



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome New Board Members

By popular demand, we welcome **Kyle Shields** and **Brett Palmer** to the SSA Board of Directors.

Kyle Shields



I have lived in Stansbury Park for over 38 years. I grew up here and worked for the Service Agency when I was a teen/young adult, mowing lawns and fixing sprinklers in many of the parks. I have watched the community grow over the years and am now raising my own family here. My family and I often use and enjoy the public spaces Stansbury Park offers. I have worked in the park maintenance industry for over 25 years. As a board member, I would like to ensure Stansbury Park public areas are well maintained, while preparing for the future. My goal is to provide a great experience in our spaces and to be a responsible steward of the assets we oversee. We have a great community and with the help of everyone we can improve Stansbury Park and offer better recreational sites that serve us all. It is a pleasure to serve and I hope to see you in our beautiful Parks.

Brett Palmer

I grew up in Grantsville and moved into our current home in Stansbury in 1993. I have been employed as manager with the Stansbury Park Improvement District since 1995 and served a short term as board member from 1999-2004. I love Stansbury Park and have enjoyed the amenities we have here in the community. I hope to contribute to the community in a positive way. Thank you for your support!





Event Recap

Christmas Market

Hats off to Greg and Meg Payeur – these two legends worked their tails off to make our Christmas Market event a hit. Big thanks to Jessica Johnson for turning Santa's space into a legit winter wonderland, and props to Jen Kastleman Photography for snapping killer pics of Santa in action. Santa and his Royal Elves visited with over local 100 children. We had 26 vendors and 2 fabulous food trucks.

Major shoutout to all the 25+ volunteers, staff, and board members who put in the hours to make our Christmas Market and Santa Visit a success.



Ice Breaker

Approximately 150 people started 2024 off with an icy plunge in Stansbury Lake! Everyone was there— young and old--from Princess Elsa to a friendly neighborhood dog. Thanks to North Tooele County Fire Department for making it safe and to Crystal Float Spa for treating all 400+ attendees to hot cocoa! Our community raised over \$2000 and collected a huge load of goods for the Tooele Valley Resource and Switchpoint Center to help people experiencing homelessness in our county. It was also great to have the Tooele Transcript and Fox 13 News covering the event. See you all there next year, January 1, 2025.



If you're keen to get in on the action for future Stansbury Service Agency events, hit us up. We're always on the lookout for more hands on deck.

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Cheers to making events awesome!



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Sledding Hill

After a long wait, the snow arrived! We're glad to see kids and families enjoying the sledding hill. Shout out to Darin Jacobs and Brett Palmer for getting the hill groomed for winter fun!



Plowing Priority Schedule

With the current budget constraints, the SSA doesn't have a full crew available to simultaneously plow all the sidewalks we've historically plowed. Please check out the prioritization schedule below. If you see other sidewalks that need to be plowed, we recommend contacting the adjacent property owner or HOA. The SSA, like all property owners, is responsible only for removing snow adjacent to its properties.

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

1. The sidewalk across the street from Stansbury Elementary School and the stretch between the school and the frontage road (golf course and greenbelt). This must be done before school foot traffic begins.
2. The sidewalks around the clubhouse and the pro shop. Must be ready for staff or renters.
3. Those assigned to operate the plow truck will begin to plow the Clubhouse parking lot and move to the parking lots in the parks immediately after.
4. The sidewalks around Porter Way Park and the tunnel. Must be ready for early joggers, dog walkers, etc.
5. The sidewalks, steps, and ramps throughout the Clubhouse complex; also for early users.
6. The Rabbit Ditch complex.
7. The sidewalks at the parks and cemetery.
8. The sidewalks at the 30 greenbelts around the golf course.
9. The sidewalks at the 20 greenbelts and causeway on the lake.
10. The Big "L", The circles, the pass-throughs, Village Blvd. greenbelts, and any other remote properties that we own.
11. The Castle Rock trails.

SALTING

Ice melt is to be applied as an area is pushed or plowed when deemed necessary for the safe usage of the area. Special care is to be taken at the tunnel ramps, stairs and steps, areas around the clubhouse and pro shop, step-offs near the schools, etc.

Interim General Manager Update:

Currently the agency staff is heavily involved in snow removal (operations) and planning. We are developing three-year plans for each of the facilities (e.g. golf course, pro shop and Clubhouse) and outdoor spaces. The goal is to have an executable plan to get well and operational, and then maintain the areas we are responsible for to an appropriate level of service. We have four major projects we are currently working on planning for the upcoming year: Soundwall Trail (grant), Millpond Park, Shoreline Improvements (grant) and Oscarson Park (planning). We are also developing the second submission for the RAISE grant, which is looking at the bridge replacement and associated trails. Finally, we are looking at both State and County Grant Opportunities to see if there are any of those, we can leverage to reduce costs for areas we are committed to develop. --James Hanzelka



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Golf Course Report

The golf course made big strides this year. Overall playability was improved and was noticed by our customers. The main factor in improving playability was all the work we did on the irrigation system. We replaced over 140 sprinkler heads in the fairways, around greens, tees, and in the rough. We also installed 9 quick couplers at greens so we can hand water when needed. We troubleshoot irrigation timers and got non-working stations to function again. We also started to run field wires to heads on holes 10 and 18 that were not previously wired in, so now they can water automatically through the system instead of relying on a human to turn them on and off.

The sodding of the four complete greens and three partials went relatively well all things considered. The greens took longer than we hoped to become playable but that was due to lack of equipment. In the end the investment was protected and we feel it was a successful effort.

While the golf maintenance department is still hindered by equipment and staff shortages, we feel we can continue to improve the course while working within the constraints of the next few years' budgets. The details will be presented in a multi-year plan that will be available in the near future. The immediate focus will be to improve playability by focusing on irrigation and reseeding many of our bare areas in fairways that were the result of a neglected irrigation system. Greens will receive more attention this year as we won't have 30,000 sq. ft. of sod to nurse through the summer, and hopefully our new sprayers will show up in time to help with a more intensive fertilizing program and weed mitigation.

The golf course is getting better, and golfers will continue to rediscover what a good golf course we have here. Through continuing improvements our goal is to have the golf course financially self-sufficient within the next few years, relieving the community strains of operating a golf course.

— Mac Blevins, Stansbury Golf Course Superintendent

Note: The SSA is currently looking for a certified Assistant Pro to help manage the pro shop operations.

Meeting Schedules

Upcoming open meetings are scheduled for 7:00 pm on February 21 and 28 at the Clubhouse.

Budget Links

<https://stansburypark.org/audits-budgets/#>



Reminders

Street Parking

It is illegal to park on any county road between 2:00 am and 6:00 am, November 1st through March 31st. Maneuvering a snowplow around parked vehicles decreases the effectiveness of snow removal efforts, is dangerous and can cause property damage. Tooele County Code/Chapter 6/ 6-6-9.

Grassy Areas

Please also keep all motorized vehicles off grassy areas, including the golf course, parks and greenbelts to protect the dormant grass beneath the snow. We want our community to come out of winter and into the green of spring as seamlessly as possible.

Current Job Openings

- [PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST](#)
- [PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT](#)
- [ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL MANAGER](#)

More information on job openings can be found here - <https://stansburypark.org/jobs/>

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