Sandy City, Utah, is situated at the base of the Wasatch Mountains and is a suburb of Salt Lake City. Mormon pioneers sent by Brigham Young established Sandy in the 1860s. The city was named for the sandy soil that lies beneath much of the town. As Sandy City expanded from its original one square mile, it encompassed several other areas, some of which remain independent of the city.

The Sandy Museum is a historic building with two floors of displays, a gift shop, and an exhibition shed outside.

The Sandy Amphitheater hosts a summer concert series that includes a mix of touring acts and local favorites. Rio Tinto Stadium is a state-of-the-art sports and entertainment facility in Sandy Utah and is home to the Real Salt Lake soccer club.

Local performing arts organizations include the American West Symphony and Chorus of Sandy, Odyssey Dance Theatre, and Mountain West Ballet. Sandy Arts Guild produces plays, musicals, and art shows.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Sandy City has many historically significant residential properties that were built between 1850 and 1920 and are scattered within the historic square mile of the city. Many of the homes were designed using Victorian-style elements, although there are a few homes with a style unique to Sandy City.

Traditionally, single-family housing is the most popular and predominant housing type in the city. Several residential neighborhoods surround the Alta View Hospital, including Quail Point and Silvercrest; most of the brick houses were built in split-level or ranch-styles in the 1970s. White City Township, which is not part of Sandy City, is also adjacent to the hospital. Newer neighborhoods near the hospital include Cottages of Rose Gardens, which is a development of ranch and two-story homes featuring fully landscaped and maintained yards, and Quarry Bend, which is a mixed use development with townhomes and apartments. Large custom-built homes on large lots are found in newer areas, such as Pepperwood Creek and Paradise Valley, which are located closer to the Wasatch Mountains at the base of Lone Peak. The Villages on Dimple Dell is a high-end townhome community also located in this area.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sandy City has 26 parks with amenities that include playgrounds; tennis, basketball, and volleyball courts; an off-leash dog park; River Oaks Golf Course; a skate park; swimming pool; baseball and soccer fields; and walking and jogging trails.

Flat Iron Mesa Park is the largest developed park and also has the most varied terrain. The park provides soccer fields, baseball fields, a volleyball court, playgrounds, tennis courts, and trails.

Alta Canyon Park has a playground, sand volleyball and tennis courts, and baseball fields. The park is adjacent to the Alta Canyon Sports Center, which has an outdoor swimming pool.

Lone Peak Park features a skate park, soccer fields, baseball/softball fields, score keepers’ building, concession stand, playgrounds, basketball court, and a walking/jogging path surrounding the park.

Dimple Dell Park is a large county park with multiple trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, natural history study areas, interpretive sites, ponds and streams, and native plants and wildlife.

Sego Lily Gardens is one of the first demonstration gardens along the Wasatch Front to emphasize low water-use plants native to Utah and landscaping, such as drought tolerant trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, groundcovers, and vines to show different examples of low water use landscapes.

The nearby Wasatch Mountains offer skiing opportunities at Snowbird and Alta Ski areas.

Real Salt Lake is a professional soccer team in Sandy City.

EDUCATION

Canyon School District serves approximately 33,000 Sandy City, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Midvale, and Alta students in 29 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 4 high schools, and 4 special programs. Within Sandy City, 18 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 2 high schools operate. The district offers a virtual high school and a technical education center for 11th and 12th grade students.

Higher education is available at DeVry University Sandy Campus, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business and management, engineering and information services, liberal arts, and media arts and technology. Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus is located in Sandy City and offers a culinary institute, the Miller Business Resource Center, and training facilities for the Utah Department of Public Safety in addition to other courses.

Westminster College of Salt Lake City, Utah Valley College, and Brigham Young College are located near Sandy City.

HEALTH CARE

Sandy City has one community hospital with 80 licensed acute care beds. The city also has a dedicated inpatient rehabilitation hospital that provides various physical rehabilitation services.

CITY STATS

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