



Our Home Town

City Newsletter
January 2004

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-5:00pm
Friday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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2003 ENDS WITH GOOD WORKS

- ★ **“Light Up Cedar Hills”** Thanks to everyone who made an extra effort to enhance the holiday spirit by putting up lights and decorations. Here are the names of the families who caught the attention of the Parks and Trails Committee for “Light Up Cedar Hills.” The winners received a gift basket filled with goodies for their efforts.
The Harmer Family - 10256 N Redwood Drive The Southworth Family - 9869 N Deep Creek Dr
The Zundel Family - 4149 W Sage Road North The Brisk Family - 4034 W Oak Road North
The Little Family - 9338 N Avanyu Court
- ★ **Operation Smile** - Your donations do make a difference! Over \$1,500 was received through Cedar Ridge Elementary alone for Operation Smile. Lone Peak High School is still continuing their fund-raising, but hopes to be able to add an additional \$2000-2,500 for this worthy cause. Daniel Blake, a junior at Lone Peak High School, just returned from an Operation Smile medical mission in Jordan. During his time there, he taught nutrition, dental and health hygiene, as well as assisting post-operative children. A total of 184 procedures were performed on 153 patients. Now, that’s something to SMILE about!
- ★ **Toys for Tots** - With the help of the Cedar Hills LDS 5th Ward as well as Chris Heath, a Cedar Hills resident and Marine Corps representative for Utah County, many children enjoyed a better Christmas through the Toys for Tots program. In Cedar Hills, over 150 items were collected, which were added to the 13,000 collected throughout Utah County to be distributed to families in-need. Youth from Cedar Hills worked as “personal shoppers” to families who came to the Boys & Girls Club in Provo to assist them in finding toys for the children in their homes. Not one toy went unclaimed. At the conclusion of the distribution days, there were some items remaining. Some were given to the Provo Police/Fire/EMS personnel to carry with them for emergencies involving children and the remainder were taken to local hospitals and family service agencies. Thank you for your generosity!
- ★ **American Fork Chamber of Commerce Food Drive** - Over 1,250 cans of food were collected by the American Fork Chamber to assist the Food Bank. Debby Lauret of the Chamber felt that this year’s food drive was a great success. Collections were received at various local business locations. The American Fork Library also accepted canned goods in lieu of library fines! Cedar Hills should also be proud—a local individual spear-headed a drive in her neighborhood and collected fresh hams, fruit and many cans of foods that were put to good use!

Thanks to everyone for their participation in all of these worthwhile causes. It is a nice reflection on our community and its people when we share our abundance with those who are less fortunate.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ONLY	911	Mountain Ridge Junior High	763-7010
Police & Animal Control	763-3020	Cedar Ridge Elementary School	785-8726
C.H.A.M.P.S. 24-Hour Hotline	785-9668 x112	Deerfield Elementary School	796-3141
Waste Management (Toter Repair)	785-3000		
Lone Peak High School	763-7050		
American Fork High School	756-8547		

Cedar Hills City Office	785-9668
Cedar Hills Golf Club	796-1705
Craig Carlisle, Fire Chief	763-5365
Mayor Brad Sears	319-2030
Council Member Melissa Willie	763-1142
Council Member Rob Fotheringham	763-1444
Council Member Jim Perry	796-5517
Council Member James Parker	763-1820
Council Member Darin Lowder	492-8047

MEETING UPDATES - DECEMBER

December 2, 2003 - City Council Meeting

- A Public Hearing was held to discuss amendments to the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year Budget. No public comments were made.
- Auditors from Hawkins, Cloward, Simister, presented the annual audit for the City of Cedar Hills. The City Council reviewed and accepted this audit.
- Up to \$3,200 was approved for expenditure, if needed, to secure the initial investment, for the City's portion of the UTOPIA bonding expenditures.
- The City Council approved the distribution of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for potential interest in leasing, management or purchase of the Cedar Hills Golf Course.
- A resolution was adopted that amended the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year Budget.
- Representatives of the newly formed North Utah County Choir requested funding from Cedar Hills to assist in start-up costs for music. In addition to participation from Cedar Hills, the choir will also request funds from Highland, Alpine, Lehi and American Fork. Initially, this was slated to be a tri-city choir, but due to interest, the choir will be expanded.
- A resolution was adopted that establishes the Guidelines for the Layout and Design of Planned Commercial Development within the SC-1 Shopping Center Zone.
- The City Council reviewed a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance relative to radio antenna height. After consideration, it was determined that no action would be made to change the maximum allowable height. The City Council did feel that further investigation should be done to review the feasibility of an emergency center or City facility and wanted to have local HAM radio operators involved.
- An Executive Session was held, pursuant to Utah State Code 52-4-5. No action was taken.

December 11, 2003 - Planning Commission Meeting

- Recommendation for approval for plat amendments to the Renaissance PUD was forwarded to the City Council.
- Recommendation for approval for the Lexington Heights Assisted Living Center Site Plan, pending approval of the Fire Chief regarding emergency access was forwarded to the City Council.
- Recommendation for approval on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance relative to decks was forwarded to the City Council.

SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

The snow season is definitely here! Here is some important information about the impact the season has on the City. The City currently contracts with Bratt, Inc. to provide snow removal services for the City. The contract is an hourly rate plus a tonnage rate for salt spread on the streets. In addition, the City has very **LIMITED** resources to augment the contract with Bratt. The City owns a small one ton pickup with a sander and plow, a backhoe with a blade and three ordinary snow shovels. The sander requires a round trip time of approximately one hour for a load of salt and it takes about 20 minutes to spread.

Because of the lack of additional equipment, budget constraints, and storage facilities, the city prioritizes the snow removal efforts. Initial efforts are made to collector streets, steep roadways, high traffic areas, school areas, etc. As time and resources permit, other highly traveled streets branching off from the above areas, including other steep roadways, are targeted. Not every street can be plowed and sanded in every storm. The City does the best it can with the resources it has. Here is a comparison of the year-to-date numbers vs. last season:

	<u>2003/2004 Winter (to date)</u>	<u>2002/2003 Winter</u>
Employee Manhours	188	190
Contract Cost	\$10,000 +	\$7,008

As residents you can do your part in our efforts to provide this valuable service. Please remove your vehicles, boats, campers etc from the streets when there is a storm or a pending storm. If vehicles are parked on the street the plows cannot be effective. Drive carefully and thank you for your patience.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

With the beginning of a new year, there are two (2) vacancies on the Parks and Trails Committee. Any qualified person interested in being considered for appointment to the Parks and Trails Committee may acquire an application from Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder, 3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah 84062. **Applications will be accepted until January 30, 2004.** In the past we have received a very limited number of applicants and we know that there are many qualified people living in Cedar Hills, so please contact the office if you are interested in serving your community in this position or in any other way!

DID YOU KNOW? TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

- ✓ Did you know that in December 2003, the Building Department issued **24** new home building permits? That is the most building permits issued in the month of December in the history of Cedar Hills!
- ✓ Did you also know the Building Department issued **228** new home building permits in 2003? These new home building permits have a valuation of over \$54,100,000.00.
- ✓ Did you also know that the building department averages over **425** building inspections each month?

NOW YOU KNOW!!

CITY MANAGER REPORT DECISIONS 2004

Please be aware that the City of Cedar Hills will be conducting a city-wide effort called 'DECISIONS 2004'. This activity is used to allow all residents an opportunity to identify and rank priority city services and activities. This process will include the following items:

- a. A random city-wide survey
- b. Five (5) neighborhood meetings
- c. Public City Council Work Session

The 'DECISIONS' concept was one that started in 1998 as a method of gathering information first-hand from the residents of Cedar Hills. Results of this survey/review will be completed by April 2004.

CROSSWALK SAFETY REMINDERS

As the children go back to school, we want to make sure that everyone is doing their best to ensure that our community is a safe place. Unfortunately, there have been some "close calls" with drivers go through the crosswalk when children and the crossing guard are present!

1. SLOW DOWN! The posted speed throughout the City is 25 m.p.h. and 20 m.p.h. when the school crossing lights are flashing or when the crossing guard is present.
2. BE ALERT! When children are present, be extra attentive when turning, backing out of driveways and

traveling on walking routes.

3. **APPROACH WITH CAUTION!** When approaching a crosswalk, or specifically a school crosswalk, please slow down and be aware of whether pedestrians are present.
4. **STOP!** When a crossing guard is ANYWHERE in the crosswalk area, it is unlawful to enter the crossing area—even if the guard and children are not in your travel lane. Stop far enough away from the crossing area to allow a safe distance between your vehicle and the people in the crosswalk!

Please do your part as drivers to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. The few seconds that you might gain by speeding through a crosswalk area will not matter if someone is killed or injured.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR LAST CHANCE TO CATCH THE SKI BUS!

The Cedar Hills Ski and Snowboard Bus will leave from the Cedar Hills Office parking lot at 7:30 a.m. sharp on all four Saturdays in March 2004 (March 6, 13, 20, and 27). The Ski Bus package is \$149 for the four Saturdays; and includes an all-day Snowbird lift ticket, transportation, two hour lesson, and lunch (rentals not included). The bus will return to Cedar Hills at approximately 2:30 p.m. each Saturday. Priority seating is available to those interested in the package. If remaining space is available, it will be opened to those looking for transportation only. Open to children ages 8-16. Space is limited and filling up fast.....sign up now! **Registration ends January 30th**. Register at the Cedar Hills City Office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 City Council 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Parks/Trails 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Plan Comm 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18	19 Civil Rights Day Office Closed	20 City Council 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31