



CEDAR HILLS

OUR HOME TOWN

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- City Council Meetings 1 & 15
7:00 p.m.
- Summer Concert Series: Kenz Hall July 19
- Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. July 31
- City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m. Aug 5 & 19
- Concert Series: Carmen Rasmusen Aug 16

City Phone Numbers:

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

Water Conservation: How Are We Doing?

The city finds there is an urgent need to establish a water conservation goal. With below-average precipitation and current reservoir storage levels, it is important to manage our resources wisely.

Last year, the city's usage exceeded the State's recommendation several fold. Additionally, the city's pressurized irrigation system was pushed to its delivery capacity. Together we can achieve our goal of reducing outdoor water usage.

For the 2014 irrigation season the city proposes a 15% minimum consumption reduction. We encourage residents to utilize the many online resources, which provide suggestions for conservation, watering guides, xeriscape landscaping, etc. The Utah Division of Water Resources offers many tips about how to "Slow the Flow" and become water wise. Visit: www.conservewater.utah.gov for information.

The city will monitor outdoor water usage on a weekly basis and will provide data to residents via the city's water conservation page at www.chwater.org, Facebook, Twitter, and outdoor signs. Please review these sources frequently for updates and alerts.

CURRENT WATER USE



29,117,965*
Weekly Usage in Gallons

RECOMMENDED WATER USE



22,031,275
Weekly Usage in Gallons

* INCLUDES ONLY RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS

MORE INFO AT
www.chwater.org

Fireworks and Open Fire Restrictions Set in Place

The fire marshal of the Lone Peak Public Safety District has identified the areas east of Canyon Road as high fire danger areas. Aerial fireworks designed to go higher than 15 feet and open pit fires without screens are not permitted east of Canyon Road. Currently, conditions west of Canyon Road will permit both ground and aerial fireworks and open fire pits up to 36 inches in diameter. Questions should be directed to the Fire Department at 801-763-5365.

The city would like to invite residents, either in restricted areas or non-restricted areas, to enjoy lighting their own aerial fireworks at Mesquite Soccer Park, 10440 North Mesquite Way, on July 4th and July 24th, 2014. Public safety personnel will be present to monitor activity. We appreciate your cooperation in providing a safe firework season.

City Adjusts Utility Rates

In 2013 the city commissioned a utility rate study, completed by Bowen, Collins & Associates. As recommended in the study, to continue the appropriate level of service and to help keep the infrastructure maintained, the city raised some of its utility rates effective July 1, 2014. To view the study and the complete rate changes, please visit the Utility Billing Rates page on the city's website.

| | OLD RATE | EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| WATER BASE RATE | Per Household = \$6.41 | Per Household = \$6.80 |
| WATER USAGE | Per 1K Gallons = \$1.40 | Per 1K Gallons = \$1.49 |
| STORM DRAIN | Per Household = \$8.18 | Per Household = \$8.71 |

Summer Concert Series continues July 19

The City of Cedar Hills, Seventy3 Creative, and Maui Chill will host a free Summer Concert Series, held once a month July through September at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. The series began with the Nathan Osmond concert on June 28 and will continue on **July 19**: American Idol contestant Kenz Hall with Isaac Russell and Sammy Brue; **August 16**: American Idol contestant Carmen Rasmusen with Amy Whitcomb and Dave Jackman Big Band; **September 13**: Battle of the Bands. The concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring blankets and lawn chairs.

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Mayor's Minute

There are so many important historical events that have occurred in July that I could post an epistle every day. And by the way, there would be more than a few baseball events. Regular readers of my column will understand the baseball reference. George Will and I

have more than a passing fancy for America's pastime.

The event I will write about this month occurred on July the 4th, 1895, in Liverpool England when William Henry Rutter was born, and that event forever changed my life. Mr. Rutter was born into a long line of pub owner/operators and not into any sort of privilege. If you have watched Downton Abbey, you will know how much status meant to your prospects in England at this time.

When Mr. Rutter was about 18, he left the UK for America to look for a better life, which he later found in Utah. Mr. Rutter didn't live a spectacular life in terms of riches or position. In fact he kind of went into the family business, but instead of running a pub, he ran a small town grocery store called the Millstream Grocery store in Malad, Idaho. He married, had five children and died in his 70s after a stroke-like illness.

He is important because if you were to have visited Malad during the 60s-90s and ask who Bill Rutter was you would hear story after story of how he served the city and its residents without ever holding an elected position. I am told he cared more about people than making a profit at his

store, making him a very average businessman. It was his tireless hours volunteering for his community without being asked and serving those who needed his sage advice that people remember.

I talk about volunteers because I see in Cedar Hills many "Bill Rutters" who are coaches and instructors to our children. One resident is Sherri Whitehead, who, along with her daughter, runs "Celebration Young Performers," a performance group for young children and teens. My daughters Spencer and Molly take classes from them, and I am convinced that they are more interested in helping kids than making money. They donate so much of their time to teach our youth about the arts.

I am very appreciative that we have the Whiteheads and so many more people who coach and teach our children how to play sports and the many lessons in life that come from participating in sports. These are important life lessons like winning, losing, and sometimes even losing when you are a better athlete or team. I like the lessons our children learn from our volunteers in all these activities, and I would be remiss to not thank our Family Festival volunteers who make our festival week happen. Thanks for all that all of you do.



Mayor Gary Gygi

—Gary Rutter Gygi

Keep signs free of the public right-of-way

Help keep the city looking clean and beautiful. With permission from property owners, city-approved signs may be placed on private property only. The complete sign ordinance may be obtained at the city office or viewed online.

Vandalism in Parks and Open Spaces

We ask for residents to be alert and attentive in watching for the destruction of city property and immediately report any suspicious activities to the American Fork police. The city will prosecute vandals to the fullest extent of the law. Your help in this regard is always appreciated.

Parking for Boats and Trailers

Please remember that the following items should not be parked on public streets for more than 48 hours: cars, trucks, trailers (for work or play), RV's, boats, campers, basketball standards, etc. Please keep all of the above mentioned items on your property on hard surfaces. It requires the willing cooperation of all residents to help keep our streets clean and safe for everyone.

Solicitors must have a city license

Request to see a solicitor's city-issued photo badge. If they cannot produce one, instruct them to go to the city office to obtain a license. Please call the AF police at 801-763-3020 if you have any problems or concerns with solicitors.

DID YOU KNOW...?

...You could use less water and still have a healthy lawn.

...One eliminated irrigation cycle would save enough water for about 104 showers, or 52 baths, or 52 loads of laundry, or 312 toilet flushes.

...The state's recommended irrigation schedule for July in Northern Utah is once every three days, based on normal weather conditions. Precipitation and cool periods may allow skipping a cycle (information source: conservewater.utah.gov).

Storm Water Tip of the Month

We Can Make a Difference!

- Completing a visual inspection of your sprinkler system once a month during daylight hours is recommended to look for tilted, clogged, or broken heads. Although watering at night is recommended, you won't notice problems with your system unless you see it in operation.
- The Division of Water Resources found that residents with automatic sprinkler systems in Utah typically water 44% more than the lawn needs. Make sure you use your timer wisely! (Information Source: conservewater.utah.gov)
- When irrigation water or rainwater runs over landscaping, turf, and driveways it picks up fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, grass clippings and petroleum products. Some of that water and pollution percolates into the ground and ends up in our aquifer. Excess water runs off into storm drains which may lead to ponds and wetlands.

Clogged Sprinklers? Check the PI Filter

Pressurized Irrigation Reminder: As we approach the hottest period of the season, there is a greater chance for moss and debris to build up in your pressurized irrigation filter. It is recommended that the filter be cleaned monthly. For information on how to clean your individual filter, contact the manufacturer or a local plumbing store.

There will be no delay in garbage/recycling service the week of July 24.



City Council Corner

Jenny Rees, City Council Member

The Very Short Story on Property Taxes

First, you should know that only approximately 23% of the total property tax you pay each year goes to the city. The city has no control over the remaining majority of what you pay to other entities such as Alpine school district, which collects the largest portion.

When it comes to the city's portion, there are generally two approaches cities use to determine how much tax you will pay each year. The first and most common approach is for the tax rate (or percentage) to adjust each year as property values change, so that the total tax collected by the city is approximately the same every year. Each year the County re-estimates property values and then calculates what this tax rate should be so that the revenue collected by the city remains constant. The benefit of this approach for residents is that you will pay about the same amount of city property tax every year, regardless of the value of your property. The benefit to the city is that revenues stay consistent whether home values go up or down.

The second approach is for the tax rate to stay the same regardless of changes in property values. This means when your property values go up you pay more in taxes, and if your property values go down you pay less in taxes. One of the problems with this approach is that if property values go up significantly during a bubble, the city can receive much more revenue, leading some to worry that government could needlessly expand during these times. In addition, the constant fluctuation of tax revenue makes it difficult to budget each year for city services, causing some services to be cut if revenues go down.

A particularly difficult problem for some cities occurs when they reduce rates if property values go up (to avoid expanding government), but then hold those rates low when property values go back down. This has caused some cities to fall many years behind in basic services, such as road maintenance, causing them to have to propose steep rate hikes to make up the shortfall.

The City Council has chosen to adopt the County's calculated tax rate so that revenues to the city stay constant. This means the portion of your property tax to the city should be approximately the same as it was for the past fiscal year. Overall, property values have increased, which means the tax rate will go down from .002873 to .002410.

More detailed information will be coming out in our annual State of the City report in September. In the meantime, feel free to contact any member of the City Council with questions.



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Summer Safety Tips from Chief McRae

BIKE RIDING: Wear a helmet, and make sure it fits properly. Make sure the bike is a good fit. Don't ride a bike that is too big or too small for you. Ride on bike paths wherever possible. Bike paths are designed just for bikers and are safe and fun places to ride. If you must ride in the street, keep to the far right side of the road, ride in the same direction as the traffic, and obey all traffic laws. Watch for dangers like potholes, construction areas, and people walking. Make sure others can see you. Wear bright colors. Do not ride at night. Never bike while wearing headphones.

SWIMMING: Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards. Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone, even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach. Ensure that everyone in the family learns to swim. NEVER LEAVE A YOUNG CHILD UNATTENDED NEAR WATER. Do not trust a child's life with another child. Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear approved life jackets around water. Establish rules for your family and enforce them without fail. Even if you do not plan on swimming, be cautious around natural bodies of water including ocean, rivers, and lakes. If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning. Alcohol use impairs judgment, balance, coordination, and affects swimming.

HIKING: Carry a headlamp on every hike, even short day hikes. Carry and drink plenty of water—a minimum of one quart every two hours. Sturdy footwear with good traction might prevent an ankle injury. Minor or moderate health or medical issues can be easily exacerbated by hiking up steep trails. Know your limits, and pay attention to how you're feeling. Stay on established trails. When hiking in a group, each member of the group should carry some water and food in case the party becomes separated. Make a plan for the group to meet up at the vehicle, at the trailhead, etc., if the members become separated. Have fun and be safe.



Battalion Chief
Joe McRae
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City Recognizes Crossing Guards

As part of the Cedar Hills Champions program, the City Council recognized Lois Moessinger and RaLynn Hansen, crossing guards for the elementary schools in Cedar Hills. Lois has been the crossing guard for Cedar Ridge Elementary School for 10 years and RaLynn has been the crossing guard for Deerfield Elementary School for eight years. Rarely missing a day of work, both women have been responsible for safeguarding and regulating pedestrian traffic and in helping the children of the Cedar Hills community get to school safely. The recognition ceremony took place during the June 3 City Council meeting at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center. June 5, 2014, was declared Crossing Guard Day in Cedar Hills.



Tot Soccer Registration Is OPEN until August 3!

Tot Soccer is a fun, six-week soccer league for children ages 3 & 4. Games will be played on Tuesday evenings at Mesquite Park starting August 26. Parents are encouraged to coach. Online registration for the fall season is open and will close August 3. Register at www.cedarhills.org or at the Cedar Hills city office building, 10246 N Canyon Road, during regular business hours. For more information contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email: recreation@cedarhills.org. The Cedar Hills Tot Soccer League welcomes Highland and Alpine residents as part of the new Tri-City recreational program.

Cedar Hills Soccer League for K thru 3rd Grades

We are starting our second year of the Cedar Hills Soccer League for boys and girls going into Kindergarten through third grade this fall. **Online registration is now open through July 20.** The cost is \$65, which includes both the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 seasons. The fee includes a shirt, shorts, socks—and every child receives a soccer ball! All those who register will be invited to a FREE soccer camp hosted by professional soccer players before the season begins. The fall season begins mid-August and runs six weeks. The leagues consist of co-ed Kindergarten teams and 1st thru 3rd grade boy and girl leagues. Register online at: www.cedarhills.org. Questions? Please contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department. Non-residents are welcome to join at no additional charge.

Flag Football Registration Has Begun

It's time to register for Youth Flag Football for grades 2 through 9. The program is open to boys and girls in Cedar Hills, and there's no additional fee for non-residents. Games are played mid-August through early October. **Online registration is available on the city's website through August 15.**

Learn to Sing, Dance, Perform!

Separate classes for ages 5-15 are held weekly at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center studio. Learn Christmas shows to perform at the Festival of Trees and the Dickens Festival. Professional instructors from the BYU Ballroom team, Young Ambassadors, and Vocal Point. **REGISTER NOW FOR FALL CLASSES!** Register online at www.CelebrationPerformers.com. For more information call Sherrri Whitehead at: 801-492-7524 or 801-400-5336.

Little Dragons Karate Begins Aug. 25 - Register NOW!

Karate classes for children ages 6-12 will begin August 25 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays. Beginner-level classes are 5 to 6 p.m. and intermediate-level classes are 6 to 7 p.m. Registration fee is \$50 for each six-week session. Karate provides a basic foundation for learning self-defense and increases muscular flexibility, strength, and coordination, as well as reinforcing principles of discipline, respect, humility, and self-understanding in a safe, learning environment. Register online at: www.cedarhills.sportsites.com. For inquiries, e-mail the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at: recreation@cedarhills.org.

Fitness BOOTCAMPS at the Recreation Center

Jill Griffiths of Tree Fitness offers a world-class fitness and personal trainer-led BOOTCAMP program at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. BOOTCAMP offers: 1) results-oriented workouts based off client goals; 2) varied workouts in every session; 3) built-in support system from the team; and 4) nutrition and meal plans.

August: BACK TO SCHOOL BOOTCAMP at 6:30am MWF. Let's send off summer with a bang! Keep up your momentum and get out of the house! Indoor/outdoor workouts. This bootcamp ends before school starts. For more information or to register for BOOTCAMP contact Tree Fitness at: www.treefitness.com.

Disc Golf Tournament—Fun for All!

The Beacon Hills Park in Highland has a new 18-hole disc golf course. A Trilogy Challenge tournament will be offered by Highland City on August 7. This event is in conjunction with the annual Highland Fling, and many prizes will be offered. Register online by July 24 at highlandcity.org. Players will receive everything they need to play for only \$30. There will be a flexible start, which means players can start anytime during the day, but the last tee off will be at 7 p.m. Allow two hours to play 18 holes. This event will be prepay only. For more information or answers to questions, contact Brandon Balkman at: 801-419-9610 or email: Brandon@balkman.com.

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROGRAMS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

The Department of Special Education is attempting to contact persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and twenty-one in compliance with the Federal law, which mandates the provision of free educational programs and/or services for such persons.

If a child is having significant difficulty with vision, hearing, speech, behavior, is experiencing slow development untypical for his/her age, physical impairments, or learning difficulty, he/she may be a child with a disability. If you know of any child who might qualify for these services, including students suspected of having a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade, in a private school, homeless, or migrant, please contact the principal of your school or the Special Education office at 801-610-8410.

If you are the parent of a child with an IEP enrolled in a public school, we are required by Utah Code to inform you of the availability of a scholarship to attend a private school through the Carson Smith Scholarship Program. Further information is available online.

Golf Course Ponds & Cart Paths Closed to Public

Please keep children safe and help the city keep the golf course amenities and utility infrastructures safe and reliable. The golf course greens, ponds, and cart trails are not intended to be used for personal recreation. The ponds are a beautiful amenity to the golf course, but they also serve as essential storage reservoirs for the city's pressurized irrigation system. Unauthorized entry to the area poses significant safety risks to individuals and to the lining system of the reservoirs. City employees and golf course marshals will report unauthorized individuals who are on the course or in the ponds to the authorities. Thank you for your compliance and assistance. If you have any questions, or would like to report suspicious activity, please call the city office.