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Upcoming Events

City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Dec 3
City Santa Party at the Rec Center, 6-8 p.m.	Dec 9
<i>The Polar Express</i> at Story Time, 11:00 a.m.	Dec 11
Christmas Tree Recycling Drop Off	Begins Dec 30
Utah Jazz, Sacramento Kings Game, 7:00 pm	Jan 27

City Phone Numbers:
Dial 801-785-9668 then ext. number:
Front Desk, 100
City Recorder, 503
Zoning & Code Enforcement, 500
Business Licensing, 504
Building Dept, 200
Public Works, 200
Utility Billing, 400
Recreation Dept., 302 or 601
Vista Room, 300
Other Phone Numbers (801):
Public Works After Hours, 420-2243
Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
Police, 763-3020

Come to the City Santa Party on Dec. 9

On Monday evening, Dec. 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 the City will host its second annual Santa Party at the Community Recreation Center. Join us for a visit with Santa, treats, crafts, and holiday music, and get a free picture taken with Santa. You may also use your own cameras. The Youth City Council will also be collecting new or gently used toys for our Santa's Workshop program, which benefits families in our community. Feel free to bring a contribution that night. This is a perfect time to meet together as a community, and the perfect time for the kids to let Santa know what they want for Christmas. The Santa Party is a free event for the entire family. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



Donations for Santa's Workshop

This month the Youth City Council will run its sixth annual Santa's Workshop—a toy drive, which helps Cedar Hills families in need. Last year's effort was a great success and helped brighten the Christmas mornings of over 20 families in Cedar Hills. To help, the YCC asks for your donations of new or gently used toys, games, books, stuffed animals, gift cards, or cash. Please bring these items to the City office at 10246 N Canyon Road to help make this program a success once again!

All Aboard for *The Polar Express*

Story Time on Dec. 11 will feature the fourth annual reading of *The Polar Express*. Join Miss Marisa and Miss Stephanie at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center in front of the fireplace in the Vista Room. Along with the reading there will also be a treat and a fun activity. See you there!



Light Up Cedar Hills

The Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Citizen Advisory Committee is bringing back the Light Up Cedar Hills contest. Judges will drive around the City on Friday, December 20, to determine who has the best outdoor lighting displays. One winner will be selected from each voting precinct, and the five winners will be announced in the January newsletter.

Book the Vista Room for Your Special Event

The Vista Room at the Cedar Hills Community Center is the perfect place for your special events: weddings, parties, family functions, business meetings, and more. Special resident rates available. Call Natalie or Becky at 801-785-9668, ext. 300, or visit us on Facebook or online at www.VistaCedarHills.com.



On-Street Parking Reminder

We ask all residents to keep parked cars off of the streets during the snow season. Doing so creates safer conditions for everyone. It is unlawful to park any vehicles upon the streets: 1) When snow is falling; 2) When there is a visible amount of snow on the street; 3) When the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall; 4) Between the hours of 1:00am to 7:00am (November 1 through March 31); 5) During snow/ice removal; 6) Anytime of year for any continuous period of more than 48 hours. We appreciate your cooperation to ensure a safe season for everyone.



Mayor's Minute

The holiday season is upon us, and we have just celebrated Thanksgiving and held a municipal election, so I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me and our new city council members. I would like to

thank Scott Jackman and Stephanie Martinez for the service they have provided to our city. Scott has served you well and counseled me many times with quiet but substantive advice. And it is not too often that a city gets someone like Stephanie Martinez on their council. She has such passion for everything she does, particularly when it comes to recreation. Please give them a pat on the back or a hug when you see them and let them know how much we appreciate what they have done for us. I look forward to working with the newly elected council members, who will need some pats on the back and encouragement, as well.

I am creating a Cedar Hills arts committee and a water conservation committee to better help the council and the city. The arts committee will, among other things, be in charge of the summer concert series and some community events. The water conservation committee will help educate us on the need to use less pressurized irrigation water during the summer, so let me know if you are interested in serving on either committee.

If you don't mind, I have a favor to ask, and that is to go enjoy lunch or dinner often during the winter months at our grill in the Community Recreation Center operated by Sammy's. The food is excellent, and Sammy's is famous for their pie shakes. Remember to enter your cell phone number at the register so you can know when they are running specials. Sammy's has Monday night specials with substantial discounts for fami-

lies, but also senior, early-bird specials every day. Their daily hours are currently 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and they're closed on Sundays.

As we approach the Christmas season, I look forward to the many holiday songs to be sung and enjoyed. One of my favorites is "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, one of America's most treasured poets. He wrote this song during the hard days of the Civil War.

Longfellow was married to Frances (Fanny) Appleton, who was very much the love of his life. Fanny tragically died in a household fire as she was trying to protect her daughter Edie from the flames. Longfellow carried this sorrow all his life, but this was not all—his eldest son Charles was severely wounded and crippled in a Civil War battle that caused Longfellow to write in 1862, one year after Fanny's passing, "A Merry Christmas, say the children, but that is not for me."

On Christmas day of 1864, something good happened to Longfellow. After previously writing—"And in despair I bowed my head; 'There is no peace on earth,' I said; for hate is strong, and mocks the song of Peace on earth, good-will to men!"—he then found goodness and godliness in writing, "Then pealed the bells more loud and deep 'God is not dead, nor does he sleep! The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to men!'" These words have always rung true with me, as they assure us that good prevails for those who patiently persevere.

As we approach the Christmas season, I will remember my Savior's birth, but there are also many who celebrate Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, so I wish everyone of all beliefs a "Happy Holiday"!



Mayor Gary Gygi

City Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

Recycling locations for live Christmas trees ONLY (no artificial trees) will be available at the following two locations: Mesquite Soccer Park parking lot, 10440 N. Mesquite Way, and Heritage Park parking lot, 4425 W. Cedar Hills Drive. Designated areas will be available for tree drop off from Monday, Dec. 30, through Monday, Jan. 6. All attachments must be removed from the trees, including stands. Flocked trees are NOT accepted, as they are not recyclable. No other waste, garbage, or commercial dumping is permitted. Mixed loads cannot be recycled and will cause significant increases in costs to the City. With everyone's considerate compliance, the City will be able to continue this service.



Removing Snow from Sidewalks

Please make sure that the sidewalks around your property have been shoveled to allow safe travel for pedestrians. Snow from your sidewalk or driveway should not be placed in the road – it should be placed on your property.

Gift Ideas for the Golfer in the Family

All golf shoes, clubs, and apparel are on sale right now at the Cedar Hills Golf Club pro shop for the golfer on your shopping list. They also have gift cards for stocking stuffers. All residents of Cedar Hills also receive a discounted rate on season golf passes. Please inquire at the pro shop at: 801-796-1705, or e-mail Wade Doyle at: wdoyle@cedarhills.org.



Get in the Loop on Facebook

The City's Facebook page is where residents are sharing important information and giving feedback on a variety of topics. If you haven't already done so, please "like" our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/cedarhillsutah.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

Since winter is here it is time to think about environmentally friendly ways to control ice. De-icers lower the melting point of ice to help remove ice and snow from pavement. Sodium chloride (rock salt) is the most common product, because it's effective and cheap. However, it is highly corrosive and ecologically damaging. Some deicers are significant sources of phosphorous. Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions. Using the old-fashioned approach of shoveling means eliminating ice and snow without harmful chemicals and with the added benefit of physical exercise.

Holiday Garbage Pickup Service for the Fridays after Christmas and New Year's days will be delayed until the next day (Saturday).

Pressurized Irrigation Maintenance

The City's pressurized irrigation system has been winterized and will remain turned off until around April 15, 2014. The City asks that you now close your individual pressurized irrigation valve. Each homeowner's irrigation system has had time to drain completely to prevent frozen pipes and valves. So, now or prior to the system being energized in the spring, you should close your individual shut-off valve to prevent damage to sprinkler heads during system energization in the spring.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

The 2013 municipal elections are over for mayor and three council member seats. Twenty-eight percent of registered voters in Cedar Hills participated in the election. The elected mayor is Gary Gygi (1122 votes). The two four-year council member terms went to Daniel Zapala (840 votes) and Rob Crawley (721 votes). The one two-year council member term went to Mike Geddes (975 votes). Additionally, Proposition #4 was rejected by a vote of 900 to 631.



Jenney Rees

We want to thank outgoing council members Scott Jackman and Stephanie Martinez for all the time and effort they have given over the past four years. They both contributed many hours in moving our city forward in a positive direction. Please join us in thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

Please also take some time to get to know your new council members and share with them your thoughts and concerns. As an elected body, our first priority is to represent residents, and the most effective way to do so is when we hear from residents. The mayor and new council members will be sworn in at the first council meeting in January, so that is a great time to stop by, make an introduction, and share any feedback. As always, feel free to reach out to any member of the council via e-mail or phone.

Another great way to get involved is to join one of the City's volunteer committees. We are currently seeking residents to serve on the Planning Commission and the Parks, Trails, Beautification, and Recreation committees. Participating on a committee is a great way to serve the community and to voice your thoughts on important issues.

I encourage residents to become more involved through serving on committees or reaching out to your elected representatives. We all want Cedar Hills to continue to be a wonderful place to live, and it takes the community to make that happen.

Rental Property Business License Required

Effective January 1, 2014, a business license will be required for all non-owner-occupied residential properties. This business license will require contact information for the owner and someone at the local level, and will provide for inspections to ensure rental properties comply with current City code.

All rental property owners should have received a letter through the mail regarding this new ordinance. Any questions can be directed to the City offices.

Celebration Young Performers New Classes Registration Now Open for January Classes

Baton Twirling Classes begin January 7! Learn fun twirling and dance routines to perform at the Cedar Hills parade, Family Festival, and other venues. Classes are on Tuesdays for ages 6-12. Just \$39 a month!
Singing, Dancing & Performing Groups starting January 9! Learn fun shows to perform in the Cedar Hills parade, Family Festival and other venues! Teachers are from BYU Ballroom and BYU Young Ambassadors. Classes are on Thursdays for ages 6-12. Just \$49/\$59 a month. **Free intro class and class details at:** www.CelebrationPerformers.com.



Story Time Holiday Schedule

Join us each week on Wednesdays at the Community Recreation Center from 11:00 to 11:40 a.m. for some super fun books, songs, rhymes, and coloring activities. During the holidays, Story Time will not be held on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The fourth annual reading of The Polar Express is scheduled for Dec. 11. Story Time is for children up to age six accompanied by a caregiver. Come, join the fun!

Volunteers Needed for Lego League Qualifier

The City of Cedar Hills and Cedar Ridge Elementary will host the 2014 Lego League qualifier on January 11. This amazing program offers a variety of technical and core value skills, which allow kids to learn, grow, and have a great time! We are in need of volunteers for the day of the qualifier. If you are interested please go to: www.utfill.utah.edu/volunteers/volunteer to register. If you have any questions, please e-mail recreation@cedarhills.org or call the City office, ext 302, for more information.

Vacancies for Planning Commission Alternates

The City announces vacancies in the Planning Commission. The terms of appointment will be for a period of up to one year. Any qualified persons interested in being considered for appointment may make application to Colleen Mulvey, City Recorder, at the City Office Building, or by e-mail at cmulvey@cedarhills.org. The Mayor will make a recommendation to the City Council on the appointments. To download an application please visit the Planning Commission page on the City's website.

Calling Residents to Help the Community!

We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as members of our Parks, Trails, Beautification and Recreation Committee, which meets once a month and coordinates family events and brainstorms ideas on keeping our parks and trails looking nice, as well as planning for future parks and trails. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact the committee chair, Boyd Wilkins, committee member Melissa Willie, or council members Stephanie Martinez or Jenney Rees. You may also contact the City's front desk.

Water Conservation Committee Needed

The City is looking for volunteers to participate in on a water conservation committee. In August, the City reported a pressurized irrigation (PI) consumption rate of 1.2 BILLION gallons to date this year! This is, based on the state recommended outdoor water usage, enough water for 9,160 homes. Cedar Hills currently has 2,550 homes. The City was forced to supplement the PI system with culinary water from City wells to meet irrigation demands.

The intent behind forming this Conservation Committee is to create a communication campaign and policy for Cedar Hills that will balance the needs of our citizens with responsible consumption. If you are passionate about conservation or have professional expertise in this regard, please contact Mayor Gary Gygi or City Manager David Bunker at 801-785-9668, or send an e-mail message to: frontdesk@cedarhills.org.

Kids and Youth! Join Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2014

The City will take a bus up to Snowbird for ski and snowboarding lessons on three Saturdays: Jan. 11, 25, and February 1. Participants must sign up for all three dates. Each week the bus will leave the Community Recreation Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at about 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$190 per person and includes transportation, lift tickets, two-hour lessons each week, a half day on the slopes, and a scarf. Registration is open for kids ages 7 to 17. All sign ups need to be done at the City office, 10246 N. Canyon Road, in order for the guardian to sign a waiver. Registrations will be accepted until the bus is filled. Non-residents are welcome to register at no additional cost. **Chaperones are needed** and will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Chaperones are required to stay with their group after the lesson, but will receive a complimentary lift ticket for the day. Please call the City office, ext. 302, or e-mail: reaction@cedarhills.org or for more information.



Bring Your Workout Inside

Bring your workout inside this winter and enjoy our FITNESS CLASSES. Experienced instructors teach SPIN, ZUMBA, ZUMBATOMIC, PUMP, TOTAL BODY SCULPT, and more. New certified personal trainer-led BOOT-CAMPS begin Dec. 2 and Jan. 3. Morning and evening sessions available. BOOTCAMP purchase includes all FITNESS CLASSES. Go to: www.treefitness.com for class schedules.



Emergency Medical Kits Make Great Gifts

As part of the Safe Community USA nonprofit public service program, Lone Peak Emergency Medical Services is offering the public the opportunity to purchase emergency medical kits at cost. Each kit contains the same types of items used by emergency medical professionals. For every kit purchased, Lone Peak EMS will receive \$5.00 to help purchase needed medical equipment and emergency training in our community.



The Citizen Kit is available at the City office for \$42.50.

The Citizen Kit is valued at \$95 and is available to purchase for \$42.50 (tax included). This is an

excellent all around emergency kit for home or auto. These kits make great gifts and are an excellent way to be more prepared. In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or victims themselves are the first to provide emergency assistance or to perform a rescue.

The Citizen Kit is available at the Cedar Hills offices and the Highland fire station. For more information you may contact Laurie Petersen at the City offices: e-mail lpetersen@cedarhills.org or call 801-785-9668, ext. 104.

Tickets for Utah Jazz, Sacramento Kings Game

Get your tickets at the City office for the Jazz game on January 27 with the Sacramento Kings. The upper concourse tickets are \$15.00 per person and include a hot dog and drink.

Utah Children's Choir Christmas Concert

You're invited to come and enjoy beautiful Christmas music from different cultures and periods presented by the sparkling, clear voices of the Utah Children's Choir, now in its 29th year. This is a lovely concert for the entire family. It will be held on Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Stone Gate Center for the Arts, 886 West 2600 North, Pleasant Grove. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

LPHS Youth Wrestling Clinic

Lone Peak Knights will host a Holiday Youth Wrestling Clinic on Monday, Dec. 30, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Lone Peak High School. Cost is \$25 for grades K through eighth grade. Pre-register and pay online at MySchoolFees.com or pay in person the day of the clinic. Questions? E-mail Jennifer Larsen at jj_lar@msn.com or call 801-636-1113.

Keep Your Holidays From Going Up in Flames!

Lone Peak Fire District Offers Fire Prevention Tips

With a little added awareness and some minor adjustments to holiday cooking and decorating, the season can remain festive *and* safe for everyone.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries. Stay in the kitchen while you're frying, grilling, or broiling food. Create a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

December is the peak month for home fires caused by candles. Consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles. If you use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything flammable, and blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed. Use sturdy candle holders on uncluttered surfaces. Avoid using candles in bedrooms or other areas where people may fall asleep. Lastly, never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle.

Be sure artificial trees are certified by the manufacturer as fire retardant. Choose fresh trees with needles that don't fall off when touched. Cut off two inches from the base of the trunk before placing it in the stand, and water it daily. Do not block exits with trees, and place them at least three feet away from any heat sources, such as fireplaces, space heaters, radiators, candles, or heat vents. Replace worn or broken strings of lights, and connect no more than three strands of mini light sets together and a maximum of 50 screw-in bulbs on sets. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off tree lights before leaving the home or going to bed.

The holidays can quickly turn from joyful to tragic when a fire occurs. By taking simple precautions, people can avoid potential fire hazards and make this time of year a healthy and happy one.

