



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Dec 4
Family Christmas Event 5-8 p.m.	Dec 10
City Offices Closed for Holidays	Dec 25 Jan 1
Christmas Tree Recycling at Mesquite Park and Heritage Park	Dec 31 -Jan 7

City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 503
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
Business Licensing, 504
Building Dept, 200
Utility Billing, 400
Community Services, 300
Public Works, 200

Other Phone Numbers (801):

Public Works After Hours, 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
Police, 763-3020
Fire Department/EMT, 763-5365

City Christmas Party—Dec. 10

Please join us on Monday evening, December 10, from 5:00 to 8:00pm for a City Christmas party at our new Community Recreation Center! This is an event for the entire family! Join us for some hot cocoa, crafts, Christmas carols, or get your picture taken with Santa. We will also be collecting new and gently used toys for the YCC's Santa's Workshop program. We look forward to seeing you there!



Come and see Santa at the City Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 10. Hot cocoa, crafts, Christmas carols—Fun for all!

Light Up Cedar Hills

The Parks, Trails, Beautification, and Recreation Committee is bringing back the Light Up Cedar Hills contest. Judges will drive around the City on Friday, December 21, to determine who has the best outdoor lighting displays. One winner will be selected from each voting precinct, and the five winners will be announced in the January newsletter. If you would like your house to be considered, please contact the City's Front Desk. Let's "Light Up Cedar Hills"!



Mayor's Minute

In 1877 a girl was born in Inland, Iowa. Her loving parents named her Grace. When she was eight years old, she made an attempt at writing a poem. In an uncharacteristic way, her family teased her about it so much that she didn't write poetry again until she was in her twenties, when she was blessed with a good husband and three fine sons. That girl, Grace Noll Crowell, later became an award-winning author of 36 books of inspirational verse and over 5,000 poems, many of which appeared in hundreds of magazines and newspapers. In the early 1940s she was named the most popular writer of verse in America. Among her many poems she wrote one called "Because of Thy Great Bounty," which was later put to music and has become one of my favorite hymns, particularly at Christmastime, because of an event that happened in my life about 15 years ago.

At that time, I met a friend at church named Steve. I came to associate with him in a solid group of friends that enjoyed water skiing at Lake Powell, playing tennis, and doing other fun activities together, while we all tried to find spouses. Steve was fun to be around, as he had a wonderful sense of humor and a positive outlook on life. But, he suffered silently with an illness that concluded with him taking his own life a week or so before Christmas. (Unfortunately, this was not the only casualty I have witnessed during my life at Christmastime.)

While many of us relish and look forward to the holidays, some people do not, as the holidays may be a reminder to them of life's challenges and difficulties. Crowell's poem teaches us that as we have been given much, we too must give. This doesn't necessarily mean monetarily. My friend Steve needed friendship more than money. Crowell finishes her poem with these words: "Because I have been blessed by thy great love, dear Lord, I'll share thy love again, according to thy word. I shall give love to those in need; I'll show that love by word and deed: Thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed." It is my hope and prayer that each of us will reach out to those in need, like my friend Steve, who may be struggling during this time of year, and share with them our love and blessings.

Merry Christmas, everyone!



Mayor Gary Gygi



Message Board

City Offices Closing for Holidays

The City offices will close at noon on Dec. 24 and all day on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Garbage and recycling pick up service on Fridays of both weeks will be delayed one day.

Winter Street Parking Reminder

Street Parking During Snow/Ice Removal: So as to provide access to snowplows for snow removal, it is unlawful for any person to park or allow to remain parked any vehicle upon streets from November 1 to the following March 31 from one o'clock (1:00) A.M. to seven o'clock (7:00) A.M. or during snow/ice removal.

Street Light Maintenance

If you see a street light that isn't working properly (not turning on at night; remaining on during the day; flickering or cycling on and off; broken lens), please contact the City to report the problem. The City owns and maintains about half of the existing lights, with Rocky Mountain Power responsible for the rest. The City's Public Works Department will either service the light or request the repair through Rocky Mountain Power. To request street light service, contact Public Works at 801-785-9668, ext. 202, or publicworks@cedarhills.org.

Receive Agendas for Public Meetings

Public meeting agendas and notices are posted at the City office and may also be viewed on the City's Web site. But if you would like to receive agendas and notices by e-mail, please send your name and e-mail information to: frontdesk@cedarhills.org. You will receive information on how to set that service up on the State's Public Notice website.

City Receives Grants

A grant from Utah Local Governments Trust (ULGT) was received by the City in November. The grant was for \$1,900. ULGT offers this grant of up to five percent of the City's liability premium through meeting six requirements: 1) participation in liability, property, and Workers Compensation coverage through ULGT, 2) having an active safety committee, 3) completing annual inspections of all sewer manholes, 4) attending ULGT Land Use Training, 5) having all drivers of City vehicles sign the "Safe Driver Pledge"; and 6) submitting approved expenditures for risk management/safety supplies.

The City also obtained an \$11,300 grant from the Utah County Parks Commission to pay for the Heritage Park basketball court on Cedar Hills Drive.



STORM WATER TIP—You Can Make a Difference!

It is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. De-icers lower the melting point of ice to aid in removing ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product used, because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some de-icers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply de-icing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. The old-fashioned approach of using a shovel means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise.



City Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling locations for live Christmas trees ONLY (no artificial trees) will be available at the following two locations: Mesquite Soccer Park parking lot, 10440 N. Mesquite Way, and Heritage Park parking lot, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Designated areas will be available for tree drop off from Monday, Dec. 31, through Monday, Jan. 7. All attachments must be removed from the trees, including stands. Flocked trees are NOT accepted, as they are not recyclable. **No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted.** Mixed loads cannot be recycled and will cause significant increases in costs to the City. With everyone's considerate compliance, the City will be able to continue this service.

City Staff Completes Service Project

In November the City staff completed its first annual "Giving Back" service project. City Manager, David Bunker, asked the staff to think of ways that they can provide service and assistance in our community. This year City staff made personal donations to purchase materials to assemble 52 adult and child hygiene kits. Additional donations were provided by Walmart-Cedar Hills, Lone Peak Dental, Cedar Hills Family Dentistry, and Lexington Heights Dental. Each adult kit contained shampoo, soap, lotion, wash cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, toilet paper, deodorant, and a razor. Each child kit contained comb, wash cloth, bath soap, bath toy, toothbrush, toothpaste, and lotion. The kits were delivered by staff members to the Community Action Services and Food Bank in Provo, where they had the opportunity to tour the Community Action facility and learn how donations can benefit those in need. We plan to make this a tradition!



Events and Recreation Manager, Kaity Lavaja, enjoys assembling hygiene kits at the City offices on November 14.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

Golf Course Finance Town Hall Meeting

On November 15, 2012 Cedar Hills held a town hall meeting to discuss the financial health of the golf course and to propose a course of action for the future. Earlier in the year, the Golf Course Finance Advisory Committee was created by the Mayor to review the history and financial documents of the golf course. This committee consisted of six residents from throughout the City with different backgrounds and views of the golf course. Over several months this committee researched every aspect of the course and came up with a comprehensive summary to present to residents.

The financial summary showed that property taxes have been collected to cover the bond for the golf course, which was voted on by residents in 2005. In addition, the golf course has suffered net cash losses each year, which have also been subsidized through tax dollars. The current total subsidy for the golf course is approximately \$1.8 million, with \$700,000 of that having been used for a reconfiguration of the course to create building lots to bring in additional revenue once the real estate market improves. The chart included here shows a breakdown of these losses. As the debt is paid down the subsidy should be reduced.

Looking towards the future, the committee created a business plan to increase revenue through the golf course. This plan includes holding more golf tournaments and other events at the new facility, selling more season passes, and having a practiced sales process that creates a customer base.

We are very appreciative of those residents who served on this committee. A tremendous amount of time has been devoted by each person on this team and we are very grateful for their willingness to give of their time and talents to present this report to residents. The full presentation is available on the main page of the City website and we encourage residents to review it.

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Golf Course Cash Flow

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Collected	\$800,282	\$747,211	\$679,970	\$653,011
Spent on Operations	(\$719,954)	(\$656,690)	(\$662,893)	(\$735,881)
Cash Generated/(Lost)	\$80,328	\$90,521	\$17,077	(\$82,870)
Principal Paid on Debt	(\$241,481)	(\$253,831)	(\$226,171)	(\$256,803)
Interest Paid on Debt	(\$300,642)	(\$285,347)	(\$270,513)	(\$267,758)
Cash (Lost)	(\$461,795)	(\$448,657)	(\$479,607)	(\$607,431)
Property Tax for GC	\$386,945	\$385,195	\$385,120	\$398,591
Net Cash (Lost)	(\$74,850)	(\$63,462)	(\$94,287)	(\$208,840)

Each year the golf course has suffered net cash losses, which have also been subsidized through tax dollars. This chart shows a breakdown of these losses.

Boy Scout organizes Cedar Hills Community Emergency Response & Preparedness Expo

On **Saturday, Dec. 8**, Juston Peay, a Varsity Scout from Cedar Hills, will host an Emergency Response & Preparedness Expo from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm in the Cedar Ridge Elementary school gymnasium, and at the Lone Peak Fire Station in Cedar Hills. Attendees may visit either or both venues for different presentations. This is an Eagle Scout service project event for the City of Cedar Hills and surrounding areas. Juston has planned, organized, and coordinated the event. Ron Tyler, a professional emergency management manager from Emergency Management Associates will oversee the event.



This will be an excellent opportunity to become more aware of the disasters and emergencies that could happen in our area. There will be opportunities to learn how the community could be impacted, what to do to be prepared to survive, how to help others within the community, and how to assist emergency response agencies in providing support and assistance in our community.

Vendors will be on hand for emergency preparedness and survival food equipment, food storage, supplies, water purification systems, tools, books and guides, information, outdoor cooking and emergency lighting, and much more.

Emergency response and preparedness agencies will be there to help with family emergency planning, emergency kits, and to provide essential information in preparing for an emergency, such as an earthquake, extended power outages, severe cold or extreme weather, and other disasters or hazardous conditions, and how to survive. For more information call Juston Peay at 801-850-7640 or e-mail him at: lpeay@q.com.

Home Business: THE READING TUTOR

Learn to read well and really enjoy it! Liz Follett (BS, MA) tutors privately in her home. She teaches decoding (phonics), sight words, language, comprehension, and study skills. Mrs. Follett will evaluate the student's needs and tailor an individual program for each child. She is a retired school teacher and an experienced tutor. Call her today for a free phone consultation. Liz Follett, 801-756-5968. This is a good time to catch up!



Liz Follett-The Reading Tutor

Monthly Spotlight on Cedar Hills Businesses

Cedar Hills is adding a new section to the newsletter that will spotlight commercial and home businesses within our community. This spotlight will inform residents of goods and services offered in our city and can help home-based businesses spread the word about their offerings. If you are a licensed business owner in Cedar Hills and would like to have your business spotlighted in the newsletter, please send a short summary including contact information to the City's front desk.



Resident Feedback on Facebook

The City has begun to use its Facebook page to solicit feedback from residents on a variety of topics. If you haven't already done so, please "like" our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah.

Join the Cedar Hills Ski Bus!

The Ski Bus will be going up to Snowbird, Saturday January 5, 12, and 26. Lessons will be for both skiers and boarders. All levels are encouraged to sign up. Cost for three sessions, including transportation and a scarf, is \$175. Registration forms must be submitted **in person** at the City office, located at 10246 N Canyon Road. Chaperones will be needed. Chaperones will receive a lift ticket at no charge and will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.



Fitness Classes at the Rec Center

Monthly unlimited-use passes for fitness classes are \$15 and may be purchased from the City's website. Punch passes, which are good for 10 classes, are \$25 and may be purchased and picked up at the Recreation Center or the City office. Visit the City's website to view the current fitness class schedule and to view other information. Please check weekly for any changes to class schedules.



Fitness Classes Winter Break

All fitness classes will take a winter break between December 17 and January 1. The 8:00pm Zumba class will take a break between December 10 and January 1. All classes will resume again on January 2. If you have a monthly pass for December, we will extend the expiration date, so that you will get a full month of classes.

Kid's Karate

Registration for Kid's Karate classes is now open! View the schedule and sign up on the City's website. Kid's class is for ages 6-12, for boys and girls. The class combines basic karate, tumbling, and self-defense skills with safety awareness.

Story Time at the Rec

Join us for story time at the Recreation Center every Tuesday at 11:00am! Beginning January 2, we will hold a reading time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00am! Story Time is for children of all ages. An activity is provided after the story time. Invite your friends and come join the fun!



All Aboard for The Polar Express!

Children and their parents are invited to a reading of *The Polar Express* on Tues., December 11, at 11:00am at the Recreation Center. There will be treats and "bells"!

Medical kits make thoughtful holiday gifts

The Citizen Kit (for home or auto), valued at \$95, is available at the City office for \$42.55 (tax included). Also available is a Police Car Kit, which includes additional items for trauma dressings, EMT shears, and a full CPR pocket face mask. There is also a Family/Group Kit available. For a complete list of the contents of all three kits, go to: www.safecommunityusa.com. The Police Car and Family/Group kits may be ordered online at Safe Community USA/Lone Peak or by calling 801-794-0757. An additional cost for shipping will apply if ordered online.



Santa's Workshop Donations

The Youth City Council will run its fifth annual Santa's Workshop toy drive, which helps those in need. Last year's effort helped brighten the Christmas mornings of over 20 Cedar Hills families. To help, please bring new or gently used toys, games, books, stuffed animals, gift cards, or cash to the City office or the Recreation Center by **December 10**. Donations (except gift cards and cash) may also be dropped off in toy bins at: Cedar Ridge and Deerfield schools, Highland Elementary, and Lone Peak High School. Help make this program a success once again!



Volunteers Needed

The Cedar Hills Community Services Department will host the Utah *First@* Lego® League competition on January 12 from 8AM to 3PM. We are in need of volunteers to assist as referees and judges. No experience is necessary. All volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, and lunch will be provided. If you are interested or have any questions please e-mail Nicole Allen at nallen@cedarhills.org or call 801-785-9668 ext. 302.



The Mayor and City Council wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Back row: Jenney Rees, Mayor Gary Gygi, Daniel Zappala. Front row: Scott Jackman, Trent Augustus, Stephanie Martinez.

