



CEDAR HILLS

# OUR HOME TOWN

City Newsletter • August 2010

## A Letter to All Parents in Cedar Hills...

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### Upcoming Events:

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug 3 &amp; 17</b>
Utah County Fair at Spanish Fork	<b>Aug 18 -21</b>
Planning Commission Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug 26</b>
Deadline for Youth Flag Football sign ups	<b>Aug 27</b>

### City Phone Numbers:

Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:  
Front Desk, 100  
City Recorder, 101  
Planning, 109  
Business Licensing, 108  
Building/Zoning, 105  
Utility Billing, 108  
Community Services, 114  
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**Other Phone Numbers (801):**  
Public Works Emergency, 420-2243  
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705  
Animal Control, 763-3020  
Police, 763-3020

Dear Parents:

The crossing guard lights will soon be flashing and the sidewalks will be filled with kids eager to attend school. The City asks for your help in keeping our children safe as they walk to and from school. Please take a few minutes and explain the following precautions to your children:

- If your child needs to cross Cedar Hills Drive or Harvey Boulevard to get to their destination (school or home), PLEASE encourage them to use the crosswalk with the crossing guard, located in front of the school. The roundabout and trail crossings do not have a crossing guard and can be dangerous.
- Encourage your child to stand on the sidewalk until the crossing guard motions them to cross the street. They are not to follow the crossing guard into the street until the crossing guard motions to them that it is safe.
- Encourage your child to walk quickly, not run, across the crosswalk. Bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc., are not to be ridden in the crosswalk, but need to be walked or carried while crossing.

**PARENT AND TEEN REMINDERS** – Please slow down; the posted speed in a school zone is **20 mph**. Leave home early enough to avoid rushing through the school zones. Watch carefully for children.

Let us make this another happy and safe year for our children. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the City office.

### Clean and Beautiful Neighborhoods

During a recent survey of why people move to Cedar Hills, the number one answer was our "clean and beautiful neighborhoods." In an effort to preserve this standard, the Zoning Department will actively enforce the Nuisance Ordinance, inspect neighborhoods within the City, and mail Voluntary Correction Notices to anyone who's property is in violation of codes or ordinances. Some of the commonly violated items are:

**Improper Parking or Storage:** Trailers, boats, recreational vehicles, and the like are not to be parked in the public right-of-way for more than 12 hours for temporary loading and unloading. In addition, basketball standards must be removed from the public right-of-way when not in use, including on the street, as well as on the sidewalk.

**Accumulation of Junk:** Furniture, appliances, fixtures, lumber, junk, etc., are not to be stored so as to be visible from a public street, alley, or adjoining property.

**Improper Storage:** Dirt, sand, gravel, concrete, mulch, etc., shall not be stored and/or deposited on the premises for an unreasonable period of time or in the public right-of-way.

**Garbage Cans:** Leaving any garbage can or refuse container in the street, other than on collection day, for more than twenty-four (24) hours, before or after collection day, is deemed a nuisance.

**Illegal Accessory Apartments:** Currently, the City's zoning ordinance does not allow ANY accessory apartments (separate address, meter, etc.). Residential zoning within the City allows for single-family residences only. Any more than two unrelated persons to the homeowner living in the home is a violation of this Ordinance.

A copy of the Nuisance Ordinance can be found on the City Web site under: Government-City Codes & Ordinances - Nuisance Defined 4.2.3. If you have any question about zoning, please call our office at (801) 785-6261. Thank you for helping us keep our City a great place to live.



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## City Meeting Updates

### Work Session – July 13, 2010

- The Fiscal Year 2011 Budget was discussed, specifically regarding the telecommunications tax currently at 3.5%.
- Lettering for the entrance sign, located in the commercial area at Cedar Hills Drive and 4800 West, was discussed.
- The Council discussed the Utah County CDBG Program.
- The Council discussed the Community Activities Grant from Utah County, which would be used for park improvements.

### City Council Meeting – July 13, 2010

- The Fiscal Year 2011 Budget was discussed, specific to the telecommunications tax currently at 3.5%. A majority of the Council voted not to schedule a public hearing to reduce the tax and associated budget amendments.
- Lettering was approved for the entrance sign at Cedar Hills Drive and 4800 West with a standard font in bronze.
- Resolution No. 7-13-2010A was approved, regarding the Utah County CDBG Program.
- The Utah County Community Activities Grant was approved.
- An executive session was held, regarding the purchase and sale of real property, the competence of an individual, and pending litigation.

### Planning Commission – July 29, 2010

- Amendments to the City's Annexation Policy Plan were discussed. Affected entities were notified of the meeting in order to

give comment. Only one entity attended and spoke. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

- A discussion was held regarding signs and political signs. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting.
- The Commission reviewed the General Plan and took a field trip to parks throughout the City. Discussion was held on current facilities and future parks.



## Message Board

### City offers reward for vandalism at park

During the last month, Timpanogos Cove Park was vandalized on a number of occasions. Five mature trees were broken off and damaged to the point that they must be removed. Additionally, one of the back boards on the basketball standards has been shattered. The damages total well over \$1,000. The City is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the prosecution of the individuals responsible for this damage. If you have any information regarding vandalism, please contact the City offices or the American Fork Police.

### Boats and Trailers on City Streets

Please remember, public streets are not parking lots for cars, trucks, trailers (for work or play), RV's, boats, campers, basketball standards, etc. According to City ordinances, such items cannot remain on the street for more than 48 hours. Please keep all of the above-mentioned items in your yard on hard surfaces. It requires the cooperation of all residents to help keep our streets clean and safe for everyone.

### Want to install a fence or retaining wall?

Before installing landscaping or constructing a fence or a retaining wall, etc., please contact the City's Building Department to obtain a free permit for such items. The permit allows the City's zoning official to review and approve the proposal, based on any restrictions, limitations, or easements. The location of a retaining wall needs to be carefully reviewed to ensure that it can be approved in the desired location. If retaining walls are constructed within a utility ease-

ment without the proper permit, the homeowner may be responsible for all costs to restore the area, in the event that the easement is restricted for access. Play it safe and apply for a free permit. If you have further questions concerning this or other issues, please contact the Building Department.

### GreenFiber Recycling

For residents who do not have curbside recycling totes, the City provides a GreenFiber collection dumpster, located behind the City building, FOR PAPER PRODUCTS ONLY, such as catalogs, phone books, office paper, junk mail, and broken-down cardboard boxes. Shredded paper must be bagged. The City receives a small revenue each month based on the weight of the material, and it's a convenient way for residents to recycle. Thanks for your help.

### Keep the City clear of illegal signs

It's illegal to place signs in the public right-of-way and on traffic signs and power poles, etc. Signs may be placed on private property with permission and a \$1 sign sticker available from the City. Please help keep our city clean and beautiful. View the sign ordinance on the City's Web site: Government>Codes & Ordinances.

### It's your County Fair!

The Utah County Fair opens **August 18-21** at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. Free parking. Free admission. Many free family events, entertainment, and demonstrations. For more info, go to: [www.co.utah.ut.us/dept/countyfair/index.asp](http://www.co.utah.ut.us/dept/countyfair/index.asp).

## Storm Drains – We all live downstream!

During this time of year when we are maintaining our yards, cleaning out garages, and washing cars, remember that all of the water that leaves your property enters the storm drain system and ends up in the local waterways such as canals, streams, ponds, lakes, and rivers. Here are some important reminders to ensure that our water is protected:

1. Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly. Excess can get washed out to the gutter and into the storm drain system.
2. Make sure that grass clippings and leaves are properly disposed of. These easily clog storm drain systems and don't allow them to function properly.
3. Landscaping materials (soil, gravel, mulch, etc.) that are delivered to your home should never be placed in the street or on the sidewalk. Rather than spraying the excess into the gutter, sweep it up and dispose of it properly.
4. Never allow liquids such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, or other harmful items to be washed down the storm drain system. Always use proper disposal practices.

## Water Conservation Tip

An automated sprinkler system can help in efficient watering if the timer is used properly. A study conducted by the Division of Water Resources found that residents with automatic sprinkler systems in our area typically water 44% more than the lawn needs. Make sure to use the timer wisely by doing the following:

1. Adjust watering schedules to the season. Landscapes need much less water during the spring and fall than during the summer.
2. Water only between 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. Refraining from watering during the hot daytime hours reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation.
3. Don't water during or after a rainstorm. Mother Nature provides about 20-30% of the moisture your lawn needs to remain healthy. Take advantage of this gift and help conserve our water resources.
4. Program your timer for several cycles. Clay type soils and areas with mild or steep slopes usually cannot absorb water fast enough to prevent it from running off. If such conditions exist, program your timer to water for several shorter periods, with about an hour in between cycles, to let the water soak into the soil.
5. Keep the battery in the sprinkler timer fresh and a copy of the timing schedule. If the power fails and the timer battery is dead, all of the timer adjustments will be lost. Just in case, keep a copy of the timer schedule nearby, so the timer can easily reprogrammed, if needed.

Read the user's manual to learn more about the capabilities of your timer. If it cannot do what is required, purchase a new one. And remember, your timer is there to help you water efficiently, but it can only do so if you know it well (Information taken from [www.conservewater.utah.gov](http://www.conservewater.utah.gov)).

## Driving Smart in Work Zones

(Information from the Utah Safety Council)

Summer time is the time for road construction. Not only are projects occurring in Cedar Hills, but in many of our surrounding jurisdictions. While traffic engineers and construction crews do their best to design a safe work zone for the public, the traveling public needs to do their part to maximize driving safety. Here are a few tips from the Utah Safety Council:

**Expect the unexpected—**Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.

**Slow down—**Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.

**Don't tailgate—**Keep a safe distance from the car ahead of you. The most

common crash in a roadway work zone is the rear end collision.

**Keep your distance—**Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and the construction workers and equipment.

**Pay attention to the signs—**The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that says you've left the work zone.

**Obey road crew flaggers—**The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.

**Stay alert and minimize distractions—**Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations, using your cell phone, or any other distractions while driving.

**Keep up with the traffic flow—**Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try to barge in.

**Plan for and expect delays—**Check radio, TV, and Web sites for traffic information, and schedule enough time to drive safely. Find UDOT's Guide to 2010 Road Construction online at: [www.udot.utah.gov/knowwherereasonwhy](http://www.udot.utah.gov/knowwherereasonwhy).

**Be patient and stay clam—**Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future driving experiences better.



## "I have a question...."

**Q:** What's the best way to issue a complaint, suggestion, or concern to the City?

**A:** The City appreciates conscientious citizens who report unsafe conditions, violations of City codes and ordinances, and other problems. All suggestions and complaints are handled more efficiently if they are submitted in writing. File a complaint in one of two ways: 1) Submit it from the City Web site's "Complaint" page; 2) Write the complaint and mail, hand deliver, or e-mail it to the front desk at the City office. Be specific, and include your name and contact info, so we can report back to you.



*If you have a City-related question or comment that you would like addressed in a future edition of the City newsletter, simply e-mail your question to: [frontdesk@cedarhills.org](mailto:frontdesk@cedarhills.org) with the words "I have a question" in the subject line. City staff will respond to questions and comments in the newsletter as space allows.*

## Cedar Hills Youth Flag Football

The Community Services Department is excited to begin another fun season of youth flag football for grades 2 through 9. The program is open to boys and girls in Cedar Hills and surrounding cities, and there's no additional fee for non-residents. Games will be played Tuesdays thru Thursdays, Sept. 14 thru Oct. 21. **Online registration** will be open August 13 through August 29. (Watch the City Web site for online registration details.) Paper registrations will be received at the City office until Friday, August 27, at 4:00 p.m. Fees are as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade \$20; 3rd-6th grades \$35; 7th-9th grades \$45. A \$10 late fee per person will be incurred after August 29, until all spaces are filled. If you would like flag football and other youth sports information e-mailed to you, [or if you're interested in becoming a sponsor with your company's name on the team jerseys](#), please call Jason at the City office (ext. 114) or e-mail [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org), or visit and join us on Facebook at "Cedar Hills Recreation."

## Back by popular demand: Tot Soccer

The City's recreation department will hold a learn-to-play Tot Soccer league this fall for three and four-year-old boys and girls. Children must turn three by Sept. 1 to participate. The registration fee for the four-game season will be \$10 and will begin online August 13 thru 29 on the City's Web site. Paper registrations will be received at the City office through August 27 at 4:00 p.m. A late fee of \$5 will be assessed after August 29. The new online registration option offers convenience and flexibility, and residents are encouraged to utilize this new service. Games will be played on Saturdays only, starting Sept. 18. For more information, contact Jason at ext. 114 or e-mail: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

## New utility rates approved

The fiscal year 2011 budget was approved on June 1, along with several necessary rate changes. These changes are summarized in the chart below and are effective July 1, 2010. The largest rate increase, sewer fees, is the direct result of rate increases created by the City's contracted provider, Timpanogos Special Service District, which increased its fees by 27 percent. This increase is not exclusive to Cedar Hills and affects every City in the district (i.e. Alpine, Highland, Pleasant Grove, Lindon, Lehi, Saratoga Springs, Eagle Mountain).

A new fee of \$1.95 was also added to the utility bill for paramedic services. This increase enables the City to continue to provide the highest level of paramedic services to its residents. These services are provided by the Lone Peak Public Safety District, which has increased its fees to Cedar Hills by almost 80 percent.

Fee Type	Previous Fee	New Fee
Sewer – Base Rate	\$10.65	\$13.50
Sewer – Per 1K gallons over base	\$2.25	\$2.85
Storm Drain/Flood Control	\$5.75	\$6.25
PI usage 1/4 acre or less	\$12.05	\$12.28
PI usage 1/4 acre to 1/3 acre	\$16.05	\$16.38
PI usage 1/3 acre to 1/2 acre	\$19.05	\$24.57
PI usage 1/2 acre to 3/4 acre	\$22.38	\$36.85
PI usage 3/4 acre & larger	Varies	varies
Paramedic Fee	\$0.00	\$1.95

*View the complete fee schedule and utility rate FAQs on the City's Web site: Residents>New Utilities.*

## Market car wash will benefit children

On Saturday, Aug. 14, in conjunction with their monthly market in Heritage Park, Mountain Aire Market will hold a fund-raiser car wash in the Cedar Ridge Elementary School parking lot from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Rowley family, who has children living with Crohn's disease and leukemia.

## Familiar Faces in New Places

Next time you call or come into the City office, you'll notice some changes on the City staff:

**Chandler Goodwin** worked with the Family Festival as an intern this year and will continue as a management intern through the next school year. He graduated with a degree in Political Science from BYU in 2008 and is currently working towards an MPA at BYU (2011). Raised in Pleasant Grove, Chandler was an All-American on the BYU track team and will coach the Pleasant Grove High School cross country team this season.

**Jason Garrard** has worked for the City since November 2007 as a finance analyst and has recently been moved to the Community Services Department as director. He is excited to work with youth sports events in the City and to begin planning for next year's Family Festival. In past seasons he has coached Jr. Jazz and Cedar Hills Youth Football. Raised in Stockton, California, Jason came to BYU and graduated in Business Management. He's currently working on an MBA at the University of Utah (2011). Jason and his lovely wife, Julia, were married this summer and enjoy cycling, swimming, and working out together. Jason enjoys triathlons, football, and hiking.

**Ashley Vogelsberg** worked as Community Services Director since January 2008 and has recently joined the finance team as an analyst.

**Brenda Shuman** was transferred as an administrative assistant in the Building Department to the Finance Department, where she works with utility billing services and business licensing.

## Alpine City Days concert August 13

Nashville recording artist Jimmy Wayne will be in concert at Lone Peak High School on Friday, August 13. "Do You Believe Me Now" is one of Jimmy's number one hits on the country music charts. Tickets are available at SmithTix for \$10.00. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; the concert starts at 7:30. No reserved seating, so get there early for the best seats. For more information, call Alpine City at 801-756-6347.

## Cedar Hills opens McDonald's restaurant

If you haven't seen or heard by now, Cedar Hills has a new McDonald's restaurant at 10180 North 4800 West (west of Walmart). The main lobby of the restaurant offers diners a warm atmosphere with rich cherry woods and relaxed seating options. Children will enjoy the unique musical toy PlayPlace, a climbing wall, and seating designed just for them. The exterior of the restaurant features attractive brick and extensive landscaping. The restaurant will celebrate its grand opening all through the month of August with delicious daily specials, including every Tuesday in August as 99-cent Big Mac Day. The franchisee of the new Cedar Hills restaurant is Conny Kramer, who owns and operates the McDonald's restaurants in Orem, American Fork and Pleasant Grove. Kramer employs 268 people in Utah County and has been involved with McDonald's since 1984.

