



**CEDAR HILLS**

# Our Home Town

City Newsletter  
November 2005

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

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Have you ever wondered how your property tax money is spent? Here is the breakdown per entity of one dollar paid in property taxes: The average property value in the City is \$240,000, of which only 55% is taxable, resulting in an average taxable property value of \$132,000. The current property tax rate is 1.1632%, making an average total property tax assessment of \$1,535 per residence. This makes the total average amount paid to fund City operations \$224 (.0017x\$132,000) per household.



Alpine  
School  
District  
\$.698

City  
Operations  
\$.146

County \$.092

Central Utah \$.03

State A/C \$.015

Local A/C \$.015

NUCW \$.003

Central Utah - Water conservation  
State A/C - State Animal Control  
Local A/C - Local Animal Control  
NUCW - North Utah County Water

City operations expenses account for only \$.146 of each dollar of property tax paid. The money is deposited into the City's General Fund, and is used to fund the day-to-day operations of the City, police services, fire services, park maintenance, community services, and the expansion and upkeep of City streets.

In the current fiscal year, the City budgeted to collect \$395,000 from property taxes. The cost to provide public safety services alone (police, fire, crossing guards, paramedics, etc.) is expected to cost Cedar Hills \$424,500 this year. Without alternative sources of revenue, the City's General Fund expenditures would exceed the City's ability to provide the level of services and standard of living our residents now enjoy. The Mayor, City Council and City Staff strive to give each resident the best services possible without raising property taxes. We continually work to maximize all funds for the welfare and improvement of the City. Simply put, we want everyone to get their money's worth.

## UTILITY DROP BOX & POSTAL BOX RELOCATION

The City's utility drop box is in the process of being relocated. The box was the victim of a hit-and-run accident at the beginning of October. To date, nobody has claimed responsibility for the damage, but if you have information regarding this incident, please contact the City Office. As soon as cement is available, the utility drop box, as well as the U.S. Postal box, will be relocated to the east side of the City Building parking lot.

## YOUR CITY AT WORK

"Your City at Work For You" is a new page on the City Web site. The link is located on the home page sidebar. It provides information on projects going on within your neighborhood and throughout the City. It also allows you to learn of completed projects, what you can expect to see in the future, and it will contain pertinent information, which may impact the City. Take a moment to become acquainted with this new feature and learn more about what is happening to improve the City!

## CITY MEETING UPDATES - OCTOBER

### **October 11, 2005 - City Council Meeting**

- A resident raised a concern regarding the Pressurized Irrigation base rate. Currently, all households in the City are charged this fee regardless of whether the home is connected or has access to pressurized irrigation. The City Council will review this issue on a future agenda.
- A resident expressed concern about the intersection of Canyon Road and Ironwood Drive. Currently, there is no turning lane, and this individual stated that there have been a number of “near miss” accidents at this location. The City has contacted UDOT to look at this intersection for a left turn lane.
- A resident of The Cedars subdivision wanted to thank the Council for their help with the Homeowners Association and inform them of items that still need resolution within the subdivision.
- An ordinance was adopted approving The Cedars, Plat I with some conditions. (Vote: Aye-4, Abstain-1)
- The City Council acted as the Canvassing Board and accepted the election results for the 2005 Primary Election. (Vote: Unanimous)
- A resolution was approved amending a prior resolution regarding assessment of fees for dwellings within the Upper Pressure Zone for culinary water. (Vote: Unanimous)
- An Executive Session was held.
- The City Council took action to approve a contract for an Independent Geotechnical Consultant to assess the landslide area on the east bench. (Vote: Unanimous)
- The Council approved park land development in The Cedars for irrigation, sod, playground equipment and benches. (Vote: Aye-4, Abstain-1)

### **October 27, 2005 - Planning Commission Meeting**

- Recommendation for approval was granted to a request for a variance for Canyon Heights, Plat G, Lot 6.

## I-15 CORRIDOR PROPOSALS

On October 6, 2005, UDOT proposed five alternatives describing what the future of transportation between Utah County and Salt Lake County may look like. After evaluating public input, transportation performance measures and other criteria, UDOT and its partners identified five transportation alternatives, which will be studied in more detail in the I-15 corridor between Santaquin and Downtown Salt Lake City as part of the I-15 Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS encompasses approximately 65 miles of the I-15 corridor. Transit alternatives, including Commuter Rail Transit (CRT) and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), are being studied for the area between Provo and Downtown Salt Lake City. Roadway options are being analyzed between Santaquin in Utah County and 10600 South in Salt Lake County.

UDOT will mail over 28,000 newsletters to property owners along the I-15 corridor and the Utah Transit Authority right-of-way. Residents are encouraged to share their opinions relative to the five alternatives. Maps of the alternatives are available on the project Web site: ([udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty](http://udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty)). Local businesses, residents, commuters, government officials, and others may provide input by:

E-Mail: [i15utahcounty@utah.gov](mailto:i15utahcounty@utah.gov)

Mail: I-15 Corridor EIS c/o Parsons Brinckerhoff

Toll-Free Comment Line: 1-888-i15-UTCO

488 E Winchester Street Ste 400

Project Web Site: [www.udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty](http://www.udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty)

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## PARKING DURING SNOW REMOVAL

With the change in weather and the eminent possibility of snow, the City reminds everyone of the City's snow removal ordinance. The entire City Code is available to read on the City Web site: ([www.cedarhills.org](http://www.cedarhills.org)). Click on “City Departments,” then “Zoning,” and half way down the page, click on “City Code.”

**Parking During Snow Removal, Section 5-2-5(f):** So as to provide access to snow plows 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 upon said streets when: 1) Snow is falling, OR 2) There is a visible amount of snow on the street, AND 3) The street has not been plowed since the snow fell.

***THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP TO KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE!***

## FIRST-AID KITS FOR SALE

As part of the *Safe Community USA* nonprofit public service program, the Lone Peak Emergency Medical Services is offering the public the opportunity to purchase emergency medical kits **at cost**. In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue! ***For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS will receive \$5.00 to help purchase needed medical equipment and to provide emergency training in our community.***

The Citizen Kits are valued at \$95, and are available to purchase for \$38 (tax included). This is an excellent all-around emergency kit for home or auto. The Police Car Kit is valued at \$130, and is being sold for \$64 (tax included). This kit includes everything in the Citizen Kit, as well as larger trauma dressings, EMT shears, and a full CPR pocket face mask. (A complete list of what is included in each kit is available at the City office or on the City Web site: [www.cedarhills.org](http://www.cedarhills.org)). These make great gifts!

Citizen Kits will be available at the Cedar Hills and Alpine stations. Police Car Kits must be ordered online at: ([www.safecommunityusa.com/lonepeak](http://www.safecommunityusa.com/lonepeak)) or by calling 801-794-9622. An additional cost for shipping will apply to kits not picked up at one of the stations.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK - "USE CANDLES WITH CARE"

The 2005 Fire Prevention Week theme is: "Use Candles with Care; When You Go Out, Blow Out!" Home candles fires have risen as most other causes of home fires have declined, according to the non-profit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Here are a few tips to help use candles safely:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Carefully put out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Keep candles at least one foot away from anything that can burn, including curtains, blinds, wallpaper and clothing.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a burning candle.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that can't burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch.
- Store matches and lighters up high and out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.

Because candle fires spread so quickly, we are urged to ensure that smoke alarms are installed on every level of the home. Residents should test smoke alarms once a month, replace alarm batteries twice a year, and replace smoke alarms after 10 years. Each member of the household needs to know the first escape plan, and all should practice it twice a year.

## CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Cleaning Out Gutters** - As the weather begins to change, the City asks homeowners to make sure that leaves and debris are cleaned out of gutters. These items obstruct the storm drain system and hinder the flow of precipitation off of the streets. If everyone will do their part, it will not only allow proper flow down the gutters, but it will also beautify the streets.
- **Trail Mile Markers** - The City recently had an Eagle Scout install trail markers along City trails. The markers were installed every 1/4 mile throughout the trail system beginning at the mouth of American Fork Canyon. We appreciate the work that was done, and hope that those using the trails will find the markers useful.
- **New Park Playground Equipment** - The City has secured bids for playground equipment for The Cedars East Pocket Park, located at the corner of Tamarack Way and Doral Drive, and the Cedar Run Pocket Park, located south of Cedar Run Circle. The playgrounds will be prepared for the installation of the equipment this spring. We are excited about the development of these area pocket parks for the recreation and enjoyment of the children who live in those neighborhoods.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

**AMERICAN FORK RECREATION (\*\*NEW LOCATION - Fire/Rescue Building, 96 N Center Street, AF) OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 7:30am - 6:00pm. Call 763-3080, or e-mail [recreation@afcity.net](mailto:recreation@afcity.net) for more information.

- **3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Boys/Girls Junior Jazz Basketball** - Registration is held October through November 23. Play is January through mid-March.
- **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball** - Registration is held October through November 23. Play is January through mid-March.
- **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball** - Registration is held October through November 14. Play is January through mid-March.
- **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball** - Registration is held October through November 10. Play is December through February.
- **Men's Basketball** - Registration is held through November 10, 2005 for Men's Basketball. Play begins November 21, 2005. Cost is \$675.00 for 15 games + tournament.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR** - As part of the grand opening for the Charleston Assisted Living Center, a Community Health Fair will be held on November 29 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Dr. Gary Morley, a podiatrist, will be the luncheon speaker. The fair will focus on the national awareness campaigns of National Diabetes Month, National Hospice Month and Family Caregivers Month. Additionally, flu shots for seniors, bone density screenings, blood glucose screenings, blood pressure checks, and many more services and screenings will be offered by local health care organizations. The Charleston is located at 10020 North 4600 West, Cedar Hills.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE FAMILY LECTURE SERIES** - Gary and Joy Lundberg will be the featured speakers for the American Heritage Family Lecture Series on Friday, November 11, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Gary Lundberg is a licensed marriage and family therapist and a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He was a fighter pilot for the US Air Force for several years. Joy Lundberg is a writer and lyricist and has written nearly 200 songs with composer Janice Kapp Perry. She recently served seven years as a scriptwriter for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast, "Music and the Spoken Word." Gary and Joy are the authors of a number of nationally published books. The lecture is held at the American Heritage School, 736 North 1100 East, American Fork (directly east of the Mt. Timpanogos Temple). All are welcome - ages 14 and up. The next lecture will be Friday, January 13, 2006.

**CHRISTMAS LUMINAIRES** - Join with your neighbors in this beautiful and meaningful tradition! Entire communities have participated in this age-old tradition of lining sidewalks, walkways and driveways with luminaires on Christmas Eve. Luminaires are candles glowing inside white paper sacks weighed down with sand. A group of Cedar Hills residents is seeking to promote this tradition in our city. All proceeds will be donated to a charitable cause. This year, proceeds will be donated to the Crossroads Urban Center of Salt Lake City, a nonprofit, grassroots organization, which assists and organizes low income, disabled, and minority Utahns to meet basic survival needs and to address essential issues affecting quality of life. (To learn more about this organization call 888-747-8482 or [www.crossroads-u-c.org](http://www.crossroads-u-c.org)) "Christmas Eve Luminaires" is offering high-quality, 15-hour votive candles, and waxed, weatherproof paper sacks! Sand is included. Sets of 24 luminaires are \$15 each. Two sets are recommended for the average home, but walk across the areas you want to light up and count your steps. The number of steps is the number of luminaires you will need. Call 772-0631 or 492-7524 by December 1 to guarantee your order. Leave your name, address, phone number and number of sets you desire. Orders placed after December 1 will be filled on a first-come basis.

**The City of Cedar Hills is looking for volunteers to light luminaires on Christmas Eve along Cedar Hills Drive. If your family or church group is interested in volunteering to help, please contact Gretchen at the City office at 785-9668 x107.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS - NOVEMBER

1	City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	15	City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
8	General Election - 7am to 8pm - Please Vote!	17	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
11	Veterans Day	24	Thanksgiving Day - OFFICE CLOSED
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