

# OUR HOME TOWN

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## "Decisions 2006" Is Coming

*Decisions* is a City-wide survey that helps to shape Cedar Hills now and into the future. Approximately 25% of Cedar Hills households will be contacted to gather information about services and issues, such as Public Safety, Parks and Trails, and other items. If you are contacted, please take a moment to share your ideas and thoughts about your "Home Town."

#### What's Inside?

Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fri. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

Labor Day Office Closed	Sept 4
City Council Meeting	Sept 5
Patriot Day	Sept 11
Youth City Council Meeting	Sept 13
City Council Meeting	Sept 19
Planning Commission	Sept 28
Doral Drive Park Sod Party - 8:00 a.m.	Sept 30
City Council Meeting	Oct 3

## Your City at Work For You

The City office regularly receives contact from residents who have ideas, suggestions or concerns. The staff works diligently to implement as many of these changes as possible. Here are some of the ways that Cedar Hills is working for you:

- ⇒ Turn Lane on Canyon Road The City has made countless phone calls to UDOT to encourage a review of the safety concerns on Canyon Road. New striping has been installed to provide a turn lane from Cedar Hills Drive north past Ironwood Drive. We appreciate UDOT listening to our request and taking appropriate action to improve safety along this busy road.
- ⇒ Street Overlay & Patching Although the cost and availability of asphalt product has hampered some street projects, a number of much needed overlays and patches were recently completed. Asphalt overlays were installed on Meadow Drive, 4100 West, 9820 North, 9950 North, 4160 West, 9860 North, 9800 North, and Manila Creek Drive. Approximately 20 road patches were also completed.
- ⇒ **Road Striping** A number of roads were striped and crosswalks were repainted throughout the City.
- ⇒ **Speed Tables** -Two speed tables were installed, one on Harvey Blvd. at the trail crossing and the other on Canyon Heights Drive.
- ⇒ <u>Sidewalk Installation</u> Approximately 20 locations throughout the City have had new sidewalks installed. One of the key locations is at the roundabout at Cottonwood Drive/Nielsen Blvd. With the elimination of some school district bus routes, the City is working to install more sidewalks where children are walking to and from school.

To see more ways that Cedar Hills is working for you, click on the link "Your City at Work for You" at www.cedarhills.org.

Please be aware that the Landscape Watering Schedule and Restrictions will be enforced until the end of October.

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## **City Meeting Updates**

#### City Council Meeting - August 1, 2006

- Golf course alternatives were reviewed and discussed. No action taken.
- An Executive Session was held. No action taken.

#### Public Hearing and City Council Meeting - August 15, 2006

- A Public Hearing was held regarding the following items: Certified Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2007; Ordinance Revoking and Rescinding the Total Maximum Property Tax Rate; Canyon Heights at Cedar Hills, Plat J; Landscaping Ordinance; Amendments to Title 10 (Fences) and Amendments to Title 11 (Subdivisions).
- Ordinance No. 8-15-2006A was adopted revoking and rescinding the Total Maximum Property Tax Rate. Vote
   Unanimous
- Resolution No. 8-15-2006A was approved setting the total property tax levy for the 2006-2007 tax year at .00169. Vote - Unanimous
- Ordinance No. 8-15-2006B was adopted amending Title 10 of the City Code regarding fences adjacent to public parks, trails and major streets. Vote - Unanimous
- Ordinance No. 8-15-2006C was adopted amending Title 10 of the City Code adding requirements for the installation of landscape features on lots. Vote Unanimous
- Ordinance No. 8-15-2006D was approved amending Title 11 of the City Code adding requirements for fences adjacent to public parks, trails and major street corridors. Vote - Unanimous
- An Executive Session was held. No action taken.

#### Planning Commission Meeting—August 24, 2006

Review of the City's General Plan was started.

#### New Faces in the Office

**Rachel Brown**—Rachel has recently joined the City staff as the Finance Assistant, primarily working with utility billing. She has been hired to fill the position previously held by Amber Andersen. (We wish Amber well as she moves out of state with her husband and new baby boy.)

Rachel recently graduated from Brigham Young University in Business Management with an emphasis in Finance.

**Ciara Decker**—Ciara has been hired as the full-time Community Services Director for the City. She is a familiar face to many as the coordinator for this year's Family Festival.

Ciara graduated from BYU with a BS in Exercise Science with an emphasis in fitness and wellness management. She is excited to begin coordinating recreational options for the residents of Cedar Hills and creating new ways to bring the community together. (See page 4 of the newsletter for the latest Community Services.)

## **Curbside Recycling**

Did you know that much of what you are throwing away can be recycled? Here are some of things that can be recycled:

- Newspapers
- Magazines/Junk Mail
- #1 and #2 Plastics
   (pop bottles, milk
   jugs, detergent bottles, etc.)
- Tin cans
- Aluminum cans
- Corrugated cardboard
- Tissue/Cereal/Food boxes
- Metal hangers
- Empty paper/toilet paper rolls

No sorting or taking off labels—just rinse and toss! Signing up is as easy as calling the office!

The service is just \$5.00 per month, which is less than the cost of having a second garbage can. Call today!

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#### THIS MONTH'S CONSERVATION TIP

The Right Turf for the Right Place - Kentucky bluegrass is the most popular type of grass used in Utah. It is a cool season turf, which means it is most active during the cooler spring and fall seasons. If left unwatered, Kentucky bluegrass will want to go dormant during the hot summer months. To keep Kentucky bluegrass green all summer along the Wasatch Front, it requires a total of approximately 29 inches of water, six inches of which come from rainfall.

While Kentucky bluegrass's dark green color and traffic tolerance make it a great turf for some areas of the yard, it may not be the best choice for the entire yard. Areas that are rarely used, such as side yards and park strips, could be planted with attractive water-wise plants, including ground covers. In addition, there are other turf varieties available that provide the same dark green color and do not require as much water.

In Utah, other varieties of turf may be used such as Dwarf Tall Fescue, Buffalo Grass, or Blue Grama Grass. These turf varieties can tolerate the warmer temperatures and use less water than Kentucky bluegrass, while maintaining the aesthetic and functional value that is desired in a lawn. It is important to find out what may do best in our climate and what your intended uses are before planting any variety of turf or other plant material. There are many varieties of bluegrass and others to choose from, and many growers have worked hard to grow hybrid grasses that are more tolerant of warm, dry climates (Utah Division of Water Resource, 2006). For more ways you can conserve, visit <a href="https://www.conservewater.utah.gov">www.conservewater.utah.gov</a>

#### **Sod Party!**

Put on your work gloves and go to the new pocket park on Doral Drive to join the Parks and Trails Committee for a sod party! (The park is located at the intersection of Doral Drive and Tamarack Way in The Cedars East subdivision.) New sod will be installed in this park on **Saturday**, **September 30**, at **8:00am**. If you have

some free time, we invite you to pitch in to help beautify Cedar Hills.



### **Cleaning Service Bids**

The City is interested in receiving bids for cleaning services at the Public Safety Building/City Office. To receive a complete bid package, please contact Mike Carson at 785-9668 x100. Sealed bids must be submitted to the City office, 3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, no later than Friday, September 15, by 4:00pm.

## **Substitute Crossing Guards**



The City of Cedar Hills is currently in need of Crossing Guard substitutes for the elementary schools. This is a part-time, non-benefited position responsible for regulating traffic at pedestrian crossings. The position pays \$7.25 per hour. For a detailed description and application, stop by the City office or visit www.cedarhills.org.

Please drive carefully and SLOW DOWN!

In 2007, the City of Cedar Hills will be 30 years old!

Watch for upcoming celebration events in *Our Home Town*.

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# **Community Services**

<u>Youth City Council</u> - The Youth City Council is back in session! All 9th thru12th grade students are invited to join. Pick up an application at the City office or sign up at our first meeting, which will be held Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the City office. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, plan and participate in the best events and parties all year, as well as gain experience in leadership and civic duties. Come prepared for an adventure!

**Extreme Scarecrow Makeover** - The City of Cedar Hills presents its newly added tradition...a scarecrow making contest! Please register at the City office by 3:45 p.m. on Friday, October 20, if you would like to participate. The three categories include most original, scariest, and most represents Cedar Hills. Pick up an application and details today!

<u>Flag Football</u> - Flag Football is underway. Late registration is available at \$5 extra per person. Games will begin the week of September 25. Come sign up or call for more details. We are looking for referees and a flag football coordinator for the fall season. Take this opportunity to make some extra money and enjoy the games at the same time! Please inquire at the City office.

<u>Jr. Jazz Basketball</u> - Cedar Hills will run its own Jr. Jazz program again this year. Registration will begin in October, practices will start after Thanksgiving, and games will begin in January. Check the City's Web site for more details.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Fun Run/Walk

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in American Fork Hospital's annual 5K Fun Run and Walk "Mike's Mad Dash" scheduled for September 23 at 9:00 a.m.

The event will kick off the hospital's recognition of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, celebrating breast cancer survivorship, honoring those who have lost their battle with the disease, and raising awareness about prevention and treatment.

Advanced registration is \$10 and provides participants with a t-shirt, refreshments, and entry into the prize drawing. Same-day registration is \$15 and will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the hospital lobby, located at 170 North 1100 East, AF. All runners who finish before the hospital's administrator will receive a free pair of movie tickets. For info, call 855-3279.

## "Celebration of Light"

The Utah County Health Department is hosting "Celebration of Light," a free women's event celebrating life, laughter and friendship. The event will be held September 13 and 14 from 9:00 a.m. - noon at the Utah County Health and Justice Building (151 S University Avenue, Suite 1610, Provo). Free and low-cost health screenings will be provided for women between the ages of 40-64, as well as healthy lifestyle and wellness information.

Some of the services to be provided are: breast exams, pap smears, mammography vouchers, bone density screenings, cholesterol tests, vision screenings, skin cancer screenings, blood pressure checks, colon cancer blood tests, body mass index tests, hair styling, hand massages, and more. Some of these services require an appointment and/or a minimal fee. For information or to make an appointment, please call 851-7031.

#### Hog Heaven BBQ Cook-Off

The Pleasant Grove Kiwanis Club will host their annual Hog Heaven BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday, September 9. There will be some free tasting from 2:00-3:30pm and dinner from 5:00-7:00pm. Dinner tickets are available in advance for \$6 (adult) or \$30 (family) at various locations in Pleasant Grove. For detailed information, call Brad Wittusen 372-4223 or Mike Chamberlain 830-5585. All proceeds are used for club-sponsored community projects.