



CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

City Newsletter • October 2008

NEW Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 7:30-5:30
Fri: 7:30-5
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Upcoming Events:

City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Oct 7
City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Oct 21
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Oct 30
ELECTION DAY Polls open 7am-8pm	Nov 4
City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. CHANGED	Nov 18

City Phone Numbers:

Call 785-9668 then the ext.
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 101
Planning, 109
Business Licensing, 108
Building/Zoning, 108
Utility Billing, 111
Community Services, 114
Public Works, 202

Other Phone Numbers:
PW (after hours) 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
Animal Shelter, 785-3442
AF Police, 763-3020

Slow down—the lives of our children are in your path

Before and after school are busy times for children as pedestrians. As drivers, we aren't always aware of pedestrians, because our vision is blocked, we are distracted, or we just don't anticipate or look for them.

The crosswalks at our schools are clearly marked with school zone warning signs, including flashing reduce-speed signs. The school crossing guards have reported to the City that some drivers are either not paying attention or intentionally jetting through school zones at high speeds while the crossing guards, or even children, are still in the crosswalks. Listed below are some guidelines, which will help keep our crossing guards and children safe from accidents or even death.

- **Driving in the School Zone:** Slow down! You are encouraged to drive even slower than 20 MPH and should when conditions warrant it, such as times of poor visibility due to heavy rain, blowing snow, icy roads, fog, or darkness; or when there is heavy traffic or lots of activity on the roadside, such as groups of kids or parked cars letting off passengers. Avoid making U-turns within the school zone markings, and don't turn around in the neighboring resident's driveway. It's hard enough to see children—and even harder when you're making U-turns or backing up.
- **At the Crosswalk:** The school crossing guards are there to direct the students, not the traffic. It is a driver's responsibility to stop to allow pedestrians to cross in a crosswalk. Please stop well before the crosswalk and stay stopped until the crosswalk is no longer occupied, not just until your lane is clear. Crossing guards are instructed to stay in the crosswalk until the last child has crossed safely to the other side. Please be courteous and wait for the crossing guard to leave the crosswalk before moving forward.
- **Stopping within a School Zone:** Never stop or park your car in the crosswalk or within 20 feet of the crosswalk. The students rely on the crosswalk, and the crossing guard needs the visibility that the 20-foot buffer provides to help the children cross safely. When a car stops in front of you, slow down and be prepared to stop. A child may be crossing the street.
- **Stuck behind a School Bus?:** It always seems to happen when we're in a hurry, but remember, you must come to a full stop when the bus is loading or unloading children, whether you are behind the bus or approaching it from the opposite direction. The bus driver activates a warning signal, usually flashing lights and a "stop" sign, to let you know when you must stop. The warning stays active until all the children are either safely loaded onto the bus or have safely crossed the street. It is important that you stay stopped until the school bus starts moving again.
- **Teen Drivers:** Lone Peak High School and Cedar Ridge Elementary both dismiss from classes at the same time in the afternoon. Some distracted teen drivers are speeding through the school zones while the reduced-speed lights are flashing. Talk to teenage drivers about the importance of slowing down in the school zones and watching carefully for children and other pedestrians. Explain to them that little children are not always looking out for cars and that speeding through the school zones and crosswalks is dangerous, discourteous—and illegal.
- **Using the Designated Crosswalk:** Always have your child use the designated crosswalk with the crossing guard, and remind your child to follow the crossing guard's instructions. If you park on the side of the road, always have your child exit the car on

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City Meeting Updates

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting – September 2, 2008

- Cathy Larsen was sworn in as the Deputy City Recorder.
- The purchase and installation of flashing lights for the school zone at Deerfield Elementary was approved.
- A presentation and information was given on a statue for the City. Following discussion, the Council continued the item to the first meeting in October.
- Golf Course reconfiguration moves forward. A discussion was held regarding a clubhouse.
- A Tree City USA program was presented and approved.
- Ordinance No. 9-2-2008A was approved that amended Title 3, Business and License Regulations.

Public Hearing and City Council Meeting – September 16, 2008

- The golf course reconfiguration will be complete by the end of fall. A proposal was made from Bench Craft to install benches with advertising. The Council discussed the clubhouse and getting bids out.
- Resolution No. 9-16-2008A was approved regarding amendments to the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget for park development and school crossing lights.
- Ordinance 9-16-2008A was approved adjusting the boundary between Pleasant Grove City and the City of Cedar Hills.
- The preliminary site plan for Chase Bank was not approved due to inconsistency with the Commercial Design Guidelines.
- A recreation center was discussed, and a time line will be prepared to look at a special election next June.
- Information was presented regarding the pressurized irrigation system. The Council discussed upgrading and upsizing the system, as well as the possibility of metering.

Planning Commission Meeting – September 25, 2008 - Meeting was cancelled.

Extended Office Hours

The City office on Cedar Hills Drive has extended its business hours in the mornings and afternoons (see the new times on the front page of this newsletter). In addition, some employee work schedules will include a four-day work week, but all departments will be open during the new hours. The Public Works building on Canyon Road will keep its regular office hours: 8 to 5, Monday thru Friday. We hope this "experimental" schedule through Dec. 31 will be an added convenience for the public and our residents who do business with the City.

New Face at the Office

Cathy Larsen was sworn in on Sept. 2 as the City's new Deputy Recorder. She and her husband, Mike, and four children moved to Cedar Hills eight years ago from Salt Lake City. Cathy loves living close to the mountains and American Fork Canyon, where she often goes camping and hiking with her family. She is very excited to be working for the City.

“GREEN SPACE”

Winterizing the Pressurized Irrigation System

The City's pressurized irrigation system will be winterized on **October 15**. After that date, the system will be turned off until spring. Each residential irrigation system must be completely drained to prevent possible damage to the components caused by frozen water inside the pipes and valves. Please leave your individual pressurized irrigation valve in the "open" position for a time to allow for proper drainage of the system. The valve will then need to be closed before the system is energized next spring.

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the side away from traffic. Don't park so that your child dashes across the street to get to the school. By talking about these issues to children, you help them to understand that they have the right to walk safely and also have a responsibility to look out for drivers who may not be looking for them.

Young children see and hear differently than adults. Children have only two-thirds of the peripheral vision that adults have, and they have difficulty determining the source of a sound. They are still learning to judge distances and speeds. When a car is coming towards them, they cannot judge accurately how fast it is traveling or how long it will take to cover the distance. Children focus on one thing at a time. If they are playing with friends or riding bikes, it is unlikely that they are aware of your car. Children are spontaneous and have trouble stopping an action once started. Children also tend to overestimate their abilities, thinking that they can run across a street before a flashing light changes or a car approaches. Please—watch for children as pedestrians.

You can make a positive impact by discussing this information with your children.

2008 Election Information

This year's election will be administered in Cedar Hills by the Utah County Elections Office. All forms for registration and absentee voting must be sent to their Provo office.

Are you registered to vote? Since the last election, if you have changed your name or moved, even from one address to another within the City, you must re-register to vote. You may check your registration, obtain your polling location, or view a sample ballot on the Lt. Governor's Web site: <http://elections.utah.gov/>. Mail-in registrations must be post-marked on or before October 6. In-office registrations must be submitted in person to the Utah County Clerk's Office in Provo between Oct. 7 and Oct. 20. Call 851-8128 for office hours, location, or to confirm your voter registration.

Not sure where to vote? Cedar Hills Precincts #1 (CH01) and #2 (CH02) vote at Cedar Ridge Elementary School, 4501 W Cedar Hills Drive. Cedar Hills Precincts #3 (CH03) and #4 (CH04) vote at Deerfield Elementary School, 4353 W Harvey Blvd. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4. The precinct map may be viewed on the City's Web site or you may call the City office.

Need to vote early? If you will be unavailable to vote on election day for any reason, you may vote early or by absentee ballot. Early voting runs October 21 until October 31, weekends excluded. Locations for early voting are listed in the sidebar. Apply for absentee voting at the Utah County Elections Office. Overseas applications are due October 15, and domestic applications are due October 31.

For more information, go to the Cedar Hills Web site. In the Government drop-down menu, click on "Election Information." Links to forms and the Utah County Elections Office are available there. More questions? Call the County Elections Office at 851-8128 or the City office.

New On-Street Parking Regulations

The City's current on-street parking regulations remain in effect. However, the ordinance was recently modified to reduce the continuous period of time that vehicles may be parked on a public street—from 72 hours to 48 hours. The new ordinance states: **"It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the same location on a street or municipal property for a continuous period of time exceeding forty-eight (48) hours"** (ordinance 8-6-2008A).

In addition, a provision was added to the ordinance to limit the hours of legally parking on the street between November 1 and March 31. The current ordinance with the added provision states: "It is unlawful for any person to park or allow to remain parked any vehicles upon the streets when: 1) snow is falling, OR 2) there is a visible amount of snow on the street, OR 3) the street has not been plowed since the snow fell. **ADDITIONAL PROVISION:** 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 from **1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. or during snow/ice removal.**

So regardless of the weather conditions, no vehicles are allowed to be parked on the street between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., beginning November 1. This makes it easier for snow plows to get in and out of the streets, creating safer conditions for other residents and keeping cars from being trapped along the side of the road. The police department will be notified when illegally parked cars are encountered. If unsafe conditions exist due to a violation of the parking regulations, plow operators may discontinue snow removal operations in that area. To ensure safe, efficient snow removal, please make sure that no vehicles are parked on the street during the specified times and/or conditions.

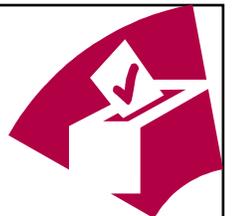
Community Arts and Recreation (CARE) Tax on Nov. 4 ballot

The City Council has approved a provision to place a CARE tax initiative on the November 4 ballot. This initiative would add one-hundredth of a cent (one penny for every \$10 dollars spent) to all retail purchases made in Cedar Hills. The tax revenue from this initiative, if approved, will be used by the City for community arts and recreation purposes.

All taxable retail purchases—from a loaf of bread to a new automobile—generate tax revenues for the city of origin. These cities in turn use the money to build parks, fund police and fire departments, and repair streets, etc.

To view a copy of the official Election Notice with sample ballot, go to the Election page on the City Web site, or call the City office.

Poll Workers Needed: The County elections office needs people to serve on Election Day, Nov. 4, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pay ranges from \$100 for poll workers to \$180 for poll managers. Call the Utah County clerk's office at 851-8130 for further details.



May I vote early?

Early voting is available October 21-31, weekends excluded, at the following locations and times:

Saratoga Springs
Utah Community Credit Union
1364 North Commerce Drive
Hours: 1-5 p.m.

American Fork
American Fork Library
64 S 100 E
Hours: 3-7 p.m. (3-5 p.m. on Oct. 31)

Provo
Utah County Administration Building
100 E Center Street, Room LL900
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Orem
Utah Valley University
Sorensen Student Center (SC105)
800 W University Parkway
Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Spanish Fork
National Guard Armory
2801 N Main
Hours: 3-7 p.m. (3-5 p.m. on Oct. 31)

Community Services

Cedar Hills Photo Contest—and the winners are....

Congratulations to Rachel Oliveira (over 18) and Olivia Gunther, age 5 (under 18), who were selected as winners in the 2008 Cedar Hills photo contest. Their photos captured the best things about living in Cedar Hills. With her submission, Rachel said, "What I have really enjoyed since moving to Cedar Hills is being able to look out my window and see the beautiful mountain landscape and the spontaneous weather from one hour to the next." Her photo of a rainbow in a lightening storm aptly depicts that phenomenon. Olivia's playful photo shows fun times at the Heiselt Hollow baseball park behind the City office building. The winners each received a gift card at Wal-Mart. The photos can be viewed on the City Web site from the Happenings page. We appreciate all who entered photos and encourage everyone to start snapping for next year's contest.



StoryHaunt



The Alpine Community Arts Council presents *StoryHaunt*, featuring professional storytellers, on Wed., October 17, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Watkins Barn, 1005 Grove Drive, Alpine. Wear warm clothing, and please bring blankets and chairs.

Admission: \$1 per person. For more information, contact Chris Culver at 801-367-0962.

Eagle Scout Project

Hi! My name is Spencer Bagley. For my Eagle project I am going to put 72-hour kits in Mountain Ridge Junior High. I would like to ask for your help. I need 3000 granola bars. If you would like to donate, please take them to the school and leave them in the drop box in the office. I will also accept cash donations. Make your check out to Mountain Ridge Junior High PTSA, label it "72-Hour Kits," and mail it to the school at 5525 W 10400 N, Highland UT 84003. Call me at 801-756-0866, if you have questions. Thank you.



Emergency Medical Kits Available

The Lone Peak Public Safety District, along with Safe Community USA, is offering the public the opportunity to purchase emergency medical kits at cost. For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS receives \$5.00 to help purchase medical equipment and to provide emergency training. The Citizen Kits are valued at \$95, but are available to purchase for \$40 (tax included). This is an excellent all-around emergency kit for home or auto. A complete list of what is included in the kit is available at the City office or on the City Web site (Get Involved>Emergency Preparedness). These kits make great gifts! The \$40 kit is available for purchase at the Cedar Hills City office.

Flu Vaccinations Offered

Flu season is approaching, and it is time to start thinking about protecting yourself and your family through vaccination. Flu shots are available at the Utah County Health Department, 151 S University Ave, Provo. The UCHD will also be at the Pleasant Grove Senior Citizen Center on October 7 from 2 to 3 p.m. The vaccinations cost \$23, if paid at the time of service, or UCHD accepts Altius, DMBA, Medicare, Medicaid, PHEP, Select Health, and United Health Care plans. UCHD's "Flu Locator" can be used to find a provider near you. Simply visit www.immunize-utah.org on the Web for providers, locations, hours, etc. For more information, visit the UCHD Web site at: www.UtahCountyHealth.com, or call 851-2222.



Poinsettia Festival planned for November 21–22

Highland Gardens will hold its first annual Poinsettia Festival, which will be similar to a festival of trees. Families and individuals of all ages are invited to join in the many events amidst natural holiday décor. Enjoy live entertainment, cookie decorating, a visit with Santa, a silent auction, and a unique poinsettia display. Sponsored by Utah Valley Magazine, with proceeds benefitting the Huntsman Cancer Foundation, this free event will run Friday and Saturday, November 21–22. Families, organizations, and individuals may also participate in several ways: They may 1) volunteer their time to help at the festival; 2) decorate and donate holiday trees, wreaths, and decorative baskets; 3) donate items for the silent auction; 4) donate an anonymous monetary amount by choosing an ornament from the Angel Tree (at the event); or 5) by becoming a sponsor, which

places you in all media and advertising for the event. For more information or to become a donor or sponsor, please contact Michael Taylor at 801-404-2360 or e-mail: info@hgardens.com.

Highland Gardens is located at 9736 N 4800 W in Highland (a half mile north of the Mt. Timpanogos Temple).