

CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

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Election Information

The City will hold a Primary Election on September 15, 2009, for the position of Mayor (4-year term) and two City Council positions (4-year terms). Two candidates will be elected to run for mayor and four will be elected to run for City Council on the November ballot. The following residents have filed and met the requirements for candidacy.

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Upcoming Events:

- City Council Meeting **Aug 4 & 18**
7:00 p.m.
- Parks & Trails Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. **Aug 12**
- Clubhouse Initiative Open House at Sunset Room - 3-9 p.m. **Aug 26**
- Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m. **Aug 27**
- City Council Meeting **Sept 1**
7:00 p.m.

MAYOR (4-YEAR TERM)

Brad Creer
Jerry W. Dearing
Orson Herrmann
Michael C. McGee
Eric Richardson

COUNCIL (4-YEAR TERM)

Mike Cook
Curt Crosby
Scott Jackman
Darin Lowder
Stephanie Martinez
Clint Seaman
Paul R. Sorensen
Michael Stuy

Are you Registered to Vote?

Please be sure you are registered to vote! If your address has changed, even within the City, since the last election, it is necessary to re-register. No satellite registration will be held by the County, so new residents must submit a mail-in voter registration form (available at the City office or on the City's Web site) postmarked at least 30 days before the election, or go in person to the Utah County Elections Office in Provo to register 15 days before the election. Please be aware of the following deadlines regarding new-voter registrations:

August 16, 2009 Last day a new resident of Utah can begin the required 30-day residency prior to the Primary Election.

August 31, 2009 Last day the Utah County Elections Clerk can register voters in his office prior to the Primary Election.

Absentee and Early Voting at Cedar Hills City Office

If you will be out of town or would like to vote early (for any reason), absentee and early voting will be conducted entirely at the Cedar Hills City Offices. Absentee voters may vote any time prior to the election during office hours through Friday, September 11, 2009, or may vote early according to the following schedule.

Tuesday	Sept. 1	3-7 PM	Tuesday	Sept. 8	8 AM-12PM
Wednesday	Sept. 2	1-5 PM	Wednesday	Sept. 9	3-7 PM
Thursday	Sept. 3	1-5 PM	Thursday	Sept. 10	8 AM-12 PM
Friday	Sept. 4	8 AM-12 PM	Friday	Sept. 11	1-5 PM

New State Law!

Prior to voting, voters will be required to present "Valid Voter Identification," which is defined as either one form of identification that bears the name and photograph of the voter OR two forms of identification that bear the name of the voter and provide evidence that the voter resides in the voting precinct.

Additional election information is available on the City's Web site. From the home page, go to "Get Involved." Questions regarding the upcoming elections or voting may be directed to the City Recorder at 801-785-9668, ext. 101.

City Phone Numbers:

Call 801-785-9668 then the ext. #.
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 101
Planning, 109
Business Licensing, 108
Building/Zoning, 108
Utility Billing, 112
Community Services, 114
Public Works, 202
Other Phone Numbers:
PW (after hours) 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
AF Police, 763-3020



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City Meeting Updates

Council Work Session – July 14, 2009

- The Council reviewed the recently approved Ordinance No. 5-19-2009A regarding the development in required setback areas.
- The Community Services Director reported on the 2009 Family Festival. The Council discussed keeping the Festival in the month of June as well as rescheduling the Battle of the Bands.

Council Meeting – July 14, 2009

- Phillips Edison proposed an entrance sign for the commercial zone on the northeast corner of Cedar Hills Drive and 4800 West. The Council gave direction. The sign will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- The Cedars at Cedar Hills, Plat I, received a release of durabil-

ity, subject to any inspection fees.

- The Cedars at Cedar Hills, Plat C, received a release of durability, subject to any inspection fees.
- The Council established a policy declaring that the City is not a member of any HOA and therefore does not vote in HOA matters, although the Council may attend HOA meetings by invitation.
- An Executive Session was held regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Planning Commission – July 30, 2009

- The Special Events Ordinance was recommended to the City Council for approval.

IMPORTANT! Changes for making City payments

The payment stub on the City's utility statement will no longer have the Salt Lake PO Box number on it. As of August 1, the City will discontinue use of the lock box in Salt Lake. All payments, including online payments made through a bank, should be directed to: City of Cedar Hills, 3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills UT 84062. This change means that all mailed payments will now be received at the City office for processing, which will add a significant amount of mail at the front desk. The City urges residents to enroll in one of the following payment options, which will help relieve the amount of mail received at the City office.



Direct Pay Plan (EFT)

With this option, residents automatically pay their monthly utility charge from a checking or savings account via Electronic Funds Transfer or EFT. There are no checks, no stamps, and nothing to "drop off"—it's automatic, free, and easy. A monthly statement will be sent in the mail to each resident who uses Direct Pay. To enroll, bring a voided check to the City office and complete an authorization form. The form can also be downloaded from the City's Web site for printing and mailed or delivered to the City office with the voided check.

Xpress Bill Pay (online option)

This option saves time and offers flexibility in making your payments. If you have an Internet connection and an e-mail address, you can pay your bill online from the City's Web site. It's fast, easy, and you will no longer have to write a check each month or find a stamp when it's time to send in your payment. When you sign up for online bill payment you'll receive a unique password to access your personal account. Every month you'll receive a reminder e-mail to let you know when your bill is available online. You'll then be ready to log in from www.cedarhills.org and view your bill, which will look like the familiar paper statement. Select a payment type—credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer—enter the information, and you're done! (If you choose to use the auto-pay option, please select a payment date between the tenth and the first of the following month.)

For more information regarding these payment options, please refer to the City's Web site home page, or open the "Departments" drop down menu, and choose "Utilities." The City strongly urges more residents to enroll in one of these payment options, which will greatly relieve the amount of mail received at the City office. The drop box in the City office parking lot will still be available for those who wish to drop off their payments.

Message Board

Door-to-door salesmen must have a City license

All door-to-door salespeople are required to have a City business license. If someone comes to your door soliciting any type of product or service, please ask them to show you their official Cedar Hills identification photo card. If the salesperson does not have one, tell them to check with the City for the license and send them on their way. If you have questions, please use the Contact Us form on the City's Web site or call the City office.

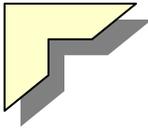
Keep the City clear of illegal signs

It's illegal to place signs in the public right-of-way and on regulatory traffic signs and power poles, etc. Signs may be placed on private

property with permission and a \$1 sign sticker available from the City. **Political signs do not require a sticker, but must comply with size, type, and placement regulations.** Please help keep our City clean and beautiful. View the sign ordinance on the City's Web site: Government>Codes & Ordinances.

Camera Found

A camera was found and turned in to the City office the week after the Family Festival. It has pictures of a dad with his son and daughter on the pony rides at the Family Festival. There are also photos of a house and a rainbow. Please contact the City office to identify the camera.



COUNCIL CORNER



Golf Course and Clubhouse Initiative — The Fiscal Facts

Ken Kirk, City Council

In last month's newsletter I submitted my personal views regarding the City's proposed golf course clubhouse, along with my opinions about making the golf course situation palatable. In this issue I submit the fiscal facts, based on audited City financial statements.

The amount of the original bond, which was issued to build the golf course, was \$6,250,000. This amount includes over \$1 million that was spent to build the City's Pressurized Irrigation reservoirs (golf ponds), which feed the PI system. Currently, property taxes pay the debt service on this bond. The current outstanding balance is \$5,930,000.

Operating Costs of the Golf Course by Fiscal Year (includes bond interest payments and depreciation expenses):

	Revenues	Expenditures	Net
FY2004	\$ 602,206	\$1,126,047	-\$523,841
FY2005	\$ 786,761	\$1,319,493	-\$532,732
FY2006	\$ 646,114	\$1,232,934	-\$586,820
FY2007	\$1,037,967	\$1,162,444	-\$124,477
FY2008	\$1,187,219	\$1,252,222	-\$ 65,003

FY2009 - Ended 30 June 2009 and has not yet been audited.

The revenues indicated above are inclusive of the entire golf operation, including rental fees collected for Sunset Room receptions. The expenditures include normal operating costs, plus lease payments for the Sunset Room, the pro shop trailer, the cart barn, and bond interest payments and depreciation expenses. Please note that the current Director of Golf was hired in the FY 2007 period. Through aggressive management, he has made substantial increases in revenues to reduce the net loss, while continuing with the substandard facilities in the operation of the course.

The reconfiguration of the golf course in 2008 was accomplished at a cost of \$675,172.25, which produced 22 individual lots for development, presently for sale as "St. Andrews Estates." It is important to understand that the properties are "entitled" and were presented for sale just prior to the current economic downturn. This does not mean

that the City is going to sell the lots for less than what was originally determined to assist in the payment of the golf course bond debt. The lots are still available for sale and will be sold as designed. Also, the cost of the reconfiguration is not included in any of the information provided above and is not included in the overall golf course debt, because the reconfiguration was completed, not as a required golf course operation, but, as a method to pay off the debt.

Should we, as a city, vote to pursue the option of staying competitive by building a golf course clubhouse? Let me provide some facts about competition with reception centers in the surrounding area. Currently, the Cedar Hills Sunset Room may be reserved at a cost of \$675 on weekends and \$375 for weeknights. The reservations for the Sunset Room have dropped approximately 19% in the last fiscal year. We feel this is partly due to Highland Gardens opening a reception center and Fox Hollow (formerly Tri-City Golf Course) completing their new clubhouse with a reception center. Here are the current rates for reception center rentals in our area:

Reception Center	Weekend	Weeknight
Highland Gardens	\$1,950	\$1,700
Alpine Arts Center	\$2,100	\$1,800
Fox Hollow Golf Club*	\$1,500	\$1,500
Sleepy Ridge Golf Links		
A. Sunset Room	\$2,150	\$1,950
B. Garden Room	\$1,850	\$1,650

These rates, obtained from the respective Web sites, do not include catering, flowers, cakes, photographer, or other services. *At Fox Hollow, in addition to the rates shown, parties are required to use their catering service at a negotiated cost.

I'm sure many of you now have further questions you would like answered. I have reserved our Sunset Room at the golf course for you to ask those questions and to see how we compete with the above-mentioned facilities. **Please join me and the Director of Golf on Wed., August 26, between the hours of 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. to informally talk and ask questions.** I may not have all the answers you need that day, but I will do my best to get them for you and publish many of your questions along with options about paying for a new clubhouse in future newsletters.

Watch for school children!

School will begin this month on Thursday, August 20. Please remember to slow down in congested areas and take extra care while driving through the City. Parents, please remind your teenage drivers about the importance of being alert and watching for children and traffic. There will be more pedestrians in the school zones as well as vehicles on the streets, especially in the mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 and in the afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00. Speeding in school zones will be strictly enforced, so please slow down—and watch for the crossing guards!



Battle of the Bands

The Cedar Hills Battle of the Bands has been rescheduled for Friday, **August 28**, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your chairs and blankets to the Heritage Park Amphitheater at 4450 W Cedar Hills Drive for this free event. The registration deadline for the bands is August 11, so hurry and contact Ashley Vogelsberg at the City office with your intent to play. The registration form is available at the City office or on the City's Web site.



New and Familiar Faces

Brian Cloud has recently joined the City staff as Golf Course Superintendent, overseeing the maintenance of the greens on the golf course. He was born and raised in Springfield, Ohio, where he graduated from Ohio State with a bachelor degree in Turf Grass Science. Prior to Cedar Hills, Brian worked at Sleepy Ridge Golf Links in Orem, where he "grew in" that course. He and his wife, Jami, and their four children live in Eagle Mountain. Brian's hobbies include hunting, fishing, rough housing with his two boys, and, of course, golf!

Becky Brough Tehero returns to the Finance Department as Finance Director, having worked as the City's Finance Assistant from April 2007 to January 2009. Becky graduates this month from BYU with a Master of Accounting degree. Previous to returning to Cedar Hills, she worked for a local accounting firm. Becky is married and lives in Orem with her husband, Jonathan. Becky loves to roller skate and enjoys oil painting. She also plays the violin and bass guitar. Becky grew up in Highland and graduated from Lone Peak High School.

Greg Robinson has been on City staff since March 2007 in the Planning Department. As of July 1, he assumed the post of Assistant City Manager. He will serve as head of the Administration Department, continue work with Planning, and provide information technology support for the City. Greg recently earned a master degree in Public Administration at BYU. He currently lives in Salt Lake City and is engaged to be married in September. The couple plans to move to Utah Valley shortly after their marriage.

Jeff Maag, formerly a building inspector in the Building Department, has assumed duties in the Public Works Department as Assistant Public Works Director. Jeff has been with City staff since April 2003. He lives in Orem with his wife, DaNece, and one remaining teenage son at home. Jeff enjoys hiking with family and Scouts and spends a lot of his free time in the summer doing yard work.

Rachel Brown leaves City staff as Finance Director at the end of this month. She and her husband and baby are moving to California for her husband's schooling. She has done a wonderful job on staff, and we will miss her at the office. All the best to you, Rachel!



Sign up now for Flag Football

Registration is open for Cedar Hills Flag Football. Forms are due Tuesday, August 25. A \$10 late fee per person will incur after August 25 until all spaces are full. Registration forms and more information are available on the Recreation page on the City's Web site or at the City office. Participation fees are as follows: 2nd grade: \$20; 3rd-6th grades: \$35; 7th-9th grades: \$45. We need officiators and referees, age 14 and older. Please contact the City office to request an officiator's application form.

It's our County Fair!

The Utah County Fair opens **August 12 through 15** at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. Free parking. Free admission. Many free family events, entertainment, and demonstrations. For more information go to www.utahcountyonline.org/dept/countyfair/.



Common-Sense Water Conservation Tips

An automated sprinkler system can aid efficient watering if the timer is used properly. A study conducted by the Utah Division of Water Resources found that residents with automatic sprinkler systems in our area typically water 44% more than the lawns need. Use the timer wisely by implementing the following:

1. Adjust the watering schedule to the season. Landscapes need much less water during the spring and fall than they do during the summer.
2. Water only between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. Not watering during the hot daytime hours will reduce the amount of water that is lost to evaporation.
3. Don't water during or after a rainstorm. Historically, Mother Nature has provided about 30-40% of the moisture lawns need to remain healthy. Take advantage of this gift and help conserve our water resources.
4. Program the timer to cycle watering events. Clay-type soil and areas with mild or steep slopes usually cannot absorb water fast enough to prevent it from running off. If such conditions exist in your landscape, program the timer to water for several shorter periods, with approximate one-hour intervals, to let the water soak into the soil.
5. Keep the battery in the timer fresh and a copy of the schedule nearby. If the power fails and the battery is dead, all the adjustments to the timer will be lost. Just in case, keep a copy nearby of the schedule that works best for the landscape, so the timer can be easily reprogrammed, if needed.
6. Read the user's manual to learn more about the capabilities of the timer. If it cannot do what is required, purchase a new one. And remember, the timer is there to help you water efficiently, but it can only do so if you understand how to use it! (Information taken from www.conservewater.utah.gov/.)



Adult Female Jazz Dance Classes

Hey, mom's and female adults (18 and up), come and do one of the funnest things you've ever done and get in great shape at the same time. Classes fill quickly; enroll for fall now.

Classes begin the first week in September and run until the end of May. Tuition is \$30.00 per month per class with a two-month minimum. Classes will be held at the old Pleasant Grove Rec Center in the upstairs dance room on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. You can take more than one class. Contact Lacy Seegmiller at 801-427-2115 for more information or to register for the class.

CHIP and UPP Low or No-Cost Health Care Options Available for the Uninsured

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) offers the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP), both options available to help Utahns provide health insurance for themselves and their children. For more information about CHIP or UPP, visit www.health.utah.gov/healthservices.htm or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669).