



CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

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Upcoming Events:

Labor Day - City Offices CLOSED	Sept 6
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Sept 7 & 21
Planning Commission Mtg. - 7:00 p.m.	Sept 30
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Oct 5 & 19

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
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Dog Licensing: A Compassionate Law

Anyone who has experienced the anxiety, panic, or sorrow of losing a dog understands how important it is to license pets. Pets look to their owners to provide food, water, shelter, and to bring them back home when they've wandered. One of the most basic and effective things we can do for our pets is to license them. A license is an up-to-date, visible identification, which includes many other benefits such as:

- Identifies your pets and allows you to be quickly reunited with them in case they ever become lost
- Helps veterinarians contact pet owners should the pet become injured and be in need of life-saving medical treatment
- Ensures that dogs are vaccinated against rabies, a fatal disease in both animals and humans
- Saves the owner money on animal control and shelter impound fees
- A dog license makes it possible for your pet to be returned home without ever having to go to a shelter
- Assures compliance with Utah State law and therefore forbids a citation for failure to have a license

- Helps anyone who finds your pet to know that it has an owner and is not an abandoned animal in need of a new home
- Allows animal shelters and animal control agencies the ability to attempt to reach the owners
- Is a key to emergency planning, helping owners and pets reunite in the event of separation during an emergency

In short, licensing saves time, money, heartache, and is your pet's ticket home. Dog licenses can be obtained at the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter, located at 193 North 2000 West in Lindon. For more information please call the shelter at: 801-785-3442.



Watch for the School Crossing Guards

The crossing guard lights are flashing and the sidewalks are 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 school children:

- If your child needs to cross Cedar Hills Drive or Harvey Boulevard to get to their destination, 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 limit 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.





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City Meeting Updates

Work Session – August 3, 2010

- The Council reviewed the 2010 Street Improvement Projects, City Code amendments, and the CARE Tax, which were on the regular meeting agenda.

City Council Meeting – August 3, 2010

- A public hearing was held regarding amendments to the City Code 10-6B: Planned Residential Developments, open space requirements. No comments.
- The 2010 Asphalt Improvement Projects (Schedules 1, 2, and 3) were awarded to Staker Parsons in the amount of \$180,790. All bids were rejected for the 2010 Roadway Chip Sealant Project and the 2010 Roadway Slurry Project.
- Ordinance No. 8-3-2010A was approved, amending the City Code regarding open space requirements.
- The Council discussed areas in which the CARE Tax funds can be spent. No decision was made.
- An Executive Session was held regarding the sale and acquisition of property, pending litigation, and the competence of an individual.

Planning Commission – August 26, 2010

- A public hearing was held regarding amendments to the City's Annexation Policy Plan. Two comments were received.
- A public hearing was held regarding amendments to the City Code for the definition of "Family."
- The proposed Annexation Policy Plan was recommended to the City Council with no changes.
- The amendments to the City Code for the definition of a Family were continued.

- Amendments to the City's General Plan were continued.

Work Session – August 31, 2010

- The Council received the Blue Ribbon Committee's report on recreation needs and facilities. The Council will receive additional information and discuss the issue at a future meeting.



Message Board

Winterizing Pressurized Irrigation

It's that time of year again; the pressurized irrigation system will be winterized on October 15. After that date, the system will be turned off until April 15, 2011. Each private irrigation system should be completely drained to prevent damage to the system's components, caused by frozen water inside pipes and valves. To achieve this, the City asks that you leave your individual shut-off valve in the "open" position for a time, to allow for proper drainage of the system. Then, prior to the system being energized in the spring, you must make sure the valve is closed to prevent damage to sprinkler heads upon energizing. In addition, other measures that are desired to winterize your lawn sprinkling system should be completed this fall.

BILL PAY OPTIONS

The City provides two payment options for your City utility bill.

Direct Pay Plan (EFT)

With this option, residents automatically pay their monthly utility bill 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 monthly 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 the City's Web site 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, 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Tests Show Coliform Bacteria in Cedar Hills Water

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although **this is not an emergency**, as our customers, we are informing you of the violation, what you should do, and what has been done to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. System technicians took 29 test samples for coliform bacteria during August 2010. Eight of those samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria, an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present. The water quality standard, based on the population served by our system, is that no more than one sample per month may do so.

What is being done? Whenever a positive test result is received, the City immediately completes a re-testing procedure, which involves re-testing the site of the original positive result, as well as two additional sites within five connections of the original positive test—one upstream and one downstream. **All follow-up testing at the original site and at the additional upstream connection and downstream connection sites were negative for coliform bacteria.**

What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other potentially-harmful bacteria may be present.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution systems (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we conduct follow-up testing to determine if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.** If we had, we would have notified you immediately. Additionally, all subsequent routine testing has been negative for any presence of coliform bacteria. At this time, all state-required testing has been completed and **ALL WATER QUALITY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.**

What should I do? You do not need to take corrective actions. You do not need to boil your water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For more information, please contact David Bunker at 801-785-9668, ext. 201, 3925 W. Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills, UT 84062, or e-mail publicworks@cedarhills.org. This notice is provided by the City of Cedar Hills Water System, ID#: UTAH25137. Date distributed: September 1, 2010.

Water Conservation Tip for September

A typical Utah lawn has a water demand curve that begins in mid-April, rises to a peak in July, and then falls rapidly until mid-October. Adjusting sprinkler timers monthly to better follow this demand curve will save water and money. An easy way to do this is keep the minutes constant and increase or decrease the number of days between watering. **The recommended watering time for the month of September is 21 minutes per station every six (6) days.** Time should be increased for rotary heads. (Information provided by the Utah Division of Water Resources)

Blue Ribbon Committee makes recreation recommendations to City Council

The 25-member Cedar Hills Blue Ribbon Recreation/Aquatics Committee spent the last several months reviewing a myriad of options for the creation of a community center and a recreation facility in the City. In a special work session on Aug. 31, the committee completed its report and presented its recommendations to the City Council. The Council will now work to formulate plans to take action on these recommendations.

The committee's full report can be viewed on the City Web site. Go to: Government > Council Minutes > August 31 Special Work Session. Click on the links to listen to the audio of the meeting and to view the report.



"I have a question...."

Q: Which holidays during the year have delayed garbage pick up?

A: The holiday pick-up schedule is determined by Waste Management. There is a one-day delay in garbage and recycling services after the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Pioneer Day (July 24)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Toters need to be at the curb on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day.



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 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.

Protect Storm Drains

As storm water flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Storm water can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, locate the nearest storm drain and protect it from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris.
- Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible and follow the directions on the label for clean up, spills, and disposal.
- Purchase and use non-toxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program, or donate unused paint to local organizations.
- Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto landscaping, and use other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.
- Adjust sprinkler coverage and timing to reduce excess runoff from landscaped areas.

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.
- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in waste receptacles.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water. Adopt these habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands and coastal waters. Remember to share these recommendations with your neighbors!

Impending Road Repair Projects

The City will complete several road improvement projects over the next few months. In the past, residents have inquired about these improvements, including why the repairs were

done and how the roads are improved, etc. Here are the full details about how the City prioritizes road projects, including general information about maintenance applications:

How does the City prioritize road projects?

- 1) The City has a road maintenance schedule, created to maximize the design life of the roads within Cedar Hills. This plan calls for various road projects to be completed, based on age, type, traffic, etc. This schedule was created and customized for our city by IWORQ Management Systems to provide a method of budgeting funds for ongoing projects.
- 2) Pavement maintenance is a vital process in the City's street management program. We rely on professional expertise, when considering various street projects. We look for the most cost effective, practical, and durable method of surface rejuvenation.
- 3) Typically, there are four major categories for road repair: crack seal, chip/surry seal, asphalt overlay, and road reconstruction. All methods are implemented as advised by professionals to extend the life of our streets.
- 4) The current methods for road maintenance are those that are advised and approved for the climate and conditions in our area. All cities in our area use the same applications. These are tested treatments, which yield a positive roadway lifespan result.
- 5) The City continually investigates and evaluates new types of surface rejuvenation procedures. As new, more successful processes are available, the City reviews those options.

LPHS Marching Band holds fundraiser

The Lone Peak High School marching band presents Jon Schmidt on Thursday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Lone Peak High School. This is a benefit concert for the marching band, which is raising money for tours and new equipment. Pre-sold tickets are \$10 or \$12 at the door. Contact

Leanne Stauffer at 801-756-1423 for tickets or more information. For upcoming events, please check the band's Web site at www.lphsbands.com. Donations are always appreciated for new equipment.

