



CEDAR HILLS

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Upcoming Events

Christmas Tree Recycling Drop Off	Thru Jan 6
City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Jan 7 & 21
Last Chance for Ski Bus Registrations	Jan 3
Utah Jazz, Sacramento Kings Game, 7:00 pm	Jan 27
Planning Commission Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Jan 30

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
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Golf Pro Shop, 796-1705
Animal Control, 763-3020
Police, 763-3020

The Year in Review

A Selection of Noteworthy Happenings in 2013

- Cedar Hills Champions program continues, recognizing outstanding citizens.
- City hosted a Lego League Regional Qualifier.
- Ordinance approved restricting purchase or construction of public buildings in excess of \$400,000 without approval of the voting majority of registered Cedar Hills residents.
- Largest participation in Jr. Jazz basketball program with 760 participants.
- A public relations firm contracted to assist City with proposed branding campaign.
- Town Hall meeting held, focusing on emergency management.
- Ordinance approved regulating and allowing residences to operate cattery businesses.
- Government Finance Officers Distinguished Budget Presentation Award awarded to City.
- Weekly Story Time for kids continues.
- Beautification and Parks and Trails Committees combined into Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Mayor Gygi participated in Meals-on-Wheels third annual Mayors for Meals Day.
- Lone Peak Public Safety District selected Mayor Gary Gygi to serve as board chair.
- Resolutions approved declaring March 26 as Worldwide Epilepsy Awareness Day, April 25 as Autism Awareness Day, and April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- City refinanced 2009 Utility Revenue bonds reducing interest rate from 5.99% to 3.02%, saving approximately \$236,000 over life of loan.
- Youth City Council presented annual Easter Egg Hunts for children and youth.
- City's 15th annual Spring Clean-Up was held.
- City celebrated National Arbor Day.
- Tot Soccer, T-Ball for 4 & 5 year olds held.
- Contract awarded to Sammy's Cafe.
- Webb Brothers Construction contracted to complete Community Recreation Center basement and addition.
- Silver Star Day observed with free rounds of golf for military personnel, including veterans.
- Family Festival Citizens Advisory Committee is created to oversee the annual festival.
- Lone Peak Fire District holds open house and unveils new transport engine.
- Murdock Canal Trail grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration takes place May 18.
- Ordinance approved requiring business license for non-owner occupied rental properties.
- Councilmember Zappala creates budget app, detailing ten years of City financial statements.
- LEGO League, lacrosse, golf camps, flag football continue for youth.
- New City soccer league for youth created.
- Cedar Hills Family Festival held June 3-8.
- Annual Firecracker Golf Tournament held.
- Due to extreme dry conditions in summer, fire chief restricts use of fireworks and open fires.
- First free City Pancake Breakfast hosted on July 13 at Community Recreation Center.
- City begins free Summer Concert Series in park on second Saturdays, July through October.
- City contracts with Tree Fitness for fitness programs at Community Recreation Center.
- Municipal Primary Election held August 13.
- Youth City Council takes oath of office.
- Water, sewer, storm drain, pressurized irrigation usage rates increased to continue high level of service and to maintain the infrastructure.
- State of the City Report mailed to residents.
- Jeff Dodge appointed PC alternate member.
- Residents asked to reduce outdoor watering.
- Ordinance approved for park curfews and regulating hours of amplified sound at parks.
- Youth City Council hosts Pumpkin Walk and bake sale on October 28.
- Registration for Ski Bus 2014 begins.
- General municipal election held Nov. 5: Gary R. Gygi, mayor; Daniel Zappala and Rob Crawley, council (four-year terms); Mike Geddes, council (two-year term); Ballot Proposition #4 rejected.
- Resolution approved declaring Nov. 25–29 as National Family Week in Cedar Hills.
- Third annual Veterans Service held at Community Recreation Center on Nov. 10.
- Annual Princess Party held Nov. 16.
- Resolution approved creating the Water Conservation Citizens Advisory Committee.
- Annual "Visit with Santa" event held Dec. 9.
- Fourth annual reading of *The Polar Express*.
- Youth City Council held sixth annual Santa's Workshop for many Cedar Hills families.



Mayor's Minute

In today's world we ring in the New Year with fun and festivities and also, for many of us, resolutions. But, did you know that in pre-Christian times the New Year was celebrated in March? It was changed

to January by the Romans for the two-faced god, Janus, who looks forward and backward, being the patron of arches, gates, doors, and endings and beginnings. The custom of setting New Year resolutions began here with a moral approach of doing good to others. I, however, like the attempt by American theologian Jonathan Edwards, who was raised in the Puritan culture of New England and took the idea of writing resolutions, not just at the New Year, but over a two-year period.

He compiled about 70 resolutions on all areas of his life and committed to reviewing them once a week for the rest of his life. Here is one I like: ***Resolved, after afflictions, to inquire what I am the better for them, what good I have got by them, and what I might have got by them.*** I do not formally write resolutions each year, but I am trying to review my many goals regularly so as not to forget or neglect them.

I have some resolutions for our little city and would like to share them with you and invite you to help me accomplish them, not just this year but all the time. My first goal this year is to help us reduce our consumption of pressurized irrigation water. My reason for this is that we are using more than three times as much water as the State recommends. If we were to have a well or a

retention pond fail, we could run out of water and we all would have dying lawns. I have recently created a resident-driven committee to help us all better understand the proper use of secondary water. The committee members will start meeting shortly and then make their recommendations, so please listen to what they have to say. If we are not able to reduce our water consumption voluntarily then we may have to look at other alternatives, including metering the pressurized irrigation water, which would probably increase our water bills each month during the summer.

My next goal for this year is to better prepare our city in the case of a natural catastrophe, most likely an earthquake. We created a working emergency preparedness group last year and even had a town hall meeting to discuss this important topic. We will have another town hall meeting soon and report on the readiness of our city and its residents. I hope you will attend the meeting to better prepare yourself, as the best approach is to rely on yourselves and not the government. This meeting will give everyone greater knowledge and skills to help deal with a serious natural catastrophe.

There are other goals I will talk about each month, but for now I will present these two resolutions and ask for your help in accomplishing them. Just like Jonathan Edwards mentioned above, let's create a life-long list of resolutions and review them weekly to better insure their success.



Mayor Gary Gygi

Light Up Cedar Hills Winners

The Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Citizen Advisory Committee conducted the Light Up Cedar Hills contest again this year. Judges from the committee chose one winner from each voting precinct. The winners are: Williams Family at 10765 N Cypress, Nielsen Family at 9283 N Canyon Heights Drive, Lamb Family at 9768 N Oxford Circle, Rose Family at 4571 West 9900 North, and Anderson Family at 10390 Birch Cove.

Removing Snow from Sidewalks

Please make sure that the sidewalks around your property have been shoveled to allow safe travel for pedestrians. **Snow from sidewalks or driveways should NOT be placed in the road; it should be placed on your property.** Putting snow on roads creates a hazard for other motorists and makes it more difficult for snow plows to keep the roads clear and safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

On-Street Parking Restricted during Winter Months

Keeping the roadway clear of parked vehicles during the winter months increases safety for other drivers and reduces obstructions during snow removal. Due to the increased risk for damage and collision, snow removal operations may be suspended when vehicles are parked on roads. City ordinances prohibit on-street parking:

- 1) When snow is falling
- 2) When there is a visible amount of snow on the street
- 3) When the street hasn't been plowed since the last snowfall
- 4) Between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., November 1 through March 31
- 5) During snow/ice removal
- 6) For any continuous period of more than 48 hours

Storm Water Tip of the Month

What you do with chemical waste makes a difference!

You might not think that you can help solve the problem, but you can! The average home can accumulate as much as **100 pounds of chemical waste each year** from common household and lawn and garden products such as paint and paint thinners; cleaning solutions and degreasers; pesticides, weed killer, fertilizers; and motor oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, and antifreeze. Proper disposal of chemical waste helps protect our water systems. For more information, contact Utah County Health Department at 801-851-7000 or visit utahcountyonline.com, or call one of the following State agencies: Division of Solid & Hazardous Waste, 801-538-6170; Environmental Hotline, 800-458-0145; Pollution Prevention Coordinator, 801-536-4477.

Routine Sewer Line Maintenance

To ensure proper maintenance of the City's sewer lines, routine cleaning is conducted. Cedar Hills, along with other cities, is a member of the Timpanogos Special Service District (TSSD), which operates the sewer treatment in our area. Through our membership, we are able to have TSSD perform maintenance cleaning on our system. Most residences will not notice anything different on the days that cleaning is performed. However, in isolated incidences, minor issues may occur, such as a small amount of water in basement floor drains, toilet water flow changes, and/or odor. All of these issues should be minimal and short term. If you experience any problem greater than those mentioned, please contact the Public Works Department.

City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." ~ Marjorie Moore



Jenney Rees

It's a new year and what better way to kick it off than to get involved in the community. As a city, we rely not only on staff and officials to make things happen but also on numerous volunteers who dedicate time and effort to make Cedar Hills a wonderful place to live. I want to thank all of those who serve on our many committees.

Planning Commission: Glenn Dodge (chair), Donald Steele, Craig Clement, David Driggs, Bradley Weber, and Jeff Dodge. Recently resigned members are Michael Geddes (elected to City Council) Tonya Edvalson, and Emily Cox.

Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails: Boyd Wilkins (chair), Melissa Willie, Adrian Juchau, Nick Ivins, Lynn Corbett.

Board of Adjustment: Priscilla Leek (chair), Jeff Lindstrom, Darin Lowder, and Randy Gehring.

Family Festival: Jerianne Conroy (chair), Keith Irwin, Daryl Acumen, Anji Branch, Ben Cahoon, Emily Cox, Angela Johnson, Rob Olsen, Joe Phelon, Madee Proffitt, Michael Stuy, Melissa Willie.

Traffic Safety & Livability Oversight: Glenn Dodge, Larry Locken and John Howard.

YCC Resident Liaison: Emily Cox

These individuals do so much for our community. If you see them out and about, please thank them for all of their service.

There is still a need for additional volunteers. We are looking for residents who are willing to serve on our Beautification, Recreation, Parks and Trails Committee; the new Water Conservation Committee; and during our Family Festival week. As stated in the quote above, each of us, when we volunteer, has the opportunity to help define what kind of community we live in. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions regarding these committees, please contact the City at frontdestk@cedarhills.org or call 801-785-9668, ext. 100.

Rental Property Business License Required

Effective January 1, 2014, a business license is required for all non-owner-occupied residential properties. This business license 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.

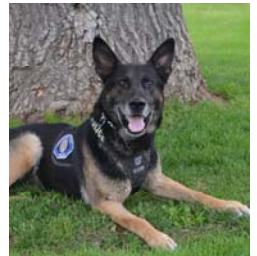
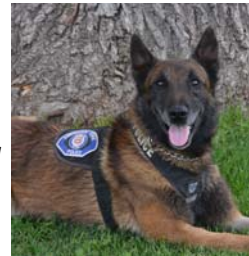


Get in the Loop on Facebook

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.

Citizens Asked to Help with K-9 Replacements

"Hi, we are Wolf and Duco. We have served the community for the past seven years. We are now 63 years old and are looking forward to retirement. You can help us retire with a contribution to Dollars for Dogs."



In 2006, American Fork City Police Department purchased two police service dogs, Wolf and Duco. Generous donations from local businesses and residents helped make this acquisition possible. The dogs have been instrumental in protecting and serving the citizens and businesses of Cedar Hills and American Fork. Through their efforts, officers have seized tens of thousands of dollars in drugs and paraphernalia and have apprehended multiple suspects.

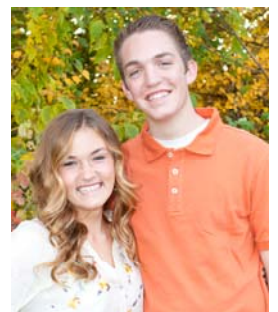
Unfortunately, Wolf and Duco are now nine years old (63 human years) and are suffering from arthritis, back and joint discomfort, and fatigue. In an effort to reward these dogs for their diligent service, the department would like to retire Wolf and Duco. The costs of purchasing the dogs, transportation to the city, and obtaining the necessary K-9 training and deployment equipment will amount to an estimated \$30,000. Due to the cost, the department is not able to fully fund the replacement dogs.

The department would like to give citizens an opportunity to participate in the acquisition of two new dogs. Donations can be made to the A.F.P.D. K-9 Fund at any Bank of American Fork, or cash and checks will be accepted at the American Fork Police Department, 75 East 80 North, American Fork UT 84003. For more information or answers to questions, please contact K-9 officers Russell Bishop (801-404-6145) or Ryan Archuleta (801-376-4181). They may also be reached by e-mail at rbishop@afcity.net or rarchuleta@afcity.net. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Humanitarian Project to Help Orphans in Peru

Clayton Hinds and Miranda Swenson are working on a project together to fulfill requirements for Clayton's Eagle Scout project and Miranda's Honor Bee award. They are trying to fund a trip to go to Peru this summer so they can go with a humanitarian group and gather and take supplies to orphanages there.

To fund this trip, Clayton and Miranda are selling 55-gallon water storage barrels for \$40 each, delivered. If you are interested in purchasing the barrels or donating in any other way, please call Clayton's mom's cell: 949-632-2221. The barrels are available now through May. Many people are not prepared with stored water, and these barrels are available at a good price. This is a great way to help the community become more prepared and to help these young people achieve their goals.



Miranda Swenson and Clayton Hinds are selling 55-gallon water storage barrels to help fund a humanitarian project.

Karate Classes for All Ages Begin Jan. 6

The recreation department offers karate classes at the Community Recreation Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive. The six-week session begins January 6 and offers classes for multiple skill levels for all ages. The beginner level is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. The intermediate level is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 p.m. The classes fill up fast, so if you'd like to register go to www.cedarhills.org and check it out on our recreation page. Non-residents are welcome!

Last Chance! Join Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2014

The City will receive registrations until Fri., Jan. 3, for the Ski Bus going up to Snowbird for ski and snowboarding lessons on three Saturdays: Jan. 11, 25, and February 1. 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 and 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. Non-residents are welcome to register at no additional cost. **Chaperones are needed** and are required to stay with their group after the lesson, but will receive a complimentary lift ticket for the day. Please contact the City office at ext. 100, or e-mail: recreation@cedarhills.org for more information.



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CERT Training Available in Utah County

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. By using the training learned in the classroom and during CERT exercises, members can assist their community or workplace following an emergency when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT training is being offered at two Utah Valley locations during two separate weekly sessions beginning the first week in February. The last week of classes will be held on Tuesday AND Thursday. Materials fee is \$35. Questions? Contact Laurie Petersen at the City office, ext. 104, or e-mail: lpetersen@cedarhills.org.

Location: Provo Fire Station 3, 601 W. Columbia Lane

Thursdays, Feb. 6 through March 27, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Call 801-852-6455 to sign up for training in Provo.
E-mail: provocert@gmail.com

Location: Orem Senior Friendship Center, 93 North 400 East

Tuesdays, Feb. 4 through March 27, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
Call 801-229-7076 to sign up for training in Orem.
E-mail: oremcitycert@live.com

Services from the Utah County Health Dept.

Senior Services Seeks Volunteers: The Utah County Senior Grandparents and Senior Companion programs are looking for active seniors who want to give back. Senior Companions helps the lives of adults who need extra assistance to live independently in their own homes. Foster Grandparents assist children in schools, daycare facilities, crisis nurseries and other places where children and individuals with special needs are tutored and mentored. For more information or to see if you qualify (small stipend available), please visit: www.UtahCountyHealth.org/seniors or call 801-851-7767.

Falls Prevention Class: "Stepping On" is a seven week workshop that builds strength, balance, and confidence in an effort to reduce the number of falls for a person 65 and older. Two workshop series are being offered in January in Provo (Rec Center, Jan. 9, 10am to noon, Thursdays for six weeks) and one in American Fork (AF Hospital, Jan. 7, 1 to 3pm, Tuesdays). See www.UtahCountyHealth.org for details, or call 801-851-7095.

Living Well Class: Classes are tailored for individuals living with a chronic condition or for those who live with someone with a chronic condition, such as asthma, arthritis, fibromyalgia, cancer, heart disease, emphysema, depression, or chronic pain. Two new classes of six sessions each will be offered, one starting Jan. 10, 11am to 1pm, in Provo, and one Feb. 12, 10am to noon, in American Fork. Please call 801-851-7082 for details.

Get Jazz tickets at the City office for the game on January 27 with the Sacramento Kings. The upper concourse tickets are \$15 per person and include a hot dog and a drink. Available while they last.



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 BOOTCAMPS begin every month. Morning and evening sessions available. BOOTCAMP purchase includes all FITNESS CLASSES. Go to: www.treefitness.com for class schedules.

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.utfl.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.

