



# Our Home Town

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

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## DECISIONS 2004

As your City leaders, the City Council wants to understand your concerns and your goals for our community. Years ago the City created a process called "Decisions" to help the City Council create citizen-based goals for Cedar Hills. The City Administration turns your feedback from "Decisions" into action plans and milestones toward these goals. This process lets the City Council focus on the 'forest' of City-wide policies in support of these goals, and lets the City Administration focus on the 'trees' of daily City administration. In order to keep your feedback current, the City conducts the 'Decisions' process every 2-3 years – and it's time for 'Decisions' once again! The Decisions process involves three main activities:

- Neighborhood Meetings** - In order to ensure that everyone can be heard, the City has been divided into three areas. This allows the City Council to meet with each neighborhood and ensures that neighborhood-specific issues can be discussed. These meetings will be very informal. Residents will have the opportunity to speak with the Mayor and City Council and to submit completed Decisions 2004 Feedback Forms. (See below for your neighborhood meeting schedule.) If you cannot attend at your neighborhood's designated time, please feel free to come when you can! **All neighborhood meetings will be on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2004, at the Cedar Hills Golf Club – Sunset Room.**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD 1 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - North of Cedar Hills Drive**  
(The Cedars, Red Oaks, Cedar Hills, Forest Creek, Cedar Cove, Juniper Heights, and Lexington Heights)  
**NEIGHBORHOOD 2 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - South of Cedar Hills Drive and West of 4000 West**  
(Apple Blossom, Landmark, Cedar Run, Temple Shadows, N. Temple Estates, Temple Ridge, Lakeview, North Meadows, High Meadows, Orchard Place and Bridgestone)  
**NEIGHBORHOOD 3 - 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - South of Cedar Hills Drive and East of 4000 West**  
(Canyon Heights, Pinnacle Pointe, Renaissance, Paige Lane, Avanyu, Mountaintop Trails, Canyon Road, Bevro Heights, and 4000 West)
- City-wide Telephone Survey** – An unbiased, statistically valid telephone survey to residents will be conducted in order to identify specific areas of concern and potential solutions.
- Goal Setting and Prioritization** – After identifying concerns, issues and needs, the City Administration will establish both long and short-term goals and objectives to meet these needs. Once the goals have been created, the City Council will prioritize these goals for budgeting purposes to enable the City Administration to break them down to specific, measurable performance objectives for City Staff. The 'Decisions' process in prior years has resulted in goals related to Public Safety, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Public Infrastructure, Planning and Zoning and Administration.

Don't miss this month's newsletter insert – a Decisions 2004 Feedback Form for residents to complete prior to attending the Neighborhood Meetings. Take the time to think about the top issues that you feel need to be addressed in Cedar Hills. Don't forget to include your feedback on positive things that are happening in your community that you would like to see continued.

Completed Decisions 2004 Feedback Forms may be submitted at any of the Neighborhood Meetings or returned to the City office. All completed Feedback forms need to be received by **March 5, 2004**, to ensure that all of the

information is compiled in a timely way to continue into the next phase of Decisions 2004.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ONLY	911	Cedar Hills City Office	785-9668
Police & Animal Control	763-3020	Cedar Hills Golf Club	796-1705
C.H.A.M.P.S. 24-Hour Hotline	785-9668 x112	Craig Carlisle, Fire Chief	763-5365
Waste Management (Toter Repair)	785-3000	Mayor Brad Sears	319-2030 bsears@cedarhills.org
Lone Peak High School	763-7050	Council-Melissa Willie	763-1142 mwillie@cedarhills.org
American Fork High School	756-8547	Council-Rob Fotheringham	763-1444 rfotheringham@cedarhills.org
Mountain Ridge Junior High	763-7010	Council-Jim Perry	796-5517 jperry@cedarhills.org
Cedar Ridge Elementary School	785-8726	Council-James Parker	763-1820 jparker@cedarhills.org
Deerfield Elementary School	796-3141	Council-Darin Lowder	492-8047 dlowder@cedarhills.org

## MEETING UPDATES - DECEMBER

### **January 6, 2004 - Public Hearing & City Council Meeting**

- Oaths of Office were administered to the newly elected City Council Members - Jim Perry, Jim Parker and Darin Lowder.
- A Public Hearing was held regarding amendments to the Site Plan for the Lexington Heights Assisted Living Center and the Zoning Ordinance regarding decks. No public comment was expressed.
- Subdivision improvements were accepted and a release of the performance guarantee was granted to The Cedars, Plat E, Phase II. A portion of the performance guarantee was withheld pending completion of the required landscaping.
- Ordinance 1-6-2004A was adopted granting final site plan approval for the Lexington Heights Assisted Living Center, pending approval by the Fire Chief.
- The City Council approved a program to solicit voluntary contributions to be used to assist active military personnel with utility abatement, who were called up to war. The City staff was asked to create a policy on how this voluntary fund would be distributed and managed.
- Ordinance 1-6-2004B was adopted setting the time and place for City Council meetings for 2004.
- Melissa Willie was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the next six months. The Council will then rotate every 6 months through their order based on seniority.
- The following appointments were made: Konrad Hildebrandt as City Treasurer, Kim Holindrake as City Recorder and Gretchen Gordon as Deputy City Recorder. Individuals were sworn in to their respective positions.
- Alan Petersen and Brendon Dayton were appointed to the Planning Commission, with terms ending December 31, 2006; Paul Hammer was appointed as the Planning Commission Alternate #2.
- City Council members were asked to serve as representatives to various boards and committee; assignments were made.
- An Executive Session was held. No action was taken.

### **January 15, 2004 - Planning Commission Meeting**

- Alan Petersen was sworn in as a Planning Commission Member; Paul Hammer was sworn in as the Planning Commission Alternate #2.
- Alan Petersen was appointed as the Planning Commission Chair; Steve Kroes was appointed as the Vice-Chair.
- Eric Richardson was appointed to serve as the Planning Commission representative to the Parks and Trails Committee.
- The Planning Commission approved their 2004 Meeting Schedule. Meetings will now be held on the last Thursday of each month, with the exception of November and December to accommodate holidays.

### **January 20, 2004 - City Council Meeting**

- Four residents spoke to voice their support of the UTOPIA project. All felt that this could benefit Cedar Hills and its residents. One resident voiced his concern over some information that had been circulated on flyers during the election campaign. This individual wanted to "set the record straight" on some of the information that he felt was misleading.
- Ordinance 1-20-2004A was adopted authorizing the recording of The Cedars, Plat E, Phase III, subject to some conditions.
- Plat amendments and modifications to the Development Agreement were reviewed and approved on the Renaissance PUD.
- Ordinance 1-20-2004B was adopted amending portions of the Zoning Ordinance relative to decks.
- Resolution 1-20-2004A was adopted providing for utility fee abatement to active military personnel called up to war. This policy is similar to those adopted by the other cities in the county.
- Jeff Lindstrom was re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment; David Gobble and William McGuckin were appointed to the Parks and Trails Committee.

## DID YOU KNOW? TAKE THE CHALLENGE!

Each month in the City newsletter, this section will include information that will focus on one of the departments at the City Office. Last month, the Building Department was featured and this month it is the City Recorder's Office. The Recorder's department is responsible for many different functions, but this month the focus is on Business Licensing.

- ✓ Did you know that in 1998 Cedar Hills issued **55** business licenses for the year? In 2003, a total of **111** licenses were issued!
- ✓ In 2003, the City issued its **first** commercial business license to Cedar Hills Family Dentistry. So far in 2004, three more commercial licenses have been issued.

Just a reminder - If you have a business established that lists your home in Cedar Hills as your physical location, you must obtain a Cedar Hills Business License. Even if your business is not specifically conducted within Cedar Hills but you use your home address, you are required to have a municipal license. If you have questions about whether you need to obtain a license, please contact the City Recorder's Office. **\*\*Business License Renewals were due January 1st, so if you have forgotten, please get those to the City. We hope to continue our tradition of publishing a listing of our local services in a future newsletter and you won't want to be missed!**

## ANIMAL LICENSING RENEWALS

Just a quick reminder that Animal Licenses, for all dogs and cats, are due by March 1st. Reminder letters will be sent out to all who have previously licensed a pet. An immunization record from your veterinarian showing a current Rabies vaccine is all you need to provide. If you have any questions, please contact the City Offices at 785-9668.

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Cedar Ridge and Deerfield Elementary schools will be conducting Kindergarten Registration this month. Please bring a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, current immunizations and Social Security number to the school where your child will be attending. **Deerfield Elementary** - Registration will be Tuesday, February 24th from 9:00 am - 2:00 p.m. **Cedar Ridge Elementary** - Registration will be Monday, February 23rd and Tuesday, February 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## GARAGE BREAK-INS AND BURGLARY ON THE RISE

The police department has reported a sharp increase in garage break-ins and burglaries in Cedar Hills over the past few weeks. Many of the break-ins have occurred when homeowners have left the outside entry doors to the garage unlocked. The thieves have easy access to everything in the garage and vehicles when all outside entrances are not locked. As an additional precaution, the police advise homeowners to remove valuables, purses, and keys from vehicles and lock them--even when your vehicle is in the garage and you are home! These crimes are preventable if a few precautions are taken: 1) Do not leave your main garage door open. Our late-night patrol officers are still finding this to be very prevalent, 2) Lock all exterior doors that access your garage, 3) Lock your vehicles at all times, including when they are parked in your garage, and 4) Remove valuables such as purses and wallets from the vehicles or keep them out of sight.

## MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION KICK-OFF

The Cedar Hills Golf Club is excited to announce the start of its Men's Golf Association. An opening social is scheduled for Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hills Golf Club, Sunset Room. If you have not played in a Men's Association before, don't worry, just come out and join us. We are striving to make this the best Men's Association around and have worked hard to come up with fun tournament formats to make this enjoyable for all. Don't think that you need to be "Tiger Woods" to play because a handicap system will be used.

During this meeting, the Association will discuss meeting times and dates and introduce this year's President and Vice-President. A drawing for a free Season Range Pass will be held for all those who sign up and pay their dues that night. The dues for the 2004 Season will be \$30.00. Dues will be used for other socials, sponsoring tournaments, and other events that

benefit the Association. Come out and join us--let's get started on the fun! If you have further questions, contact Gina Higbee, Director of Golf, at 796-1705.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

**LAST CHANCE TO CATCH THE SKI BUS!** The registration deadline has been extended until February 13th! The Cedar Hills Ski Bus package includes lift tickets at Snowbird for the four Saturdays in March, a two-hour lesson each day, lunch and transportation. The cost is now \$165. If you are only interested in transportation for the four weeks, the cost is \$60. The bus will depart from the Cedar Hills Office parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and will return by about 2:30 p.m. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

**CEDAR HILLS JUNIOR MISS:** Cedar Hills is looking for volunteers to help organize and run the first year of the Junior Miss program. Please contact Jenny at 785-9668 if you can help or if you would like to make an in-kind or monetary donation to the program.

**FAMILY FESTIVAL 2004:** Your friends and neighbors put in hundreds of hours making the 2003 Family Festival a success. Now it's your turn to join in the fun. Preparations have begun for the 2004 Family Festival and volunteers are needed to make this year's festival better than ever! These are the fun events you could be a part of: golf tournament, mile and 5k runs, carnival, children's games, parade, pet show, performances, air show, outdoor movie, craft fair, breakfast, and registration. A chairperson is needed for each of these events, as well as people to donate a few hours of their time the day of the festival. Please contact Jenny at 785-9668 or [jgoolsby@cedarhills.org](mailto:jgoolsby@cedarhills.org).

**CEDAR HILLS BASEBALL:** Cedar Hills Baseball has accepted an invitation to merge with Highland Baseball and become one league. The NEW president of Highland Baseball, Keith Robinson, is very interested in building a strong league that will serve the communities of Cedar Hills and Highland for many years to come. To help ensure that Cedar Hills is represented fairly, there will always be a commissioner or vice president from Cedar Hills.

Little League Baseball has found that with a population base of less than twenty thousand (20,000), it is extremely difficult to have a successful league. Last year, in Cedar Hills, this was found to be true. Merging with Highland Baseball will provide more parental support in areas such as coaching, field preparation, and snack shack help. It will also provide greater financing for equipment, umpires and other needs.

The greatest benefit, however, will be the increased level of play and the friendships that will develop between Cedar Hills players and Highland players who will attend junior high and high school together!

A registration form should have been sent home with each elementary school student. Additional registration forms are available at the Cedar Hills City Office. The registration form has a section for parents to volunteer to coach, assistant coach, be a team parent, be on the field crew, and other volunteer positions.

Early registration ends February 15th. Please mail your registration forms before then to save 20%. For those who don't mail the registration form, the following three dates have been planned for "walk-in" registration.

- ▶ Saturday, February 28th at the **Cedar Hills** City Office from 9:00 AM to noon
- ▶ Saturday, March 6th at the **Highland** City Office from 9:00 AM to noon
- ▶ Saturday, March 13th at the **Highland** City Office from 9:00 AM to noon

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

3rd	<b>City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm</b>	23rd	Kindergarten Registration - Cedar Ridge
10th	<b>Parks and Trails Committee - 7:00 pm</b>	24th	Kindergarten Registration - Cedar Ridge & Deerfield Elementary Schools
12th	Lincoln's Birthday	24th	<b>Decisions 2004 Neighborhood Meetings 6pm, 7pm, 8pm at the Cedar Hills Golf Club, Sunset Room</b>
13th	DEADLINE - Ski Bus	26th	<b>Planning Commission - 7:00 pm</b>
14th	Valentine's Day	28th	Cedar Hills Baseball "Walk-In" Registration 9:00 am - Noon (Cedar Hills Office)
15th	Cedar Hills Baseball Early Registration Ends		
16th	President's Day - <b>City Offices Closed</b>		
17th	<b>City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.</b>		
22nd	Washington's Birthday		

### LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH:

2nd	<b>City Council Meeting - 7:00 pm</b>	5th	DEADLINE for Decisions 2004 Feedback Forms to be returned
4th	Men's Golf Association Kick-Off 7:00 pm Cedar Hills Golf Club - Sunset Room	6th	Cedar Hills Baseball "Walk-In" Registration 9:00 am - Noon (Highland)