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### Upcoming Events:

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 1 &amp; 15</b>
Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>May 24</b>
Memorial Day - City Offices CLOSED	<b>May 28</b>
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>June 5 &amp; 19</b>

### City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:  
 Front Desk, 100  
 Recorder, 202  
 Planning, 109  
 Business Licensing, 108  
 Building/Zoning, 113  
 Utility Billing, 112  
 Community Services, 111, 301  
 Public Works, 202  
**Other Phone Numbers (801):**  
 Public Works After Hours, 420-2243  
 Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705  
 Animal Control, 763-3020, ext. 2  
 Police Department, 763-3020, ext. 2  
 Fire Department/EMT, 763-5365

# OUR HOME TOWN

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## Family Festival 2012



For questions or more information, call 801-785-9668  
 Greg Gordon, ext. 301  
 Kaity Whittaker, ext. 111  
 E-mail: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org)



### Mark your calendars!

- June 9:** 5K & Mile Fun Run, 8:00/8:45 a.m.
- June 11:** Swim Night at PG Pool, 6:30 p.m.
- June 13 & 14:** Golf Tournaments, 8:00 a.m.
- June 15:** Dinner in the Park, 7:00 p.m.
- June 15:** Movie in the Park at dusk
- June 16:** Parade, 10:00 a.m.
- June 15 & 16:** Carnival at Heritage Park, 10:30 a.m. to 11p.m.
- June 16:** Children's Games, Noon to 4:00
- June 16:** Baking Contest, 4:00 p.m.
- June 16:** Concert in the Park, 5:30 p.m.
- June 16:** Fireworks at Mesquite Park at dusk

Watch for the Family Festival brochure—arriving in your mailbox this month!

### A Taste of Cedar Hills – Baking Contest

Do you like to bake? Enter a baked item in the Family Festival baking contest for a chance to win great prizes! Sponsored by Dear Lizzie, the contest will be held on Saturday, June 16, at the Heritage Park pavilion at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to enter the contest, e-mail Kaity at the address above.

### Call for Parade Entries

**Family Festival Parade: Saturday, June 16, 10:00 a.m.**

Cedar Hills welcomes floats, animals, bands, performing groups, decorated cars, trucks, ATVs, small vehicles, and bicycles to participate in the parade. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail Kaity at the address above.

### START TRAINING NOW!

#### June 9: 5K and Mile Fun Run

Runners of all ages are invited to run in the Family Festival 5K and Mile Fun Run races. Don't miss out! Get yourself up and out, and start training for the best 5K in Utah! Regis-



tration is available online at [runnercard.com](http://runnercard.com) through June 2 at midnight. Late registrations will be accepted on the day of the race, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the church

parking lot east of Heritage Park (4450 W. Cedar Hills Drive). **Packet pickup will take place at Get Fit, 11055 N. Alpine Hwy., in Highland June 4-8, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** Rocky Mountain Power, Comcast, and Get Fit, the major sponsors for this event, will provide prizes and gifts for the runners. If you run one 5K race this summer, this is it – don't miss out!

### Volunteers Needed

Join the fun of the Family Festival by volunteering! Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 16, to help with the parade, children's games, and headquarters booth. Volunteers will receive two individual all-day passes to one day of the carnival and a T-shirt. If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Kaity at the address above.

### Cedar Hills Family Festival

Midway West Amusements—Rides, Games, Food  
 June 15 & 16, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.—Heritage Park  
 Advance Sale Discount Tickets Will Be Available at the City Office



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## City Announces Changes in Leadership

Cedar Hills has had several changes to its leadership. Konrad Hildebrandt, the City Manager, has resigned effective May 1. David Bunker, the City's Public Works Director, will act as the temporary City Manager and will work directly with Mayor Eric Richardson during this transition. Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder, and Bradley Kearn, City Building and Zoning Official, have also resigned effective May 1. Addressing these changes Mayor Richardson said, "We are grateful for the efforts of these department heads. No doubt City administration will take on a different feel. We wish Konrad, Kim and Brad all the best."

Questions can be directed to Mayor Richardson through e-mail at [erichardson@cedarhills.org](mailto:erichardson@cedarhills.org). The full press release can be viewed on the City's Web site.

## Council Corner: The Very Short Story on Property Taxes—Jenney Rees, Council Member

Only 22.9% of your property tax is City tax. The City has no control over the remaining majority of what you pay to other entities, such as the school district, which collects the largest portion. When it comes to the City's fraction, there are generally two ways that cities determine how much tax you must pay each year. The first and most common is for the tax rate (or percentage) to adjust each year as property values change, so that the total dollars you pay to the City are the same every year. This means no matter what your property value is you will pay about the same amount of city property tax every year.

The second way is for the tax rate to stay the same, regardless of changes in property values. This means as your property values go up you pay more in taxes and as your property values go down you pay less in taxes. This is how Cedar Hills has calculated the city portion of property tax for the past several years. The benefit to this is that you pay less to the City when your property values have decreased (such as during the recession), and when your property values increase the City can use that additional revenue to fund maintenance projects and other services instead of having to raise taxes significantly to cover those costs when they are needed.

For more detailed information on property taxes please visit the City Council Corner on the City's Web site.

## National Trails Day Sat., June 2

The City's Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee invites you to celebrate National Trails Day by spending Saturday, June 2, on your favorite trail and initiate your own TRAILgating party afterward. National Trails Day evolved from President Reagan's Commission on Americans Outdoors. In 1987, the commission's report recommended that all Americans be able to go out their front doors and, within fifteen minutes, be on trails that wind through their cities or towns and bring them back without retracing steps. Cedar Hills has many parks and trails within its boundaries, which provide recreation and the chance to get out and enjoy the natural beauty around us. View the Cedar Hills trails map on the City's Web site by clicking on "Visitors" and then "Maps" in the drop-down menu.



## Message Board

### One-day Delay in Garbage Pick Up

There will be a one-day delay in garbage pickup for the week of Memorial Day. Also, the City offices will be closed on Mon., May 28, on Memorial Day.

### Cedar Hills Grill Opening

The Cedar Hills Grill at the new Community Recreation Center is open and ready to serve you! Bring the family in for delicious burgers and sandwiches, salads, fries, onion rings, ice cream, and more! The grill will be open from approximately 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.



### Sun is out; signs are up!

Help keep the City looking clean and beautiful. With permission from property owners, City-approved signs may be placed on private property only. Signs placed in the City's right-of-way will be removed. The complete sign ordinance may be obtained at the City office or viewed on the City's Web site.

### Yard Waste

Timpanogos Special Service District (sewer plant in American Fork) accepts yard waste to assist in producing compost. Sterilized compost may also be purchased from TSSD. Call 801-756-5231 for more information.

### Door-to-door solicitors need a City license

Help keep our neighborhoods safe. If a solicitor comes to the door, ask to see a City-issued photo badge. If they cannot produce it, instruct them to go to the City office to obtain a license, or ask them to leave the City. If you wish to report violations or nuisances, please contact the AF Police at 801-763-3020, ext. 2.

### Free Landfill Passes

Each household in Cedar Hills may receive two passes per year to the North Pointe Solid Waste Special Service District (2000 West 200 South, Lindon). Passes are issued at the City office during regular business hours. Questions about hours of operation, etc., may be directed to the landfill at 801-225-8538.

### Planning to install a fence?

If you are planning to install a fence on your property, please visit the City's website for important information prior to the installation. The Web page provides downloads for the installation permit, tree list, the City's ordinance regarding fencing installation, and instructions for submitting the free permit.

### NUCS Soccer

During May for children ages 4-16, North Utah County Soccer (NUCS) will have open registration for the Fall 2012/Spring 2013 seasons. Please go to [www.nucsonline.com](http://www.nucsonline.com) for more details.



## MONEY WATCH

City staff constantly strives to find more efficient and cost-effective ways to operate. The staff has been given the charter to find “Better Ways of Doing Things” each month, and we take this responsibility very seriously. We would like to highlight some of the things that are being done by staff to ensure prudent and wise use of budgetary funds. This month we will review how street lights are maintained and operated.

During the current fiscal year, the Public Works Department worked closely with Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) to complete an audit on all of the street lights in the City. During that process, it was determined which lights were owned by the City or RMP. Address and location discrepancies were corrected, and the billable rate for each street light was determined. This was an extensive process, which took many man hours and great cooperation from RMP representatives.

When the audit was completed, it was determined that 108 street lights had been incorrectly billed by RMP. Going back 24 months, RMP provided an immediate rebate of \$24,831, based on the updated information and billing schedules, which City staff had assisted in correcting. In addition, the corrected billing schedules for the City-owned and maintained lights now provide an annual savings of \$12,000 to the City! To maximize the on-going savings on street light maintenance, the City was able to purchase a used lift to assist trained staff in completing routine maintenance, such as light bulb exchange and photo cell replacement.



## It's WEED ABATEMENT TIME!

During May and June, the Weed Abatement Task Force will be out cutting and eliminating weeds from City property. **Please be aware that while the task force is out, it will also assess private lots in the City.** We ask for voluntary compliance with the removal of weeds from private properties, including unlandscaped yards, vacant lots, side yards, mow strips, etc. Notices will be sent to property owners who have not complied with the abatement requirements. If you have questions regarding this or would like to report a potential weed problem, please contact the Public Works Department.



## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?!

As the Public Works Department has collected GIS information to map locations for utility water lines, an on-going concern has been raised. Many homes in the City do not have visible house numbers on or around the residence. This is a simple inconvenience while collecting general utility data, but could cost precious time in the event of an emergency. We encourage all residents to make sure their homes are clearly and accurately marked with address numbers. Thank you!

## Routine Sewer Line Maintenance

To ensure proper maintenance of the City's sewer lines, routine cleaning is conducted by Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD), which operates the sewer treatment plant in our area. Through our membership with TSSD, we are able to have them perform routine maintenance cleaning on our sewer system. **Upcoming cleaning dates for Cedar Hills are: May 7 and 17, and June 6 and 25.** Most residences will not notice anything different on the days that cleaning is performed. However, in isolated incidences, minor issues may occur, such as a small amount of water in basement floor drains, toilet water flow changes, and/or odor. All of these issues should be minimal and short term. If you experience any problem greater than those mentioned, please contact the Public Works Department.

## “I have a question....”

**Q:** Can the City tell me how much I owe for my property taxes?

**A:** Property taxes are assessed by the Utah County Assessors Office, which can be reached by phone at 801-851-8286 or online at [www.co.utah.ut.us](http://www.co.utah.ut.us).

**Q:** I pay my bill online through my credit union. How do I sign up for online billing (no paper)?

**A:** The City's online bill payment option, Xpress Bill Pay, saves time and gives you more flexibility. If you have an Internet connection and an e-mail address, you can pay your bill online using a credit/debit card. Find out all about it on the City's Web site. Go to Residents> Utilities>Utility Billing. Look for Xpress Bill Pay.



*If you have a City-related question or comment that you would like addressed in a future edition of the City newsletter, simply e-mail your question to: [frontdesk@cedarhills.org](mailto:frontdesk@cedarhills.org) with the words “I have a question” in the subject line. City staff will respond to questions and comments in the newsletter as space allows.*

## STORM WATER TIP OF THE MONTH—What can you do?

- Use biodegradable pesticides/herbicides.
- Never use the gutter or storm drain system for disposal of household or garden waste.
- Store pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals indoors, in a shed, or in a storage cabinet.

- Remove all pet waste from yard and curb and dispose of in trash to prevent spread of bacteria.
  - Wash household tools over grassed area away from curbs and gutters.
  - Clean leaves, sediment, and trash out of gutters and dispose of in garden or trash.
- Please help keep our storm drains free of harmful and hazardous materials.

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## Pageant Orientation – changed to May 11

The Miss Northern Utah County Scholarship Pageant will hold an orientation meeting on Friday, May 11, at Highland City Hall at 6:00 p.m. All young women between 17 and 24 from Alpine, Highland, Cedar Hills, and American Fork are invited to compete for valuable scholarship money. For more information, call Jenny Thacker at 801-768-8436, or e-mail [ryanjen-ny36@msn.com](mailto:ryanjen-ny36@msn.com).

## FIRST LEGO League!

FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is an exciting global robotics and innovation program that ignites an enthusiasm for discovery, science, teamwork, and technology in kids ages 9 to 14. Participants will have the opportunity to solve real-world challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. Registration for Lego League is now open. Visit the City's website to register. For more information about FLL visit their website: [www.utfll.utah.edu](http://www.utfll.utah.edu).

## Congratulations, Jr. Jazz players!

The Community Services Department received recognition and a plaque from the directors of the Jr. Jazz program for second place in having the most players in the category of cities with less than 15,000 people. Cedar Hills had 565 participants in Jr. Jazz this past year and looks forward to having even more next year! Thank you, players, coaches, referees, and parents for making Jr. Jazz such a fun experience for everyone. Go, Cedar Hills!

## Boys Basketball Camp

June 4-8 at Lone Peak High School  
Grades K-2: 8:30-10:00am  
Grades 3-5: 8:00-10:15am  
Grades 6-9: 10:15am -1:00pm  
Grades 10-12: 1:30-4:30pm  
Register online at

[www.myschoolfees.com](http://www.myschoolfees.com). For more information contact Coach Quincy Lewis: [qlewis@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:qlewis@alpinedistrict.org).



## Girls Basketball Camp

June 4-8 at Lone Peak High School  
5th-6th Grades: 1-3 p.m.  
7th-12th Grades: 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Girls camp includes a T-shirt and other awards. For more information, contact Coach Keith Flood at: 801-310-2787, or e-mail [kflood@alpinedistrict.org](mailto:kflood@alpinedistrict.org).

## Pepsi Refresh Community Action 5K

Help fight hunger by participating in the Pepsi Refresh Community Action 5K on Sat., May 26. Proceeds will be used to provide services for struggling families in our community. Special pricing is available for families and company teams. For more info contact Eric Lafferty at 801-691-5927, or visit [CommunityAction5K.org](http://CommunityAction5K.org).



## Summer Golf Camps for Youth

Dates and times are set for youth summer golf camps. Come join the fun and learn some valuable life skills at the same time. Our motto at the camp is "Golf: More than just a game." Classes are open for youth of all skill levels, ages 8 to 18. Exceptions can be made for younger students by calling the Pro Shop. Camps will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays almost every week in June and July. The fee is \$40 per student per weekly camp. Here's the schedule:

- June 5 and 7: 9–11am
- June 12 and 14: 9–11am
- June 19 and 21: 2–4pm
- June 26 and 28: 2–4pm
- July 10 and 12: 9–11am
- July 17 and 19: 9–11am
- July 31 and Aug. 2: 9–11am



Contact the Pro Shop at the golf course to sign up. Call 801-796-1705, or come in anytime.



## YCC Officer Elections June 5

Youth going into grades 9-12 this fall are eligible to join the Youth City Council. Applications are available on the City's Web site or at the City office. Meetings are held at 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of

each month at the City's Public Works Facility. Officer elections will be held at the regular meeting on **June 5**. All interested youth are invited to attend, whether they've applied or not. For more information, contact Danny Lambourne at the City office, ext. 107. This is a GREAT opportunity for youth to serve the community, prepare for scholarship opportunities, and meet new friends!

## Highland City Preparedness Fair

Gather valuable information at booths and demonstrations. Various classes, ranging from food storage and gardening, to personal finances, to employment strategies, to investment fraud, will be presented three times each at 9:00, 10:30, and noon. When? Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lone Peak High School. Contact the Highland City offices at 801-756-5751 for more information.



## Lawn Irrigation Schedule for North-Central Utah

May:	Once every 4 days
June:	Once every 3 days
July:	Once every 3 days
August:	Once every 3 days
September:	Once every 6 days
October:	Once every 10 days