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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Aug 7 & 21
Special City Council Meeting - 6:00 p.m.	Aug 14
Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Aug 30
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Sept 4 & 18

City Phone Numbers:

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Front Desk, 100
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City Council Appoints New Mayor

During a special City meeting held on July 19, 2012, the City Council appointed Gary Gygi to serve as Mayor of Cedar Hills. Mr. Gygi (pronounced "gee-gee" with a hard "g") will complete the current term, which will be up for election in 2013.

Nine candidates were interviewed by the City Council and many residents were in attendance. Each candidate was given three minutes to make an introduction and each had an opportunity to answer questions previously submitted by residents. After that, the Council asked questions of each of the candidates individually.

Once all questions were asked the Council discussed the candidates' qualifications and unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Gygi, who was then sworn in as Mayor by deputy city recorder, Gretchen Gordon.

"It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as Mayor of Cedar Hills," said Mayor Gygi. "This is a wonderful city with a lot of potential. Great things are happening. I look forward to working with residents, staff, and the Council towards a successful future."

Mayor's Minute



Cedar Hills has been and still is a great place to live and raise a family. As the newly appointed mayor, I am excited for our future and feel it is an honor to serve you and our community. My family has lived here for just over 13 years, and we have had many wonderful experiences enjoying the family-oriented lifestyle and the family values that come with this community. We recognize that these family values, along with the character and vision of our residents, provide many opportunities for success in our homes and in our community. We have some of the best schools in the State, and our residents play an important part in that success.



Mayor Gary Gygi

We have seen and experienced first hand the countless hours of community involvement and service that exist in our community. I thank you for contributing your time, talents, resources, and energy in making this a great place to live. I have seen so many great things going on in Cedar Hills, some of which are written up in the news, while others just happen behind the scenes or anonymously. Thank you for your efforts in creating this success.

In moving forward, I would like to express my desires and vision for the City in this column every month. Currently, Cedar Hills is in the beginning phases of developing a successful commercial area. The fact that Cedar Hills is nearly built out residentially leads us to our next phase of development – our commercial zone. We are very proud of our existing commercial and retail businesses: **Walmart, Chase Bank, Subway, McDonalds, Cedar Hills Family Dentistry, Dyslexia Center of Utah, Lexington Heights Dental, SmilePerfect Orthodontics, Lone Peak Dental, and The Charleston Assisted Living Center.** We are fortunate to have these fine businesses already become part of our community. Soon we will add **Hart's Gas & Food.** Our commercial zone will be essential in keeping property taxes low and in paying down our bond debt as soon as possible. We must all work toward creating a business-friendly environment and help make Cedar Hills a place where a business knows that it will be supported by our residents. I have been meeting with several potential businesses and real estate developers. I know you have ideas and contacts, as well. If you know of any businesses that are looking for a new location or wanting to expand, please encourage them to contact me, and I will talk with them regarding the benefits of coming to Cedar Hills.

We are all on this journey together for the good of our community. When working together for good causes, rather than at crossed purposes, success will inevitably follow. I am looking forward to the future and the continued success of Cedar Hills. —Gary R. Gygi



A Letter to All Parents in Cedar Hills

Dear Parents:

The crossing guard lights will soon be flashing and the sidewalks will be filled with kids eager to attend school. The City asks for your help in keeping our children safe as they walk to and from school. Please take a few minutes and explain the following precautions to your children:

- If your child needs to cross Cedar Hills Drive or Harvey Boulevard to get to their destination (school or home), PLEASE encourage them to use the crosswalk with the crossing guard, located in front of the school. The roundabout and trail crossings do not have a crossing guard and can be dangerous.
- Encourage your child to stand on the sidewalk until the crossing guard motions them to cross the street. They are not to follow the crossing guard into the street until the crossing guard motions to them that it is safe.
- Encourage your child to walk quickly, not run, across the crosswalk. Bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., are not to be ridden in the crosswalk, but need to be walked or carried while crossing.



PARENT AND TEEN REMINDERS – Please slow down; the posted speed in a school zone is **20 mph**. Leave home early enough to avoid rushing through the school zones. Watch carefully for children.

Let us make this another happy and safe year for our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the City office.

Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers Needed

One hour once a week is all it takes to make a difference! Meals-on-Wheels needs volunteers to deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors in their own vehicles once a week. Along with each meal, volunteers provide a special touch of comfort and a daily safety check, enabling seniors to stay in their own homes. Meals will be picked up and delivered to seniors in a five mile radius. Delivering meals takes approximately one hour to complete. Children are welcome to accompany parents to deliver meals.

For more information about delivering Meals-on-Wheels, contact Stephanie Benson at 801-229-3821 or sbenson@mountainland.org, or register online at www.mountainland.org/volunteer.

Construction at Canal Crossing on Canyon Road

Motorists at the intersection of Canyon Road (SR-146) and the canal crossing are noticing slight delays in traffic flow as installation is ongoing of an under-road pedestrian crossing, which will be completed in the next few months. The trail will be part of a 21-mile equestrian-pedestrian recreation trail and park that will be constructed over the top of the recently completed enclosure of the Provo Reservoir Canal. The canal, also known as the Murdock Canal, is 21 miles long and carries water from the mouth of Provo Canyon to the Point of the Mountain. It is one of the main water delivery arteries to the Wasatch Front and is the largest canal in Utah County. The Provo River Water Users Association, a non-profit corporation responsible for operating the canal, worked with the state of Utah and other organizations to enclose the canal. The piping project, which is now completed, ran a full year ahead of schedule. For more information, call the Provo Reservoir Canal Enclosure hotline at 801-922-4344 or visit their page at www.prwua.org.

STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH We Can Make a Difference! Did You Know...?

- Every unnecessary irrigation cycle that can be eliminated will save enough water for about 104 showers, 52 baths, 52 loads of laundry, or 312 toilet flushes.
- You could use less water and have a healthier lawn.
- The State's recommended irrigation schedule for the month of August in Northern Utah is once every three days, based on average/normal weather conditions. Precipitation and cool periods may allow postponing or skipping an irrigation cycle.
- Complete a visual inspection of your sprinkler system once a month to look for tilted, clogged, or broken heads. You won't notice problems with your sprinkler system unless you see it in operation.
- The Division of Water Resources found that residents in Utah with automatic sprinkler systems typically water 44% more than the lawn needs. Make sure you use your timer wisely. (Information source: ConserveWater.utah.gov)

New Utah County Health offices open in American Fork

Birth and death certificates, immunizations, and environmental health and food service permits are all available at the Utah County Health Department's new American Fork office. The new office is located on the northeast corner of 600 South and 500 East, just east of I-15 exit 276, in American Fork.

Walk-in services are available to everyone in the general public, but appointments will be necessary for some additional services, including: Child car seat and booster seat safety checks (call 801-851-7035); "Stepping-On" adult fall-prevention classes (801-851-7035); Youth tobacco cessation classes (801-851-7095); and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Services (801-851-7320).

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., and closed for regular holidays. For questions, call 801-851-7333. For information on UCHD programs or services, please visit www.UtahCountyHealth.org or call 801-851-7000.



Pickup Delayed

The first week in September, garbage and recycling pickup will be delayed one day, due to the Labor Day holiday on Sept. 3. Please have totes on curb by 7am.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

Applicants Sought for Council Vacancy

The City announces a vacancy in the office of City Council created by the appointment of former Council member Gary Gygi as Mayor. The City hereby gives notice that the City Council will fill said vacancy at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (fire station), 3925 W Cedar Hills Drive. Any qualified person interested in being considered for appointment to the position may make application to Gretchen F. Gordon, Deputy City Recorder, at the City office, 10246 N Canyon Road. Applications will be accepted through Thurs., August 9, at 5:00 p.m.

Class Action Lawsuit

On April 18, 2012, the Utah Valley Homebuilders Association filed a class action lawsuit against the City of Cedar Hills regarding the collection and use of recreation and other impact fees. The lawsuit alleges, among other things, that impact fees collected from developers were not expended or encumbered within six years as required by Utah Code; that the recreation center built is not the specific facility type for which the fee was collected; and that impact fees should not have been collected for a recreation center, as the City did not previously have a recreation center, and impact fees cannot be used to raise the level of service that a community enjoys. The Association is seeking a refund of certain impact fees paid by developers and an injunction preventing the City from assessing any additional impact fees in the future.

This type of lawsuit is not unique to the City of Cedar Hills. The Utah Valley Homebuilders Association has filed class action lawsuits against several other Utah cities for similar complaints with regards to the collection and use of impact fees.

Because this is an open lawsuit the City cannot provide additional information at this time. However, the City Council is working with legal counsel and will provide residents with an update when feasible. Questions or concerns regarding the lawsuit can be addressed to Mayor Gygi Councilmember Jenney Rees, or Acting City Manager David Bunker.

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Cedar Hills is on Facebook and Twitter! Like our page at: www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah or follow us on Twitter at: www.twitter.com/CedarHills_Utah. We will use these as additional ways to communicate important information to residents.

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Mayor Gygi offers residents time to chat

Beginning August 2, 2012, Mayor Gygi will be available to speak with residents and City staff every Thursday from 8:00am to 10:00am. Anyone wishing to speak with Mayor Gygi may find him at the Public Safety Building (fire station), 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive, in the basement office, which is accessible only by the outside stairs located on the east side of the building. The Mayor may be contacted anytime by e-mail or phone.

City Sponsors E-mail Contest

Timely communication with residents is important to the City. One of the best ways to quickly get pertinent information out is through e-mail. To help us collect resident e-mail addresses we are excited to announce our summer e-mail contest. If you are interested in receiving updates from the City please submit your e-mail address and home address through the contact form on the City website. Choose "E-mail Address Contest" for the category, and input your home address in the message box. One entry from July, August, and September will be randomly selected to receive a \$100 credit on their utility bill.



Eagle Scout to offer Identification Kits

Adam Packer, a resident of Cedar Hills, is an active member of the community. A senior at Lone Peak High School, Adam is pleased to give back to the community. He is especially good with children and has always had a following of kids at family get-togethers, dinners, and family reunions.

For his Eagle project Adam is organizing an event to offer **Child Identification Kits** for parents who are interested in having a kit on file should something happen to their

child. The kits will be assembled in the cultural hall at the Cedar Hills Stake Center, 3950 W. Cedar Hills Drive, on Sat., August 11, from 9:00am to noon.

All things necessary to assemble the identification kits will be available during the project; you only need to bring your child or children. The process will be completed during the project and includes: taking a photo, weight and height measurements, and fingerprints, as well as the parent cutting a very small piece of the child's hair for identification. This information will be assembled into a small booklet for the parent to take with them and keep at home.

For more information, call Adam at 801-361-9924 or e-mail packer_rachelle@yahoo.com. Adam looks forward to partnering with the parents of Cedar Hills to help keep the children in our community safe!



Adam Packer of Cedar Hills (shown with his niece) will assemble Child Identification Kits on Aug. 11 for an Eagle Scout project to help children and parents.

Residents Recognized in Yard of the Month Program

Each month through September the City's Beautification Committee will give awards to recognize some of the nicest yards in Cedar Hills. The City has been divided into five areas by voting precincts, and one winner from each area will be selected each month. The winners will be announced on the City's website along with pictures of their beautiful yards. **Go to Residents>News & Events>Yard of the Month.** Here's a chance to show off your landscaping talents and creativity!

Tot Soccer Is Back!

Tot Soccer registration will run through August 10, or until full. Tot Soccer is a six-week soccer league for children 3-4 years old. Register online from the City's recreation page or in person at the City office. The cost is \$20. A late fee of \$5 will be assessed after August 10. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings, beginning Aug 21. For more information, contact the City's front desk.

Flag Football Registration Open until Sept. 7

Cedar Hills Flag Football registration continues through Sept. 7. Boys and girls in grades 2 through 9 may be registered online at www.sportsites.com. Games will be played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, beginning Sept. 20. Each player may request one buddy, who in turn must request the same buddy. Please do not request a coach or more than one buddy. Fees will run \$25 for 2nd grade, \$40 for 3rd-6th grades, and \$50 for 7th-9th grades. Late registrations will be accepted after Sept. 7 with an additional \$10 fee if there is still room on a team. There is no non-resident fee, so tell your friends who don't live in Cedar Hills. For more information, e-mail Greg Gordon at recreation@cedarhills.org.



Fitness Classes

A variety of fitness classes are being offered at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive. Participants may purchase an unlimited-use monthly pass for \$15 or a 10-punch pass card for \$25 at the City office or online at www.cedarhills.sportsites.com. Following payment the passes will be available for pick-up at the City office during regular business hours. **Visit the City's website to view the fitness class schedule.** Classes offered with the passes include: Zumba, Pump, Cardio, Zumbatomic, Turbo Kick, Yoga, Pilates, Muscle Mix, and Kickboxing. Karate and dance classes must be registered for separately online:

Karate - Registration for kids and adult Karate classes is now open! Sign up on the City's website. Kids classes are for boys and girls, ages 6-12. Adult classes are for ages 13 and up. The classes combine basic karate, tumbling, and self-defense skills with safety awareness. **Karate Day Camp** - Come learn basic Karate skills! For kids ages 6 and up. Aug. 16 and 17 at the recreation center from 11am to noon. Cost is \$5 per day. Register on the City's website.

Creative Dance - Registration for Creative Dance is now open for ages 3-8 years old. Register on the City's website. Creative Dance is a program aimed at helping children learn how to express themselves through movement, as well as gaining a foundation for continuing in dance or other activities. In this program the children will have activities and lessons based on select elements of dance.

Ballet - Registration for Pre-Ballet is now open! Register on the City's website. Pre-Ballet is a foundational course for ages 3-8. It focuses on building coordination and basic techniques. Pre-Ballet uses fun activities and exercises to help children learn in creative ways!

Recreation Coordinators Needed

The City is currently looking for two recreation coordinators. The positions are part-time (20 hours/week). Coordinators will be responsible for planning and overseeing recreation programs. Schedule is flexible. Please send resume and City Employment Application to kwhittaker@cedarhills.org, or drop them by the City office.

Hey, Youth! Time to join Youth City Council!

Youth City Council allows teens to become more involved in the City, plan fun activities, and make new friends! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to apply. Download the application from the YCC page on the City's Web site or contact Kaity at the City office with questions.

Collecting School Supplies

The Charleston Assisted Living Center is collecting school supplies for Cedar Ridge Elementary through August 21. Bring all school supplies an elementary would need: scissors, crayons, pencils, paper, etc., to The Charleston front desk and receive a free meal ticket to the dining room at The Charleston. For more information, contact Bryce Greenwood at 801-772-0123 or email BryceGreenwood@mbk.com. The Charleston Assisted Living Center is located at 10020 North 4600 West in Cedar Hills.

Highland Town Market Opening Celebration

A Highland Town Market will be held every Saturday morning from August 11 through September 29 from 9:00am to noon between Highland City Hall and the Town Center Splash Pad, 5400 West Civic Center Drive. On August 11 the Market will hold an opening celebration complete with free donuts to the first 100 visitors, a raffle, a bounce-house, sidewalk art competition, and live music. Everyone is invited to join the festivities. For more information or to learn how to become a vendor visit TheHighlandTownMarket.blogspot.com or call the Highland City offices at 801-756-5751.

Operation "Bigs" – for children of military parents

Military families, enroll your child in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Operation Bigs Program. This free program allows children to meet two to four times a month for at least one year with a Big Brother or Big Sister, doing things like visiting the library and participating in community events. Children spend time with their "Bigs" reading together, playing board games and sports together, and simply talking about life, just as friends do. The focus of the program is to build trusting friendships and to help build stronger social, academic, and life skills in children. To be eligible to participate in Operation Bigs, children must be 9-16 years old and have a parental figure that is a member of the U.S. military, reserves, or National Guard. For more information or to enroll a child, call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah at (801) 313-0303 or visit www.bbbsu.org.

Why not go paperless?

The Easiest Way to Pay Your City Bill

If you have an Internet connection and an e-mail address, you can pay your monthly bill online using any major credit card. To sign up, go to the City's Web site and click on the Utility Services button. There are many benefits of going to paperless billing using Xpress Bill Pay:

- No more paper! Monthly statements are sent to your e-mail address, along with an online link to the City's newsletter.
- Several years of past statements are viewable.
- Eliminate late fees!
- All major credit cards accepted—Many bill-pay options.
- View and pay bill at any time day or night.
- It's free!