



CEDAR HILLS

# OUR HOME TOWN

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## Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	7 & 21
Alpine Tabernacle Centennial Celebration	Oct 11 & 12
Fair: Transportation & Community Planning	Oct 15
Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Oct 23
Haunted Creek & Pumpkin Walk	Oct 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 Department, 200  
Public Works, 200  
Utility Billing, 400  
Recreation, 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

## Haunted Creek and Pumpkin Walk Set for October 27 at Heritage Park

Hot chocolate, pumpkins, sweaters, crisp nights, and being around friends is what makes fall such a special time of year. On Monday, October 27, bring the entire family and come enjoy all of this and more at the annual Haunted Creek and Pumpkin Walk at Heritage Park from 7pm to 8pm. Send your younger kids (10 and under) to the Pumpkin Walk and trick or treating while the older kids (11 and up) dare to walk through the Haunted Creek for only 25¢.

In case you get the munchies while having loads of fun at the activities, there's hot chocolate and a bake sale—everything only 25¢. Don't forget to enter the pumpkin carving contest by going to the Youth City Council page on the city's website and downloading an entry form. Come get your scare on! —Emily Gustavson, YCC Communications Rep



## Household & Personal Property Preparedness

Being ready for a disaster is more than storing water and supplies. Financial preparation is also important. Starting early and having a plan to pay bills and access important records and accounts will help you get back on your feet faster and avoid problems with your credit when you need it most.

Pre-disaster financial planning is essential for individuals and families. Disasters such as flooding and fire leave many without access to finances or with expensive damages. An important way to help your family if a disaster strikes is to make a record of your personal property for insurance purposes. Take photos or a video of the interior and exterior of your home. Include personal belongings in your inventory. Visit the Emergency Management page on the city's website for more information or to download a free household and personal property inventory book to assist you. Questions? E-mail the city's Emergency Management coordinator, Laurie Petersen, at: [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org).

## 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 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 office and the Lone Peak fire station in Highland. For more information e-mail Laurie Petersen at the Cedar Hills city offices: [lpetersen@cedarhills.org](mailto:lpetersen@cedarhills.org) or call her at: 801-785-9668, ext. 104.

## Residents Recognized for Yards of the Month

The city's Beautification Committee gives awards each month during the summer to recognize some of the nice yards in Cedar Hills. The winners are announced on the city's website along with pictures of their beautiful yards. Go to **Residents > News & Events > Yards of the Month** to see September's winners.





## Mayor's Minute

Summer has come to an end, and as fall progresses, so does our review of how we did financially this last year. You should see the State of the City report in the mail very soon, so when you receive it please read it cover to cover and let me know how you feel we are doing as a city.

We should know shortly how we did in reducing our secondary water consumption. You are probably used to hearing me talk about water conservation, but if we ignore it, we will reap what we sow. We are already in a drought, and if it gets worse, I cannot guarantee that we will have water to provide at any cost.

I want to touch on a couple of items you will find in the State of the City report. Please look closely at the property tax segment, and see where your tax money goes and how it is spent. I believe we have done a good job in managing your hard-earned tax money, and we will continue to try and find ways to reduce the burden on your homes. We are in the process of refinancing one of our city bonds at a much lower rate, which will save the city between \$400,000-500,000 over the life of the loan without extending the term. When looking at all the refinancing we have done in the last

few years, we will have saved more than a million dollars over the life of the loans.

Another segment of the report you should look at is the GRAMA report, where we talk about the issue of city e-mails, which has been much reported in the media. I just want to be clear that Cedar Hills has, is, and always will fulfill all GRAMA requests that comply with state laws. Most requests take less than an hour to fulfill, but a small group of requests have been quite large and have taken our staff months to complete at your expense. This segment is very informative and will enlighten you as to how the process works and how your tax dollars are used to fulfill the requests. We completely support the GRAMA process, and despite what has been reported in the media and alleged by some, we have complied with the law exactly. I feel an obligation to all of you to protect your tax dollars, so we have tried to work with the requestors as best we could within the confines of the law, and we believe you will agree.

Enjoy your fall.



Mayor Gary Gygi

## Storm Water Tip of the Month

### *We Can Make a Difference!*

#### **Need somewhere to properly dispose of motor oil?**

There are a number of local lube, auto parts, and auto repair businesses that will accept used motor oil. For the names, phone numbers, and specific locations throughout Utah County, go to the Utah County Storm Water Coalition website and click on the "Used Oil Program" link.

## License Your Pooch!

The city appreciates responsible pet owners and depends on everyone to keep their animals properly vaccinated, licensed, and restrained. The city contracts with the American Fork Police Dept. for animal control enforcement. Please notify the animal control officer at 801-763-3020 for assistance with nuisance animals. Impounded animals are taken to the animal shelter in Lindon. One of the many benefits of a dog license is that it serves as a way to locate lost animals. Licensing saves time, money, and heartache and is your pet's ticket home.

Any person owning, possessing, or harboring any dog must obtain a current rabies vaccination and a dog license within 30 days after the dog reaches the age of four months, or, in the case of a dog over four months, within 30 days of the acquisition of the dog. More information may be viewed at the North Utah Valley Animal Shelter website. Dog licenses may be purchased at any North Utah County city office or at the animal shelter. Please bring proof of a current rabies vaccination. The Cedar Hills office can only accept checks for payment. For more information please contact the shelter at 801-785-3442.



## ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

Regarding on-street parking, the city's ordinance states: "It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in the same location on a street or municipal property for a continuous period of time exceeding 48 hours" (Ordinance 8-6-2008A). In addition to this regulation, which remains in effect, there are added restrictions from November 1 through March 31:

### **Street parking is prohibited:**

- 1) when snow is falling;
- 2) when the street has not been plowed since the last snowfall;
- 3) between 1:00am and 7:00am, November 1 through March 31;
- 4) during snow/ice removal;
- 5) for any continuous period of more than 48 hours.

Please refrain from removing snow from your property and placing it in the roadway of any street. This makes it difficult to keep roads cleared, and doing so creates dangerous conditions for all motorists. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

## Winterizing Pressurized Irrigation

**The pressurized irrigation will be winterized on October 15.** After that date, the system will be turned off until April 15, 2015. Leave your individual shut-off valve in the "open" position to allow for proper drainage. Each system must be drained to prevent damage to components caused by frozen water inside pipes and valves. Prior to the system being energized in the spring, "close" the individual shut-off valve. If your sprinkler system is still in service after October 18, please notify the city. The city will provide an investigation for a possible cross connection.

**Park restrooms will be open until October 31, if weather permits.**

## City Council Corner

Jenney Rees, City Council Member

We are coming to that time of year when schedules get very busy, so I wanted to make you aware of a few things coming soon here in Cedar Hills. First, the State of the City magazine will be mailed to every home in the city in October. There are several articles that address various city subjects, and we welcome your feedback and questions.



Jenney Rees

Second, our Youth City Council (YCC) has been busy planning events for the community. Visit our website and social media sites for detailed information on each event. On October 27 we will have the Pumpkin Walk and Haunted Creek at Heritage Park. November 15 we will have our first "Cedar Hillbilly Day" at Heritage Park. In December the YCC will again host Santa's Workshop and the city will have a night with Santa at the Community Center.

Lastly, Blu Line Designs has recently met with the Planning Commission to discuss a new proposal for a congregate care facility in the property across from Walmart. This was just a discussion, and the Planning Commission members gave Blu Line helpful feedback, based on concerns expressed by residents during the last proposal made by this group. Blu Line will present new plans, and the same process will be followed, where they will present and discuss proposed plans with the Planning Commission and City Council in meetings and through public hearings. We encourage residents to stay involved in this process and give feedback. If you would like to receive e-mailed agendas for city meetings, you may visit [www.cedarhills.org/mayor-city-council/agenda-email-list](http://www.cedarhills.org/mayor-city-council/agenda-email-list) for instructions on signing up. We appreciate hearing from you.

## Student Speech Contest

Students in our community have the opportunity to win cash prizes by entering the Mary Kawakami Scholarship Speech Contest: America, Our Country-2014. This is for all junior and senior high school students in North Utah County. The first place cash prize is \$1,000! Second and third place prizes, along with 15 additional cash prizes, will be awarded. Entry forms are due by October 24, and the contest will be held November 1, with the awards ceremony on November 8. Optional training sessions will be held Oct. 9 and 11 in the American Fork Library. For all the details and the official rules, please visit the Cedar Hills website for the entry form. Further questions may be directed to Janice Mayne, chair of the contest, at 801-756-3823.

## EveryDay Learners Promotes Reading to Kids

The EveryDay Learners program, sponsored by United Way of Utah, helps everyone make reading with a child a top priority. The program promotes how beneficial, fun, and easy it is to read with a child every day. Join the movement of families and businesses committed to one thing: 100% of third graders reading at grade level. To join the movement or to learn more, please visit <http://www.everydaylearners.org/> or call 801-691-5371.

## Caregiver Support Series Continues

A free informative support series focusing on the needs of those caring for their aging loved ones continues on Thursday, **October 16**, at 6:00 p.m. at The Charleston assisted living facility, 10020 North 4600 West in Cedar Hills. The remaining scheduled topics are: Oct. 16—Balancing Life as a Caregiver (techniques and resources for self-care); Nov. 20—Coping with Grief and Loss. Questions? Contact Carrie Harris at The Charleston: 801-772-0123.



## Alpine Tabernacle Centennial Celebration

Come join in the 100-year celebration of the historic Alpine Stake Tabernacle! After having recently undergone several renovations, there will be a weekend of events to honor the "Grand Old Lady." An open house will be held with docent-led tours on Saturday, **October 11**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. A centennial celebration will be held the next evening on Sunday, **October 12**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tabernacle. The evening's program is free and open to the public. Seating will be limited. The program is comprised of several musical performances, both sacred and secular, with the evening's keynote address given by Julie B. Beck, former president of the General Relief Society Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. All are invited to attend and celebrate this magnificent building that has served our communities for an entire century. For more information, contact Sarah Shelley, marketing director for the centennial celebration, at 801-756-7008.

## Girl Scouting in Cedar Hills

Join the adventure of Girl Scouting and see how great it is to be involved! Girl Scouts is for all girls, grades K-12. It builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. We also make it convenient and fun to be a volunteer. Local troops meet at Cedar Ridge Elementary School in Cedar Hills on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 3:15 p.m. All who are interested in participating or finding out more are invited to attend the Cedar Ridge troop meetings. For more information, contact the school or visit [www.gsutah.org](http://www.gsutah.org).

## Transportation and Community Planning Fair

You are invited to attend an open house and learn about air quality, road/highway improvements, new community development, transit plans, and how they affect you. Representatives from Mountainland, UDOT, UTA, and communities in Utah County will be available to answer questions. The open house will be held on Wed., **October 15**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the American Fork Senior Center, 54 East Main. Bring the kids and discover the future vision for Utah County. If you have any questions, please contact Nan Kuhn at 801-229-3834 or e-mail: [nkuhn@mountainland.org](mailto:nkuhn@mountainland.org).



## Jr. Jazz Basketball Registration Begins

Jr. Jazz allows boys and girls from third grade up to eighth grade to develop skills and learn good sportsmanship while having fun! Online registration is now available through November 30. The games begin on January 8 and will run through the middle of March. Register online from the Cedar Hills website. Non-residents may play at no additional charge. Questions? Contact the Cedar Hills Recreation Department: 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or e-mail: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org).

## Little Dragons Karate

Karate classes for children ages 6-12 will begin October 6 at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays with beginner-level classes from 5 to 6 p.m., and intermediate-level classes from 6 to 7 p.m. The registration fee is \$50 for each five-week session.

Little Dragons 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](http://www.cedarhills.sportsites.com).

## Cedar Hills Ski Bus 2015

Attention: Skiers and snowboarders ages 7 to 17! The City of Cedar Hills and Snowbird Ski Resort's Mountain School are offering lessons for all skill levels on February 7, 21, and 28, 2015.

Each week the bus will leave the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at about 4:30 p.m. Participants must sign up for all three dates. The cost per person is \$190, which includes transportation, lift tickets, two-hour lessons each week, and a half day on the slopes. All sign ups need to be completed in person at the Cedar Hills city office building, 10246 N Canyon Road, in order for the guardian to sign a waiver. Registration will be accepted until the bus is filled. 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 each day. Chaperones will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please e-mail the Cedar Hills Recreation Department at: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org) or call the Cedar Hills city office at: 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

## LEGO LEAGUE Volunteers Needed

The City of Cedar Hills and Cedar Ridge Elementary will host the 2015 Lego League qualifier on January 17, 2015. 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: <https://my.usfirst.org/VMS/Login.aspx> and register. NOTE: You do not need to enter your social security number or pay any fees to register as a volunteer. Questions? Please e-mail Cedar Hills recreation at: [recreation@cedarhills.org](mailto:recreation@cedarhills.org) or call the Cedar Hills city office at: 801-785-9668, ext. 302.

## Cedar "Hill"billy Day

Set aside Saturday, **November 15**, on your calendar to join in the fun for the Youth City Council's first ever **Cedar Hillbilly Day** at Heritage Park. Come and participate in our numerous country-themed games, and **donate cans of food to the food drive**. More details will be coming soon. —Emily Gustaveson, YCC Communications Rep

## Youth City Council Sponsors Santa's Workshop

There's nothing better than the feeling you get after helping someone in need. This holiday season, please donate to our sixth annual Santa's Workshop. We are accepting **donations of either money or gift cards** (Walmart, Visa, etc.), which will be used to purchase new gifts for struggling families in our community. Donations should be made at the Cedar Hills city office either in person or by phone. Thank you for your support! —Emily Gustaveson, YCC Rep

## Children Invited for Fun-filled Storytime

The city invites you to another fun-filled year of songs, stories, and art with Miss Marisa. Every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m., a free story time for children of all ages, accompanied by a parent, will be held at the Cedar Hills Community Recreation Center in the Vista Room in front of the fireplace. We can't wait to see you there. You won't want to miss it! Questions? Call Marisa Wright at: 801-900-1036.

## Halloween Safety Tips for Kids

Halloween is an exciting time of year for kids, and to help ensure they have a safe holiday, here are some safety tips:

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. Look left, right, and left again when crossing, and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down, and keep heads up. Walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible, instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls, and whenever possible choose light colors.
- Drivers, slow down and be alert in residential neighborhoods. Look for kids at intersections and on medians and curbs.