. Location is Boondocks Fun Center, 525 Deseret Drive, Kaysville. Free (lunch is available for purchase). No RSVP needed. Details are at davischamberofcommerce.com.

### Nov. 20, noon-1 p.m.

“**Solve the Business Puzzle**,” a Women’s Business Center of Utah event. Presenter Kim Tolamn will discuss “The Financial Side of Making Your Idea Happen.” Event takes place online. Free. Details are at wbcutah.org.

### Nov. 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Tax Planning Clinic**, a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 20, 6-7 p.m.

“**Driving Website Traffic for Free**,” a Small Business Development Center event that takes place online. Details are at <https://clients.utahsbdc.org/events.aspx>.

### Nov. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Chamber Luncheon**, a Davis Chamber of Commerce event. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for nonmembers. Location and other details to be announced at davischamberofcommerce.com.

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