



CEDAR HILLS

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City Newsletter • April 2015

City Sponsors 17th Annual Spring Clean Up

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Upcoming Events

City Council Meetings 7:00 p.m.	Apr 7 & 21
Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 p.m.	Apr 23
Teen and Kids Annual Easter Egg Hunts	Apr 3 & 4
City's 17th Annual Spring Clean Up	Apr 11 & 18
Golf Course Resident Appreciation Day	April 17

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

The city will sponsor its 17th annual "Spring Clean Up" on **Saturday, April 11, and Saturday, April 18**. Large roll-off dumpsters will be available from 7:00 a.m. to noon at various locations on those two Saturdays only.

- Sunset Park—9814 N Dorchester Drive (parking lot)
- Heritage Park—4450 W Cedar Hills Drive (parking lot)
- Hayes Circle—The Cedars
- Timpanogos Cove Park—9508 N Timpanogos Cove (parking lot)
- Morgan Blvd/Sage Vista Drive



Please review the following guidelines to ensure safety and convenience:

Do not place the following items in the dumpsters: car tires, car batteries, motor oil, appliances, electronic devices, concrete, construction materials, or liquids of any type. Tree limbs should not exceed six inches in diameter and 12 feet in length. If the dumpster is full, please take the load to another location to avoid scattering debris or creating difficulty in hauling away the dumpster.

The city encourages residents to clean yards, sweep gutters and sidewalks, and do their best to improve yards and neighborhoods. Owners of vacant lots should ensure that lots are free of garbage, tall weeds, and other debris. In the spirit of Spring Clean Up, please assist those in your neighborhood who may need a helping hand. Contact city staff if you are interested in coordinating a group project.

Celebrate Arbor Day: Plant a Tree and Receive a Prize

Now that spring is here, consider planting a tree or two! Cedar Hills is a distinguished member of Tree City USA and continually focuses on the benefits of planting and caring for trees. This year Thanksgiving Point has generously donated complimentary tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens. The first 25 people who send a photo of themselves planting a tree on or before Arbor Day, April 24, 2015, will receive two free admission tickets to Thanksgiving Point Gardens (one offer per household). Please send the photos to Laurie Petersen at lpetersen@cedarhills.org.

Free Educational Classes at the Cedar Hills Community Center

Series of Monthly Plants and Soils Classes: These are not your typical gardening classes; they're the advanced edition! Dr. Dianne Farrer will give the scientific background needed to understand soil and water relationships, botany, ecology, and more. There will also be field trips and invited speakers. **Classes begin April 15**, every THIRD Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No pre-registration required.

Educational Workshops: These IFA-sponsored classes will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: April 8 and May 6: Gardening; June 10: Turf, Irrigation, and Fertilization; July 1: Pest & Weed Management; August 5: Canning & Food Preservation (Jams/Jellies); September 2: To Be Determined (based on feedback from classes); October 7: Winterizing Your Yard.



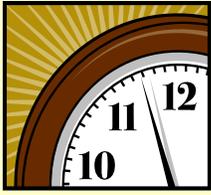
Rob Crawley
City Council Member

Pressurized Irrigation Metering: A Different Perspective

I have really enjoyed being a part of the city by serving on the City Council. It is a pleasure that I have been able to serve with such great people. One of my main goals as a member of the council is to keep our city from increasing its debt burden.

The city has done a good job of reducing debt over the last five years. Our debt peaked in 2009 at about \$17.5 million and has been reduced to \$15.1 million as of the last audit (6/30/2014). It concerns me that we are thinking of increasing our debt again. Some in our city feel that metering pressurized irrigation is a project worthy of obtaining more debt or using our precious funds. I disagree. The reasons for metering have been adequately expressed and documented. I would like to offer another perspective, countering some of these arguments as follows:

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Mayor's Minute

April showers bring.... Well, I hope we have some April showers, because we sure do need them. I hear our mountain snowpack is less than hoped for, and our reservoirs are about 65% of normal. This should get us through another summer, unless—and here is the big unless—the weather is hotter

than normal, and our spring runoff does indeed run off, or if we have a culinary well problem. Remember we supplement our pressurized irrigation (PI) water with culinary when the PI water is depleted. There will be some who say that if we all just voluntarily cut back on our PI water usage then we won't run out of water and won't have to meter our water.

This is true. However, our experience is that when we run low on PI water, the water tanks are drained quickly, as everyone wants to get their lawns as green as possible before we run out. I think we all understand the role of government, but by now most of you know that I like government at every level to do less, which allows us as citizens to do more. I think metering our water should be carefully thought out and discussed as a city. We have had a town hall meeting regarding these issues, and I apologize that I have talked about it so much. We even have a water conservation committee of volunteer residents and chaired by one of the best water engineers in the state. If we can cut back voluntarily, then no one will be happier than me, because that will mean that we as your local

government officials are doing less, and you are doing more. If we cannot reduce the water usage as a city, we are putting everyone in danger of not having enough water for our lawns and gardens. It is then that I hope we are ready as a city to do the hard thing, which is to meter our secondary water usage. This will allow us all to pay for what we use. That is a market-oriented approach, which I like.

On another note, we recently had an emergency preparedness town hall meeting that was very well attended and valuable information was shared. This is the topic that keeps me up at night. I worry that if we had an earthquake or some other natural disaster, many may not be prepared for this. Please take the advice shared that evening to make sure you have enough food, water, and energy resources to survive for at least two weeks without any help from anyone. I have studied hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, and even though Federal Government help from FEMA existed, it did not come soon enough. We can supply drinking water to our homes unless the wells and infrastructure are destroyed in an earthquake. So don't plan on having ready water. Again, rely on yourself, not anyone else.

I invite you to visit my blog at garygygi.com to read more frequent thoughts and engage in the conversation with me. I need your input.



Mayor Gary Gygi

Great Utah ShakeOut 2015

Millions of people worldwide practice how to “drop, cover, and hold on” each year during the Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill. Cedar Hills residents can join by registering for the Great Utah ShakeOut. This year's day of action will be **April 16**. Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes wherever you live, work, or travel. You can hold your drill at any time within two weeks of April 16. Register today at: shakeout.org/utah.

Resources for Water Conservation Tips

The city encourages water conservation practices, as another watering season begins. Many resources exist to help accomplish a great looking lawn and still conserve water. Visit conservewater.utah.gov for information about water-wise plants for northern Utah, landscape product rebates, and how to get a FREE sprinkler check called Stop-the-Flow. Water is not a renewable resource; we must do our part to use it wisely.

Monthly Lawn Watering Guide

A typical lawn in northern Utah has a water demand curve, which begins in mid-April, rises to a peak in July, and then falls rapidly until mid-October. Adjusting your timer monthly to better follow this demand curve will save water. An easy way to do this is to keep the minutes constant and increase or decrease the number of days between watering cycles as shown below. Generally, one irrigation is equal to 0.5 inches of applied water, which is roughly equal to 20 minutes with pop-up spray heads and 40 minutes with impact rotor sprinklers. For more complete information visit conservewater.utah.gov.

April	May	June
No irrigation needed	21 min. every 4 days	21 min. every 3 days
July	August	September
21 min. every 3 days	21 min. every 3 days	21 min. every 6 days
In October no irrigation is recommended		

Annual Drinking Water Report

The city's current 2014 Drinking Water Quality Report is included with this month's water bill and may also be viewed on the city's website. The report informs consumers of the water quality and services delivered by the city every day. We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets Federal and State requirements.

Storm Water Tip of the Month

What can you do to help keep our waterways clean?

- 1) Control erosion. Plant groundcover and stabilize erosion-prone areas.
- 2) Use up pesticides. Rinse containers and use rinse water as product. Dispose containers in the trash.
- 3) Collect lawn, garden, and tree trimmings. Chip, if necessary, and compost.
- 4) Sweep dirt from driveways and walks and dispose in garden.
- 5) Apply chemicals sparingly. Rinse containers and dispose in trash.

IMPORTANT: Close PI Valve NOW!

Please make sure your main pressurized irrigation valve is in the CLOSED position before April 15. This will protect the pipes and sprinkler heads from damage when the high-pressure system is activated around April 15.

Cedar Ridge Community Family Celebration

Come enjoy a super fun evening with your family and neighbors at the Community Family Celebration, hosted by the Cedar Ridge Elementary PTA. The evening will feature free pony rides, face painting, the Chick-fil-A train, and more, including amazing door prizes for the adults, as well as a variety of food trucks to satisfy any appetite. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Donations accepted: All donations will go directly to the school's PTA to fund special activities throughout the year. The event will take place on **Friday, May 8**, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the school, 4501 W. Cedar Hills Drive. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Please contact Valli Nield at: 801-785-7996 with any questions.

City Council Corner
Jenney Rees, City Council Member

City staff and officials have received emails expressing concern over how city records are stored and who has access to those records, and some misinformation has been spread on a public website. I hope this summary can clear the air.



Jenney Rees

All who work for the city take security very seriously, and also do everything necessary to comply with various laws. With regard to city records, electronic records that are required by law to be maintained are done so on a secure server, which is kept in a climate controlled locked room so that no unauthorized persons may access the contents. Additionally, all contents of the city server are backed up at an offsite location so that if the city server was damaged in any way, the contents are recoverable. The city recorder, who is the person responsible for maintaining records, has the ability to access the server from her desktop and does not need physical access to the server in order to maintain city records. This is common practice among governmental and private entities.

As far as access to the server, all employees and officials have a unique username and password that can be used to access email and only those records needed for their day-to-day work activities. The only person who has unlimited access to the server and who has the ability to change server characteristics is the third party IT vendor hired by the city to maintain the server and handle all IT aspects within the city. Nobody within the city, including the city manager and mayor, has that level of access. This ensures that the security of the server is not compromised with the changing of staff and officials.

All staff and elected officials have participated in numerous trainings regarding GRAMA laws and the storage of city records and are complying with all aspects of those laws. City records are maintained properly and are secure, and all GRAMA requests are being fulfilled as outlined by State law.

If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact any city official or the city manager. We are happy to answer any questions.

2015 Candidate Filing Period Approaching

There will be a municipal election this year for three city council positions (four-year terms, January 2016 to January 2020). The candidate filing period is **Monday, June 1, to Monday, June 8, 2015**. Interested parties may file for office in person with the city recorder at the Cedar Hills city offices at 10246 N Canyon Road during regular office hours. A fee of \$35 is required at the time of filing. Additional information regarding candidate qualifications can be found on the city's website.

Vote-by-Mail Procedures:

Registered voters will be mailed instructions for returning the ballot. Ballots for the Primary Election will be mailed out by Tuesday, July 14, 2015, and for the General Election by Tuesday, October 6. Completed ballots must be returned by mail and clearly postmarked before Election Day, or placed in the ballot box at the Cedar Hills city office building by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Primary Election Day is August 11, 2015, and General Election Day is November 3, 2015. Questions may be directed to the Cedar Hills recorder, Colleen Mulvey, at: cmulvey@cedarhills.org or 801-785-9668, ext. 503. Election information is available on the city's website.



YCC Invites New Members

The Youth City Council invites 9th through 12th grade students in the new school year to join YCC. Make new friends, plan and participate in the best events and service projects, and gain experience in leadership and civic duties. Download the application from the YCC page on the city's website and apply before April 30. For more information call Nicole in the Community Services Department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302, or email: nallen@cedarhills.org.

Spring Break for Cedar Hills Story Time

There will be no Story Time on **Wed., April 8**, due to Alpine School District's spring break. Story Time, which is held at the Cedar Hills Community Center, 10640 N Clubhouse Drive, will resume on April 15 at 11:00 a.m.

Valuable Coupons for Residents

Enclosed with this month's utility bills are coupons for one free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club or a \$100 discount off the resident pricing for a full-room rental of the Vista Room at the Cedar Hills Community Center. It's our way of saying THANK YOU for supporting the city's venues. We love seeing Cedar Hills residents at our community building, and what better place to golf than in your own home town! For those who receive paperless billing, the certificates will be mailed to them in April.

Golf Course Resident Appreciation Day

Cedar Hills residents are invited to enjoy a free round of golf at the Cedar Hills Golf Club! It's our way of saying "THANK YOU" for supporting the city's recreation programs. Between 4:00 pm until dark on **Fri. April 17**, residents may receive FREE green fees for 9-holes with a required cart fee of \$7.00 per player. Proof of residency is required at check-in. Call the pro shop at 801-796-1705 beginning April 12 to reserve tee times. In addition, Elev8 Cafe, the new group operating the grill inside the recreation center, will have special offers, including a \$5 cheeseburger and fry special, the same day between noon and 9:00 p.m. Also, with your pro shop receipt you will receive a free ice cream cone. We invite you to come out and enjoy the day with us.

AUDITIONS for Cedar Hills and Highland Arts Councils HONK! Set for April 17

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling," *Honk!* tells the story of an odd looking baby duck named Ugly and his quest to find his mother. This Olivier Award-winning Best Musical is a flurry of fun for all ages! **AUDITIONS** will be held on two nights at two different locations: Thursday, April 16, at the Cedar Hills Recreation Center, located at 10640 N. Clubhouse Drive, and Friday, April 17, at the Highland Community Center, located at 5378 West 10400 North. Audition times for both nights are from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. **CALLBACKS** will be held Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Highland Community Center. Dancers and singers of all ages are needed. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Nicole Allen at: nallen@cedarhills.org.

Cedar Hills Recreation

Register online at cedarhills.org for these upcoming recreational programs. **LACROSSE** for boys in grades 3-8; equipment not provided; register through May 3. **T-BALL** for boys and girls ages 4 and 5; register through May 4.

For more information about Cedar Hills recreation and youth sports programs, please visit the city's website or call the Cedar Hills recreation department at 801-785-9668, ext. 302 or 601, or email: recreation@cedarhills.org.



Family Festival 2015 Is Just around the Corner
Mark the week of June 1-6 for the 2015 Cedar Hills Family Festival!
We are excited to announce new changes along with the best of past festivals.



NEW to the Festival This Year:

- A new carnival company with bigger, better, and more rides! The carnival will run for three days: June 4, 5, & 6!
- A car show with the best vintage, new, and performance cars
- A night of activities for teens called "Festi-Frenzy"
- A new caterer for the Friday night dinner: Meier's Fine Foods

All events except the Swim Night, Friday Night Dinner, Carnival, and Golf Tournament are **FREE!** We have special pricing for the three ticketed events purchased prior to the festival. Early-bird tickets go on sale Monday, April 6. The ticket order form, which also includes a **PACKAGE TICKET SPECIAL**, is available on the Family Festival page of the city's website. Watch for the Family Festival magazine coming to your mailbox in May.

Events Included in the Festival from Past Years:

- Saturday parade beginning at 9:00 a.m. this year
- Monday Swim Night with hot dogs, chips, and soda
- Mile Fun Run
- Children's Games
- Friday Night Movie: *Big Hero 6*
- Geo-cache Hunt
- Firecracker Golf Tournament
- Cedar Hills Service Project
- Baking Contest
- Lots of vendors and food trucks
- Fireworks Spectacular! (June 6)



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"We are running out of water." We are not running out of water. The most important water we get as a city is our culinary water. This is supplied from the Harvey Well, located at the southeast end of Heritage Park. This well supplies more than enough water for all of our culinary water needs. Our secondary need is for irrigation water. According to the Utah State watering guidelines, we should be using 1,350 acre feet of water per season (April-October). We have four sources of water for our pressurized irrigation system. When they are all functioning properly, they will provide 3,900 acre feet of water, nearly triple the recommended usage. The four sources of secondary water are as follows:

- 1) Cottonwood Well provides up to 2,000 acre feet per season.
- 2) CUP (Central Utah Project - water shares we have channeled from Provo Canyon) provides up to 700 acre feet per season.
- 3) Canyon Well provides up to 500 acre feet per season.
- 4) Canyon water (from American Fork Canyon) usually provides up to 700 acre feet.

"The drought will ruin our water supply." We have never experienced droughts that have limited the water that we can pull from our wells. I have seen no evidence to suggest that our wells will run dry any time soon.

"We need to conserve our resources." We have purchased water rights from the sources named above and have spent millions to build our great irrigation system, which is more than sufficient for our needs. There is no reason not to use these resources for the intended purposes.

"We have an environmental responsibility." I respect our environment as much as the next person; however, I see no issue here. Water is pumped out of the ground, a small percentage evaporates, a larger percentage is absorbed by our plants and landscapes, beautifying the city, and the rest seeps into the ground, completing the water cycle and joining with rain

water to keep the water table high. There is nothing wrong with using our resources this way, and I feel it is at one with nature. If anything, using water from our streams and rivers would increase the water table as water is spread out over large areas to seep into the ground like rainwater, rather than running downstream to Utah Lake and ultimately to Great Salt Lake.

"The system is operating at maximum capacity." The system only operates at maximum capacity for about 30 to 45 days per year (July-August). One good rainstorm during this period lightens the load on the system tremendously. If a system is operating at capacity for that short of a time period, I view that the system was properly built. Yes, it puts strain on the system; however, the cost to replace the eight boosters and two motors on our two wells that feed the irrigation system would cost approximately \$350,000. This means that we could replace these parts five or six times before it would cost as much as installing a meter at each property in the city.

"We will be in big trouble if a pump goes down during the busy watering season." The worst case scenario is if Cottonwood Well went down during the busy watering season. This well accounts for about 50% of our secondary water. If the well went down, then during its repair we would be forced to use half of the water we are accustomed to using; we would still have more available than is suggested by the state. This would force us all to re-evaluate how much we are using and would require some form of rationing for a short time period, but we would make it through.

Although I have verified the facts in this article, the opinions are mine alone and may not represent the opinion of the City of Cedar Hills or other city council members. In conclusion, we have a wonderful system that is adequate for our needs. Granted, we need to do better in conserving our water, but we do not need to spend \$2M to meter the water and increase the administrative overhead of the city.

Council Member Rob Crawley

For the complete article please visit: cedarhillsrob.blogspot.com.